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Associate Members' Annual Exhibit

ART LEAGUE OF RHODE ISLAND 3rd ANNUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS' EXHIBIT

Gallery 297 . 297 Hope Street . Bristol, Rhode Island . 401-253-5005
(located on the second floor of Green River Silver Co)

Wednesday, April 1 - Friday, May 1, 2009

Opening and Awards Reception

Sunday, April 5th . 1:00-3:00 pm

Gallery Talk . *The Passionate Artist* . April 19 . 1-3 pm

Marian L. O'Connell Wins Best in Show

ALRI artist member **Marion
O'Connell's** accordion book,
"Walls, Gates and Fences,"

was chosen for the Best in
Show Award at the Newport
Art Museum's Newport
Annual Members' Juried
Exhibition, Feb. 6. The
show's juror was Nick

Capasso, senior curator at the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park. O'Connell also picked up the "Newport Art Museum Award," which earns the artist a solo exhibition at the Museum. The museum's curator, Nancy Whipple Grinnell, selected "Walls, Gates and Fences" for the Newport Art Museum Award. The Newport Annual runs through May 25.

Other ALRI members participating in the Newport Art Museum Annual Show, include: James Baker (*Honorary Board Member*), Merris Barreto, Joan Boghossian, Thomas Deininger, Carol FitzSimonds, Belinda Gabryl, Alice Benvie Gebhart, Jonathan Gewirz, Eric Hovermale, Roger Kirby, Penelope Manzella, Dora Atwater Millikin, Cynthia Whalen Nelson, and Cindy Horovitz Wilson.



RI Calls



ART UNITES — Third Annual

Multi-Cultural Juried Exhibit

The Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, in conjunction with The Pawtucket Foundation, is pleased to announce its Third Annual Multi-Cultural Juried Exhibit -Art Unites - featuring the \$2,000 Pawtucket Foundation Prize. The deadline for entries: April 3, 2009. All media welcomed. Detailed information can be found by clicking on the

“Special Events” link at <http://www.pawtucketartscollaborative.org>.

HOME — A National Juried Exhibition of Origins, Places and Connections at the Attleboro Arts Museum

The Attleboro Arts Museum invites all artists to submit original work in all mediums and concepts that represent their personal expressions of HOME. This national, juried exhibition will be on display in the Museum's Ottmar Gallery. Six cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded. Deadlines for entries: CD: May 16, 2009, Hand-delivered: May 28 - 30, 2009. Detailed information can be found at www.attleboroartsmuseum.org

AWAKENING — A Juried Digital Photography Exhibit

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum is hosting a juried photography exhibition, to be held during their annual DAFFODIL DAYS celebration. The "Awakening" exhibit will be curated by professional photographer Jan Armor. Part of the proceeds will benefit the preservation of Blithewold. Anyone may submit photographic work, and prizes will be awarded. To enter work in this competition, we ask that the finished size of each piece (including frame) is no larger than 16" x 20". Deadline for entries: April 14 & 15. For more information, or to register, please call Julie Murphy at 401-253-2707x16.

THE ART OF POETRY, THE POETRY OF ART

An art exhibit celebrating National Poetry Month at the North Kingstown Free Library, April 2009. Patrons of the North Kingstown Free Library of all ages are invited to submit a piece of visual art inspired by a published poem or poet for a non-juried exhibit at the library celebrating National Poetry Month. Art work may be 2 or 3 dimensional. Please submit a printed copy of the poem that inspired the art work. Dates: Deadline for entries: March 31 and may be delivered to the Reference Desk. Questions? contact the project director: Sandra Aarons Krupp, sarkrupp@verizon.net or 295-2912 . or the NKFL 294-3306.

THE BRISTOL TEA PARTY

The Bristol Art Museum is seeking entries of original works in all 2D and 3D media for its juried exhibition. Works must be related to tea, tea drinking or making. Deadline for entries: April 1 and April 2, 2-4pm. For more information, visit www.bristolartmuseum.org or email info@bristolartmuseum.org.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND is the oldest child welfare agency in Rhode Island. Children's Friend promotes the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children by providing flexible, effective and culturally relevant services that support and strengthen families and communities. 2009 marks our 175th year serving Rhode Island's most vulnerable children!

