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Each Artist Member may bring in one painting for a \$10 fee with the following criteria:

- Must be watermedia
- Framed and wired for hanging, with glass or plexiglas. Work larger than a half-sheet (approx. 22"x28"), must be framed with plexi. Maximum size on largest dimension, including frame, is 42".
- Painting must have been done within the last 3 years.
- No work may have been done in a class or under a teacher's supervision.
- All work must be for sale
- No painting may have been in a previous RIWS juried show. Please note that even though this show is not juried for entrance (just for awards), it still counts as a juried show. In other words, if you have a painting in the Annual Artist Member Show, it cannot be entered into another RIWS juried show, including our national show.
- Work may be brought in anytime during gallery hours until Friday, April 16. Please make note of this early date.

This show will be juried by Cindy Baron, AWS. Checkout information about Cindy's workshop on page 2.

No Parking, Please!

When you visit the gallery, please do not park in the 2 spots where there is no curbing. These are for handicapped access and for park vehicles to gain access to other parts of the park. They are also used by artists dropping off or picking up work. You can pull up in front of the building to load or unload. If these spots are blocked, it is very inconvenient.

Thanks for your cooperation!

114th Annual Meeting Sunday, April 25, 2010

We will start with a pot-luck brunch (finger foods only, please) with a chance to chat and meet some new members, followed by a brief meeting and election of officers and board members.

This will be followed by the presentation of awards for the Annual Artist Member Show and a watercolor demonstration (more details in next newsletter).

We especially encourage new members to join us as this is a great way to meet some new people. **Don't miss out on an enjoyable and informative day.**

Congratulations....

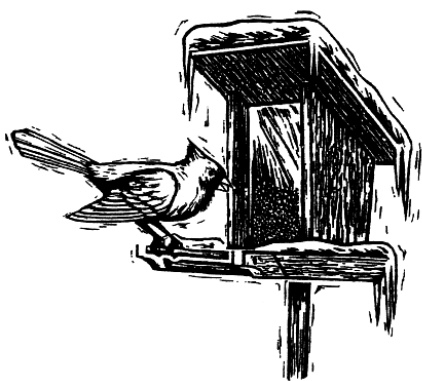
To everyone who entered our "Flower Fantasy" Open Juried Show. Juror Mim Fawcett chose 73 paintings from 174 entries. Here are the paintings she chose to receive awards:

- 1st Prize (\$150): Mary Bagley**
- 2nd Prize (\$100): Joan Murphy**
- 3rd Prize (\$75): Elsie Kalan**

Honorable Mentions: Henry Budlong, Daydre Hamilton, Cynthia DiDonato, Madeleine von Hemert, Nancy Paull, Tracy Taylor

RIWS National Show

Start thinking of something wonderful to paint for our national show coming up **October 10- November 5, 2010**. Juried by CDs due **July 18**. Juror: Paul George, NWS. The prospectus will be sent out in the next couple of months. Don't know how to put images of your work on a CD? That's no problem, because we will have a professional photographer here to take digital photos of members' work and put each on a CD. More details in next newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are you tired of winter like me? Winter means struggling through cabin fever which can be really difficult. Fortunately, though, there are several ways to fight those cabin fever blues without having to invest in an expensive vacation. Here are a few ideas I've found helpful:

1. Assess Your Progress

Step back and look objectively at your work from the past year. This extra time to focus on your painting, reflect on your development, and plan ahead can help you feel a little brighter and might bring you more peace of mind for the coming year.

2. Get Instruction

Take a painting class or a workshop. It is great exercise for your talent, gets your energy going, and keeps your mind clear. Learning for the experience from other artists can help give you a boost, give you more insight, and get your

painting in better shape. Whether you are a beginner or seasoned veteran, taking a class or workshop can also help you get out of house and keep you from staring at the four walls of your studio for too long.

3. Get Involved

Take some of your time and volunteer to help others. For a Society like ours, there are many areas that could use an extra hand. If you are not volunteering now and want to help out in some way, give a call or send an email to Mary Lou to find out what opportunities we have.

4. Support Your Fellow Artists

Attending an Opening Reception for a show whether your work is included or not, is great way to get out to mix and mingle with your fellow RIWS members. Not only can you network and make new friends, but you can always learn a thing or two while you're having a good time. I am so grateful for the show openings that I have attended and appreciate those

I've met along the way who have shared tips about a painting technique, place to buy supplies, or a good art book they experienced lately.

