



east greenwich Art Club

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December 2014

President's Message

The bylaws committee met on November 12th and worked out most of the details on the proposed amendments. The changes are basically to bring us up to date on the way we do business now and to add some items that were not covered. We intend to make the language more inclusive by rewording some areas such as making scholarships available to all high school students instead of just East Greenwich, which will better represent the demographics of our membership.

We added to our stated purposes the support of

art education for our members. We also added "photographers" to the list of those eligible for artist membership. We will be writing guidelines for how the club makes purchases. The process has been slow, but our helpers are all part-time and the pay stinks, so I'm not complaining.

We should have something ready for the membership to vote on by our February meeting. We do not meet in January. All members may contribute ideas. No amendments can be made without a two-thirds approval of members present at the meeting. Prior notice will

be made of this meeting so all interested members may attend.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Festive Kwanzaa, and Happy Holidays. Whatever your preference, I hope you enjoy these times when family and friends get together to celebrate. I hope you all can help us celebrate at our December holiday meeting. There will be several great demos presented by our own members. There is something to interest everyone. Please come and enjoy. And come hungry, for all the delicious dishes and the education.

- Linda Eastman

Special points of interest:

- **Next Member Meeting**
December 2nd, 7pm, The First Baptist Church Hall, 30 Pierce Street, East Greenwich, RI
- No meeting in January

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December Meeting Presenter (s)

December's Meeting will be a Christmas Party -Round Robin with the following demonstrations conducted by our fellow members:

Beth Johnston - color mixing using a limited palette.

Sharon Smith - making canvas boards

Dianne Webb - Tips on framing your Oil paintings

Trish Marcaccio - Tips on framing your Watercolors

Joyce Neville - Painting/collage techniques

Earl Randall - Bowl making steps

CRITIQUE CORNER: Are you struggling with part of a painting or not sure if it is ready to be signed?

Get input from your fellow artists. One painting per member. Ian Sanderson & Jeannine Anderson are the coordinators.

HOSPITALITY: Everyone should bring in some "Goodies" for our refreshment table.

Free Photo/Image Hosting Sites

Below are some options for sharing your photography or images of your artwork.

Flickr <https://www.flickr.com/>
Launched back in 2004, Flickr suffered under several years of neglect from owner Yahoo. But a recent revamp has made it once again a great option for photographers who want to show off their work. Flickr provides a remarkable 1TB of space for free, with ads on the site, or \$49.99 a year without. Flickr also offers a great selection of tools, extensive tagging features and support for both viewing and downloading photos at a variety of resolutions (including the original size).

500 Pixels <https://www.500px.com>
Aimed at the serious photographer, 500 Pixels offers an image-focused design that puts your photos front and center, providing a clean and elegant way to display your best images. You can organize your pictures into Sets (photos on a particular theme) and Stories (photos of an event) that present the images in a strikingly dramatic fashion. The free version of the service allows you to upload 20 photos a week (unlimited uploads cost \$25 a year). You can also sell prints, but with prices starting at \$36 for a 12 x 18 print, these are aimed at those who want art on their walls, not a quick snap of Aunt Doris

Once you have edited your photos, you can organize them into albums or stories — the latter a neat scrolling presentation of photos and accompanying text several users can compile. Photobucket provides extensive support for selling prints. Visitors can buy individual photos, photo books or even things like fleece blankets and tablet cases with your photos on them.

Canon Irista <https://irista.com>
A newcomer to the photo-sharing world, Irista comes from Canon, but doesn't require a Canon device to use. Plenty of features are available, including uploader programs for Mac and Windows computers and support for quickly sharing photos to Facebook and Flickr (but, oddly, not Twitter or other social networks). The system is easy to use, with powerful tagging and album-creation features, but there is no direct support for buying prints or creating photo books, and no mobile apps. A free account gets a generous 10GB of space, or 50GB for \$67 per year. From: <http://www.tomsguide.com/us/best-photography-sites,review-2243.html>

Photobucket <https://www.photobucket.com>
The free version of Photobucket offers 2GB of space—enough for many thousands of photos, though it comes with ads. You can remove ads and up the storage space to 10GB for \$29.99 a year. Photobucket has a generous collection of editing tools on offer through a simple, easy-to-use interface. This list includes unusual tools like the smart color brush, which selectively adds color back into a black-and-white image.

