

Welcome New Members!

Mary Benton Trish Hurley
Norman Buck Linda Laffamme
Judith Chaves Dee Osborn
Kathleen Josephine Spagna
Del Sordo Charles Stockbridge
Janet Gendreau

New Library

Enlarge your vision in our newly organized library—some great stuff available. Check it out! Book reviews in upcoming newsletters.

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy A. Simmons of Little Compton, age 99, accomplished artist and member of WAG.

Good Bye

We are sad to announce that WAG Member Judy Erickson is moving to Rochester, NY on July 23. We'll miss you Judy—best of luck!

Members Gallery

All members are eligible to have their artwork shown in the Members Gallery. Send 4 or 5 digital images with titles, plus a brief bio or artist statement to Mary Sexton at info@westportartgroup.com for inclusion. It's FREE! Please participate.

BrushStrokes Deadline

Friday, August 20th for the September/October issue

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

Board Meetings:

Thursday, July 8, 2:00 PM

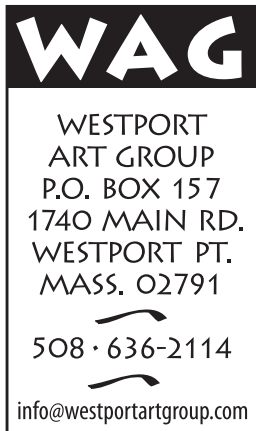
Thursday, August 12, 2:00 PM

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Paul Vien, *Corresponding Secretary*
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Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

July/August 2010

From the President

Dear Friends and Fellow Artists,

June 16th brought us a beautiful day—everything cooperated to make our Artists in the Garden tour a big success: the weather and plenty of friends to take the tour. We heard a lot of complimentary comments!

The preparations took a lot of effort, but it was worth it. Thank you to all our volunteers but especially to June Roche, our dedicated and tireless chairperson, who handled so many details with a smile—thank you, June you are the best!

I would also like to thank Maureen Young for handling the registration, Nancy Burkholder who dealt with the food and Paul Vien who organized the Artists and set up the reception exhibit and Barbara Chadwick for all the great signs she produced so nobody would get lost! And of course a big thank you to all the gracious owners of the homes and gardens on the tour, the hostesses and 21 artists who lend so much interest to this event. The end reception in Sarah DeJardin's beautiful yard was a sight to see with everyone gathered

and lots of good art around. This was the true Westport Art Group Spirit at its best!

Our next events coming up are the participation in the Open Studio Tour July 17 & 18, the Community show July 22 to August 1, and the Open Studio Tour August 21 & 22. Let's hope all these events are as successful as this last one!

Enjoy the summer
Heide Hallemeier



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The "Lineup"

Artists at work! Clockwise from top:
Paul Vien, Dora Millikin,
and Denise Zompa



The Reception

Dates to Remember

July 7, 14, 21, 28
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July 8, 15, 22, 29
July 8
July 19, 2-7 pm
July 22, 5-7 pm

Wednesday Figure Workshop
Wednesday Painting Session
Thursday Painting Session
Deadline for 5 x 7's
Drop off for Community Show
Community Show Opening party

July 23 - August 1
August 4, 11, 18, 25
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August 5, 12, 19, 26
August 9-13
August 16-20

Community Show
Wednesday Figure Workshop
Wednesday Painting Session
Thursday Painting Session
Children's Workshop Session 1
Children's Workshop Session 2

WAG Community Show

Join us for our fabulous Annual Summer Community Show and Sale, Friday, July 23 through Sunday, August 1. Our annual summertime show features original artwork and handcrafted items including pottery, jewelry, woodcraft and more! A popular component of the show is our Raffle of 5" x 7" paintings, all donated by WAG artists, and organized and arranged by Madeleine Ferraz and Judy Keeley.

All artists are invited to participate! This show is an opportunity to show off and potentially sell your work. The deadline for contributing 5 x 7 paintings for the raffle is July 8. The art intake date for the show is Monday, July 19 from 2 to 7 pm. For more information please see the "Call for Art" flyer at the WAG center.

Preview Party

To kick off the show we are having our Preview Party on Thursday evening,

July 22, from 5 to 7 pm. Come meet and welcome our new WAG members, and catch up with your fellow artists and craftspeople. We look forward to a marvelous show!

Please Volunteer

This event is not possible without people-power. We respectfully request that all participating artists volunteer in some way to help with the show—just a couple of hours will do it! There are many ways to help (a "Call for Volunteers" flyer is up at the WAG center with more details). Our biggest need is for show "sitters," to greet visitors, engage them in our wonderful artwork and fine craft, assist with sales and wrap purchases. Help is also needed in preparations (art intake, hanging), hospitality (the Preview Party), and more.

If you are participating in the show (and even if you aren't!), please



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consider volunteering. It's a great way to get to know your fellow artists, WAG members, visitors (hey, they're coming to see our art!) and contribute to making our show a success! More info and sign-up sheets are at the WAG center.

Lots of people flock to our area in the summertime—let's show 'em what we've got!

