

# Summer 2021

## Message from President Dan Lake

This past week I took the opportunity to stop in and sketch at the Frenchtown Road Community Center, where a small group of artists gather to paint, draw, and socialize. A small venue, the EGAC supports these artists without advertising their efforts due to the limitations of space. It is unfortunate that in the history of the Club, we have had to scale back on one major early objective: finding a clubhouse! In fact, before my time, that objective was removed from the goals of the club. Thus, we have very limited times for creating together as a group!

As I observed the group on that Tuesday, I saw all levels of creativity, from the beginner to the expert, from the clamshell painter to the charcoal sketcher. And I saw people with their lunches, talking about their daily lives, sharing with one another beyond the art they were creating. They were comfortable, sociable, and working! It was a pleasure to sit with such a group, especially after this trying, isolating year of COVID.

And in the group was one Gene Burgess. That particular day was her birthday, and I could see that it was a milestone for her, one which we all aspire toward. When I returned home, I immediately went to my garage, where I have stored the archives of the club, moved recently from the Old Gaol which was sold to a private party. In the archives, I found numerous pictures of Gene, and observed Gene's long support for the Club. Her memories are there, in word, deed, and image as are the memories of many a fine East Greenwich artist. Here is just one reminder of her contributions:

The 1986 All Members Show of the East Greenwich Art Club was held August 24-26 1986 at the East Greenwich Methodist Church.

The committee was:

Esther Jackson  
Lee Alexander - Chairpersons

Gene Burgess - Advisor and designer of flyers

It is with great pleasure that I wish to honor Gene for the support she has provided to the creative spirit in our community. If you see her, wish her a happy birthday from all of us!



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

Hospitality for the evening will be provided by board members.

## Officers and Committees

President: Daniel Lake

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# About Town – Supporting Our Members

**Dan Lake** is presently exhibiting at OHANGA in Newport, along with many artists and artisans. View the website: <http://www.ohanga.com>

From **Jeannine**:

We will be having an art show at the Cranston Library in November. I don't have any specifics at this time except for the fact that we will be hanging the show on Saturday October 28, 2021 and taking it down on Saturday, November 27. More information will be released when it is formulated as well as other opportunities for other shows/events.

From **Ron Joseph**

Attached are a couple of my pictures for the newsletter. I don't have any shows in which I am appearing right now, but I exhibited two pictures in the Warwick Center for the Arts show that just ended. Also, the North Kingstown School Department Student Art exhibit at the Wickford Art Club's gallery opened on May 26 and ran through June 6.



**Ian Sanderson** is exhibiting seashell paintings at the Fuller Gallery, Jamestown.



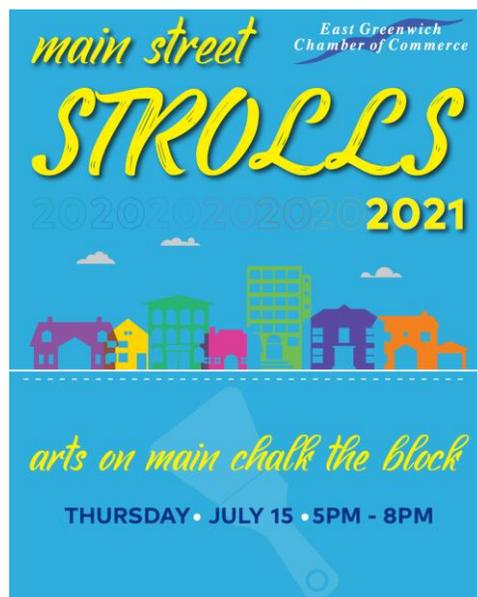
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From **Celeste Chute-Wright**: I have always had a deep and abiding affinity for pets of all kinds. I also enjoy painting them. Dogs, cats, birds and fish are some of the animals in my pet paintings. When painting, I consider the qualities conveying the personality of the pet. Then, I put pencil to paper or paint to canvas and begin.  
*\* I am available for pet portrait commissions and can customize your painting to your specifications. All artwork is under Copyright by the artist. Visit my website: <https://celestechutewrightart.com>*

