



The ACGOW Gallery News

Celebrating 25 Years of Art: 1992 - 2017

February 2017
Silver Anniversary Year

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

ACGOW Board of Directors

President: Arlene Piacquadio
Vice President: Dan Marantz
Treasurer: Ardie Harrison
Recording Secretary: Nancy Gardner
Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Anderson

ACGOW Committees (see page 5)

25th Anniversary: Debbie Napelitano, Lynn Anderson, Mimi Huszer Fagnant, Carol Schmedinghoff, Francesca Fay
Annual Appeal: Lora Cobden, Ginnie Dugan, Liz McGee, Nancy Nielsen
Associate Members: Susan Burgess, Donna Mazzone
BRAG: Kristie Foss
DBA: Donna Mazzone
Education: Carey Williams (gallery events), Sadie Davidson DeVore (community events)
Fund Raising/Art Heist: Gary Fuller, Liz McGee, Kathleen Hemenway, Nancy Gardner
Gallery Space Design: Brian Comforti, Lynn Anderson, Hanneli Ansel
Membership: Laurie Gavitt, Diane Brown
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Newsletter: Dave Brierley
Posters: Greg Eident (backup needed)
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Regional Show: Susan Burgess, Gail Giancaspro, Patty Nunes
Show Themes and Schedule: Gail Giancaspro, Patty Nunes, Lynn Anderson, Kaleeny Cannon, Madeline Beaudry, Jane Rollins
Supply Purchase: Roberta MacGregor
Visiting Artist: Karen Dodez
Website: Karen Dodez
Westerly Arts Café: Lynn Anderson, Carol Schmedinghoff, Mimi Huszer Fagnant, Debbie Napelitano, Francesca Fay
WRAP: Arlene Piacquadio, Robin Halpren Ruder
Robert Wilkinson: no committee

President's Message – “Change and Exciting Days Ahead”

Welcome new and present members. We have had some changes and expect to have an exciting and very busy year. Nancy Gardner has joined the Board of Directors as recording secretary, Karen Dodez will be our new webmaster, and Donna Mazzone is now our DBA liaison.

The Westerly Arts Café is planning performances for March, April, and May. Please keep watch on our website for dates and performers. We are hoping for poets, musicians, actors, students, Shakespeare, etc. All performances are free to the public. Donations will be appreciated. If you know someone who would like to showcase as a performer, please let us know. STAY TUNED!

February is our visiting artists' month and ACGOW artists' favorites. Please welcome **The Mill at Shady Lea** artists. The show will feature a variety of artists and artisans working in various media. The opening reception is on Friday, February 3, from 5-8 p.m.

Come and enjoy our visiting artists and of course all of our members.

Arlene Piacquadio
ACGOW President

**Artists' Cooperative Gallery
of Westerly**
Celebrating the joy of art for 25 years!

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7 Canal Street
Westerly, RI 02891
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Open Wed-Sat 11-7; Sun 1-5
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Calendar for Coming Events at the Gallery

Jan. 29 – Framing workshop; begins at 2 p.m.; see sidebar for details

Jan. 29 – Last day of the January show

Jan. 30 – Members' meeting; 6 p.m.; bring in artwork for the February show

Jan. 31 – Install February show "**Visiting Artists & Artists' Favorites**" The visiting artists will be members of The Mill at Shady Lea; no featured artists

Feb. 3 – Reception for the February show; 5 – 8 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Last day of the February show

Feb. 27 – Member's meeting; 6 p.m.; bring in artwork for the March show

Feb. 28 – Install March show "**ALCHEMY**" **The Magic of Transformation**; featured artists: **Lois Lawrence** and **Carol Schmedinghoff**

Mar. 3 – Reception for the March show; 5 - 8 p.m.

ACGOW Silver Anniversary

Our 25th year celebration in 2017 will include "Gathering Old Friends." Do you remember a former ACGOW member who would like to exhibit with us in the **September 2017 show**? If you know of one (or 2 or 3), send his/her names and contact info to newsletter editor, Dave Brierley at brierleydg@aol.com.

Also, do you have photographs and memories to share with other ACGOW members in the newsletters during 2017? Please let Dave Brierley know.

Reminder for Submitting Show Labels

Please use the link below to go to the spreadsheet that will allow you to enter artwork by clicking on February 2017 show at the bottom of the page. You no longer need to enter a picture of your art; however, artists must clearly identify each piece of art. Attach a copy of the entry, information to the piece of art, or write the info on a piece of paper to attach.

[Submitting Show Labels – February 2017](#)

ACGOW February 2017 Show – "Shady Lea Artists and ACGOW Artists' Favorites"

This popular annual show features visiting artists. Artwork by [The Mill at Shady Lea](#) artists include works by **Alyn Federico**, **Barbara Crane**, **Trish Hurley**, **Susie Matthews**, **Elizabeth Lind**, **Michelle Jeanne**, **Chris Terry**, **Donna Thompson**, **Sue Greene**, **Don Desper**, **Heather**, **Wilson**, and **Brian Whitely**.

ACGOW artists may display their favorite artwork. No featured artists this month.

2017 Show Schedule (also, see the Teamup calendar)

Click on [2017 show themes, committees, and featured artists](#) to view the 2017 show schedule. Making changes to the show committee, featured artists, or gallery sitting are the responsibility of the member needing a substitute. The artist must find a replacement to make a change and update the Teamup calendar accordingly.

