

# May 2023

## President's Message

### IMPORTANT BUSINESS THIS MONTH

Please plan to attend the May meeting if at all possible.

- We will begin the meeting with an important proposal!!

Our original Bylaws had THREE major purposes stated.

Sometime in the distant past one of these purposes was dropped, perhaps because it was deemed unattainable (?).

The statement: ***"...thirdly, to bear in mind the need for a club house and conduct the club and its activities in a manner conducive to the realization of this aim."***

We have established a comfortable place for our educational meetings; we have set up a small gallery space to be a presence in the downtown East Greenwich area; we have built a partnership with the Town of East Greenwich's Recreation Department to have a place to hold workshops. All these actions are affordable within our existing budget.

These actions have helped us rebuild our organization to 60 members after COVID reduced us to 20!

When the organization was faced with the possibility of disbanding in 2019, we had to consider the fact that the Club had a sizeable CD that was sitting in a bank account. What would happen to it if we disbanded the organization?

At our May meeting, I will propose we reconsider the third goal considering increasing membership, a strong Board, and the savings in our bank account.

I will open this question for discussion: “Should the East Greenwich Art Club re-establish the third goal stating that the Club will ***“Conduct activities that can support the aim of establishing a single location in which to conduct business, hold educational meetings and workshops, and exhibit works of art to the public.”***”?

- For the second part of our May meeting, we will display works of art by our members that honor our pets and animals.
- Our June meeting will feature two area artists who will show exemplary works of art and discuss their experiences as members of two different artist “Cooperatives” in Rhode Island so we may better understand if that is a direction to explore for the future.

#### **Other news:**

We still have openings for Dan Lake’s May 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> workshop, but registration will close soon. If you would like to attend, see the online form or contact [info@eastgreenwichartclub.org](mailto:info@eastgreenwichartclub.org) for information.

**Our EGAC at 333 Main Gallery** had 17 artists signed up to display during this upcoming year. There are 13 openings for the fall display times. A sign-up chart will be circulated at the May meeting, after which time direct invitations will be made via email to members until all slots are filled.

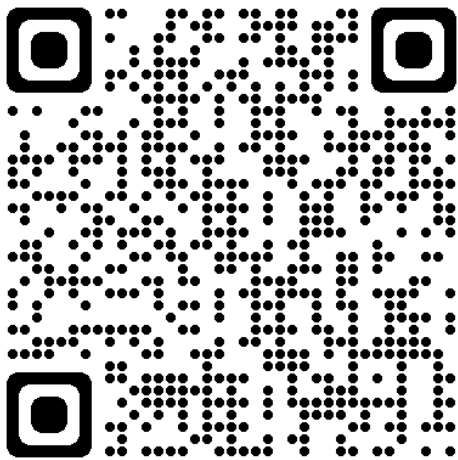
**On May 25<sup>th</sup> we will be displaying art at the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce’s Art Stroll.** Please contact Ron Joseph if you wish to participate with the Club outside the 333 Main Street Gallery space (opposite Bezos). We’d like several members to participate so that we can promote the club by showing their work that evening. Those who wish to participate should advise Ron Joseph at [rpjoseph@hotmail.com](mailto:rpjoseph@hotmail.com)

## Web sites and QR codes

Do you have a website already built on the Internet?

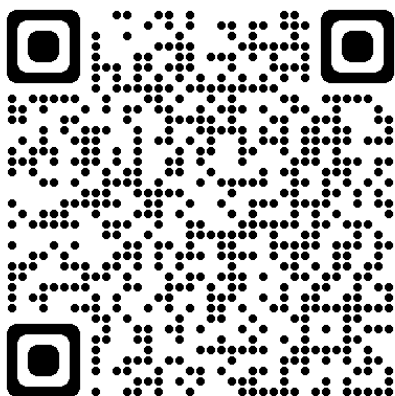
If so, Dan can create a QR code to point to it and then email it to you to use on business cards or in any email or website you create. No charge!

Here is an example that leads to Ann Bianchi's online presence:



If you have no online presence and would like a simple one page linked from our website (with a QR code to lead to it), let Dan know and we will create a single page for you with some text and images. For this we would ask a \$25 fee.

Here is a single page created for Ron Joseph:





**We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00, except for January, July and August at the**

**United Methodist Church  
1558 So. County Trail  
East Greenwich, RI**

Snacks will be provided courtesy of these members:

Sharon Estes, Jeannine Anderson and Ann Bianchi.  
Thank you!

## Officers and Committees

President: Daniel Lake

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# About Town – Supporting Fellow Artists

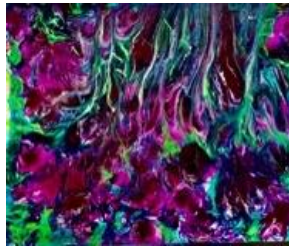
\***Ann Bianchi** will be a demonstration plein air painter for two upcoming events:

- South County Art Association Kingston Village Fair, Saturday, May 13 from 10am-3pm.
- “Wickford in Bloom” tour event through the town of Wickford on June 24 -25.
- Ann will be exhibiting in Wickford Art Association Small Works of Ocean State, June 23-July 23.

\***Trish Marcaccio** has received two honors:



- Her painting, GLORY, was accepted into the Warwick Art Association exhibit, “A Splash of Color”.



- Her painting, GYRATION, received an Honorable Mention Award in the RIWS Exhibit.

\***Susan Aitcheson**, Judy Vilmain, and Valerie Albert Weingard are exhibiting at the Providence Art Club until May 5. The galleries are open 12-4 Sunday through Friday. The address is 11 Thomas St. Providence, RI. Join us at Thirsty Thursday, Angel’s Lane on April 27<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm.

\*The arts also include music. Our EGAC member, **Debra Bergeron**, will be performing in the West Bay Chorale’s concert. It will be held on May 7 at 7:00pm at St. Kevin’s Church on Sandy Lane in Warwick.

# CALL FOR ARTISTS

## West Bay Open Studios Tour

### Oct 21 & 22, 2023

Are you an artist with a studio located in North Kingstown, East Greenwich, or Warwick, RI? Consider applying to join West Bay Open Studios Tour, a collaborative group of artists who annually open their studios to the public for a self-guided tour. All mediums are welcome. A prospectus and application can be obtained at <http://www.westbayopenstudios.com/call-for-artists.html>. Applications are **due by May 15, 2023**. Please contact [WBOS@Warwickcfa.org](mailto:WBOS@Warwickcfa.org) with questions.