



# Spring 2021

## Message from President Dan Lake

### We are returning!

We would like to invite all of you to join with the East Greenwich Art Club as we slowly emerge from our pandemic-imposed exile! Many of us are now fully immunized, looking toward the near future when we can finally hug our children and grandchildren and think about family and friends coming together once more.

Like many small businesses, we shut down our operations out of necessity. We cancelled our popular evening presentations, stopped workshops and exhibits, cancelled our Tuesday paint group and did almost no activity. We waited.

We are now done waiting. Our leadership has been meeting and planning. Plans are still somewhat tentative, but we would like to share activities we hope will encourage you to join together once again, without fear, and with a desire to talk and share the art we see and do.

**First**, we are establishing a schedule of plein air events led by Celeste Chute Wright. Look for this information on page 4 of the newsletter.

**Second**, the Tuesday group who previously met and painted on Tuesdays at the East Greenwich Parks and Recreation site on Frenchtown Road is now able to meet. Please contact Jeannine Anderson at [info@eastgreenwichartclub.org](mailto:info@eastgreenwichartclub.org) to see if there is a spot available for you. She has all the information you need.

**Third**, we plan to restart our Tuesday evening meetings on September 5<sup>th</sup> with some social time and a business meeting. More details will follow.

**Fourth**, we plan to hold a reception and opening for an exhibit to be held at CRESTAR. This will happen on October 5<sup>th</sup> and will be advertised to the public. Save the date and consider what piece you would like to display for that exhibit.

\*All meetings are subject to CDC & RI COVID guidelines.

Other popular evening presentations are being planned for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details to come as we await reconfirmation from the presenters who were cancelled last spring! So far MI OK SONG and LUCAS JAMES XAVIER KOLASA have indicated a desire to present what they could not show in 2020!

As a last and most important note, we need to address membership. We are building our 2021-member list again, based upon the 2019 and 2020 lists we have. In that regard, we have reviewed our dues policies and have decided that any member who paid dues for the canceled 2020 year will pay only ½ dues to remain current until **January of 2023!** Members who lapsed in 2020 will be enrolled for 2021 by paying ½ dues and will then continue with full dues in January of 2022.

You may find a membership form at this online address: [membership@eastgreenwichartclub.org](mailto:membership@eastgreenwichartclub.org) Alternatively, you can email any questions to [info@eastgreenwichartclub.org](mailto:info@eastgreenwichartclub.org)

Also, we encourage you to recruit new members as we rebuild. Watch for our presence in the media, and please do whatever you can to let the world know we will be providing a safe and creative place to gather and share our art endeavors. Do consider contributing some of your time to our leadership... we need help as we are to move confidently into our 62<sup>nd</sup> year!

Any general questions can be sent to [info@eastgreenwichartclub.org](mailto:info@eastgreenwichartclub.org)

Thank you and we look forward to continuing our support for the arts and artists of East Greenwich and its surrounding communities!

Dan



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

Hospitality for the evening will be provided by board members.

## Officers and Committees

President: Daniel Lake

Financial Secretary: Michele Lilly

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Newsletter: Rosemarie Manson

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# Opportunities for our Members: To Paint

From Celeste Chute-Wright:

Our "Spring into Plein Air" program will take place at various RI venues. There is no instruction but we share our work after each session (optional). All levels and media are welcome. We will follow Covid restrictions in place at the time of each session.

The 1st two sessions will be: Thursday May 6th at Goddard Memorial Park from 11am- 2pm. We will meet at the bridge at the Carousel building.

The next will be Thursday June 3 and I'm hoping to have this one at Sweet Berry Farm in Middletown but If this venue isn't available then we could meet instead at Sachuest Wildlife Refuge (10 minutes from Sweet Berry Farm).

For July and August there should be more availability of locations as places open up for the summer months and Covid restrictions (hopefully) will be lessening. Thanks for your willingness to help to keep our Plein Air groups happening.

Please contact Celeste if you wish to attend at: [pleinair@eastgreenwichartclub.org](mailto:pleinair@eastgreenwichartclub.org)

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to see if there is a spot available for you. Participation is limited due to space size.

\*Please note: These sessions are a wonderful way to meet up and paint together. **NO INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED.**

We will begin workshops when COVID restrictions are lifted.