Election of ACGOW Board Members

Election Results

Artist members reelected **Arlene Piacquadio** to a new term of two years as president. The members reelected **Lynn Anderson** to a new two-year term as corresponding secretary. Artists elected **Nancy Gardner** to a two-year term as recording secretary.

Framing Workshop

Techniques in Framing: talk and demonstration by **Lido Mochetti** of **Classic Framers** and ACGOW artist **Laurie Gavitt**, on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. in the gallery's classroom. Open to the public. No charge.

2017 Dues

The annual membership dues for artists and associates are due during January for 2017 payable by check and mailed to ACGOW.

Artists: \$280
Associates: \$48
and other categories as listed in our membership card.

Artists may pay in three payments by March 2017. Associates need to pay in one payment.

General News about ACGOW Members and Activities

- The **February 2017 show committee** is: **Karen Dodez** – co-chair; **Dan Marantz** – co-chair, **Sadie DeVore**, **Robert Wilkinson**, **Nancy Nielsen**, **Kathleen Hemenway**; no featured artists
- The **March 2017 show committee** is: **Diane Brown** – co-chair; **OPEN** – co-chair; **Charlie Liguori**, **Jane Perkins**, **Gary Fuller**, **Debbie Napelitano**, **Donna Mazzone**
- **Nancy Nielsen** has a photography show at the Dryden Gallery at Providence Picture Frame in Providence, R.I. Her show **“Driven to Abstraction”** will run through Feb. 25. The gallery is located at 27 Dryden Lane. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 – 6:30.
- **Karen Dodez** has become ACGOW’s new webmaster. Thanks for taking on this important responsibility!
- Due to a cancellation, **Kristie Foss** states that BRAG is open for use in February and March. Please contact **Kristie** with suggestions or ideas. Amateur clubs and groups, schools, special needs facilities, senior centers or groups are eligible.
- December 2016 sales of artwork was the highest ever! Congratulations! This is a great member’s benefit.
- ACGOW is now able to accept American Express credit cards for gallery sales.

Substitute Gallery Sitters

If unable to find an artist member to substitute for your scheduled gallery sitting commitment, contact one of the following persons. Each one has a fee payable by the artist for serving as a substitute.

Cathy Mason(860-535-0738); **Carol Matthews**(401-596-6087); **Stephanie LoSota**(401-675-7754); **Nina Rossomando**(H/401-348-7050,C/860-857-6633)

January 2017 Events



Ardie Harrison presented wonderfully artistic photographs and information the evening of January 14 on his and Cindy’s visit to the Canadian Maritimes last fall. He took photos 29 days out of 30 on many subjects; mostly early morning ones. They attended the [Celtic Colours Festival](#) and played the Celtic music during the presentation.



Viewer’s Choices are always popular with our guests at the monthly show receptions. Great artwork also helps everyone enjoy the evening, along with great food and conversations with the public and ACGOW members. **Dan Marantz** presented the award results shown below.



1st – Nancy Gardner
“Passing Through” (sold)



2nd – Madeline Beaudry
“Christmas Rose”



3rd – Dan Marantz
“Pinwheel”

Preview of February's Visiting Artists Show



"Sculpture with Options," **Susan Matthews**, ceramic, fiber



"Amniote," **Elizabeth Lind**, Mixed Media cast bronze, clay, marble



"Autumn Wetlands," **Trish Hurley**, oil



"Delta Girl," **Alyn Federico**, pencil drawing



"Radiant Disk," **Christopher T. Terry**, oil on canvas

Excerpted from the ACGOW news release:

From the mysterious to the whimsical to the uplifting, a variety of work by **visiting artists from the Mill at Shady Lea** will seduce visitors this month at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly.

Work on display reflects a wide range of artistic philosophies, forms and expression and ranges from abstract, landscape, and still life painting to drawing, sculpture, multimedia and photography.

February's show also features works in oils, watercolors, photography, glass, pottery, jewelry, fiber arts, sculpture, and more by ACGOW members. This is the annual ACGOW members "**Artists' Favorites**" show.

Flower arrangements will be provided courtesy of Shady Lea's **Michelle Jeanne Floral Design**, website michellejeannefloraldesign.com

The historic Mill at Shady Lea has more than 40 studios for artists and artisans working together and supporting one another in their creative endeavors. For more information, visit <http://themillatshadylea.com/>

2017 ACGOW COMMITTEES and Descriptions Reminder

25th Anniversary

- Plan events for ACGOW's 25th Anniversary

Annual Appeal

- Yearly send out letters and record money collected for appeal

Associate Membership

- Update database, send monthly letters, and encourage artist membership

BRAG

- Scheduled coordinate BRAG (Back Room Art Gallery)

Education

- Schedule and encourage classes

Fund Raising/Art Heist

- Plan and execute yearly fund raisers

Gallery Design Space

- Monthly assess and design used and unused gallery space

Membership

- Update database and send monthly lists, coordinate juries, and training

Maintenance

- Assess gallery maintenance, window cleaning, paint chips, rug cleaning, etc.

Posters

- Monthly and additional posters for shows and events

PR/Advertising/Facebook/Mail-chimp

- Monthly publicity, Facebook, Twitter

Regional Show

- Yearly regional show including juror, letters, collecting art, hanging show, etc.

Show Themes and Schedule

- Yearly meeting for themes and show committees; update as needed

Supply Purchase

- Purchase supplies

Visiting Artist

- Yearly find and host visiting artist/artists

Website

- Monthly update website

Westerly Arts Café

- Six times yearly find performers, set up and clean up gallery, meet with committee