*Michele Bailey,
WAG Shows Chair*

A Pastel Demonstration by Jean Hiron

Jean Hiron, a signature member of the Pastel Society of America, the Maryland Pastel Society, and the Pastel Painters' Society of Cape Cod, demonstrated painting with pastels on June 7. Jean had prepared a textured art board with a water-soluble graphite drawing of a scene in Spain where she visited recently. On top of the graphite Jean did an underpainting in watercolor, and when it was dry, painted pastels on top of it. It was fascinating to watch the process and the full house asked her many questions about her tools, materials and techniques.

Jean travels to Mattapoisett twice a year to visit family. In the summer she paints on site; at Christmas she takes photos for studio work. She has been painting scenes of Mattapoisett and the South Coast for over twenty years.

She works solely in pastel, loving the intimacy of the medium and the vibrancy of the pigments. She focuses

on landscape, seeking underlying abstract patterns of value and color. She is particularly interested in capturing the feel and mood of a scene, as well as the rhythm of shadow and light. She prefers the softest of pastels and works on sanded pastel papers and on textured boards that she prepares herself.



Jean answering questions

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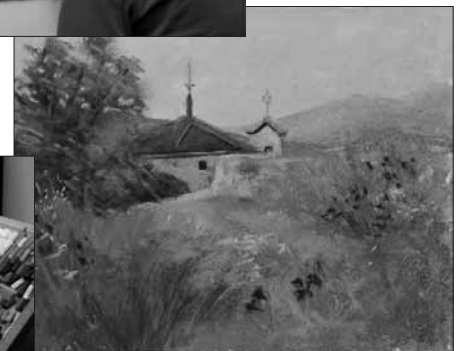


The preparation



Applying pastel

The box of pastels



The final painting

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Upcoming Summer Events

A Gentle Reminder

We have invited our WAG artists to donate one 5" x 7" painting for the small painting raffle in the Annual Summer Community Show. Please bring them to the WAG Center on or before Thursday, July 8, 2010. They may also be handed to Judy Keeley or Madeleine Feraz. For more information please call (401) 635-2739. *Thank You!*

Wild About Art!

A Summer Camp for Young Artists

August 9 through August 13,
9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Ages 7–11,
Maximum of 10 children.

South Coast Artists Open Studio Tour

Many WAG members are participating in the South Coast Artists Open Studio Tours this year. Paul Vien, Mary Sexton, Judy Erickson, Heide Hallemeier, Dennis Broadbent and Barbara Chadwick are participating on Saturday, July 17 & Sunday, July 18. Sarah Desjardins, Sharlie Sudduth, Kathy Gray, Sue Prideaux, and Patty Walsh are participating on Saturday, Aug. 21 & Sunday, Aug. 22. They will be exhibiting and demonstrating at WAG Center from 11 am to 5 pm.

Sharon Andrade, Christine Bean, Marianne Boucher, Kris Donovan, Maureen Fleming, Stacey Goes, Barbara Healy, Trish Hurley, Kelley MacDonald, Dora Millikin, Kelly Milukas, Anne Page, Karen Raus, Susan Strauss, and Denise Zompa will be participating in their own studios or other spaces.

Brochures will be available at the WAG Center and they are online at www.southcoastartists.org.

Be sure to stop by and support our members!



From the Classes

Painting

2 Sessions Offered in July & August!

Wednesday Painting Class

Join us as we paint in a different scenic location each week. Classes are held indoors in inclement weather. Contact Madeleine Ferraz at (401) 635-2739 for more information.

Thursday Painting Class

Join us as we paint in a different scenic location each week. Classes are held indoors in inclement weather. Contact Judy Keeley at (401) 274-1470 for more information.

Instructor: Trish Hurley

Thursdays, 9 am – 12 noon

\$10 per session if signed up monthly;
\$15 per class.

Figure Drawing Workshop

Wednesdays at WAG, 9 am–12 pm
The fee is \$10 a session if paying monthly or \$15 a class. Classes will be held in an alternate location on July 21 & 28 and August 11 & 18. Call Carolyn Winter at 401-316-8272 for more information.

Pastel Workshop

Jean Hirons will conduct a plein air workshop at the most beautiful plein air painting time of the year in New England! Workshop at the WAG Center if weather is inclement. The workshop will be held over 3 days, starting on Thursday, Sept. 30 to Saturday, Oct. 2. More information will be available soon.

Visit www.westportartgroup.com/classes for more information about our classes.

WAG 2010 Scholarships

Westport Art Group offers scholarships to Westport students, and much of our fund raising effort is dedicated to provide a helping hand to local scholars who have demonstrated interest and success in the arts and plan to study art in college.

This year we are awarding scholarships to two very talented Westport High School seniors, Julia Greenwood & Camille Montano. The display that they set up was outstanding and showed wonderful examples of their work in watercolor, drawing, and photography. Julia will be attending Umass, Dartmouth and Camille will be attending Rhode Island School of Design.

It was a pleasure for the committee to present on behalf of the Westport Art Group scholarships of \$500 each. The Senior Awards Night at Westport High School was June 16 and one of our committee members attended to hand out the scholarships.