While these ideas might not fight off cabin fever totally, I think they will help you to stay grounded and feel more productive in your work. Our newsletters and website will always keep you informed of what opportunities the RIWS has to offer. I encourage you to take advantage of these and make this long cold winter go bye a lot faster.

I should mention that we are all looking forward to celebrating one of our favorite instructors and one of our most accomplished Signature Artists, Al Albrektson. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the Opening Reception on March 14 for a retrospective exhibition of Al's work. This is a must see show that not only includes lots of Al's spectacular watercolors but also includes several works by various of Al's students over the years.

Lastly, plan to enter one of your paintings for our Annual Artist Membership Show in April. We are delighted that Cindy Baron will serve as our judge. She will lead our feature workshop for the Spring, as well, and is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society. She is a much sought-after workshop instructor, and has been featured in Artist Magazine several times.

I welcome your suggestions and questions anytime.

Happy Painting - Rick Cardoza

WORKSHOPS/CLASSES

Cindy Baron, AWS

2 Day Workshop

Saturday & Sunday,

April 17 & 18, 9:30-4.

Cindy is a wonderful artist and teacher. Check out her work online. Workshop flyer enclosed.

Lavonne Suwalski Watercolor Workshop "Go With the Flow"

Saturday & Sunday,

May 1 & 2, 9:30-4.

Lavonne loves the fluidity of watercolor and will help you use this property to its best advantage. This is a workshop to experiment and have fun in. If you've always wanted to loosen up, this is for you! Flyer enclosed.

Frankie Tolman

"Watermedia Dog Clinic",

Sunday, May 23, 10-4.

Frankie is one of our signature members and has offered this wonderful workshop to us. We all have a stack of paintings that we don't know what to do with. They are ready for the next step, but we don't know

what that is or we have done something awful to mess it up. Don't give up on these paintings- find out how to resurrect them! What do you have to lose? Flyer enclosed.

Paul George 5-day workshop

September 27-October 1

Paul will teach flowers as well as landscape in this workshop. He is a wonderful and experienced teacher and a talented artist. More details in a future newsletter.

Class News: We will be sending out a spring class schedule in the next month or so. We have some terrific teachers! If you are not interested in a class yourself, please pass the schedule on to a friend or neighbor. Meanwhile, there is still room in:

- **BJ Bjork's class** on Mondays, 1-3:30 starting March 1.

- **Peg Gale's** Tuesday class, 10-12:30 starting March 30

- **Al Albrektson's** Saturday class, 10:30-1:00, starting March 6.

You can download a schedule and registration on our website www.riws.org

UPCOMING SHOWS

Through March 12: :

"Flower Fantasy" Open Juried Show

March 14- April 2:

Al Albrektson Retrospective

April 6-23:

4 person show:

Sue Dion, Theodore Nystrom, Ben Macomber, Elaine Gauthier

April 25- May 14:

114th Annual Artist

Member Show

May 16- June 4:

3 person show: Alita Marks, Patricia Sheridan, Richard Van Wie

- **PAOLA MANGIACAPRA's** painting *The Rigging Shed* was awarded 1st place-Watercolor in the 2010 Newport Art Museum's Member Show on exhibit until May 23.

- Congratulations to **NORMA AND JIM SUMNER** who won the raffle for Paul George's lovely painting of our building. We are keeping it safe for them until they return from Florida.

- **TRISH MARCACCIO 'S** watercolor *Seafoam Lace* was accepted into the ALL MEDIA OPEN JURIED SHOW "Going Green" at the Wickford Art Association the month of February 2010.

- The National League of American Pen Women's Fort Lauderdale, Florida branch awarded **NORMA SUMNER** 1st place for her watercolor *What a Pair*.

- **BUNNY GRIFFETH'S** Painting *Frozen Cherubs* is on the cover of the February 2010 issue of *Medicine and Health Rhode Island*.

- Portsmouth artist, **PRISCILLA C. MALONE**, has been juried into the prestigious Providence Art Club as an artist member. Established in 1880, the Providence Art Club is the second oldest art club in the nation supporting the visual arts in Providence and Rhode Island. Priscilla is a designer for Malone Studio Inc., stained glass & fine art. Her paintings are on display at Spring Bull Gallery in Newport. www.malonestudio.com



Member Dues

Second notices for 2010 dues will be going out shortly. We'd appreciate your prompt payment. Acknowledgements for dues received after January 1 will be in the next newsletter.

