

# Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

January/February 2010

## From the President

Dear Friends and Fellow Artists,

Happy New Year! The year 2009 ended at WAG with a successful Holiday Fair. We thank Michele Bailey for running it—congratulations for a job well done! Our wall of small paintings looked terrific. We heard many compliments and a lot of artists got to sell their work. Our many volunteers made it special—thank you!

Now we are making plans for 2010, which will include our traditional events plus demos, juried shows, open studio, children's classes and summer camp, workshops and hopefully our ever popular "Artists in the Garden" if we can find a volunteer to chair this event. Please give us a call or send us an email if you would be interested!

Your board needs your input in order to really represent the wishes of our membership. So please speak up: Which skills or techniques would you like to see demonstrated? Would you be interested in art critiques? Can you think of an attractive title for a juried show? Workshops in what media? Can you think of a new venue for an exhibit by WAG artists? Would you like to see craft demos or workshops? What crafts?

Send us an e-mail at [info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com) or drop us a note, call any board member or talk to us on Thursday mornings, but please share your ideas. Let's make this a creative year at WAG!

*Heide Hallemeier*

## WAG'S 2009 Annual Holiday Fair a Success!

Thank you, thank you to all who helped in big ways and small, to make this year's fair the success it was! The marvelous team effort made for a very enjoyable and productive event. We had an excellent turnout, and netted \$2,250 for WAG! And, we sold more art this year than ever before: 20 works of art, which sold for a total of \$1,885! So while our Fair overall did just a little better than last year, our artists did much better! We've had art for sale at this fair for many years, and usually sold 4 or 5 or 6 pieces each year, (for a few hundred dollars total each year), so we were very happily surprised. Clearly this year's twist of "Artwork

at a Perfect Price," where everything was priced at \$150 or less, was popular with our visitors. Our visitors also enjoyed the fine artistry and craftsmanship of the pottery, handpainted items, woodcraft, jewelry, and glass art created by the excellent crafters who participated this year. The "Scarf

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The 2009 Holiday Fair:  
Above, the Scarf Sale;  
Right, the Wall of Art.

## Dates to Remember

January 6, 13, 20, 27

January 7, 14, 21, 28

January 7, 11:30 am–2 pm

January 17, 2–4 pm

Wednesday Figure Workshop

Thursday Painting Session

SAN Exhibit Drop Off

Art Among Friends Reception

February 3, 10, 17, 24

February 4, 11, 18, 25

February 25, 12–2 pm

Wednesday Figure Workshop

Thursday Painting Session

SAN Exhibit Pick Up

## Children's Winter Art Workshop

Looking for a fun and creative outlet during the cold winter month of March for your young artists? Sign them up for an opportunity to draw, paint, collage and exercise those creative minds and hands!

Classes will be held on Saturday mornings March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 9:00am–12:00pm at the WAG building, 1740 Main Road in Westport.

The cost is \$80.00 per child and all materials for the workshop will be provided. The workshop is open to children ages 10–13, with space available for 10 students. Please register by Feb 15 to ensure a space.

Local artist, designer and teacher, Jennifer Gelinis will provide an opportunity for participants to have a chance to work on their drawing and painting skills while creating winter themed fine art projects. Students will learn to apply their observations of nature in winter, while sketching and working on different drawing techniques. They will also be taught to consider composition and color theory as the focus shifts to a variety of watercolor and acrylic painting techniques. Finally, students will have a chance to learn from each other and build their art vocabulary as they share ideas and participate in group critiques to encourage an appreciation for each other's unique and special talents.

To register, fill out the form below and mail with check to WAG, P.O. Box 157, Westport Point, MA 02791.

## Open Studio Tour 2010

The 2009 Open Studio Tour was such a great success for WAG and our participating artists that the WAG building will be available for artists to participate on both weekends of the tour in 2010. Six WAG artists can participate on July 17 & 18 and six other WAG artists can participate on August 21 and 22. Artists who participated in 2009 will have first choice!

You must be a member of the Westport Art Group AND a member of South Coast Artists to participate. Visit SCA's web site, [www.southcoastartists.org](http://www.southcoastartists.org), to become a member. The fee is \$25/yr.

### WAG Fee

WAG will charge rent for use of the building. If there are 6 artists per weekend, the rent per artist will be \$25. If there are fewer than 6 participating artists each weekend, the rent will be higher per artist.



The 2009 Open Studio Tour at WAG

### SCA Fees and Deadlines

#### Early Bird

**Deadline:** March 31st with a fee of \$150 to participate on one weekend.

#### Final/Absolute Registration

**Deadline:** April 21st with a fee of \$175 to participate on one weekend.

The fee will

include an image and a listing in the Open Studio Tour brochure. SCA anticipates printing 50,000 brochures, distributed regionally.

Additional information and registration forms will be able on the SCA web site, [www.southcoastartists.org](http://www.southcoastartists.org), in January, 2010.

Please put your name on the list at the WAG building if you are participating in 2010!

