

The ACGOW Gallery News

Celebrating 25 Years of Art: 1992 - 2017

July 2017
25th Anniversary Year

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President's Message – Stolen Moments, Past, Present, and Future: 25 Years and Going Strong

Our July show is the start of our celebration of 25 years since the Coop began. In July 1992, 17 artists wanted to create a space to show and sell quality artwork and to help further the development of area artists. The Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly was born.

Our storefront window is hung with memorabilia including photos, programs, articles, books and our history. There are only a few original members left, Lynn Anderson and Charlie Liguori, but now we have almost 100 artist and associate members.

In 1992, our membership fee was \$240 a year and included monthly shows, a newsletter, no commissions, opening receptions, a variety of media and styles, and a guarantee of hanging your art. Not much has changed!

Look for special events at the Westerly Arts Café, the Art Heist, and a very special evening in September.

Happy 25th and looking forward to the next 25 years!

Arlene Piacquadio
ACGOW President

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

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Calendar for Coming Events at the Gallery

- June 28** – Begin July show “**Stolen Moments**” – **past, present, and future**; featured artists Liz McGee, Deborah Napelitano, and Betsie Withey
- July 7** – Reception for the July show; 5 – 8 p.m. (note date change due to July 4th)
- July 7** – Opening Reception for the Backroom Art Gallery (BRAG) **Bricks and Murals**, 5-8 p.m.
- July 30** – Last day of July show
- July 31** – Members’ meeting 6 p.m.; bring in artwork for the August show
- Aug. 1** – Install August show “**Abbondanza**” – **Gathering Memories Inspires Art**; featured artists **Carey Williams** (wall) and **Karen Dodez** (window) (could be shared; please contact Gail Giancaspro)
- Aug. 4** – Reception for the August show; 5 – 8 p.m.
- Aug. 5** – Art Heist at The Lanphear Livery, 1 Bay Street, in Watch Hill.
- Aug. 18** – Westerly Arts Café; folk singer and poet Tom Connelly; 7 – 9 p.m.
- Aug. 27** – Last day of August show
- Aug. 28** – Member’s meeting 6 p.m.; bring in artwork for September show
- Aug. 29** – Install September show “**Celebrating Our Legacy**” - **25 Years of Art**; featured artist **Diane Brown** (wall) and all artists and associates, past and present
- Sept. 1**– Reception for the September show; 5 – 8 p.m.
- Sept. 9** – ACGOW’s 25th anniversary celebration
- Oct. 1** – Last day of September show

ACGOW 25th Anniversary News

The search is on for former ACGOW members and memorabilia. Our 25th year celebration in 2017 will include “Gathering Old Friends.” If you know of one (or 2 or 3), send his/her names and email addresses to **Dave Brierley** at brierleydg@aol.com.

Lynn Anderson has been reorganizing the ACGOW archives and has found some amazing items that are both fun and educational to read. Please check your files for extra photos, invitations, posters, etc. to add to the ACGOW file and please let Lynn know at Lynn@noankart.com.

Check out the new window exhibit at the gallery on the 25th anniversary. It has many visual connections to the heritage of ACGOW. Photographs of the exhibit appear later in this newsletter on page 6.

ACGOW Show News from Gail Giancaspro

Previous dates have been changed

1. Our official 25th Birthday Celebration will happen on Saturday, September 9.
2. Monday, August 28 --- ACGOW ARTISTS’ MEETING; 6pm
3. Tuesday, August 29 ---HANG SEPTEMBER SHOW
4. Friday, September 1 --- OPENING NIGHT FOR SEPTEMBER SHOW – ALSO FIRST FRIDAY
5. Sitters signed up already for the week beginning August 28 are now sitting in the SEPTEMBER SHOW month **NOT** August Show!

You will need to find new sitting days in August to fulfill your August Gallery Sitting commitment. There are only five members with this issue.

Gail will contact them separately to provide some options for August.

Welcome New Artist Members

Sandy Webb watercolor metaldesigns.scw@aol.com
Clarence Spangler woodworking EPANGLER45@gmail.com
Lisle Ann Jackson photography lisle.jackson@yahoo.com

Art Heist – Aug. 5

This is ACGOW’s premier fundraiser for the year. Lots of enthusiasm, music, tasty appetizers, wine, and great fun will happen as it did last year. Guests will “heist” from the artwork generously donated by ACGOW artists, associates, and guests.

Artwork is being collected in the ACGOW store room in bins marked “Art Heist.” Artist members have generously donated 39 pieces of artwork.

The minimum value of each piece of artwork will be in excess of \$150. Tickets to bid during Art Heist cost \$150. Tickets and catalogues are on sale at the gallery now. Each donor of artwork will be admitted for free along with one guest. Non-donors and non-bidding guests may attend for \$25 per person.

