



The ACGOW Gallery News

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Francesca Fay, Carol Schmedinghoff, Mimi Huszer Fagnant, Arlene Piacquadio, Betsie Withey, Lynn Anderson
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 member if you have questions or concerns

President's Message – Gallery Shop

THERE IS SOMETHING NEW AT ACGOW!



THE GALLERY SHOP has opened and we have a Curating Committee! This new part of our gallery has been in the making for several months and now has a permanent place in our front window. You will find unique art gifts, small hand crafted treasures and one of a kind items by our Artist members. Thanks to our new committee, **Laurie Gavitt, Anna Shaw, and Kay Pere**, who will curate the gallery shop, print gallery, and gallery office. New selections will be added, so be sure to check in often.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible and let's make this a success!

Arlene Piacquadio
Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly
President

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ACGOW Calendar of Events

Sunday, Feb. 25 – Last day of February show

Monday, Feb. 26 – Members' meeting 6 p.m. bring in artwork for March show

Tuesday, Feb. 27 – Hang March show "**Scratching the Surface**" – **Texture** Featured window artist is **Clarence Spangler**; Featured wall artists are **Jane Rollins** and **Kathleen Hemenway**

Friday, Mar. 2 – March show reception, 5 – 8 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 12 – ACGOW Board Meeting; 10 a.m.

Sunday, Apr. 1 – Last day of March show

Monday, Apr. 2 – Members' meeting 6 p.m. bring in artwork for the April show "**Rhythm & Movement**" - **Visual Inspiration** Featured wall artist is **Arlene Piacquadio** and the featured window artists are **Lisle Ann Jackson** and **Sandy Chucin Webb**

Tuesday, Apr. 3 – Hang April show

Friday, Apr. 6 – April show reception 5 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 28 – Last day of April show

Sunday, Apr. 29 - Regional show calendar begins; **see sidebar and article below**

Back Room Art Gallery (BRAG)

During March in the Back Room Art Gallery (BRAG), ACGOW will proudly host an exhibition of the work of art students at the Westerly Middle School and that of their teacher, **Kelly Nunes Donohue**. April will have a BRAG show, too.

These new exhibits are yet another episode of a year-long celebration of the ACGOW's 25 years of bringing visual art and craft to the Greater Westerly/Pawcatuck area, and of the beginning of the next 25.

New London Day – Best of Reader's Choice Awards

Now that ACGOW has been nominated as one of five candidates in the Arts category, it is time to cast your vote. Voting began February 12 and will end Monday, March 12. Click on [New London Day Best of](#) for details and to vote for ACGOW and your favorites in other categories. We all know ACGOW deserves to be voted for and award recognition would be great for helpful and free publicity.

2018 ACGOW Show News

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. The 2018 theme is "**Transition by Design.**"

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

Regional Show May 4 – 27, 2018

ACGOW will stage the annual **Regional Show** during May 2018. Click on [Regional Show prospectus](#) for details.

The juror will be Michael Peery, who is an art professor and renowned painter.

Artwork will be accepted for the jury process on Sunday, April 29, from 12 – 5 p.m. and Monday, April 30, from 12 – 5 p.m. Mr. Peery will jury the artwork on Tuesday, May 1, from 9 – 5 p.m. The show committee, chaired by **Gail Giancaspro**, will hang the show on Wednesday, May 2. The show reception will be held on Friday, May 4, from 5 – 8 p.m. Entries not accepted must be picked up Saturday, May 5, 11-7 and Sunday, May 6, 1-5 p.m.

The cash awards (see separate listing) will be announced at @7 p.m. during the reception.

Helpful Hints to aid in Member E-mail Communications

- Always put ACGOW in the subject line of an email to all members or to individual members.
- It is confusing to use "Reply All" if you are changing the subject. Change the subject line if you have a new subject to send. When you change the subject, change the subject line.
- Please ask **Donna Mazzone** for a current artist members contact list if you need one. Donna sends out an updated email lists each month. Please use it.
- Please ask **Carey Williams** for contact information for the associates if you need to contact one or all of the associates.

