



April 2022



APRIL EVENTS

- Sun, Apr 3 Florence B. Kane High Tea** 2:30pm
Thurs, Apr 7 New Members Meet & Greet 6pm
Fri, Apr 8 Friday Night Pub Dinner 6pm
Sun, April 10 Plein Air Painting Pop-Up with Bill Lane & Sam Green 9am
Wed, April 13 McConaghy, Pezzullo, & Wert Gallery Talk 1:30pm
Sun, Apr 17 Easter Sunday Club Closed
Wed, Apr 20 Board of Managers Meeting 5:30pm
Sat, Apr 23 Workshop: P. Most & K. Nicholson 9:30am
Sat, Apr 23 Members' Night 6pm
Sun, Apr 24 New Shows Open, Reception 2-4pm
 Maxwell Mays Gallery:
M. Fernandez, P. Gruppuso, & J. Huttler: Paint, Pixels, & Planks
 Mary Castelnovo Gallery:
N. Miles: Paint, Pixels, & Planks
 Dodge House Gallery:
D. Ragosta: In-Site/ a Retrospective
Tues, Apr 26 PAC Wine Tasting Series: 101 6:30pm
Thurs, Apr 28 Chazan! Book Talk & Signing 6pm

MAY EVENTS

- Sun, May 8 Mother's Day Brunch** 11:30am
Thurs, May 12 PAC Wine Tasting Series: 102 6:30pm
Fri, May 13 Friday Night Pub Dinner 6pm
Sun, May 15 New Shows Open, Reception 2-4pm
 Maxwell Mays Gallery:
A. Dean, G. Nassikas, & N. Whitcomb: Fahrenheit
 Mary Castelnovo Gallery:
S. Kenney
 Dodge House Gallery:
JG Stark & C. Horovitz Wilson: Emergence: Perception & Depth
Wed, May 18 Board of Managers Meeting 5:30pm
Fri, May 20 Members' Night 6pm
Tues, May 24 PAC Wine Tasting Series: 103 6:30pm
Thurs, May 26 PAC Zoom Lecture: Kameko Branchaud: Collaborative Art Projects 6:30pm
Sun, May 29 New Shows Open, Reception 2-4pm
 Maxwell Mays Gallery:
P. Malone, L. Hynes, & J. Small: Best of Three
 Mary Castelnovo Gallery:
K. Murtha: Soirée
 Dodge House Gallery:
M. Ball & C. Shelton
Mon, May 30 Memorial Day Club Closed

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is finally upon us, and the Club is bursting with opportunities to learn, connect, and enjoy the Art of Camaraderie!

We are continuing to plant the seeds to grow our connection to the community. *The Beatrice Hotel* now highlights our beloved Club as part of their 'Bea About Town' Arts & Culture Guide for their guests. This month, *WaterFire Arts Center* founder and CEO Barnaby Evans will be offering what we hope to be just the first of many, an exclusive guided tour of their current exhibit for PAC members. Bannister Community Art Project Committee members are working hand-in-hand with local leaders and organizations to cultivate creative conversations and opportunities on behalf of one of our founders (more on that inside).

We are delighted to now offer additional programming on nights and weekends – this month includes a ZOOM lecture, a wine tasting with Bruce Tillinghast, and several in-person pop-up art classes. We've also got talks by pop culture and antiques specialist Travis Landry (as seen on *PBS's Antiques Roadshow* and the *Travel Channel's Toy Hunter*) and Dr. Joe Chazan, who will be joined by artist and Big Nazo founder Erminio Pinque, and award-winning writer Lenny Schwartz to share how they brought a graphic novel of the esteemed collector's story to life.

Have an idea for programming or a community partner? Feel free to send suggestions by emailing me directly at President@providenceartclub.org.

...and as our good friend Tom Sgouros would've said, "For God's sake, take care of yourselves!"

