

# The ACGOW Gallery News

ACGOW Founded 1992

June 2018

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<http://www.westerlyarts.com/>

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

Help needed: **Visiting Artists** chair needed  
**Posters:** to help Greg Eident

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

## President's Message – Successful Events

### ACGOW Very Successful Regional Show, The Elms Event, and New Members

June is fast approaching and our 25th Regional show was a great success. Our new coordinator, Gail Giancaspro, has been an exemplary leader and executed a professional show. Thanks to Gail and our juror, Michael Peery, instructor at RISD.

The Taste of Westerly, located at The Elms, was a fund raiser on May 17 and certainly brought out many to view and purchase art from our artists who participated. Thanks to Lynn Anderson who coordinated this profitable event.

Looking forward, we are planning our Art Heist event for August 11 and are pleased to announce that it will be in the same venue, The Livery in Watch Hill. Tickets will go on sale soon and the art will be on preview in our BRAG room with a catalogue.

Our membership is growing and I welcome Helen Roy, a former Associate member and Doug Rice, a painter and sculptor from New York now living in Stonington, CT. Welcome!

On a sad note our friend, artist member and associate member, **John Huhtala**, has passed away. He was a unique and giving artist at ACGOW and will be missed. His art will live on.

**Arlene Piacquadio**  
Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly  
President

## Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly

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Look for us on Facebook, too

## ACGOW Calendar of Events

**Saturday – Sunday, May 26-27** – VIRTU art festival in Wilcox Park, Westerly 10-5 p.m.

**Sunday, May 27** – Last day of Regional Show

**Monday, May 28** – Members' meeting; 6 p.m.; bring in artwork for the June show

**Tuesday, May 29** – Hang June show "**Prisms of Emotion**" – **Color**

**Wednesday, May 30** – Flower Show with Westerly Garden Club month-long coordination of flower arrangements with artwork

**Friday, June 1** – June show opening reception 5 – 8 p.m.

**Sunday, July 1** – Last day of June show

**Monday, July 2** – Members' meeting 6 p.m.; bring in artwork for the July show

**Tuesday, July 3** – Hang July show "**Positively Negative**" - **Shape & Space**

**Friday, July 6** – July show opening reception; 5 – 8 p.m.

**Sunday, July 29** – Last day of July show

## Back Room Art Gallery (BRAG)

Future community exhibits in BRAG may occur during 2018, depending on scheduling due to the United Theater development plans.

## New London Day – Best of Reader's Choice Awards

ACGOW was nominated as one of five candidates in the Arts category. The Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly came in a well-deserved third in the final voting to gain distinction as one of the top three arts organizations in the greater New London area. Click on [New London Day Best of](#) to view the results in our category and in the others. It is an honor for ACGOW and all the members to have been nominated for recognition for the quality of our artwork and the vitality of our organization..

## 2018 ACGOW Show News

The theme for all ACGOW shows in 2018 is "**Transition by Design.**" The Show Themes and Schedule Committee, chaired by **Gail Giancaspro**, determined the annual show theme and organizing the monthly show themes and show hanging committees.

Click on [2018 ACGOW Show Calendar](#) to view all the 2018 monthly show themes

## Meet the New ACGOW Members

Helen Roy, artist, acrylic, [dr.helenroy@yahoo.com](mailto:dr.helenroy@yahoo.com)

Doug Rice, artist, oil, [drice1816@gmail.com](mailto:drice1816@gmail.com)

(Reminder: don't forget to update your ACGOW members email list and remember to put "ACGOW" first in the subject line.)

## 2018 Art Heist

Planning for the 2018 Art Heist is well underway. Nancy Gardner has been sending out emails with details to artist members.

The date is Saturday, August 11, and the location is the same as last year at The Livery in Watch Hill.

Nancy has asked artists to donate artwork as follows. Please put your art in BRAG. June 10 is the target date for taking photos of donated artwork for the catalogue.

Two dimensional artwork is encouraged in the \$200 range and three dimensional artwork in the \$150 range. Each donor artist will get one ticket to Art Heist.



## General News about ACGOW Members and Activities

- **The June 2018 show committee** is Patty Nunes co-chair, OPEN - co-chair; Sandy Webb, Roberta MacGregor, John McGuire, Kay Pere, R. Douglass Rice
- The June featured artists are: wall – **Greg Eident**; window – **Mimi Huzser Fagnant**
- **The July 2018 show committee** will be Laurie Gavitt Co-chair, Fordan Bonardi Co-chair; Lora Cobden, James Pepitone, Paul Flanagan
- The July featured artists are wall – **Donna Mazzone**; window – **Madeline Beaudry**
- A helpful way for ACGOW artists to market his or her artwork is to have a webpage listed under Members on the home page of the ACGOW website. Artist webpages are indicated by the underlined names. To investigate creating a webpage contact the website committee members **Rose Mary Gates and Lisle Ann Jackson** for details.

## Gallery Space Design News

The Gallery Space Design Committee (GSDC) is compiling a list of requirements and ideas from members for the new ACGOW space being designed by the architects of the United Theater renovation project. Please consider everything – wall space, hanging system, lighting, pedestals, and other 3D display systems, sound systems, storage space, front desk and reception area. This committee is also planning for our interim quarters when construction is underway. Email your thoughts and concerns to **Lynn Anderson** at **Lynn@NoankArt.com** to be added to our list.

