



Classes

Painting – Our most popular class is a year-round watercolor and oil class instructed by long time favorite, Meredith Cornell.



Plein air painting in the most beautiful spots along the Southcoast attracts many artists for the Wednesday and Thursday classes during the Summer. Winter finds the artists in the studio working on still life or with models.

Young Artists Workshops – a week-long summer camp with one of the Southcoast's most gifted artist-teachers. The students learn a variety of techniques including drawing, watercolor, crayon, weaving and clay. The activities range from working indoors to working outside on the grounds where they create using natural materials. The emphasis is on art and ecology.

Crafts – WAG offers a variety of craft classes such as the popular Nantucket Basket workshops, jewelry and pottery classes, and others.

Background

The Westport Art Group was formed by a group of amateur and professional artists early in 1956. The members held classes in each others' homes. The first Community Show was held in July 1956 in the Westport Point School. It attracted a large crowd. In 1971, Elizabeth Yeomans Booth donated land to WAG "in memory of Edward, Julia and their son, Andrew Yeomans, for the encouragement of the arts and crafts". She stipulated that a building was to be erected on the property within 2 years. The members raised funds and worked hard to do that and that is how 1740 Main Road came about.

In February 2006, WAG celebrated 50 years by honoring Dorothy Gifford Curtis, the last surviving founding member, with a plaque at a Valentine's Tea and an exhibit of her paintings.



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WESTPORT ART GROUP

*Our mission is to stimulate
and promote the
appreciation and enjoyment
of the arts and crafts.*





*"At the Point"
Painting by
Dora Arwater
Milliken*

The Point Miracle

For 52 years, artists and craftsman have had a space to practice their art in a place of immeasurable beauty but one more dedicated to commercial fishing and farming since the whaling days. A band of local craftsmen and artists saw the innate beauty as a perfect setting for inspiration and work. The Westport Art Group (WAG) has sustained its commitment to artists and the arts and crafts despite challenges of space and funding.

Programs

The Westport Art Groups offers programs on the arts with guest appearances by local artists and others prominent in arts and crafts. Most programs are offered during the evening.

Entertainment

WAG members gather together for potluck suppers and for teas and cocktail parties along a special theme such as Mad Hatters Tea or Valentines.

Scholarships

The Westport Art Group has offered scholarships to Westport students from any school in the area for 52 years. Much of our fund-raising is dedicated to providing funds for our local scholars. The committee awards \$500 each to 2 students who have demonstrated interest and success in the arts and plan to study art in college.



Friendships

Many of our artists have developed lifelong friendships through many pleasant hours and days of painting together.

Exhibits

The Westport Art Group holds two main exhibits each year. The Community Show invites artists and craftsmen from all over the Southcoast and beyond to exhibit for 10 days in July. Our very popular Holiday Fair, held the first Saturday in December, emphasizes crafts and unframed paintings from the bin. Artists and craftsmen are encouraged to hold individual exhibits of their work at WAG.



Become a Member

Fill out this form and mail it to:
P.O. Box 157, Westport Point, MA 02791.

Make checks payable to Westport Art Group.

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Winter Mailing Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Summer Mailing Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Arrival/Departure Dates _____
(at summer address)

Email Address _____

Type of Art/Craft _____

Vocation (Past/Present) _____

Hobbies & Interests _____

WAG Committees (please indicate your interest in helping)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building & Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> WAG Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Community Show |

Annual Membership Categories

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing (\$50) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$75) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (\$500)
(exempt from annual dues hereafter) | |

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