Shawn Kenney
President, Providence Art Club



IN MEMORIAM

Ms. Domine Vescera Ragosta
Exhibiting Artist Member since 1997
Passed 2/25/2022

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS MAR. 2022

Pamela Lambert, *Arts Professional*
 Carol Beck, *Patron*
 Ruth Bourns, *Patron*
 Kate Bryant Nordstrom, *Patron*
 Stephen Foley, *Patron*

APRIL EVENTS AT THE PROVIDENCE ART CLUB



CHAZAN! BOOK TALK & SIGNING

Thursday, April 28th, 6pm

Whether you're interested in healthcare, arts and media, or our little home state, chances are that you've heard the name Dr. Joseph Chazan, famously known for his immense contributions to nephrology and the arts. As the founder and president of *Nephrology Associates, Inc.*, Dr. Chazan single-handedly brought salvation and ease to not only his own nephrology patients, but all nephrology patients by enacting the first dialysis clinic in Rhode Island. Previously having to travel as far as Boston for their dialysis treatments, Dr. Chazan is considered to be a superhero to these people for bringing their treatments much closer to home. Dr. Chazan remains very involved with Rhode Island healthcare as an advocate for the people, spending his time serving the medical patients of Rhode Island through various projects and boards spearheaded by Joseph Chazan himself. That's why, as a public figure so involved in medicine and healthcare, it raised some serious eyebrows from his peers when they learned of Dr. Chazan's passion for the arts.

As one of the largest patrons of the living local arts scene, Chazan's support to the community doesn't stop with his service to medicine. After all, everyone has their own fascination that ignites the passion and creativity within. Dr. Chazan's is visual art, local artists, and the spaces they use to exhibit, playing an instrumental role in the establishment of Providence's AS220, local watering hole and gallery space for creatives. Starting as a way to relax with his late wife, Helene, Dr. Chazan began collecting art in the 1970's. Since then, his collection has bloomed into an impressive exhibit of his own, pieces of which he donates frequently to various museums and art galleries.

Dr. Chazan's inspiring life of feeding his soul with medicine and art is broken down into easily digestible comic strips in his graphic novel **Chazan! Unfiltered**. The story follows the premise of a grandfather sitting down and telling his grandson about his life...straight from his own point of view. Dr. Chazan's larger than life, energetic personality shines through in the pages of this story, written by award-winning playwright and screenwriter Lenny Schwartz and illustrated by *Big Nazo* founder and performance artist, Erminio Pinque. **Join us at Providence Art Club on April 28th, 2022** to learn more about the process of creating the book, stories that didn't make it in, and more, as Dr. Chazan, Erminio Pinque, and Lenny Schwartz reminisce about this project and answer questions from the audience, followed by an opportunity to have your own copy signed by all three authors. **Chazan! Unfiltered** is available for purchase through **Never Enough Books**.



FRIDAY NIGHT PUB DINNER

Friday, April 8, 6pm

MENU

APPETIZER

House Salad

ENTRÉE

Tenderloin Dinner

*Seasoned and Seared Beef Tenderloin
Served with a Red Wine Demi Glace, Mixed
Vegetables, and Starch of the Day*

~OR~

Lobster Ravioli

*Lobster and Cheese Filled
Ravioli in a Cream Sauce Served with
Roasted Vegetables and Herbs*

DESSERT

Chocolate Layer Cake

Members and Guests \$45++

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

Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free meals always available. All menus are subject to change.

++Tax and House Charge



CELEBRATING EDWARD BANNISTER

Continuing news about the Bannister Community Art Project

Most recently, a letter was sent to the membership providing more information about this exciting project. A public art community initiative that was brought to us by Sculptor, Gage Prentiss. A bust of Mr. Bannister by Gage Prentiss was gifted to the Art Club by an anonymous donor and now resides in the Founders Room.

As the Fiscal Agent and Administrator for this project, PAC's involvement affords significant ways to build and strengthen community goodwill. By promoting Bannister's historic role in the Providence Art Club and beyond, we have the opportunity to broker cross-cultural relationships, create opportunities for educational programs, call for public art, as well as establish a Bannister scholarship. As an independent advisory committee and steering committee comprised of PAC members and members of the community, they will be working with other like-minded non-profits, such as *Stages of Freedom*, *RISD*, *the John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities*; and *the Rhode Island Historical Society*. These collaborative efforts will enable us to develop programs that expand PAC's efforts towards diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Also, at this writing, we are happy to report approval of a grant by the Papitto Opportunity Connection which means we are 75% of our goal of \$200,000. for the creation and installation of the Bannister Sculpture. Additional funds will be raised to support programs, exhibitions and a proposed scholarship fund.

