

Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

July/August 2009

From the President

Dear Friends,

What a busy and exciting summer we have coming up at WAG! Get into the swing of things and keep painting, framing and perfecting your skills!

After the successful "Bon Appetit" show is over at the Westport Winery, we look forward to our traditional Community Show opening up July 23 and the WAG members show "Coastal Beauty" that is opening July 31 at the Portsmouth Arts Guild in Portsmouth, RI. We have receptions planned for both, so please come and enjoy!

At the end of August we have planned our first 2-day workshop with renowned artist John Kilroy. We thank the Sakonnet Arts Network for co-sponsoring this. It will be an intense initiation into the secrets of alla prima pleine aire painting in all media and

will be limited to 15 participants in order to give everyone a lot of attention. So if you are interested in furthering your skills, don't miss this extraordinary opportunity and sign up real soon! Brochures are located in the building or find it on our web site, www.westportartgroup.com.

The participation in our classes, workshops, demonstrations and programs is growing and so the board decided to engage a maintenance person. We are delighted to have Paul Faria to keep our precious WAG building in good shape.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming summer events or our many painting outings. Have a great summer!

Heide Hallemeier

WAG Summer Community Show and Sale

WAG's annual show and sale kicks off with a Preview Party and New Member



Welcome on Thursday, July 23 from 5 to 7 pm. Paintings and other art will be for sale, as well as craft offerings including glasswork, jewelry, ceramics, woodwork and more. Don't forget our famous Raffle Wall, and your chance to win a 5 x 7 painting by a WAG artist!

Artists can bring one artwork for the wall, signed, framed, priced and ready to be hung, as well as up to 5 pieces for the bins, matted, priced and with protective coverings. The Entrance Fee is \$10 for WAG Members, and \$15 for Non-members.

Please consider volunteering to man the show. All participating artists should take at least one shift. The sign-up sheet is at the building or call Paul Vien at 508-636-4743 to volunteer. Thank you!

The Community Show will be open daily from 11 am to 5 pm, starting on Friday, July 24 through Sunday, August 2.

COMMUNITY SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, July 20th	1-7 pm, Painting Drop-Off 4-7 pm, Crafts Set-Up
Thursday, July 23	5-7 pm, Preview Party and New Member Welcome
Sunday, August 2	4:30 pm, Raffle drawing 5-7 pm, Artists & Crafts people to PICK UP ALL ITEMS. All art and craft work must be removed.

Dates to Remember

July 9	5 x 7's due for Community Show Raffle
July 7, 14	Tuesday Evening Figure Workshop
July 1, 8, 15	Wednesday Figure Workshop
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesday Painting Class
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Thursday Painting Class
July 18 & 19	SCA Open Studio Tour
July 23	Community Show Preview Party
July 24 - August 2	WAG Community Show

July 27 and 28	Drop off art for WAG show at PAG
August 4, 11, 18, 25	Tuesday Evening Figure Workshop
August 12, 19, 26	Wednesday Figure Workshop
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Wednesday Painting Class
August 6, 13, 20, 27	Thursday Painting Class
August 22 & 23	SCA Open Studio Tour
August 29 & 30	Plein Air Workshop with John Kilroy



A Special Lunch

On Thursday, June 18, present and past students from the Thursday painting class met at the WAG Center to say "Thank You" to Meredith Cornell, our retiring instructor. The lunch was coordinated by Doris MacGovern and Jane Cissel. Paul Vien provided delicious pastries for dessert, and Judy McClean read the poem she wrote for the occasion.

Meredith "en plein aire"

*Meredith shows us where
And tells us when
To have success, now and then*

*We meet and greet
And step aside,
Set up shop, begin the ride.*

*Some arrive early, others late
Most are reckless, a few sedate,
Do "alla prima" then procrastinate.*

*She always finds something
Good to say,
Useful now, or another day*

*Her critique is gentle
Heartfelt and wise
Breathless and relieved,*

*We can but surmise,
Live and learn
And paint away*

*You learn from me
And I from you
The knack is easy, result is true.*

*But best of all, we surely see,
Is Meredith "en plein aire",
Who helps us see, and become
What we should be...*

Thank You

PAG hosts WAG

The Portsmouth Arts Guild has invited WAG members to have a show. Don't miss this great opportunity to display your art in their wonderful gallery in the middle of Portsmouth! The WAG Portsmouth Show will be July 30–August 23. The theme will be "Coastal Beauty". The reception is July 31 from 6–8 pm.

Artwork should be dropped off at The Portsmouth Arts Guild Center For

The Arts located at 2679 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI next to St. Paul's Church. Deliver artwork 7/27, 3–6 pm or 7/28, 6:30–8:30 pm. Art must be framed, wired and ready to hang. No sawtooth hangers allowed. PAG will take 25% commission on all sales. Please bring an artist's bio on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. There will be a \$10 per artwork fee.

Pickup artwork on August 24, 3–6 pm and August 25, 6:30–8:30 pm.

2-day Plein Aire Workshop with John Kilroy

August 29 & 30, 10 am to 4 pm



This workshop will benefit artists with any level of experience from the complete beginner to the longtime professional seeking to improve their work. Experience painting "En Plein Aire" using the Alla Prima method (all at once) in the beautiful and serene landscape. It is designed to give the artist greater content and personal meaning to their work. We will focus on the fundamentals of outdoor painting, traditional landscape composition and efficient painting procedures which allow the artist to capture light, color, shape, value, atmospheric perspective and textural control necessary to create well organized, "readable" plein air paintings.