Plan now to join our Saturday Paint-outs this season!

We encourage all RIWS members to join our outdoor group for our monthly Saturday paint-outs scheduled from April through September. Painting together at inspiring locations in our area is a great way to build experience, network with fellow RIWS members, and develop work for future exhibitions.

April 12 (Raindate April 18) Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum - Bristol, RI. Held in conjunction with the Daffodil Days celebration featuring fifty thousand daffodils, early blooming bulbs, trees and shrubs. Great views of Narragansett Bay, gardens, and a historic English style manor house.

May 8 (Raindate May 22) Cliffwalk - Newport, RI. Lots of amazing views along this popular walk that wraps itself along Newport's spectacular Atlantic coastline with the crashing surf and beach on one side of the trail and the magnificent Gilded Age mansions on the other.

Future sessions to be announced. Our paint-outs are open to all members and their guests. We will meet at the scheduled location and paint from 9 am to Noon. No fee or formal instruction, just fun painting outdoors. Bring a lunch and paint for the whole day if the area inspires you!

Please contact our Paint-Out coordinator, **Rick Cardoza (508-883-8250, rick.cardoza@yahoo.com)** for details if you plan to come to one of the sessions or if you have a favorite site to suggest for an outing.

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Tuesday through Saturday
10 AM to 4 PM:
Sunday
1 - 5 PM
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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER:

March 12, 2010
Mail news items to:
Rhode Island Watercolor Society
Slater Memorial Park
Armistice Blvd.
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861

BIN AND GIFT TABLE WORK: *Please sign in all work with our receptionists so that we can keep track of what has been brought in. Each member may have a maximum of 4 shrink-wrapped paintings or prints at a time in the bins. Be sure to have your name, the title and price on each piece. Gift table items (4 per artist) may be cards or other small items. Please do not display paintings here- we do not have room on the table for this. We have had a few instances lately of gift items without a price or the artist's name. We cannot sell your work if we don't know who you are or what you are charging. If the name you are using on your bin paintings or gift table items is different than the name we have on your membership (women using their maiden name, for instance), please let us know. Thank you!*

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Artist Member **WINIFRED JOLICOEUR** who died recently.

We are sorry to report the death of **MARVIN**, the mascot dog and ambassador of the RISP-CA.

We were pleased to have some of Marvin's work on exhibit last year during our "All Creatures Great & Small" Show. Marvin was awarded Honorary Membership in RIWS at that time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 12, 10-4:

Pickup for "Flower Fantasy":

April 6-16:

Drop-off days for Annual Artist Members' Show

April 17 & 18, 9:30-4:

Cindy Baron AWS Workshop

April 25, 11-2-Annual Meeting, Brunch & Demonstration

May 1 & 2, 9:30-4:

Lavonne Suwalski

Watercolor Workshop

May 14:

Pickup from Annual Artist

Member Show

May 23:

Frankie Tolman Watermedia

"Dog" clinic

Welcome

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

CAROLYN DOOLEY, Cumberland, RI

CATHERINE DEMPSEY, N.Prov., RI

BRENDA HUTCHINSON, Franklin, MA

PAMELA MAKUDERA, Whitinsville, MA

JOYCE NEAL, Uxbridge, MA

MARIANO RODRIQUES, Cranston, RI

LYNNETTE TORRES, Rochester, MA

PAUL VIEN, Westport, MA

NEW SIGNATURE ARTIST:

ANNE BELSON, East Falmouth, MA



ROAD TRIPS:

• Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI Exhibitions:

Watercolors by William Heydt
Through April 4, 2010

Windows to Our Soul: Portraits in Charcoal by Brenda Levasseur
Through March 28, 2010

The Art of Architecture and Design
Newport Architectural Forum
Exhibition Through March 28, 2010

• Boston Museum of Fine Art, Boston, MA

Luis Meléndez:
Master of the Spanish Still Life
Through May 9, 2010

Café and Cabaret:
Toulouse-Lautrec's Paris
Through August 8, 2010

From House Committee Chair **TED NYSTROM**: *Many thanks to the following people who came to help with our spruce-up day in January. We got a lot accomplished and the gallery looks great!*

JERRY AISSIS,

JACKIE CANNA

RICK CARDOZA

ELIZABETH CARR

NANCY & GLEN DUBLER

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