



The ACGOW Gallery Newsletter

Founded 1992

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Madeline Beaudry, Lois Lawrence, Paige Vargo-Hilleford

Regional Show: Gail Giancaspro

Show Themes, Scheduling, and Assignments

Gail Giancaspro, Patty Nunes, Lynn Anderson

Supply Purchases: Roberta MacGregor

Visiting Artists: Open

Website: Rose Mary Gates, Lisle Ann Jackson, Elaine Porter

Westerly Arts Café/Events/Gallery Space Design:

Francesca Fay, Mimi Huszer Fagnant, Arlene Piacquadio, Betsie Withey, Lynn Anderson

WRAP: Arlene Piacquadio (on WRAP board), Robin Halpren Ruder

Help needed: **Visiting Artists** chair needed

Please contact a relevant committee or board member if you have questions or concerns

Check **"Team Up"** each month to view the 2019

Show schedule, hanging committees, sitting schedule and other news

President's Message – It is a Wonderful Time of the Year!

Our tireless members, friends, and a few elves are busy working on a new project. ACGOW never sleeps! Since our move from Canal Street to the historic Westerly Train Station, we have built walls, cleaned, painted, designed and hung a lighting system, organized, and had four new shows. But we are not done yet and we are now creating a new BRAG Room, classroom, and jury gallery space. Drop by and see our progress!

For our December **"Silver and Snow"** show, we are transforming the gallery into a winter wonderland. The Gallery Shop is full of gifts and small art work and we are ready for Westerly's Holiday Stroll on Wednesday, December 5, which is also our opening reception from 5-9 p.m. Don't forget to stop by for homemade cookies by artists during the Cookie Crawl on December 15 from 12-5pm.

Please leave a small donation of art supplies in the basket at the Westerly Train Station for the Johnnycake Center by Tuesday, December 11.

Visit, shop, meet artists, and celebrate the holidays with us!

Arlene Piacquadio
ACGOW President

The Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly

New Address: 14 Railroad Avenue

Westerly, RI 02891

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ACGOW Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 1 – Last day of November show
Monday, December 2 – ACGOW members' meeting 6 p.m. at train station
Tuesday, December 3 – Hang **2018 Silver and Snow – Holiday Show**
Wednesday, December 5 – December show reception to coincide with the (No Friday reception) **Westerly Holiday Stroll** 5-9 p.m.
Saturday, December 15 – **Cookie Crawl**; 12 – 5 p.m.; Downtown Business Association (DBA) holiday event; demonstrations will be given by **Madeline Beaudry, Mimi Huzer Fagnant, Helen Roy, and Paige Vargo-Hilleford**
Tuesday, December 18 – ACGOW **All-Members' Holiday Party** at the Train Station; 5 – 8 p.m.; potluck; check emails for details
Sunday, December 30 – Last day of December show
Tuesday, January 1 – **A Happy and Healthy New Year to all**
Wednesday, January 2 – ACGOW members' meeting at 6 p.m. at train station
Thursday, January 3 – Hang January show **"Explorations" New Perspectives**; featured artists: **Paul Flanagan and Dennis Lavorato**
Friday, January 4 – Reception for the January show; 5 – 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 19 – Trunk show and demonstration by Paper Connection of Providence on "Joomchi" pulp painting; free and open to the public; more details to follow

ACGOW Members Updates

Dennis Lavorato has been juried in for a second medium – charcoal and pencil drawing

New Members – Welcome

Fred Paretta fred.paretta@weathersbyguild.com Advocate
Beth Paretta bparetta@cox.net Advocate
Linda Lyall lindalyall@me.com Advocate

General News about ACGOW Members and Activities

- The **December 2018 show committee** will be: **Robin Halpren-Ruder** – co-chair; co-chair **Madeline Beaudry, James Pepitone, Donna Mazzone, Jane Rollins, Dennis Lavorato, Ed Porter**
- The **December show theme** is **Silver and Snow - Holiday Show**
- The **January 2019 show committee** will be: **Nancy Gardner**- co-chair; **Jane Rollins**- co-chair; **Mimi Huszer-Fagant, Anna Shaw, Donna Mazzone, Patty Nunes, Kathleen Hemenway**
- The **January 2019 show theme** is: **"Exploration" – New Perspectives**
- **Linda King** received two awards in the Conanicut Island Art Association's "Winter's Edge Show." The show runs through January 10 at the Town Hall Gallery at 93 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI. See photos of her artwork and awards later in newsletter.

The forecast for the Westerly Holiday Stroll on December 5 is for fun based on 2017



Gallery Shop Update

Artists should focus on holiday themes and gift items for December. This includes small and lower priced originals as well as multiple copy items, like prints and photos. This is also a good time to clean up and repackage items that show damage or wear. Artists should enter work so that we can replace sold work as the season progresses. Put your items in the labeled bins in art storage racks and order labels from **Jane Rollins**.

We will place new items, as needed, because of sales and especially for the December opening. We will try to display everything eventually. Consistent sellers will be accommodated. The categories of items that are appropriate to the Gallery Shop are big sellers during these months. Let's take advantage of that and enter new, fresh items whenever possible. The glass shelves and carpet in this beautiful Gallery Shop area show off our prints, cards, books and gift items.

