



Westport Art Group

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Pink Peony watercolor by Joyce DiBona

Spring/Summer 2023

Dear WAG Member,

We hope you are all enjoying the spring flowers, including the beautiful peony in the painting above by member Joyce DiBona.

We have had some fabulous in-person and on-line shows this year! We've been offering our First Tuesdays demo/talks and in-person and zoom classes. We continue to increase our presence in the arts community by offering these classes and shows and by being a sponsor for the South Coast Artist tour - and we have a great website: WestportArtGroup.com. Also, check us out and follow us on Facebook!

One of our primary goals is to encourage young people to enjoy the arts. Both sessions of our Summer Youth Art Camp are filled already (with a waiting list)! We have camp scholarships available. Again this year, WAG awarded 2 scholarships for \$1,500 each to graduating high school seniors who plan to study art in college. One of the scholarships is named the Clara M. Stewart scholarship for her welcome and generous bequest to WAG. It wasn't so long ago that our scholarship (only one!) was \$500, so we're very proud of the strides we've made in being able to expand our high school scholarship program.

We'll be having an in-person judged gallery show in May. And we're all looking forward to our fabulous Community Summer Show. Please check the website for details on dates! You might see some other offerings you'll be interested to join or see in person. WAG relies on the fees generated by these shows – and so do our ARTISTS!

WAG will be on the South Coast Artists tour again this year, with 7 artists each of the two weekends of the tour. The artists are confirmed already – interest is so high!

This year we added a new membership category: Emerging Artist. We're hoping to encourage some of the younger artists in our communities to join WAG. You may note on the renewal form that we've made a small increase to the Contributing Member category, it is now \$60. The WAG Board made this decision reluctantly, but with increasing costs to maintain and run the building, we felt it was necessary. Please check out our "Reasons to Be a WAG Member" list on the reverse side of the renewal form. We hope you'll be blown away by what we have to offer, including some things you may not be aware of.

Please renew your membership and, if you are able, consider making an additional donation in support of WAG classes, exhibits, scholarships and operations.

We ask that you complete the enclosed membership form or renew online even if you are a life member, since that will help us verify that your contact information is accurate. It will also help us know if there are any areas in which you would like to volunteer and help with WAG activities.

This year we still have an opening on our Board. Exhibits and Events needs a chair. Don't worry, you won't have to do all the work – there's a wonderful committee and many volunteers to help you! If you are interested, please contact me at sharonconnors333@gmail.com. If you would like to help by being a member of any of our committees, that would be great too. We need your support! We see the future of WAG classes and exhibits as continuing to have an on-line component as well as in person, so we need volunteers with skills and interest. You could be the person who makes a difference!

As a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, we rely on membership dues and donations from members and friends like you to support our many activities.

Thank you for past support, and we look forward to seeing you in the coming months!

Stay safe, stay well,

Sharon Connors
President, Westport Art Group