Art Heist will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Lanphear Livery, 1 Bay Street, in Watch Hill. Ample parking is located behind The Lanphear Livery.



General News about ACGOW Members and Activities

- The **July 2017 show committee** was: Ardie Harrison – co-chair; Laurie Gavitt – co-chair;; Fordan Bonardi, Roberta MacGregor, Charlie Liguori, Janice Leitch, John McGuire
- The **August 2017 chow committee** is: Kristi Foss – co-chair; Mimi Huszer-Fagnant- co-chair; Lois Lawrence, Gail Giancaspro, Robert Wilkinson, Carol Schmedinghoff, Robin Halpren-Ruder, Betsie Withey
- **Art Heist** - Lora Cobden and Nancy Gardner are soliciting help from ACGOW members to provide appetizers and volunteers to help with conducting Art Heist. Please contact either Lora or Nancy for more information and to sign up.
- **Donna Mazzone** has provided the latest artists' membership list. Use this link to view it.
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1U1-raOSJ5Kg0RSXpHXyQoo3AtDht3A2UAszXzOuVnbU/edit?usp=sharing>
- **Check out the ACGOW "25th Anniversary: a gallery of memories" front window exhibit June – September. There is lots of background information to share with visitors to the gallery.**
- The June show reception Viewers' Choice awards were presented to:
1st Place: **Angel Zair** for "The Choir"
2nd Place: **Kathleen Hemenway** for "Winter's Journey"
3rd Place: **Charlie Liguori** for "Fenway Beach"

BRAG for 2017

According to BRAG (Back Room Art Gallery) committee chair **Kristie Foss**, the remaining months of BRAG 2017 exhibits have been filled. BRAG is not used by outside groups in November and December to enable more show space for artist members to exhibit their holiday artwork. The schedule is:

July – Bricks and Murals

August – Ninigret Artist group

September – Bricks and Murals

October - Frank Olean Center

November and December – no BRAG exhibits (ACGOW holiday show uses this room)

Revised 2017 Show Calendar

AUGUST 2017 (Show on view from Aug. 2 through Aug. 27)

THEME – "Abbondanza" - **Gathering Memories Inspires Art**

FEATURED ARTIST FOR THE WALL – Carey Williams

FEATURED ARTIST FOR THE WINDOW – Karen Dodez & ??someone to share??

SHOW COMMITTEE – Kristi Foss – Co-Chair; Mimi Huszer-Fagnant – Co-Chair

Lois Lawrence, Gail Giancaspro, Robert Wilkinson, Carol Schmedinghoff, Betsie Withey

Robin Halpren-Ruder

(Publicity deadline; artist's bios, photos of your art for publication – Jun. 5, 2017)

SHOW SCHEDULE -

Mon. Jul. 31 (6 --7) Members' Meeting; drop off artwork for show

Tues. Aug. 1 – Hang show

Fri. Aug. 4 – Opening Reception 5 – 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2017 (Show on view from Aug. 30 through Oct. 1)

THEME – "Celebrating Our Legacy" - **25 Years of Art**

FEATURED ARTIST FOR THE WALL – Diane Brown

FEATURED ARTIST FOR THE WINDOW – **ALL MEMBERS, active, associate & past -25th ****

SHOW COMMITTEE – Nancy Gardner –Co-Chair ; Carey Williams – Co-Chair

Jane Rollins, Ardie Harrison, Karen Dodez, Liz McGee, John McGuire

(Publicity deadline; artist's bios, photos of your art for publication – Jul. 3, 2017)

SHOW SCHEDULE -

Mon. Aug. 28 - (6 --7) Meeting; drop off artwork for show

Tues. Aug. 29 – Hang show

Fri. Sept. 1 – Opening Reception 5:00 – 8:00 -- ****Note: This IS the First Friday**

Sat. Sept. 9 – ACGOW 25th Anniversary Birthday Celebration

Revised 2017 Show Calendar Revisions continued

OCTOBER 2017 (Show on view from Oct. 4 through Oct. 29)

THEME - **"Time Travel" On to the Next 25 Years**

Annual ALL MEMBERS EXHIBIT

NO FEATURED Artists

SHOW COMMITTEE- Lora Cobden- Co-Chair; Carol Schmedinghoff- Co-Chair
Fordan Bonardi, Susan Burgess, Gary Fuller, Jane Perkins, Francesca Fay, Donna St Amant
(Publicity deadline: artist's bios, photos of your art for publication - August 1, 2017)

SHOW SCHEDULE -

Mon. Oct. 2 - (6:00-7:00) Meeting / Drop off art for show

Tues. Oct. 3 - Hang show

Fri. Oct. 6 - Opening Party 5 - 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2017 (Show on view from Nov. 1 through Nov. 26)

THEME - **"Treasure Trove"- Giftable Art**

HOLIDAY SHOW

NO FEATURED ARTISTS, BUT ARTIST'S WORK GROUPED TOGETHER, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

SHOW COMMITTEE - Roberta MacGregor- Co-Chair; Kathleen Hemingway - Co-Chair
Sadie DeVore, Greg Eident, Robin Halpren Ruder, Donna Mazzone, Betsy Withey
Rose Mary Gates

(Publicity deadline: artist's bios, photos of your art for publication - Sept. 5, 2017)

Committee Reminder: Organization for Donations to be decided by the Nov. committee!