In recognition of this significant milestone, Children's Friend is adding a 175th anniversary theme to our annual events; The Walk for Children, *Investing in Our Children* Luncheon and *Spirit of Giving* Holiday Drive. In addition,

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Richard Harrington Printable Views

Providence Art Club, Maxwell Mays Gallery
11 Thomas Street, Providence, RI
Opening Reception March 29 2-4 pm

Richard Harrington joins Barnet Fain, Marion Wilner, and Elizabeth Bonner Zimmerman in
Printable Views.

ALICE BENVIE GEBHART will be exhibiting at CraftBoston at the Boston World Trade Center on March 27-29, 2009. The exhibit is sponsored by The Society of Art and Crafts, Boston. She will be at booth 532. Benvie Gebhart also is new juried member of The Guild. The Guild produces catalogs and website under the name: The Artful Home. You can find artist's work at www.artfulhome.com.

www.ABGebhart.com



In Woonsocket, ALRI President, Iona Dobbins, presented a gallery talk on the restoration of the RI governors' portraits.

The special event was held at the Museum of Work and Culture, Woonsocket, honoring those governors who hailed from Woonsocket.

Dobbins is part of the Rhode Island State House Restoration Society, a nonprofit group that has spent the last two years restoring about a dozen of the state's 71 governors' portraits

Gallery Exhibit:

"Governors on Tour" . Museum of Work & Culture . Through March 15, 2009

This exhibit commemorates the restoration of the Rhode Island Governors' portraits by the Rhode Island State House Restoration Society through the Gallery of Governors Project.

Profundo Journeys: Photography in Southern Italy with Cindy Horovitz-Wilson September 2009

for more info visit <http://www.cindywilsonphoto.com>

Members' Juried Theme Exhibit: "Layers"
definition: *a sheet, quantity, or thickness of material, covering typically one of several, covering a surface or body.*

March 2, 2009 to May 9, 2009

Juror: Kristin Street Artist/Director, Krause Gallery, Moses Brown

Reception: Thursday, Mar. 12, 2009 5:30 pm– 7:00 pm

Live Music by Bill and em

Lecture 7:00: **Leslie Bostrom, painter/printmaker**

Pawtucket Arts Collaborative

Portfolio Preparation



For ALRI artists and associate members and their guests.

Topics include –

Submission of files
The jury process
Presentation of sample portfolios
Presentation and discussion

with panelists familiar with other jury processes.

Sunday, March 1, 2009 Sunday
(snow date 3/8/09)

Time: 1-3

Place: Gallery 297, Bristol RI
Bring your own cushion!

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tion, we're holding several special events, including a lecture series, photo exhibit and most notably a celebration entitled *175 Years of Smiles*.

On the evening of June 12, 2009, Children's Friend will celebrate *175 Years of Smiles* in grand fashion in the 17th floor ballroom at the Providence Biltmore. This event will feature the red carpet premiere of a special documentary film about the history of child welfare in Rhode Island. In addition to the premiere, this celebration and fundraiser will include refreshments, music, and silent and live auctions. It is sure to be the event of the year for the hundreds of Rhode Islanders who attend!

It is with the silent and live auctions that we need your help! Any piece that you might be willing to contribute would be much appreciated. We'd like to work with you to ensure that you are compensated for a percentage of the proceeds generated from the auction item. For more information about Children's Friend, please visit www.175yearsofsmiles.org. For more information about our *175 Years of Smiles* celebration or to get involved, contact Bryan Ferguson, Director of Development & Communications at (401) 276-4323 or bferguson@cfsri.org.

Thank you for your consideration!

Carole Berren, who has taught studio classes for over twenty years, is available for demonstrations and workshops. Contact her at cberren1@cox.net

Introduction to Japanese Calligraphy, @Portsmouth Arts Guild, 2679 East Main Rd. (RT138), Portsmouth, RI; Wednesdays April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13 ; 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \$145 plus materials. Register at www.portsmouthartsguild.org. Call 683-2598 or email brushdance2008@gmail.com for further information.

Encaustic Painting Workshop for Beginner or Intermediate Artists, @Portsmouth Arts Guild, 2679 East Main Rd.(RT138), Portsmouth, RI ;Wednesdays 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 ,3/25 - 6:30/9:30 PM. \$145 (plus \$55 fee for materials supplied). Registration deadline 2/18. www.portsmouthartsguild.org or email dawnsanford@aol.com for more details.

