



THE ART OF Camaraderie

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### November Events

Sat, Nov 6 Little Pictures Preview 5-7pm Sun, Nov 7 Little Pictures Opening 12-5pm Wed, Nov 10 Board of Managers 5:30pm Thurs, Nov 11 Veterans Day Club Closed Sat, Nov 13 Saturday Night Dinner 6pm Wed, Nov 17 PBS Filming Maxwell Mays Gallery Closed Fri, Nov 19 Friday Night Dinner 6pm Thurs, Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day Club Closed Nov 26 - Nov 28 Galleries Open Club Closed

Sunday, Nov 28 Chanukah Begins

### December Events

Thurs, Dec 9 Board of Managers 5:30pm Sat, Dec 11 Holiday Gala 6pm Thurs, Dec 23 Little Pictures Ends Sat, Dec 25 Merry Christmas Fri, Dec 31 New Year's Eve Club Closed

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What's not to love about autumn? Visitors are now welcomed into our bustling buildings by the cheer of crackling fireplaces (in addition to Alda's warm greeting) to ward off the chill in the crisp air. Yet another sign that we are, cautiously and optimistically, back to business at the Club.

These past few weeks have also been a welcome return to the hum of activity in evenings, with Seb and staff hosting multiple private events, a haunting (the Founders Room is currently brimming with Angela O'Leary's gorgeous paintings) and a hoedown (including two celebrity couple appearances - a fabulous Dolly Parton and Porter Wagoner along with Green Acres stars Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor!) Be on the lookout for a return of our courtyard fire pits and popular pop-up programming, too.

Your Board of Managers continues to work to both preserve our legacy as well as grow into the future, with our focus on 3 key areas of development: expanding the Art Club experience; promoting art & patronage; and sustainability. This past month, we've hosted a committee-wide planned giving information session, began work on an artist residency program, and are pleased to announce that Dan Mechnig will be begin recording next chapter of our PAC history. If you've got questions on any of the above, or would like to get involved, feel free to reach out to one of your BOM members, or to email me at president@providenceartclub.org

We're thrilled to be once again hosting an opening night party to kick off our beloved Little Pictures Show, now in its 117th year. As always, it's a chance to support your fellow Club members and their amazing artwork at extremely reasonable prices - to borrow from a famous potato chip campaign - betcha can't buy just one!

Thanksgiving is a celebration in appreciation of what, and who, you have in your life. We're so very fortunate to have each other, and this magnificent Club. If you haven't already, please remember GM Seb Borges and his incredible staff by giving to the Holiday Employee Fund.

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm & safe holiday season, and as our good friend Tom Sgouros would've said, "For God's sake, take care of yourselves!"

Shawn Kenney President, Providence Art Club

# NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE PROVIDENCE ART CLUB



### SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Saturday, November 13, 6pm

MENU TO BE ANNOUNCED Watch your email and our website Friday Pub Night

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For more full menus and information on events go to www.providenceartclub.org Register at 401-331-1114 ext. 3 or reservations@providenceartclub.org

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR FOUNDER EDWARD BANNISTER

Art Club founding member Edward Mitchell Bannister is now recognized as a key figure in the history of American landscape painting. The National Gallery has acquired Palmer

River (1885), one of Bannister's most accomplished paintings.

Formerly in the collection of Art Club Member and former President Dan Mechnig, it is the first work by the artist to enter the collection.



We are excited to share the news of a public art project that is underway. The Bannister Project committee, consisting of PAC members and community leaders, has been formed to assist

in the realization and installation of a public art sculpture to honor the artist, with the goal of creating a broader platform for community engagement through partnerships, programming, a call for public art, and a Bannister scholarship. Stay tune for more information in the months ahead.

## Ensuring a Structurally Sound Future for Our Club

In case you haven't noticed, a lot of work is being done to address our aging infrastructure at the Providence Art Club. Earlier this summer, we dealt with the plugged downspout adjacent to the front door, by redirecting the underground drainage pipe into the catch basin in the Moeity courtyard. In the fall, we replaced the central boilers and hot water tanks that service the Club. The new system will be more energy efficient and reliable. We have also replaced the air-conditioning systems in the Dodge House and in Angell's Lane. Now the bartenders will be cool!!!!

In mid October a new roof was installed at the Dodge House. The 15 year old rubber membrane roofs are being repaired and a new rubber roof will be installed under the deck, above the kitchen. All together over \$155,000 has been invested in these infrastructure improvements in the last 6 months. While we don't notice these changes, they are an important part of our stewardship of our irreplaceable historic buildings, and contribute to our comfort and enjoyment of the Club.





## Employee Holiday Fund

#### Dear Fellow Members,

One of the many reasons our Club was able to survive the uncertainty of 2020 was due to the immense efforts of our core group of employees. As we entered 2021, our staff fought to limit labor shortages and the increased communal anxiety to deliver the quality we as members have come to know and enjoy.

Now we are extremely thankful to have the support of our entire team with the return of long-time staff members in key areas under the always-stellar leadership of General Manager, Seb Borges.

Now it is our turn to show our appreciation by contributing to our Employees Holiday Fund, which is distributed to all employees based on each person's position and length of service. Since tipping is not allowed, we encourage your generosity when thinking of the many ways the PAC staff has adapted to the seemingly dire situation of our current climate. With 70% of members contributing last year, please help us reach our goal of 100%-member participation this year.

Please watch for the letter in the mail, or you may call or e-mail Nancy Plunkett, our Controller, at (401)331-1114 ext. 6 or nancy@providenceartclub.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and our best wishes to you and your families for a joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

> — Shawn Kenney President, Providence Art Club

## IN THE GALLERIES

November 7 though December 23 • Extended Gallery Hours 12-5pm, 7 days a week



#### MEMBERS' PREVIEW • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 5 - 7PM Member and One Guest \$45++ Each

Don't miss this opportunity to take home a work of original fine art by a talented Art Club artist. Over 100 Exhibiting Artist Members and 6 PAC Staff Members will participate this year with works in all media. All submissions are 16" x 16" or less, none are priced higher than \$300. and all are sales tax free.



Be sure to spread the word to all your friends, followers, and collectors, in person, email, and on social media. Use our hashtags #littlepictures2021, #PAClittlepictures2021 and #pvdartclub, it will make your work easy to find online. Wishing you a wonderful Little Pictures 2021, and best of luck with sales!

### THANK YOU MEMBERS

It has been a wonderful tribute to Joan Boghossian to have received so many donations to the **Joan Boghossian Birthday Challenge** in her memory from both members and non-members. We would like to thank the following members for their generosity:

> Annie Castelnovo-McMullen Dora Atwater Millikin Carol FitzSimonds Ted Mattis Jane Roberts Mary Staples Bruce Tillinghast Nancy Whitcomb Patti Wagner-Miller Betsy Zimmerman

### 2022 Workshops and Classes

Looking forward to taking classes and workshops next year? We are planning some great opportunities to grow your art practice. These are the tentative dates.

Winter Session: Jan. 10 - March 18

Spring Session: March 28 - June 3

Summer Workshops: June 14 - Sept. 15

Fall Session: Sept 19 - Dec 2

Stay tuned for More information coming in 2022!

## Welcome New Members

Lela Barclay de Tolle Arts Professional

Sam Brickle

Patron

**Karen Brooks** 

Patron

Anne Keigher

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  - Patron Patricia Schneider Exhibiting Artist

Jill Tyler Exhibiting Artist

Andrew Tyska Patron

#### PASSAGES

Dr. Louis A. Corvese Patron Member 1989 Passed October 16, 2021



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