## About Town – Supporting Our Members

Dan Lake is presently exhibiting at OHANGA in Newport, along with many artists and artisans. View the website: <http://www.ohanga.com>

Ron Joseph has two photos in the Wickford Association's current exhibit: **A is For...** The exhibit runs from April 9 to May 5; the gallery is open for the public to visit. View website: [wickfordart.org](http://wickfordart.org)

Rosemarie Manson is participating in the **Annual RIWS Artist Member Show:** an online show on ZOOM on April 10th @ 7pm. Check RIWS website: [rhodeislandwatercolorociety.wildapricot.org](http://rhodeislandwatercolorociety.wildapricot.org) for ZOOM link.

# Artist of the Month:

**Susan Aitcheson**

## Artist Statement

### HIKING AND PAINTING

As an architect, shaping buildings and working with three-dimensional space in ways that are aesthetically pleasing has greatly influenced my sense of shaping space as a painter on a two-dimensional surface. I try to draw the viewer, as I would in architectural design, through both vast and intimate spaces, small to large, large to small, and toward light or into darkness, to create for the viewer a dynamic experience on canvas. Where does the light take you and what is the relationship of scale - can you feel it? What is the dimension of your experience in a big sky or a small garden scene?

We bring our passions into our art, as I do, engaging my love for travel - time spent hiking, camping and kayaking in my work. With an impressionist feel I transpose this depth of space and texture of the plant world to my landscape painting. Emotions experienced outdoors I call to mind, express them in my art, and hope to convey the wild beauty of mountains, rivers, seashores, forest landscapes to my audience. <https://www.susanaitcheson.com/about>

#### Upcoming Event

124<sup>th</sup> Annual Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Open

Event Dates: 5/23/2021 – 6/4/2021

Location: Salmagundi Club

47 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY

Website: <https://www.clwac.org/>

Susan is presently teaching pastel at the Providence Art Club with Valerie Albert Weingard and Michele Poirer Mozzone, March 29-June 7.

## Recent Works by Susan Aitcheson



Saguaro Pair Arizona, oil



Pine Needles Morning, pastel



Zion NP View, oil

# Share the Good News!

Consider copying this information about our art club and sharing with others who may be interested in joining. Also ask local businesses to share this information with their clientele.

## *Who We Are*

The East Greenwich Art Club is a group of artists who enjoy promoting their art, learning new techniques and subjects, support and camaraderie. Artists of all levels are welcome, as well as art enthusiasts who want to engage with our members and learn more about the arts. Our members come from around the state and beyond.

From the traditional to the abstract, many of Rhode Island's most accomplished artists offer presentations, demonstrations, and art dialogue with our members and guests throughout the year. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month with exceptions of January, July and August. Please visit our calendar for meeting schedule, evening topics, and presentations.

The East Greenwich Art Club also displays throughout the year at member's shows, a variety of unique exhibitions, and at several local locations.

## *Benefits of Membership Include*

- Award-winning Guest Artists at Meetings
- Community Events
- Plein Air Art Excursions
- Annual Art Exhibits
- Artist Workshops
- Museum Trips
- Monthly Newsletter

*"East Greenwich Art Club is a step up in my development as an artist. Being with like-minded folks supports my passion to continue to be the best I can be. Seeing a variety of approaches to art stimulates my creativity and validates my work, as well."*

*EGAC Member*



ESTABLISHED 1959

In 1959 the East Greenwich Art Club was founded by local artists who came together to encourage each other in their art. The purpose was to foster the production, exhibition and sale of works of art by local and other artists by arranging lectures and discussions on art.

For nearly 60 years the Club has also aided and contributed to the furtherance of artistic education among the school children of East Greenwich by offering an East Greenwich Art Club Student Award each year to a deserving and talented student.

We welcome you to attend our next meeting as a guest where you can experience our friendly club in person! For more about our Club, past, present and future events and exhibits, and read our newsletters, visit our website.

## *Our meetings are held*

at

First Baptist Church Hall \*  
30 Peirce Street  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

*Accessible. Street parking as well as a lot diagonally across the street.*

**Multiple Experiences in the arts welcome!**

**All media encouraged!**

Visit our website

<http://eastgreenwichartclub.org>