Meetings and communications are taking place with the United Theater and Land Trust to further establish the plans and time table for the development of the United Theater and a temporary location for our gallery.

## May 2018 Regional Show

The annual Regional Show was held at the gallery during May 2018. As always, it was an amazing show of artists' talents and creativity. The 2017 Regional Show had nearly 300 entrants. The 2018 show had 316 total entries. ACGOW artists numbered 19 and they submitted 34 artwork items. Associates and non-members submitted 103 pieces from 70 people.

**Gail Giancaspro** chaired the Regional Show committee and did a great job of organizing and coordinating the Regional Show. She emphasized that 19 artists and associates pitched in to help and she wanted to recognize their amazing support for the show. Many thanks to Gail and her committee! It takes a team.

### The cash prizes are listed below.

Louise Pittaway Award \$500

(Fine Art Painting Oil or Acrylic)

ACGOW Award \$100 (Fine Art)

Katherine Forest Foundation (5 awards) \$200 each

Washington Trust Company Award \$ 250 (Fine Art)

Professional Planning Award \$200 (Fine Art)

Blick Art Supply \$100 gift card

Jerry's Artarama Award \$100 gift card

Watch Hill Oysters Award \$200 (Fine Art Watercolor)

### The winners were:

Louise Pittaway Award: **Dennis, Lavorato** "Mike J."

ACGOW Award: **Gail Giancaspro**, "Eden Olivio"

Washington Trust Company Award: **Ethel Engler**, "Mashamoquet Brook"

Professional Planning Award: **Linda King**, "Coastal Rhode Island"

Blick Art Supply Award: **Caitlin Magner**, "This is Everything"

Jerry's Artarama Award: **Michael McCarthy**, "Still Life with Nude"

Watch Hill Oysters Award: **Laurie Gavitt**, "Dawn at Montauk"

Katherine Forest Foundation (5 awards)

- The Teddy Goberis Award for Excellence Ceramics **Jason Lee Fong**, "Lantern #2"
- The Louise Forest Gibson for Fine Crafts: **Serena Bates**, "Leviathan (Octopus)"
- The Mabel Kingsbury Fentress for Fine Crafts: **Patricia Wagner**, "Leaves"
- The Alice Clark Hubbard Award for Fine Crafts: **Nina Briggs**, "Rumba Line"
- The Joseph Gaulteri Award for Fine Crafts: **Helga Suit**, "Rug/Handwoven"

*Photographs of the winners appear on the next page.*



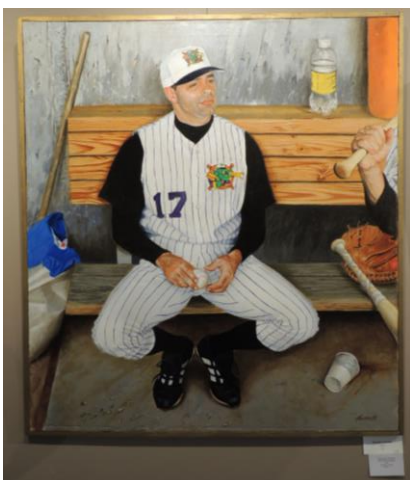
## 2018 ACGOW Regional Show



Many exceptional pieces of artwork were in the Regional Show by many artists



Regional Show winners in many categories:  
**Back Row from left:** Patricia Wagner, Dennis Lavorato, Linda King  
**Front Row:** Caitlin Magner, Laurie Gavitt, Gail Giancaspro,  
Jason Fong, Helga Sutt, Nina Briggs



“Mike J” by Dennis Lavorato



“Eden Olivio” by Gail Giancaspro



“Rumba Line” by Nina Briggs



## The Elms of Westerly Open House – May 17

A festive evening occurred on Thursday, May 17. The Elms Retirement Residence was the site of a public, invited guests, and residents to the Elms mansion for an evening of art, food, and wine to celebrate the renovation of their foyer, great room, and pub. Lynn Anderson was the coordinator of the event. It was deemed a very successful evening and a community supported event.

Six artists of The Artist's Cooperative of Westerly displayed their fine art and fine crafts for viewing and sale. Many items were sold. The artists were **Kay Pere, Lora Cobden, Madeline Beaudry, Donna Mazzone, Lois Lawrence, and Mimi Huszer Fagnant**. Thank you! Appetizers were donated by Mia's at Wilcox Tavern, Capizanos, and the Elms. The vintners of the Tapped Apple poured wine. Live music was played by **Peter Piacquadio** and the Jazz Gallery quartet. A raffle was held for three baskets filled with donated artwork, books, food, and drink. The Elms donated the total raffle proceeds to ACGOW. Thank you!



There were many attendees - more than 100.



The Jazz Gallery quartet led by Peter Piacquadio, second from right



Lynn Anderson (right) coordinated the raffle prizes with Elms' staff



Lora Cobden and Mimi Huszer Fagnant interacted with Elms event guests



Lois Lawrence presented her artwork to the guests



Madeline Beaudry exhibited her scarves



Donna Mazzone explained her artwork



Kay Pere talked about her jewelry