General News about ACGOW Members and Activities

- The **March 2018 show committee** is Dan Marantz - Co-Chair; Lois Lawrence - Co-Chair; Carey Williams, John, McGuire, Nancy Neilsen, Sandy Webb, Rose Mary Gates
- The **April 2018 show committee** is Kristie Foss Co-Chair, Donna Mazzone - Co-chair; Lora Cobden, Clarence Spangler, Greg Eident, Rick Petrocelli
- **Jane Perkins** has coordinated a program to enable artist and associate members to donate frames for use by the Chariho Career and Technical School. The school will repair frames to be used. Frames may be left in the ACGOW classroom with a note stating a donation for this school. Please let Jane know that you have made a donation.
- **Members in all categories are reminded to pay your annual dues by the end of March.**

May 2018 Regional Show

The annual Regional Show will be held at the gallery during May 2018. As always, it promises to be an amazing show of artists' talents and creativity. The 2017 Regional Show had nearly 300 entrants. Click on [Regional Show to view the 2018 prospectus](#) details. View the sidebar information on the previous page, too.

The cash prizes are listed below. The results will be announced at 7 p.m. at the May 4 reception.

Louise Pittaway Award \$500

(Fine Art Painting Oil or Acrylic)

ACGOW Award \$100 (Fine Art)

Katherine Forest Foundation (5) \$200

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)

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. Email your thoughts and concerns to **Lynn Anderson** at Lynn@NoankArt.com to be added to our list.

Welcome New Artist Members

Ed Porter Photography

February 2018 Show Reception and Demonstrations

The February show "Artists' Favorites" became a special one for the many guests who attended the reception on February 2. Not only was there great art to view, but the demonstrations by **Arlene Piacquadio**, **Kristie Foss**, and **Mimi Huszer Fagnant** were very successful and interesting. Large numbers of the guests gathered around the demonstrations and gained insights into the different forms of art.



Arlene Piacquadio explained her beeswax encaustic painting method



Kristie Foss demonstrated her Mkume Gane metalworking technique



Mimi Huszer Fagnant gave insights into making glass bead jewelry

“Through the Lens” – Nancy Gardner



I had joined ACGOW about 10 years ago as an associate member before the move to Canal Street and then rejoined as a full artist member in 2015. I'm still working full time, but my involvement at the Gallery is important to me. To be able to create in an atmosphere with other creators is inspiring. This group of artists has a special energy together that is not easily found. The opportunity to hang shows is fun! Whoever would have thought that I would have the chance to decorate an entire storefront window! Love that.

I am co-chair of the Fundraising Committee with Lora Cobden; and so we have begun to work on this year's Art Heist. Part of my work on the Heist involves the raw bar. This is a special attraction to the Art Heist. We serve Watch Hill Oysters that are enjoyed by all. In fact, 600 oysters were consumed! Last year's event was hard work, but a great event that everyone enjoyed. We hope for a successful Art Heist again this year.

Currently I serve as ACGOW'S secretary this keeps me in touch with all that is happening; believe me, we are a busy Gallery. Balancing these responsibilities and finding time to paint is an obvious challenge.



I am mostly self-taught however, I have taken some instruction at Hunakai Studios in Foxboro Massachusetts, where I also sit on the Board of Directors. Watercolor is my first love, but I am exploring oil as well. They are so different; when I laid down my first brush stroke in oil I was surprised it didn't move like watercolor does. Of course, I knew this, but it had been a longtime since I had used oils. My work seems to always have water in the landscape. It's where I live. We are surrounded by the different moods of water in Westerly. I have experimented with figures, but need to do more work with them

Our editor, Dave, asked what my favorite oyster recipe is. Of course, I love Rockefeller, but try this recipe: place oysters on the grill, when they are beginning to open pop the top shell add a little garlic butter, grated parmesan cheese and a touch of lemon. Return to the grill until cheese is melted Enjoy!



To view more of Nancy Gardner's artwork, click on her name in the ACGOW website under members: [Nancy Gardner](#). All artist members not currently listed under Members are encouraged to have a webpage.

ACGOW March Show Reception - Friday, March 2, 5-8 p.m.

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