

Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

AUGUST 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hark back to a time in childhood when you first experienced a creative awakening. Were you encouraged by a person, an event, an activity or just allowed to day dream?

Nourishment of our creative energy is the life-blood of all human endeavors whether doctors, engineers, economists, mathematicians, scientists, teachers, tinkers or tailors not just artists and craftsman. The Westport Art Group has embarked on restoring the children's arts program for last two summers.

If we do not take a lead in sheltering the life spirit of the creative mind, who will? If we do not provide a safe haven for creative thinking and planning, for activities which foster peaceful concentration and cooperation, who will? I urge the membership and the Board to continue this emphasis after my term ends in October.

Nancy Burkholder

NEW MEMBERS

welcome !

Phyllis Adams
Judith Chaves
Barbara Crowther
Jack Jennings
Genae Johnson
Nancy Pearson
Martha Taradash
Paul Vien

CALENDAR

August 7-10
WAG Members Exhibit
at the Acoaxet Club



Monday, Aug. 18th at 7 PM

Painting on the Left Coast
(see further info on right)



COMING UP!
OPEN STUDIO TOUR ON 8/23-24

WAG is part of the 4th Annual South Coast Open Studios Tour this year. Any WAG member (painter or crafter) wanting to participate in this event should deliver 1 or 2 paintings or small craft displays to the WAG studio between 2-4 PM on Thursday 8/21.

Each person displaying at this event will be expected to sign up for a 2-hour shift at the WAG studio either Saturday or Sunday.

We would like to have members work on their art or craft during these 2 hour time periods. For more info or to sign up for a particular shift, call Alita Marks at 401-624-6031.



starting Aug 5th
drawing classes taught
by WAG member Judy Erickson
(see enclosed flyer)



figure drawing workshop
Wednesday mornings 9-12 am
at the WAG building
call Carolyn Winter 401-624-1699

FROM THE CLASSES

Plein Air Painting classes will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays during August. Join us to paint our beautiful countryside, river and ocean views. (inclement weather at the Wag building))
Wednesdays & Thursdays 9-12 am
contact Judy Keeley: 508 636 5659
or Madeleine Ferraz: 401 635 2739
instructor: Meredith Cornell
\$10.00 a session if signed up monthly
\$15.00 a class



Painting on the Left Coast

A Visit with Whitney and Bob

Robert (Bob) Bechtle

was born in San Francisco and grew up in the suburb of Alameda.

He received his B.F.A. and M.F.A. at California College of Arts and Crafts. Bob was among the first painters on the West Coast to begin working from Photographs in the late 1960's and his work was central to the emergence of what came to be known as Photorealism. His work has been widely exhibited in this country and abroad and is in many major museum and private collections.

Whitney Chadwick is an art historian and who writes in the areas of surrealism contemporary art and gender studies. She has taught Modern and Contemporary Art at San Francisco State University, Stanford University, Williams College, The Massachusetts College of Art and the Universities of Uppsala and Gothenburg.



Westport Garage, 1996 watercolor by R. Bechtle

NEWS OF MEMBERS

publishing deadline August 20th for
September Brushstrokes
send info to:
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23 Pardon Hill Rd. S. Dartmouth
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We are very proud of all the WAG Artists that were juried into the Little Compton Summer Art Show. They are: Christine Bean, Dennis Broadbent, Jean Buffum, Jane Cissel, Maureen Fleming, Heide Hallemeier, Meredith Cornell, Liz Coxe, Sarah Dejardins, Kris Donovan, Wanda Edwards, Barbara Farnell, Doris McGovern, Dora Millikin, Sue Prideaux, Jackie Riley, Terry Shapiro, Mary Sexton, Susan Strauss, Jacklyn Williams, and Denise Zompa.

Dora Millikin received the David Aldrich Award and Heide Hallemeier won Honorable Mention. Congratulations to everyone—what a representation of WAG!

Thank you!

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Next Board Meeting:
August 14, 2 pm

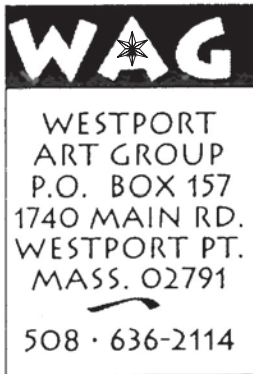
2007 WAG OFFICERS

Nancy Burkholder, *president*
Janet Jones, *vice president*
Tuck Buffum, *treasurer*
Judy Swan, *recording sec'y*
Inge van Pelt, *corresponding sec'y*
Alita Marks, *membership*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Judy Keeley & Madeleine Ferraz, *classes*
Sachiko Morgan & Susie Emery, *exhibitions*
Toni Keavy, *hospitality*
Susan Hadley, *membership list & labels*
Heide Hallemeier, *newsletter editor*
June Roche, *programs*

Doris Magovern, Nancy Mackay
, *scholarships*



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