SHOW SCHEDULE -

Mon. Oct. 30 (6:00-7:00) Meeting; drop off artwork for show

Tues. Oct. 31 - Hang show

Fri. Nov. 3 - Opening Party 5:00 - 8:00

DECEMBER 2017 (Show on view from Nov. 29 through Dec. 31)

THEME - **"Silver and Snow"**

HOLIDAY SHOW

NO FEATURED ARTISTS

SHOW COMMITTEE - Lynn Anderson- Co-Chair; Madeline Beaudry-Co-Chair
Patty Nunes,, Liz McGee, Lois Lawrence, Brian Comforti, Donna St Amant, Angel Ramos
(Publicity deadline: artist's bios, photos of your art for publication - Oct. 2, 2017)

Committee Reminder: Organization for Donations to be decided by the Dec. committee!

SHOW SCHEDULE -

Mon. Nov. 27 (6:00-7:00) Meeting; drop off artwork for show

Tues. Nov. 28 - Hang show

Wed. Dec. 6 - Special Holiday Opening party 5:00 8:00

To coordinate with Westerly Downtown Holiday Stroll

Bricks and Murals Update

In September, Bricks and Murals, a Rhode Island grassroots artistic and economic movement, is slated to enhance the historic downtown Westerly-Pawcatuck community by funding and maintaining 15 originally designed murals showcasing the culture and history of the region. As downtown Westerly-Pawcatuck continues to grow into a regional center for arts, dining and shopping, Bricks and Murals will provide a lasting display of public art that will not only beautify the town, but also help to strategically shape the physical and social character of the downtown area. In July, the Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly is pleased to feature the mural designs in the Back Room Art Gallery (BRAG). All are welcome to attend the opening reception, Friday, July 7, from 5-8 p.m. The show will run through July 30.

The mural designs were created by The Walldogs, highly skilled sign painters and mural artists from all over the globe who have volunteered their time and talent since 1993 to more than 26 towns to paint 548 murals depicting local history. This year local artist **Cam Bortz** celebrates 20 years as a member of the Walldogs.

The actual murals will be painted from September 13-17, 2017. A five-day Bricks and Murals Festival will feature real-time painting of the murals. There will also be daily live music, a downtown food stroll, trolley rides, children's activities, an art show, an auction and a raffle. For more information, visit bricksandmurals.org.

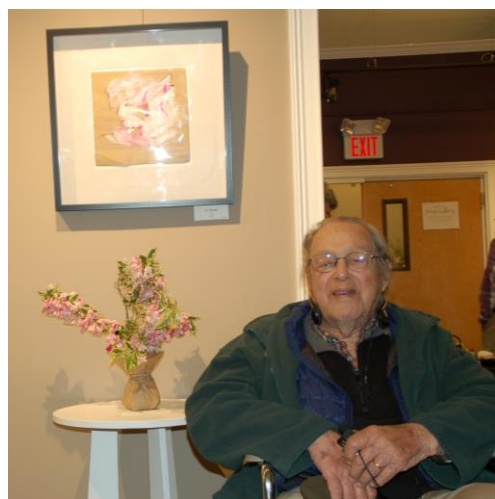
Photographs of Recent ACGOW Events



Arlene Piacquadio unveiled each of the proposed murals at the Bricks and Murals opening reception on June 8 at the gallery



Mr. and Mrs. Mal A. Makin have funded a mural of Wilcox Park



Gert Rohdin announced his permanent move to Florida during the June reception. He is shown with one of his favorite paintings titled "Leez" with flowers by **Chant Clapham**.



YMCA Garden Club members (left to right) **Audrey Steinetz**, **Nina Rossomando**, and **Ingrid Kramer** posed in front of Nina's flowers and **Carey Williams'** painting "Love's Death"

ACGOW's 25th Anniversary - "A Gallery of Memories"



Gallery front window with historic materials produced by the 25th Anniversary Committee of Arlene Piacquadio, Lynn Anderson, Debbie Napalitano, Mimi Huszer Fagnant, Carol Schmedinghoff, Francesca Fay, Betsie Withey



Jane Rollins' artistic banner encourages viewers to sit at the table to browse gallery archival notebooks and artists' books



Photos, newspaper articles, posters enable visitors to explore our past



Jane Rollins' signs and a digital photo frame of recent memories are invitations to see history