A very easy drag-and-drop system allows you to organize albums of your photos and collections of photos from you and other photographers. Once you have created an album of photos you like, you can print a 20-page photo book for \$34.95 (plus \$0.50 for extra pages). Overall, Flickr is our top pick and Editor's Choice award winner, thanks to its massive amount of storage and a simple, clean interface that makes it a joy to use.



Sleigh Ride by Rita Williams



By Elizabeth Callahan

Member News and Exhibits

Rose Manson, Trish Maccarcio, Bev Silva, Joan Edge. Were accepted into the " Art inspired by Song".show. juried by Bob Noreika at the **R.I. Watercolor Society.** Trish's work is titled "Music of the Night". Show runs from November 23- Dec 31. Open Reception is Sunday, Nov. 23 1-4 PM.

Trish was also invited to exhibit four paintings in the "New Artist and Signature Member Show at the **RI Watercolor Society** Jan. 11th- Feb, 5th. Opening Reception on Sunday, January 11th 1-4PM

Jean Green and Sharon Smith will be exhibiting many of their works at **Wickford Art Association's** Little Picture Show. November 28th thru December 18th, 2014

Reception December 7th 1-2 pm

Paintings by some of our members made it onto the **TV Maître d' show** when **Main Street Coffee** was spotlighted. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUst7N5kSa0&list=UUYhh3qLi_LuuaiIUCH4ey7A&index=11

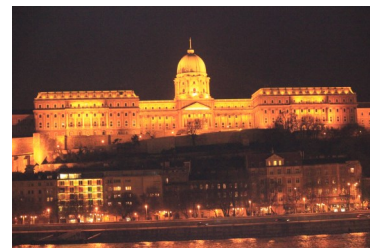
Ron Joseph, Nancy Nielson and Linda Eastman have work accepted into the "On The Streets" Photography Show & Sale at the **Warwick Museum of Art** Opening Reception: Wednesday, December 3 (6:00 - 8:00pm) in the Main Gallery. Exhibit runs until December 20 / January 5 - 10

Marillyn Mooney, Rosemarie Manson, Joan Edge, Beth Johnston, Joan Conroy and Rita Williams will be exhibiting at **New England Farm and Artist** 45 Nooseneck Hill

Rd, Exit 6 Plaza West Greenwich, RI 02818 Exhibit runs through January 9th. Artist Reception is December 5th from 7-9pm.

Rosemarie Manson is also exhibiting with the East Side Art Center, at **Amy's Place**, a restaurant at 214 Wickenden St, Providence, RI 02903 , **New Hope Gallery**, Thomas C. Slater Training School Youth Development Center Building 23, 57 Power Road Cranston, R.I.

Peggy Henderson recently sold her painting of Harley the Cat at **Java Madness** in Narragansett. Earl Randall participated in the Craft Show at the East Greenwich Barn on 11/22 and 11/23.



Palace in Old Budapest by Ron Joseph



Still Life by Maria Izzi after class with Michelle Noiset at RISD last summer.



Harley the Cat by Peggy Henderson

Exhibit Opportunity

Winter's Eve 4th Annual Juried Art Exhibit Art drop off Friday, 11/28 2-4 pm AND Saturday 11/29 10-1. \$10 per piece or \$25 for 3. No commission required of exhibiting artists. Opening reception: Thursday, Dec 4, 6-8pm. Wine, hors d'oeuvres & the beautiful harp music of musician Judith Mitchell. Juror Carol Strause FitzSimonds. Juror's Award: Solo 2015 Exhibit. Contact friendseglibrary@gmail or 401-885-1699.

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Balancing Act by Rose Manson

Hospitality Team: East Greenwich members will all contribute to this month's hospitality.

February 2015 Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for submissions to the February EGAC Newsletter is Monday, January 19, 2015.