



May 2019

Message from our President

It is so nice to see the start of Spring trying just a little bit harder every day to finally burst through and proclaim its arrival time and to push out the last waning cold days of winter. Time for Spring cleaning and getting your winter clothes packed away. I may be a bit premature with the last statement...but you can see, we're gaining on it as each day passes. Mother Nature works very fast when you get a few days in a row that are sunny and warm...all of a sudden, trees start putting out their chartreuse leaves and flowers start popping and the birds are singing, it's Spring at its best and everything looks so fresh and new. If you haven't painted in a while, take this opportunity to get out there and paint or take pictures and paint them at home. Think of it as a time to recharge your batteries and let those creative juices flow.

Eight years ago, this month we moved from Harbourhill on Division Street to the Baptist Church Hall for our monthly meetings. Doesn't seem possible that it was that long ago. Just think about all of the demo artists that have come through in those 8 years...it's amazing but pales in comparison to the 52 previous years. All of those artists have enriched our lives with their fabulous demos in so many different mediums and genres. Sharing their talent and giving us pointers and encouragement. You wonder if there is anyone out there who hasn't graced us with their appearance or if we'll run out of them. Banish the thought!

Well, I am happy to report that there are still some out there and we have found an award winning one for this meeting. Howard Parks of Stonington, CT will be here to share his knowledge of painting with us. He is a man of many talents and a virtual fountain of information about how paint colors were made years ago as well as today, using a minimal palette to make just about any color, all things art related and many other things not related. He will be painting with oils in plein air fashion, with continual running dialogue regarding his techniques and bits of humor and any other pertinent info he wants to pass on. He often sketches line drawings in ink when he travels and later adds watercolor washes to them. Hopefully he will bring some of those with him to share with us. I watched a you tube demo Howard did for the Stonington Free Library and was completely taken by his presentation. From set up to the end, he was a delight to watch and listen to. I hope you will come to the meeting to watch him. Better still, bring along a friend or two.

In Celebration of Our 60th Year

There was some discussion at the last meeting about having some celebratory events this year to mark our 60 years. Two different events were presented.

One of the events has community involvement playing a role with the intent of creating more awareness of what we do and who we are. It would raise the level of our existence with the objective of establishing a higher profile in the community and perhaps enticing some new members.

In order to work, a publicity "blitz" of sorts would be needed. Perhaps a feature article in the E. G. Monthly Magazine about a month or two before the event. We might consider exploring having someone from the club represent us in business community plans or activities to expand our visibility. We need to establish a committee of several interested and passionate members to take on the job of making this become a reality.

Making this work would most likely involve invitations being sent to local politicians, the Town Council, the EG Library Staff, various local school and organizations in town to name a few.

The event could perhaps be held at the Senior Center on a Saturday with an Open House format where people would be coming and going during the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The center rentals are in 4 hour increments with us having an hour before and an hour after to close down. This just an overview for consideration. If there is sufficient interest in this type of activity, it should be considered for fall or beyond. If there is not, it should be taken off the table for further discussion.

The second event discussed was to have a luncheon on a Saturday so members that don't drive at night and members that work and able to attend. This would be a celebration of Members. We discussed having it at Meritage; however, it would be a little pricey even with having the members pitch in \$10 or \$15 pp. We need to look at different venues, we need suggestions. A few volunteers would be needed to plan and execute this event. There would not be community involvement and it would take place probably in the fall.

We really NEED members input. Do you think these events are viable? Is there something you would like to suggest? Comments and constructive criticism is welcome. You can call or email to Jeannine or Nancy. We need some form of direction. Thank you.

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We meet at 7pm on the first Tuesday of month, except for July, August, & January at The First Baptist Church Hall, 30 Pierce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

All are welcome!!!

Hospitality for the evening will be provided by Deb Calabro, Donna Hallam, Demetra Bianchi and Celeste Chute-Wright.

Presenter for May is Howard Parks of Stonington, CT. He will be here to share his knowledge of painting with us.

<http://hgparkfineart.com>

Opportunities for our Members: To Paint

From Celeste Chute-Wright:

If you enjoy painting outside there will be opportunities to paint en plein air with other members of EGAC. I am currently in the process of coordinating some dates/times and locations for painting outside. I will be discussing this with the group of us at our next EGAC meeting. Suggestions are welcomed.

Our 1st plein air group for the season will be at the Goddard Memorial State Park on Saturday May 11th from 10AM to 1PM. We will be meeting at the Beach and Carousal area in the park. There is a parking lot there. The proper address for the park is: 1095 Ives Rd. Warwick RI. When entering the park here the Beach and Carousal Area is off of the 3rd and last exit past the golf course.

Thank You!

Celeste, e-mail: cchutewright@cox.net

To Exhibit

We hope to provide several opportunities to exhibit in celebration of this 60th milestone year.

- . Our next show is planned for the **Warwick Public Library in their meeting/conference room in June.**
- . There will be another opportunity to hang in the **Warwick Library's common area: OUR 2019 ANNUAL SHOW in September.**
- . And the Annual Show at **the Cranston Library will be in October 2020.**

About Town – Supporting Our Members

Ron Joseph

Ron is exhibiting his photos at the New England Institute of Technology
1 New England Tech Boulevard
(previously 1408 Division Road)
East Greenwich, RI 02818

. The photos can be seen in the Library until the end of May.

Ann Bianchi

Ann is exhibiting at The Rhode Island Natural History Survey. An invitational show featuring her paintings of Nature. On display: January 2019-January 2020
[14 East Farm Road](#), URI, [PO Box 1858](#), [Kingston, RI 02881](#); [401.874.5800](#)

Looking for a unique gift to give a pet fancier or to cherish yourself? If so then Contact Ann Bianchi: annbww@cox.net with special requests and photos of your favorite fur friend. Painting can be small, medium or custom sized. This is an ongoing fundraiser with Wickford Art Association.

Rita Williams

Rita has an ongoing exhibit of her welcome slates, and 4 x 6 paintings on easels.
at [The Fantastic Umbrella Factory](#) in Charlestown, RI.

Rosemarie Manson

Continues to exhibit at [Main St. Coffee](#)

Several of our members are exhibiting at New Hope Art Gallery. Show continues until July.



Artist of the Month

Sharon Smith



Sharon Smith is an award-winning artist. She is a member of the South County, East Greenwich, Old Lyme and Wickford Art Associations and also teaches at the South County and East Greenwich Art Associations. She can be found at local art festivals too.

Awards

East Greenwich Art Club

Best of Show, 2009 & 2016

1st Place, 2014

3rd Place, 2010

Honorable Mention, 2011

Wickford Art Association

1st Place, 2014

3rd Place, twice in 2014

South County Art Association

2nd Place, All Media Open Juried II 2017

When Sharon was little, crayons and flower gardens were very important to her. The smell, color, shapes and patterns were imprinted on her brain. Not knowing it would affect her life forever. The creative process had begun at an early age. Whether it was gardening, photography, quilting, or painting, the passion for creating something out of nothing has continued. Sharon sees the ordinary and then paints it extraordinary. The simple made into beautiful. Sharon's passion for oil painting is rooted in her early exposure to flower gardens and simple ordinary subjects of life. Sharon loves to paint still-life, animals, sea or landscapes. "It all comes down to painting the beauty within any subject and sharing that experience with anyone who see beyond the ordinary."