

# Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

MAY 2008

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

WAG has much for which to be grateful! The daffodils are blooming, green is appearing everywhere, the sun is warming, the long, wet winter is past, and our sump pump is working! But most of all, we have some good news to share. Heide Hallemeier and Inge Van Pelt have agreed to Chair our much-anticipated Community Show this year.

Heide is an old hand at shows and she will do wonders for our community. Inge, a new Board member and an art patron, plans to work closely with Heide, learning the ropes. So please thank them and give them as much help as possible.

We have received two grants from the Helen Ellis Charitable Fund. One is for the brochure designed by Mary Sexton, and the other is for four scholarships for Westport children to Denise Zompa's Meet the Masters, A Camp for Young Artists. The class has ten spots, five already spoken for, so spread the word.

We have many opportunities for artists and crafts people to share this summer. We are working with the Friends of the Council On Aging House Tour in Westport Point on Wednesday, June 25th to exhibit art of the district. We will have a spot at the Westport Grange July 12th, 19th and August 16 for arts and crafts. Please volunteer to help. June Roche will manage that. The Open Studio Tour, August 23rd and 24th, is allowing WAG members to participate as a group without individual write-ups or photos. Yes, let us celebrate arts and crafts. Join in the fun. Volunteer to help.

Nancy Burkholder



## NEW MEMBERS

*welcome!*

Lynette Torres  
Judy Kelly  
Gail Brewer

## CALENDAR

Monday, May 19 6:30 pm

### "Colors in Motion" with Linda DeHart

Whether silk painting, appliquéd tapestries or space sales- it is all about moving color! Experience the DeHart Silks, inspired by the Aurora Borealis, a collection of hand-painted one of a kind scarves, shawls, vests, tops & ensembles.

Linda will create a multilevel experience with silk paintings, watercolors & an ambient light show with colors blending and flowing and demonstrate how her works bring movement, meditation and uplift to the space! The culmination of her past 3 years' work is "A Thousand Windows: A Long Walk in Beauty", a 135 ft installation of 1000 4X6" watercolors. It is an experience in creativity. Don't miss it!



## FROM THE CLASSES

The Thursday painting classes will continue, we will be painting outside starting in May when weather permits!

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



## CRAFT CLASSES

Register now for Pottery Class.  
Wayne Fuerst, instructor  
Three-3 hour sessions, May 28, June 4 & 18.  
Fee- Members \$55. Non-members \$70.  
Payable to WAG with registration form available at- the building,  
[www.westportartgroup.com](http://www.westportartgroup.com),  
Sticks-Stones-Stars Gallery, Central Village  
Common or call- 508-636-5694  
Materials fee-payable, at first class to  
instructor-\$25. includes loan of tools,  
clay, slips and firings.  
Registration deadline-May 14th, 2008

The jewelry class had insufficient enrollment and was canceled.  
Barbara Chadwick, registrar



*Thank you!*

to Ed & Carole Jackson for their generous  
donation to the building fund in  
memory of Dorothy Curtis

## PAINTING PARTY AT WAG!

Not that kind of painting!  
This time we are looking for volunteers to paint the studio room at WAG  
The date is Saturday, May 17th.  
Come one, come all! Al Lees of Lees Supermarket has generously donated coffee and pastries for our workers! We will be starting at 9:00 am. Please bring your own rollers, brushes, drop cloths if you have one and wear

your old clothes! It will be fun, many hands make short work so we are looking for WAG members, friends (or enemies), spouses, significant others, neighbors, kids, and anyone else you can corral into helping. We've also sent an SOS to the Westport Pt. Neighborhood Association asking them for volunteers. Please mark your calendars we'll see you there.

Sharon Connors, Paint Party Superintendent

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This month WAG honors Toni Keavy for her dedicated service to WAG during her 15 years as a member.

Toni has been the Hospitality Chair for the past 5 years, organizing our delightful Valentine Teas and providing refreshments for many other occasions. During this time, she has also been responsible for preparing the BrushStrokes for mailing to over 200 members every month.

Toni has been drawing since she was 7, painting for 30 years, using watercolor, oils, and pastels. Portraits are her favorite and she won a prize at the Renaissance Art Gallery. She has also sculpted in terra cotta. She has painted with our Thursday group and has studied with several local artists. According to Toni, "painting is fantastic therapy!" She has also exhibited her crafts at our Holiday Fair in December.

Born in Fall River, Toni attended Bristol Community College and UMass Dartmouth. She has been married for 45 years and has lived in Westport for 41 of them. Mother of 2 sons, Toni was a Cub Scout den mother for 8 years while her sons were growing up. She also worked as an office manager, a medical secretary, and a home health aide.

We thank Toni for all her contributions to WAG.



## NEWS OF MEMBERS

Denise Zompa will be participating in Bristol Gallery Night on May 16. Her gallery, The Paint Studio, on Thames St. in Bristol, RI, will be on the tour of eight galleries from 5-9 pm. (Refreshments will be provided by DeWolf Tavern.) The gallery will also be open on Saturday, May 17 from 11 am - 5 pm. (Along with Denise's work, there will be paintings by Phyllis Adams and Kelley MacDonald.) A map of the gallery tour will be available at the WAG building.

**Next Board Meeting:  
May 8 th 1:30 pm**

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