**Here is Molly.**

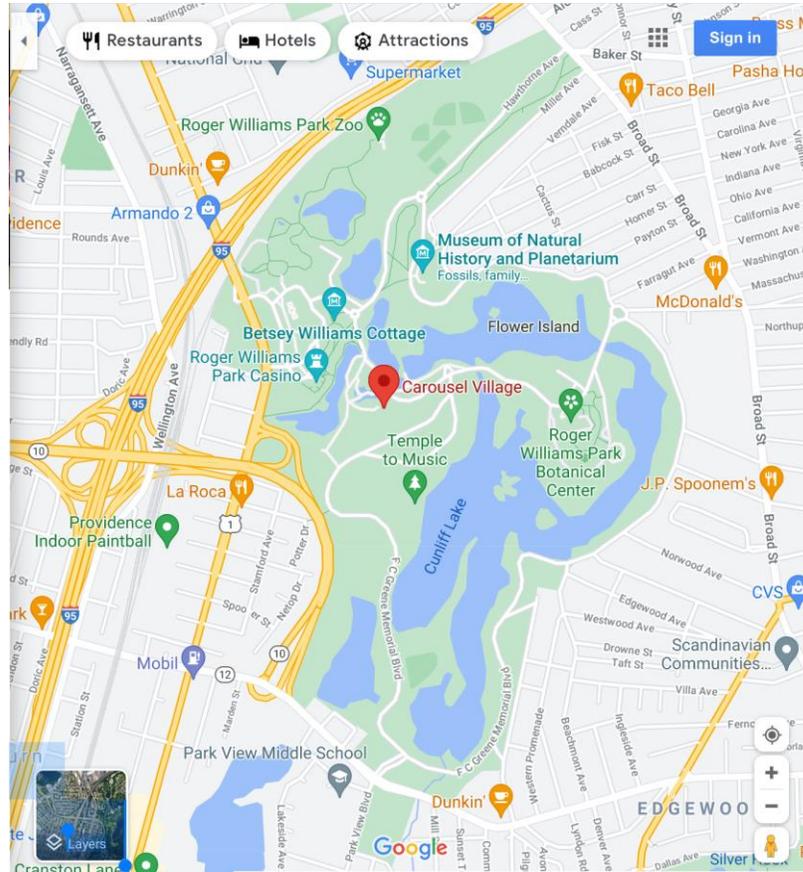


**Several members** are participating in the East Greenwich Art Stroll on July 15. Consider ‘strolling’ along Main St. and visit our members: Dan Lake, Tom Martino, Michelle Lilly, Celeste Chute-Wright and Linda Sanfilippo.



# Opportunities to Paint

August 3: Plein Air session at Roger Williams Park. We will meet at the Carousel, and paint from 11:00 – 2:00



# Opportunities to Enter Shows

(Further information to come.)

**No. Kingstown Public Library: hanging on October 1**

**Crestar Framing, East Greenwich: hanging on October 4**

## Artist of the Month: Sharon Smith

*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 sees beyond the ordinary". Sharon has studied with Nancy Scelsa for seven years and has taken several workshops with Daniel J. Keys, Kathy Anderson and Tatianna Yanovskaya-Sink of the Putney Painters in VT. Sharon also has studied with local artist, Marjorie Ball.*

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



Provence



Mandarins, Lemon, Lilacs and Cup



The Girls

# Share the Good News!

Consider copying this information about our art club and sharing with others who may be interested in joining. Also ask local businesses to share this information with their clientele.

## *Who We Are*

The East Greenwich Art Club is a group of artists who enjoy promoting their art, learning new techniques and subjects, support and camaraderie. Artists of all levels are welcome, as well as art enthusiasts who want to engage with our members and learn more about the arts. Our members come from around the state and beyond.

From the traditional to the abstract, many of Rhode Island's most accomplished artists offer presentations, demonstrations, and art dialogue with our members and guests throughout the year. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month with exceptions of January, July and August. Please visit our calendar for meeting schedule, evening topics, and presentations.

The East Greenwich Art Club also displays throughout the year at member's shows, a variety of unique exhibitions, and at several local locations.

## *Benefits of Membership Include*

- Award-winning Guest Artists at Meetings
- Community Events
- Plein Air Art Excursions
- Annual Art Exhibits
- Artist Workshops
- Museum Trips
- Monthly Newsletter

*"East Greenwich Art Club is a step up in my development as an artist. Being with like-minded folks supports my passion to continue to be the best I can be. Seeing a variety of approaches to art stimulates my creativity and validates my work, as well."*

*EGAC Member*



ESTABLISHED 1959

In 1959 the East Greenwich Art Club was founded by local artists who came together to encourage each other in their art. The purpose was to foster the production, exhibition and sale of works of art by local and other artists by arranging lectures and discussions on art.

For nearly 60 years the Club has also aided and contributed to the furtherance of artistic education among the school children of East Greenwich by offering an East Greenwich Art Club Student Award each year to a deserving and talented student.

We welcome you to attend our next meeting as a guest where you can experience our friendly club in person! For more about our Club, past, present and future events and exhibits, and read our newsletters, visit our website.

*Our meetings are held*

at  
First Baptist Church Hall \*  
30 Peirce Street  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

*Accessible. Street parking as well as a lot diagonally across the street.*

**Multiple Experiences in the arts welcome!**

**All media encouraged!**

Visit our website  
<http://eastgreenwichartclub.org>

