

# Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

DECEMBER 2008

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that this year is already coming to an end and our Holiday Fair is right around the corner! Please join the fun and support this important fundraiser. Our show chairman, Paul Vien, and the volunteers are hard at work to make it the best!

There is much talent represented in crafts and artwork, things that will make great presents for the holidays. We can also offer a terrific raffle this year, with the generous help of our loyal supporters in the business community in Westport and beyond and some wonderful artistic donations.

So bring a friend or two and enjoy the visit!

We are looking back at a good year with our WAG building in good shape, lots of wonderful painting sessions and camaraderie to look back on and plenty of exposure for our talented artists. So let us continue the good work and we hope everyone will support our efforts in the future by contributing in one way or another!

With best wishes for the upcoming holiday season,

Heide Hallemeier



## THANK YOU

We give a huge Thank You to Nancy Burkholder for her very generous gift of \$10,000 to WAG for construction of space for children's programs.



## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we announce the passing of our next door neighbor, and a good friend to WAG for many years, Sally Yeomans. Sally contributed so much to the Westport Art Group in every way. Our thoughts are with her family!

*Thank you to Nancy Burkholder for her memorial gift to WAG in Sally's honor.*

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Emelda Waite, a longtime WAG member.

## CALENDAR HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, December 6, 2008  
10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Featured will be hand-blown and stained glass, jewelry, decorative pottery, watercolors, cards, book marks, decorative crafts, a "treasure table", and our famous bake sale. If you feel lucky, our popular raffle has a terrific choice of items from local merchants and artists. A silent auction will be held for a bronze blue whale mounted on wood, valued at \$650. Original artwork will also be displayed for sale. Make this day a great holiday resource and an event to remember. See you there !!

## BAKED GOODS NEEDED!

For our Holiday Fair we are asking for donations of homemade cookies, brownies or other bars, small loaves of breads or any kind of pie. Please deliver them to WAG between 3-5 pm on Friday, 12/5. They will also be accepted between 8:30 and 9:30 am on Saturday, 12/6. Thank you!



**A silent auction will be held during the Holiday Fair for this bronze blue whale mounted on wood, valued at \$650, sculpted by artist Wick Ahrens, and donated by the New Bedford Whaling Museum Gift Store.**

## FROM THE CLASSES

For the winter, we will be meeting indoors at the WAG Center to continue the Thursday classes. Be prepared for the unexpected challenges Meredith will create for us. The classes are always a creative experience and fun. We all look forward to them. WAG members are always welcome to join!

Please call Judy Keeley 401-274-1470 or Madeleine Ferraz 401-635-2739.

Instructor: Meredith Cornell

9 am – 12 noon

\$10 a session if signed up monthly;

\$15 per class.

### Classical Drawing

Beginning February 1, 2009, taught by WAG member Judy Erickson.

Call Judy at 508 493-2193, email: judyfallriver@yahoo.com or visit [www.westportartgroup.com/classes](http://www.westportartgroup.com/classes).

### Figure Drawing Workshop

Wednesdays at WAG, 9 am – 12 pm

Call Carolyn Winter at 401-624-1699 for more information.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, December 11,  
1:30 PM

## 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 title, plus a brief bio or artist statement to Mary Sexton for inclusion. It's FREE! Please participate.

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

## NEW MEMBERS

*welcome!*

Michelle Bailey

## BRUSHSTROKES DEADLINE

January 20th for January/February issue

Send info to: Mary Sexton,  
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