



Celebrating Our Art Club

It will be so nice to see all of you again. Now that all the holiday business is behind us, it will be great getting back to painting and the business of the art club again. Let us know of anything you may have done, filmed, photographed or seen that may be of interest to the club.

So here we are at the beginning of our 60th year. I wonder how many of you realize what a gem this club is. I have learned and grown so much because of the people I've met in this club, the workshops I've participated in, the art shows I've worked on and the artists who have been demo/presenters. I went on the internet to see how many art clubs there were in the state... not many and none seem to be like this one... this seems to be the only one that has monthly meetings with a guest artist/demo presenter. Never knew there were so many kinds of art and so much to learn. Even if you are a proficient painter, it is great to see how someone else attacks their painting. There is often a tip you can pick up or maybe something they do that will make you remember a tip that you had forgotten. You can't learn everything from one person and there always seems to be something you've never seen before.

We hope to have a workshop or two and some plein-air opportunities during this year. John Laliberty checked into the price of going to Boston by train and had that information printed on small handouts at the December meeting but I don't know if anyone saw them so we'll see about having that info at the meeting. I think it's best to wait until we get closer to Spring before we act on making the trip. We will need people to help us make the shows or other events successful. So please, if you are able to help and we come looking for volunteers, sign up... it's a great way to get to know some of the members. It makes it more fun when you get to know them better.

If anyone has any leads on doing something different or suggestions to pass on, please let us know. Nancy Moretti and I are always happy to see if there is any interest in trying something different.

Jeannine Anderson

P.S. Look for the club's Opportunities [to Exhibit](#) further along into the newsletter.



We meet at 7pm on the first Tuesday of month, except for July, August, & January at The First Baptist Church Hall, 30 Pierce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

All are welcome!!!

Presenter for February 2019

Ricky Gagnon, artist, and director of New Hope Gallery at the Michael A. Traficante Enrichment Center,
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Hospitality for the evening will be provided by Joyce Antonacci, John Laliberty and Jeannine Anderson.

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Ricky Gagnon's Bio

I am a Sixty-year-old self-taught artist who has lived in Rhode Island my entire life. I have been creating art since childhood, working in every available craft while growing up. I studied mechanical drawing and architecture at Toll Gate High School and the Community College of Rhode Island. I also took ceramic, weaving and painting classes during this time.

In 1998, I began to focus on my painting when I purchased a beach house in Riverside, RI near the old Crescent Amusement Park. That started a ten-year rehab project to restore the house to a 1950's to 1960's retro look. I decorated the house with furniture and collectibles from the same era. I created amusement park themed pieces of art for every room. My house looks like a fun house gift shop, crossed with Ripley's "Believe it or not" museum and a Christmas light display.

The house is also my art studio and I spend all of my free time there with my constant companions LuLu and Lenny. They are spotted mini Dachshunds who have larger than life personalities and insist on being my very involved art assistants. The dogs are not helpful of course, and spend most of their time covered in different colors of paint while chewing on my painting supplies but are a big part of my life.

When I am painting I use all of these influences and my varied life experiences and let them run amok in my very active imagination then combine them with my love of color and my sense of humor to create my art.

In 2008, I began showing my art in galleries in the New England area and have been accepted into many juried shows during the last 6 years. I have won second place in the Plymouth Guild "A Different Vision Show" in 2010 and also in the Imago "On and Off the Wall" show in 2011. I also won the first place Foundation Award in the Pawtucket Arts Collaborative show in 2012.

In 2010 when asked by DCYF for ideas to bring local art to the youth in the care of the State I created and became the Director and Curator of The New Hope Art Gallery at the Thomas C. Slater Training School located in the Youth Development Center in Cranston RI. The mission of the gallery was to provide inspiring 2D and 3D artwork of all styles from local artists on a rotating basis to residents of the Training School, their families, staff, providers and guests. In 2015, we moved our gallery to the Michael Traficante Enrichment Center located at 1070 Cranston Street in Cranston, RI and became a nonprofit gallery with a mission "To bring art to all people and all people to art". Our talented and hardworking volunteer staff continue to have shows every 4 months with over 400 pieces of art in every style and media from over 100 local, national, senior, special needs and student artists. We are celebrating our 8th Anniversary with our Summer Show that opens on Tuesday July 31st 2018 from 4pm to 7:30pm. Please come join us to help celebrate.

Ricky Gagnon's Art

Although subject matter varies, Ricky's style remains the same: clean lines, pure color, and a distinctive interpretation of information or ideas.



Opportunities to Exhibit

We hope to provide several opportunities to exhibit in celebration of this 60th milestone year.

- . The first art show of the year will be at the **East Greenwich Library in March**. A call for entries will be sent out shortly with the particulars. We will hang it on the first Saturday in March and take down on the last Saturday in March.
- . We have a second show planned for the **Warwick Public Library in their meeting/conference room in June**.
- . We are working on having a show at the **Courthouse Gallery in Wakefield, probably in the area of June/July** but have no dates yet. Will keep you posted on that.
- . There will be another opportunity to hang in the **Warwick Library's common area in September**.
- . And the Annual Show at **the Cranston Library in either October or November**.

About Town – Supporting our Members

Ann Bianchi

Ann E. Bianchi's paintings have been accepted into the following Art Shows:

1. Wickford Art Association:

36 Beach St, Wickford RI

"It Starts Here" featuring work of instructors and students

Exhibit dates: [January 11 to February 3, 2019](#)

2. Warwick Center for the Arts:

"2019 Artist Member Show"

[January 16 - February 21, 2019](#)

3259 Post Rd. Warwick, RI 0288

3. The Rhode Island Natural History Survey. An invitational show featuring her paintings of Nature

On display: January 2019-January 2020

Opening Reception on Tuesday, January 29, 5:00pm- 7:30pm

[14 East Farm Road](#), URI, [PO Box 1858](#), [Kingston, RI 02881](#); [401.874.5800](#)

Rita Williams

Rita has an ongoing exhibit of her welcome slates, and 4 x 6 paintings on easels.
at [The Fantastic Umbrella Factory](#) in Charlestown, RI.

Rosemarie Manson

Rosemarie continues to share her art at Main St. Coffee in East Greenwich.

Bev Silva

Bev's vintage book collage, "End of Story," was accepted into Art League RI's open juried national exhibit "Present from the Past." The exhibit, at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Gallery, runs from 12/7/18 to 3/2/19, with an opening reception on 12/13/18 from 5:30-8:00.

Dan Lake

Dan has been selected by RISCA to display 10 pieces- from his Working Boat series- at the Block Island Airport. These will be on display there from late January until Memorial Day. He also has 5 of his Wickford landscapes hung at the North Kingston Public Library through the end of February. Dan says, "It is nice to get these out of the studio and into the public eye!"

Jeannine Anderson

Jeannine Anderson has works showing at Main Street Coffee and is participating in the Members Show Current Works at the Warwick Center for the Arts which runs from January 16 through February 21.