Dawn Valentim, a Rhode Island artist and educator at the Museum of Natural History in Providence, offers a weekly drawing class called "Drawing from the Collections" at the Museum. For more information visit www.dawnvalentim.com or call 401.787.0201.

Colored Pencil and Water Color Pencil Workshop, @Portsmouth Arts Guild, 2679 East Main Rd.(RT138), Portsmouth, RI ; Tuesdays, March 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21. \$145. Registration deadline 3/3. www.portsmouthartsguild.org / www.kjfdesign.com or email iskjfdesign@cox.net for more details.

Newport Art Museum . 82nd Annual Winter Lecture Series . Saturdays, January 10 - February 28, 2pm Griswold House, 76 Bellevue Avenue. Tea reception follows. Museum members \$8/non-members \$12 . Seating is limited. No advance reservations. For more information visit www.newportartmuseum.org.



*Art League
of Rhode Island*

ALRI BOARD MEETING

Partridge Snow & Hahn
180 South Main Street
Providence, Rhode Island

March 18, 2009
5:30 pm

All members are welcome
and encouraged to attend.

The mission of the Art League of Rhode Island is to inspire artistic growth and excellence among artists through education and exhibition in order to bring national recognition to the State and its artists.

*A*rt League of Rhode Island OBJECTIVES

- Sponsor an annual exhibition of Rhode Island Artists
- Promote communication between artists and the general public
- Sponsor special events and programs to encourage and assist education in the arts

www.artleagueri.org

ARTIST MEMBERS, do you have a webpage that you'd like to hyperlink with the ALRI website? Let us know. We'll make the link.

Also, we want to showcase your achievements and news in our newsletter. Share information about your exhibits, events, classes, awards. Send news, jpeg images, and your website address to ALRInews@cox.net

- We'd like your feedback on the newsletter and if the League is meeting your membership expectations.
- We welcome and encourage your participation in meetings and League exhibitions.
- Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.
- Has your address or email changed? Keep our member list up to date.



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ALRI Newsletter

Submission Deadline—The official deadline is the 20th of each month with a newsletter delivery date of the first week of the following month.

Send all images and information to
ALRInews@cox.net

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The Art League of Rhode Island (ALRI) was formed based on a shared vision to encourage and foster artistic recognition and growth among Rhode Island Artists. ALRI was incorporated with a goal to contribute, encourage and promote integrity and excellence in the arts in Rhode Island. The Art League of Rhode Island numbers among its founding members some of Rhode Island's most prominent artists working in a wide range of media from painting to furniture making.

Artist Members . Rhode Island artists are encouraged to become members of the Art League of Rhode Island, and are juried into the organization by a distinguished jury of peers and professionals elected by the ALRI board. Artists may submit a resume, a maximum of 10 slides or digital images of their work and a non-refundable jury fee of \$25.

Annual Deadline for application submission is May 15. Once accepted, artist members will be notified by ALRI and a one time initiation fee of \$75 is required. Subsequent annual dues for founding and RI artist members are \$50. For further information regarding membership and application form go to artleaguery.org

A Letter from the President

This is March, the month of spring. The much awaited warmer weather will come. The early spring flowers will bloom. And the hard bitter winter of 2009 will be gone, soon a memory that will be talked about all the way to next winter.



Iona Dobbins,
 ALRI President

As we prepare for the new season, it's a reminder that the League will enter the last quarter of its 2009-2010 year in June. There is much to be crowded into the remaining months of this year, and much work to be done to lay the ground work and solidify things for the next year.

I would ask each and every member to think about how they could lend a helping hand to ALRI and the work of its committees. The exhibition committee is very labor intensive and could readily use more members, no less labor intensive are the development, membership, and communications committees.



If you think about it, and decide you would like to talk about the possibilities of serving on a committee before making a commitment, call me... and let's have a cup of coffee (351-0742). I don't mind the phone, sometimes I prefer it to email.

Also give some thought to space for ALRI. It has been agreed that a statewide organization, such as the name applies, the Art League of Rhode Island should be headquartered in the capital city. To economize we are open to sharing space with a compatible officemate. Any thoughts? We could discuss this over a cup of coffee, too. Look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Spring!

Iona