

# Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

JAN/ FEB 2008

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends

Once again I must speak boldly, but this time it is to make a bold proposal. The idea is nothing new. It is a time-honored tradition all over the world when a person wishes to leave behind in her honor something of permanent value.

We would like to name one of the new buildings after you. We need two or three: one dedicated to a new gallery with north light, one dedicated to crafts and another dedicated to children's programs. We ask that you donate 60% of the cost of one new structure.

The Board and the membership would be responsible for raising funds for the rest. Here is another idea.

Join with five other friends to donate the 60% of a building. The building would be named after all of you.

And what an opening party that would be!

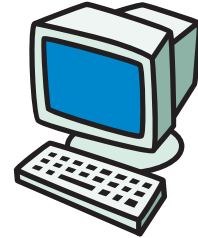
This may be a little macabre but you do not need to pass on to your reward first. Why not donate while you are young enough to enjoy your great gift and to allow us to thank you in person for your beneficence.

There is not much to say after this rather pushy letter, but do keep warm and healthy and enjoy the quiet of January.

Regards,

Nancy Burkholder

## SHOWCASE YOUR ART!



All members are invited to showcase their art or craft on the WAG web site. All media, craft and technique are welcome. To be included in our Member's gallery, please e-mail 4 or 5 digital images of your art with titles, a short bio or artist's statement, contact info and web site address (if you have one) and your photo if desired to : [marys@goodgraphicdesign.com](mailto:marys@goodgraphicdesign.com)

For members who do not have digital files of their art, we are offering the opportunity to have your art digitally photographed on Saturday, March 2 between 10 am and 4 pm at the WAG Center. All members are welcome to bring artwork to be photographed for the website. Your art can be unframed, matted or framed, but without glass. We will also photograph jewelry and other craft items. The fee will be \$5 per member.

Please call Mary Sexton at 401-288-0999 to schedule a time. It will take about 15 Minutes per member. Be sure to bring a bio or artist statement ! The link for the Members' Gallery is: <http://westportartgroup.com/gallery.html>



## IN MEMORIAM

WAG has lost a dear friend, our founding member, a president twice and a board member for many years. Dorothy Robbins Gifford Curtis passed away on New Years morning after celebrating her 97th birthday earlier in December. It was Dorothy who asked Elizabeth Yeomans to donate land for WAG. It was Dorothy who did much of the planning, the fund-raising and the negotiating to purchase a prefab building when the membership knew they could not support a more expensive project. Dorothy Curtis devoted 53 years plus of her life to provide a place for the artists of Westport and its neighbors to paint and to exhibit. Dorothy was the spirit of the Westport Art Group. Thank you, Dorothy. We will miss you.

Dorothy's family, the Cartwrights, have asked that in lieu of flowers any contributions be directed to the building fund of Westport Art Group. We hope that others who knew and loved Dorothy will acknowledge her contributions and her spirit by donating in her honor in whatever size funds possible.

Thank you to Janet Jones for her generous contribution to WAG in honor of Dorothy Curtis.

## FROM THE CLASSES

The Thursday painting classes will continue through the winter at the WAG Center. We will be painting still life, models when available and even each other!

There are usually a few surprises when we see the results of our efforts!

Classes are open to members and new members are always welcome to join.

Thursdays, 9 AM to 12 PM  
contact Judy Keeley 401-274-1470

instructor: Meredith Cornell  
\$10.00 a session if signed up monthly  
\$15.00 a class



Wednesdays, 9 to 12 AM  
Figure Drawing Workshop  
Call Carolyn Winter 401- 624-1699

## NEW MEMBERS

*welcome !*

Mary Andrews  
Colin Browning  
Tetyana Chvalunova  
Wayne Fuerst



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursd. Febr. 14, 1:30 pm



*Thank You!*

to Doris Magovern  
for her generous contribution  
to the scholarship fund



## BRUSHSTROKES DEADLINE

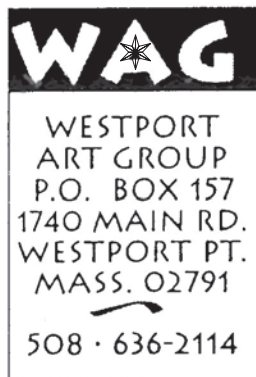
Febr. 20th for March issue  
info to Heide Hallemeier  
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### 2007 WAG OFFICERS

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