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## CHILDREN'S WINTER ART WORKSHOP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check to Westport Art Group, P.O. Box 157, Westport Point, MA 02791

## Call for Entries

### Tiverton Town Hall Exhibition

SAN's Annual "Art Among Friends"  
January 11–February 24, 2010

One entry per artist. All media welcome. Exhibiting artist must be artist member in Sakonnet Arts Network (SAN). Join by going to web site at [www.SakonnetArts.org](http://www.SakonnetArts.org) or call 401-624-4002. SAN artists may showcase their work on the web site and are eligible for reduced fees for SAN classes.

**Drop Off:** Thursday Jan 7, 11:30 am–2:00 pm

**Pick Up:** Thursday, Feb 25, 12 pm–2 pm

**Opening Reception:** Sunday, January 17 from 2–4 pm

### 2010 Special Exhibition at the Little Compton Historical Society

Interpret a moment in Little Compton's early history in the medium of your choice. A wide variety of media is welcome, including but not limited to paintings, photographs, fine handicrafts and sculpture. These works will be hung in the 2010 special exhibition at the Little Compton Historical Society from July to October 2010. The exhibition will open on the Fourth of July weekend with an exhibit preview party and a Family Day Celebration. Each work will be for sale throughout the exhibition with 50% of the purchase price going to the artist and 50% benefiting the Historical Society.

For additional information, please call or write: Marjory O'Toole at 401-635-4035 (or 2625) or [lchistory@littlecompton.org](mailto:lchistory@littlecompton.org) and/or Dora Atwater Millikin at 508-636-2280 or [wyndfieldfarm@mac.com](mailto:wyndfieldfarm@mac.com). More information is also posted on the WAG web site: [westportartgroup.com/events](http://westportartgroup.com/events) or SCA's site: [southcoastartists.org](http://southcoastartists.org).



## From the Classes

### Thursday Morning Open Painting Sessions

#### New Year, New Beginnings...!

As of January 7th our traditional Thursday morning classes will be converted to *Open Painting Sessions*. But that does not mean that you won't learn anything. We have a great group of artists at WAG—you can find any ability from beginners to experts in most media. So we will pool our resources and help and encourage each other and build a sense of support and community and have fun at the same time. We will take turns setting up an interesting topic to be painted and we will offset the cost of heat and light by each contributing \$5 a morning.

Our more experienced artists are a very giving group and they will help guide the beginners along and a group discussion at the end can help us see

things from a different perspective and will help us improve. We also might invite a guest teacher to show different techniques or get a model occasionally. We will decide as a group. So what better way to spend a winter morning than to practice and improve your skills among friends and fellow artists?

Please come and join us every Thursday or just once in a while!  
Thursdays 9 am–12 noon  
\$5 per session.

### Figure Drawing Workshop

Wednesdays at WAG, 9 am–12 pm  
The fee is \$10 a session if paying monthly or \$15 a class. Call Carolyn Winter at 401-624-1699 for more information.

Visit [www.westportartgroup.com/classes](http://www.westportartgroup.com/classes) for more information on these classes.

## Annual Holiday Fair a Success!

"Sale," also a new venture, proved a hit as well, and everyone loved the variety of homebaked goodies!

Thank you to Dora Millikin and Madeleine Ferraz for donating paintings, and to the Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery for donating a "Tour and Tasting for Ten," for our Silent Auction. Thank you to all who baked, all who donated scarves, and all who went around town putting up our flyers and spreading the word. Thank you to Meredith Cornell for making and donating the beautiful evergreen swags, they sold out by noon! Thank you to the wonderful professional craftpersons who participated, all were

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a joy to work with, and make awesome products! Thank you to all the artists who participated, taking a chance on working in a smaller format than some are used to; the works were well done and "the Wall" looked great, inspiring many appreciative comments—and sales! Thank you to Tuck Buffum for getting our cash boxes supplied and our artists paid, among other financial tasks that go with running this thing. Thanks also to all who came to the fair and shopped with us! It was a lot of fun, and I look forward to doing it all again next year—after a nice long winter's nap!

Michele Bailey,  
Holiday Fair Coordinator

## Artist of the Month

David Seibert, a WAG artist, will be the artist of the month for January in *The Bay*, a free magazine that is a source for arts, culture, dining, drinking and events in East Bay, RI and South Coast, MA. You can find copies at Lee's in Westport and at Four Corners Grill and Coastal Roasters in Tiverton.



## Members Gallery

All members are eligible to have their artwork shown in the Members Gallery on our web site. Send 4 or 5 digital images with titles, plus a brief bio or artist statement to Mary Sexton at [marys@goodgraphicdesign.com](mailto:marys@goodgraphicdesign.com) for inclusion. It's FREE! Please participate.

Check out the Gallery at: [www.westportartgroup.com/gallery](http://www.westportartgroup.com/gallery).

## BrushStrokes Deadline

Monday, February 15th for the March/April issue

Send info to: Mary Sexton  
66 Peaceful Way, Tiverton RI 02878,  
401-288-0999 or email  
[marys@goodgraphicdesign.com](mailto:marys@goodgraphicdesign.com).

## "Artists in the Garden" Chair Needed!

We would like to hold the ever popular "Artists in the Garden" event this year. We need a volunteer to chair it. Please give us a call at 508-636-2114 or send us an email at [info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com) if you would be interested!

## Board Meetings:

Thursday, January 14, 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 11, 1:30 PM

### 2010 WAG OFFICERS

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