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From the President...

Welcome back to the regular EGAC monthly meetings. I hope your summer was filled with fun-filled days and inspirational painting opportunities.

Last year was challenging for me mainly because I was an unseasoned member with a modicum of club experience and knew little of the club's 50 year history. I felt unprepared to take on the responsibility of leadership, but there seemed to be no one to take over the helm. Nancy Moretti had put in three years as President, and there comes a time when it's not fair to expect more. She had "righted the ship" and improved its viability. I will need your help to continue its upward trend and will be asking for volunteers to accomplish this goal.

Our Warwick Museum of Art show was a success, especially for a first time try. The Opening Reception was very well attended. Kudos to the Museum and the hanging committee for a job well done; and a special kudos to Kathleen Simpson for all her effort with the scholarship awards and getting the elementary school kids' art contest organized and matted for display at the show. It is my belief that we have established a good relationship with the Museum and will continue to do so in the future—with the aim of having our events realize a profit for the Club. The Club doesn't or hasn't had a budget to work within as far as I can see, and I will be working with our treasurer, Beth Johnston, and other officers and/or committee chairs to establish one. We will keep you posted on our discussions and plans on this at our September meeting.

Jeannine Anderson, President



NEXT MEETING:

September 7, 2010
7:00 pm
Harborhill Place
159 Division Street
East Greenwich, RI

GUEST DEMONSTRATOR:

Mike Bryce, a local oil painter

To see some of his work, please visit his website at <http://web.me.com/mikebryceart/Site/Photos.html>

ANNOUNCING...

The EGAC Art Show at the East Greenwich Library will run through the month of October with the Opening Reception on Thursday, October 7th, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The hang date is on Saturday, October 2nd from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please have your paintings there by noon time. Limit of two paintings per artist and a \$5.00 fee* payable at drop off. Paintings are to be taken down on October 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Size requirements are a maximum of 16" x 20" on the first of two paintings. Second paintings should be smaller, if possible. We are still experimenting with sizes to accommodate your needs. Shows at the EG Library were originally billed as small picture shows, but it seems that it placed constraints on many artists. We will continue to evaluate the dimensions as needed to produce an acceptable display. As the numbers of artists grow, the size of paintings may need to be decreased as determined by the "hanging committee". So, please note that fee and painting size will vary from show to show due to wall space available and budget constraints.

**An upcoming board meeting will be scheduled to discuss the fee structure for future shows.*

Several years ago, club member Esther Jackson donated a group of paintings which she had collected from various club artists. What to do with these paintings? We have an idea, and we need your help to raffle possibly three of them. This would be to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Raffle tickets will be sold at several venues. The Main Street Stroll and Summer's End Concert (September 2 and 3, 2010) provide an excellent opportunity for this to happen. We will need 2 people to man a table at the Main Street Stroll and a few artists to set up easels flanking the table or to hang paintings on panels for sale. This will make our "area" more visible or more attractive or more of a "happening" and draw a crowd. Also, at Summer's End, more volunteers are needed to man a table. Coverage would be from approximately 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm or until dark (maybe 2 shifts of 2 people). Please contact Jeannine Anderson at 884-9258 to volunteer.

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Next Newsletter

For submissions to the October EGAC newsletter, please call or email Joanne MacConnell (cell 338-4776 or jomacconnell@cox.net) by September 15, 2010.

Board Meeting

Call to all Board Members and Committee Chairs to attend a meeting one hour ahead of the regularly scheduled September meeting. There is much to be discussed.



PAINTERS WANTED

Way back in 2000, Gene Burgess and several club members participated in painting fire hydrants in town to look like soldiers. This was done in celebration of the 225th anniversary of the founding of the American Navy. A call from Bruce MacGunnigle informed me that those hydrants need "freshening" and would the club again help out. Gene has agreed to participate again, and what I am asking is for a few volunteer artists to help. He says we painted at least 4 hydrants, possibly more. If you would like to participate in this public service project, please call Jeannine at 884-9258. We need at least 3 volunteers, and more can be put on a "substitute list". We were not given a "deadline" for this project.

FOND FAREWELL

The East Greenwich Art Club wishes a fond farewell and thank you to Jerry Meyer who stepped down as head of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce to retire earlier this summer. He was instrumental in initiating the Arts on Main and Main Street Stroll.

September Hospitality

Ann Daum
Mary Bucci
Joan Conway



ANNOUNCING... (continued)

Raffle tickets will also be sold at the Opening Reception of the East Greenwich Library Show on October 7th and a raffle held at the December Cranston Library Show. We need your help and cooperation to make this fundraising opportunity a success for the Scholarship Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Main Street Stroll (Main Street, East Greenwich)
Thursday, September 2 (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

Summer's End Concert, Eldridge School Field
Friday, September 3 (gates open at 5:00 pm, entertainment starts at 5:30 pm, and the concert starts at 8:15 pm)

Featuring the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, special events for the kids, and special recognition for our Veterans. Please contact Jeannine Anderson at 884-9258 to volunteer.

Big Draw Day's "Draw and Doodle. Do!!"
Saturday, October 2, 2010 (at the North Kingstown Free Library from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm)

The *Big Draw Day* is internationally recognized on October 9th, but celebrated in North Kingstown on October 2nd. The Campaign for Drawing originating in the UK sponsors this worldwide campaign for drawing, including Big Draw USA and Neighborhood. For more details about the free activities and workshops available for this local event, call 401-294-3306.

Also, Patience Peck suggested that it would be a great idea for East Greenwich to become involved in the *Big Draw Day*. This may be something that we could initiate next year with volunteers. Additional information is available at <http://www.campaignfordrawing.org/home/index.aspx>.

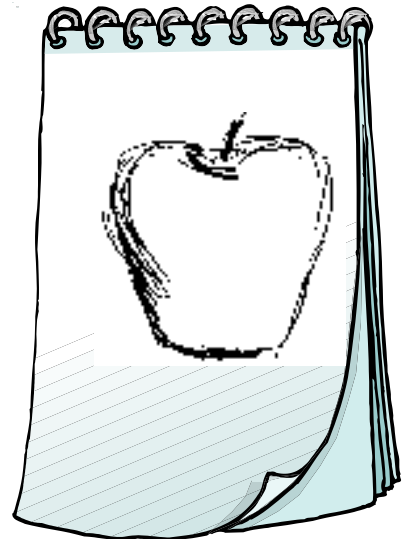
EXHIBITS AND MEMBER NEWS

Dianne Webb and *Trish Marcaccio* have works on display at Voila Fine Art Gallery, 31 West Main Street, Wickford, Rhode Island. Gallery information is available at 667-5911 or at www.voila-art.com.

Congratulations to *Beverly Silva* for receiving an award for a watercolor collage in the Associate Member Show at the North Shore Art Association in Gloucester, MA, on exhibit through August 1st. She also had a watercolor collage accepted into the RI Watercolor Society's "Anything Goes" exhibit which ran through August 6th.

Marilyn Mooney showed her paintings in the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival on August 14th and 15th.

Ann Randall and *June Flori* are currently showing at the Gilbert Stuart Birthplace Art Show through October 11th.



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“The only time I feel alive is when I’m painting.”

Vincent Van Gogh



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