The Gallery Shop continues to improve with much more visible new red backing to each sign for example.



“Harmony Trail” in Westerly and Pawcatuck

There is a strong possibility that citizens and visitors to Westerly and Pawcatuck may hear the “sound of music” in 2019. **Tim Lebling** (he operates Wakin’ Up Waggin’) and others are working with community leaders and town councils to see if six to twelve musical instruments can be placed in locations in the downtown business areas of both cities. The Westerly Train Station is being mentioned as one of the sites. This new community event has been named the “Harmony Trail.”

November 2, 2018 ACGOW Show Reception



Charlie Liguori stood by his “cartoon” paintings of musicians

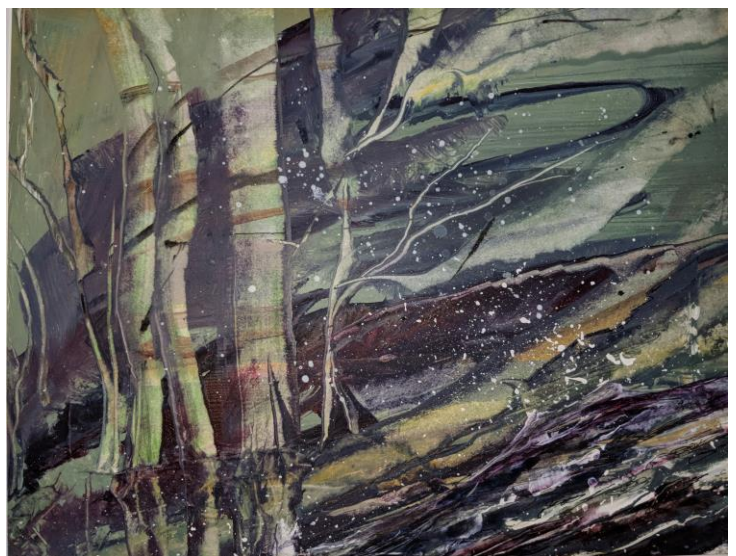


Dennis Lavorato(right) discussed one of his sports figure paintings with **Charlie Liguori**

Linda King’s Award-winning Paintings at the Town Hall Gallery in Jamestown, RI



“Dockside in Winter” – first prize mixed media collage



“Into the Woods” – honorable mention mixed media collage

Westerly Train Station East Wing Work Project – Wonderful Results

Many artist members and spouses have pitched in to turn the East Wing of the Westerly Train Station into an organized and useful multi-purpose room. The East Wing will serve as BRAG, classroom, jurying room, ACGOW office, kitchen support, artwork storage shelves, and general storage. Whew – thanks to everyone! Photographs by Arlene Piacquadio and Ardie Harrison



Dan Marantz built the divider wall to help separate uses of the East Wing



The new kitchen support area and preparation table



Old bathroom; new kitchen workroom under construction

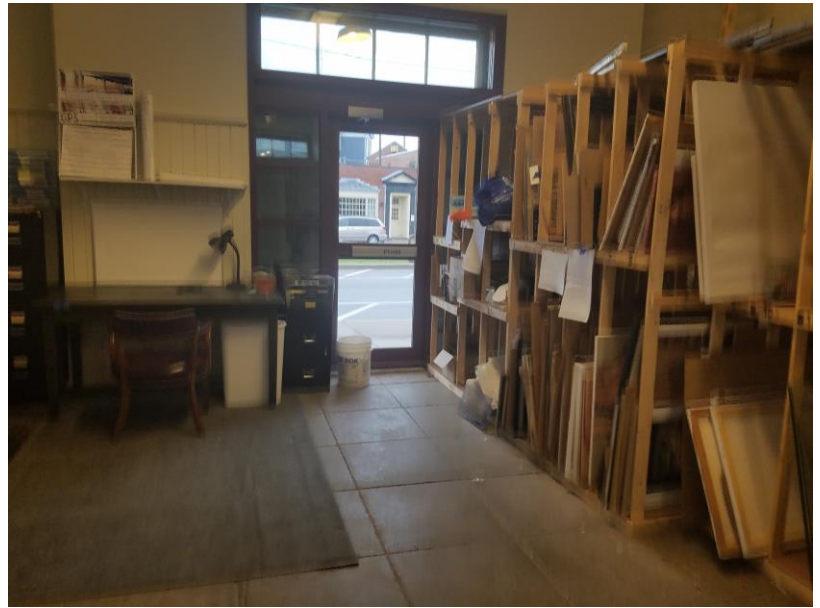


Old fixtures removed; new working sink and cabinet

See more East Wing Improvements on next page



The new BRAG, classroom, and jurying room



New ACGOW office and artwork storage shelving

2018 Holiday Art Supplies Donation

Don't forget to consider making a donation of art supplies for the basket near the entrance to the train station. The donation deadline is December 11. The art supplies will be donated to the Jonnycake Center of Westerly to give local families in its Holiday Giving Program from ACGOW. **Dan Marantz** is coordinating our part of this annual community event.