Pictorial awareness and emphasis on value conservation, developing the necessary skills of controlled problem solving, how and when to combine thinking with feeling and efficient, logical methods are also included. One or several paintings will be attempted each day so skills will be honed. Plenty of individual attention will be given to each student.

Class size is limited to 15 participants. If it fills up there will be a waiting list.

The workshop is cosponsored by the Sakonnet Arts Network.

Brochures are at the WAG Center, or visit www.westportartgroup.com and download the pdf!

Price: \$125 for WAG and SAN members; \$150 for non-members.



From the Classes

Painting

2 SESSIONS OFFERED!

Wednesday Painting Class

Join us as we explore the beautiful scenery around us. Classes are held indoors in inclement weather. Contact Madeleine Ferraz at 401-635-2739 for more information.

Thursday Painting Class

Join us as we explore the beautiful scenery around us. Classes are at the WAG Center in inclement weather. Please call Judy Keeley at 401-274-1470 for more information.

Instructor: David Seibert

9 am–12 noon

\$10 a session if signed up monthly;

\$15 per class.

Figure Drawing Workshop

Wednesdays at WAG, 9 am–12 pm
July 1, 8 & 15 & August 12, 19 & 26.
The fee will be \$30 for July and \$30
for August or \$15 a class. Call Carolyn
Winter at 401-624-1699 for more
information.

Summer Evening Figure Workshop

The Figure Workshop will hold evening sessions in addition to our Wednesday morning classes for July and August on Tuesday evenings: July 7 & 14, & August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6 pm–9 pm. The fee will be \$20 for July and \$40 for August or \$15 a class. It's open to all. There is no instructor. Contact Carolyn Winter at 401-624-1699 for more information.

Portrait Workshop

7 Sessions Beginning September 5,
2009, Saturdays, 1:00–3:00

Cost: \$150

(10% Discount for WAG Members)

Advanced Classical Drawing

7 Sessions Beginning September 6,
2009, Sundays, 1:00–3:00

Cost: \$150

(10% Discount for WAG Members)

Westport Art Group member Judy Erickson is offering Classical Drawing Instruction and a Portrait Workshop at the Westport Art Group studio.

Contact Judy to reserve your seat and get your supply list.

Phone: 508 493-2193

Email: judyfallriver@yahoo.com

The classes will be held at the Westport Art Group Studio, 1740 Main Rd., Westport.

- Limited Class Size
- Call Now to Reserve Your Seat
- 10% discount for WAG Members

Wild About Art!

A Summer Camp for Young Artists

August 3 through August 7, 9:30 am–
12:30 pm, Ages 7–11, Maximum of
10 children.

Visit www.westportartgroup.com/classes
for more information on these classes.

Gently Reminder!

We invite our WAG artists to donate one 5"x7" painting for the small picture raffle in the Annual Summer Community Show.

We would like to have them brought to the WAG Center on or before Thursday, July 9, 2009. They may also be handed to Judy Keeley or Madeleine Ferraz. For more information, please call 401-635-2739.

Thank you!

South Coast Artists Open Studio Tour

The 6th Annual South Coast Open Studio Tour will take place over two summer weekends this year on July 18 and 19, 2009 and August 22 and 23, 2009 from 11 am to 5 pm. This is a free, self-guided tour featuring a diverse community of visual artists from the four coastal village towns of Tiverton & Little Compton, RI and Dartmouth & Westport, MA. The event attracts thousands of visitors to tour the featured studios and galleries, meet the artists, and provides the opportunity to support the artists by purchasing their work. 55 artists featuring painting, ceramics, photography, furniture, sculpture, fiber arts, and more. Come out and meet the individual artists in their own studios! The event is open to the public and no appointments or invitation is needed. Visit www.SouthCoastArtists.org for more information.

WAG members Phyllis Adams, Christine Bean, Ruth Bourns, Meredith Cornell*, Kris Donovan, Maureen Fleming, Kathy Gray*, Bonnie Guptaill, Heide Hallemeier*, Dora Milliken, Kelly Milukas, Anne Page, JP Powell, Sue Prideaux, Mary Sexton*, Susan Strauss, Martha Taradash, Debra Valeri, Paul Vien*, Cindy West and Denise Zompa are all participating in the Tour. Brochures are available at the WAG Center. Please visit our artists!

*Showing at the WAG Center on August 22 & 23.

Welcome New Members!

Marianne Boucher Connie Parker
Jim Bush Robert Schofield
Linda Bush Patricia Sylvester
Paul Hitchen

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 for inclusion. It's FREE! Please participate.

Check out the Gallery at: www.westportartgroup.com/gallery.

New Membership!

We are now offering a new Membership Category, Family for \$50. Membership forms are available on line at www.westportartgroup.com.

BrushStrokes Deadline

Friday, Aug. 15th for
September/October issue

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

In Memoriam



We are sorry to report the loss of William Murphy, husband of Mary Lou Murphy, a member of the

Westport Art Group. Our thoughts are with their family.

Board Meetings:

Thursday, July 9, 2:00 PM

Thursday, August 13, 2:00 PM

2009 WAG OFFICERS

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