



THE NEW ROCHELLE ART ASSOCIATION

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President's Letter

Dear NRAA members,

Fall is here and the weather is turning cold. The temptation is to sink into pessimism. I encourage all of you, myself included, to be still and count on a few basic things in life; storms never last in nature, the sun always returns after it rains, and every cloud has a silver lining.

There is always a great hope that follows the hanging of one of our shows at the library. However, I have also noticed that there are some elements in our community that are not always so appreciative of our efforts. Ribbons are sometimes taken off the work, people scribble incoherently in our sign in book, and I have seen visitors taking down the paintings to get a closer look and even running their fingernails against the surface of the art.

We live in a city that is changing quickly. There is an atmosphere that is not necessarily malicious but somewhat unsophisticated. Although these concerns of mine can lead me to a dark view of our work and our world, I think there is great hope for New Rochelle. I think we can be proud of all the things we have accomplished and we have been doing as an art association over the last few years; the calendar, the yellow show, and now our Chelsea show, not to mention the events we have taken part in with the New Rochelle Council on the Arts, our regular

Announcements

Important – The Annual Members Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22 at the library from 6:15 to 7:45 pm. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

For those artists who are participating in the **Chelsea Show** please remember your work needs to arrive at the gallery at 1:00 pm, Monday, November 2, framed and ready to hang. If you are using the mover, your work must arrive at the library on Monday, November 2, between 10 and 11:30 am. Please see your packets for the details concerning the show.

Members enjoyed an evening together at the home of **Roger Caruana** as one of our **Hot Thursday** movie and discussion nights. Members were treated to a presentation on one of our founders, illustrator Norman Rockwell, called *Painting America*.

The Westchester Eye, which debuted this month is looking for

shows, including our very successful Open Juried Show this year, and, most recently, ArtsFest, despite the weather it was also a great event for us.

Artists have always heralded change. Change in thinking, change in culture and peoples, and so, like I have to remind myself often enough, we are making a positive contribution to our neck of the world. Let's keep on keeping on. Our project for next year will be art postcards that celebrate the city through artwork. There seems to be a need for people who visit New Rochelle to have a keepsake which represents the best of our city. I think this project will be another example of how much we care about the arts in our community. I hope you will join me on this journey of culture, art, beauty, and renewal.

Our next show is the Adolph Grant Award Show, which this year gives an award to the best piece of art that uses recycled materials. Let's get green! See you on December 5th.

Wishing you the best, Jesse

From the Archive

February 17, 1972

DEMONSTRATION: A real fun evening for all members! Please bring your pads and pencils (erasers?). A. Shore Packer has obtained two live Hippie models (in full regalia) a lovely husband and wife team, Ruth and Bruce Medanich, for all of us to sketch. Please do come. "Pack" will lead the group in several different poses. If you have never tried - do it!! No marks or grades - nor displaying your efforts!

On the Lighter Side

Westchester artists who work with political or business related subject matter. If chosen, the artist will have their work displayed on page 2, as well as given a 1/16 page ad to promote their work. For more info please contact John Channell at john@channellgraphics.com

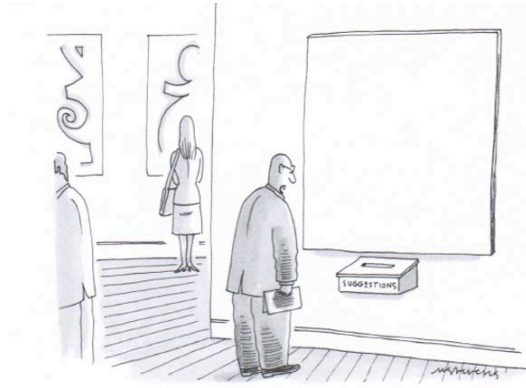
Lisa Post's digital painting "Triple Self Portrait- Homage to Rockwell" is on exhibit at the Focal Point Gallery in City Island from September 11- October 31 as part of its 35th Anniversary Show.

Lorie Gurian is in an exhibit with 7 other women called **Art Works**. The show will be held at the JCC of Midwestchester in Scarsdale until Nov. 22, 2009. The JCC is located at 999 Wilmot Road. For building hours and directions <http://www.jccmw.org>. She received honorable mention in acrylics, first and third place in watercolor at the White Plains Woman's Club show.

Urban Magic at **BID Gallery 542** included photography by **Joy Malone** and mixed media work by **Jesse Sanchez**.

Jesse Sanchez had two paintings accepted into the Spring 2010 issue of *Studio Visit Magazine*, a fine art publication that gets circulated to over 2000 galleries nationally.

<http://www.studiovisitmagazine.com/>



94th Annual Open Juried Show Award Winners

Oil and Acrylic – Sherri Paul - *Late
for School*



Watercolors – Lorie Gurian – *Wheat*

Jesse will also be showing paintings in the December Members Show at New Century Artists, Inc. 530 West 25th Street, Suite 406 (Between 10th and 11th Avenues) New York, NY 10001. Specific dates to be announced.

Relentless Waters is an exhibit of mixed media paintings by **Jesse Sanchez** at AOC Fine Wines 268 Huguenot St., New Rochelle. The show was part of ArtsFest, October 17-24, 2009.

As our **100th anniversary** approaches, members are encouraged to put on their thinking caps and design a new three dimensional sign announcing our Open Juried Show. Our current sign dates back to the 70's and is due for a redesign. The selected entry will be displayed at each show annually.

Our website is updated often to reflect the most current information about our shows, news, and calendar. Please check it out if you haven't already. It will answer any questions you might have about our events. If anyone inquires about us you can direct them to our site for the latest information about jurying in dates, association policies, and history. www.nraaonline.org



Pastel - Stanley Lapa - *Autumn Leaves*



Graphics - Don Axleroad - *Portrait of Alzheimers*



Mixed Media - Liming Twanmoh - *Pears*



Photography - Cristina Cerone -
Wishing On the Moon



Sculpture - B.A. D'Alessandro -
Running Through



Crafts – Gina Kingsley – *Behind the Mask*