Please visit bannisterproject.org for more information.

IN THE GALLERIES



Segal



Wert



Pezzullo



Wolf



Miles

March 27 - April 15

MAXWELL MAYS GALLERY
S. Pezzullo, J. McConaghy,
and A. Wert

DODGE HOUSE GALLERY
R. Segal and CC. Wolf:
Visual Journeys

April 18 - May 6

MAXWELL MAYS GALLERY
M. Fernandez, P. Gruppuso, and
J. Huttler: *Paint, Pixels, and Planks*

MARY CASTELNOVO GALLERY
N. Miles: *Paint, Pixels, and Planks*

DODGE HOUSE GALLERY
D. Ragosta: *In-Site / a Retrospective*

CALL FOR PUBLIC ART: PLEASANT STREET MURAL

Deadline: April 15, 2022

The City of Pawtucket, RI is seeking qualifications from visual artists for their 2022 *Pleasant Street Mural Project*. Located at the intersection of Jenks Way and Pleasant Street, the site runs parallel to the Blackstone River from downtown Pawtucket to the City of Providence. More information about this call for art can be found on the Café website: <https://artist.callforentry.org/>.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Read about the fun workshops and pop-up classes coming to the Club this month. Mark your calendars!

This Month

Sunday, April 10, 2022 | 9am-5pm
En Plein Air Spring Painting Pop-Up
with Bill Lane and Sam Green

Join Bill Lane and Sam Green for day of plein air painting in the park. Any and all mediums are welcome. Serving as a teaser for their plein air painting class this coming Fall, this casual pop-up workshop is bound to put a spring in your step!

Saturday, April 23, 2022 | 9am-4pm
Mixed Media and Collage Explorations
with Paula Most and Karole Nicholson

Follow along with Most and Nicholson as they demonstrate an array of techniques and methods to collaging and mixed media. Create your own mixed media masterpiece with various materials provided by the instructors, or even bring along an older painting for a re-do! The possibilities are endless in this multidisciplinary workshop.

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 | 6:30pm-8pm
PAC Wine Tasting Series with
Steve Wynn and Bruce Tillinghast

Brush up on your wine tasting skills with this three-part series focusing on the basics of wine tasting. In this series, Bruce and Steve will go over how to taste wine accurately for the best experience, where the wines come from, how to read the labels, and more with a curated portfolio to challenge and excite your senses.

Watch your email for updates regarding full descriptions and dates.
To register, e-mail Abba Cudney at abba@providenceartclub.org

Gallery Hours: Sunday - Friday: 12pm - 4pm, also opened by appointment. For questions, please contact Gallery Manager Michael Rose at 401-331-1114 ext. 5

MEMBERS' NIGHT: "THE WORLD OF POP CULTURE WITH TRAVIS LANDRY"

Saturday, April 23, 6pm

You've seen him on *Antiques Roadshow* as an appraiser for collectibles and toys & games and cast member on *Travel Channel's Toy Hunter*. On this evening Travis Landry will enlighten us on what's happening in the world of Pop Culture, a fast growing area of collectibles. Travis is a frequent panelist and guest at comic conventions across the country. He is the Director of Pop Culture, antique specialist for 19th and 20th century decorative and fine arts, and auctioneer for Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers. Travis holds a bachelor's degree in art history from Framingham State University.

MENU

ENTRÉE

Swordfish Piccata

DESSERT

Individual Key Lime Pie

Members and Guests \$40++

PEZZULLO, MCCONAGHY, & WERT GALLERY TALK

Wednesday, April 13th, 1:30pm

Mark your calendar to join Sandra DeSano Pezzullo, Joan McConaghy, & Anne P. Wert for an engaging and interactive gallery talk. The artists will discuss their work and process and a casual question and answer period will follow. This is a great opportunity to meet three talented art makers and learn about their recent work. Event will be held in the Maxwell Mays Gallery & is free to attend.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Katie Kinnell

We are excited to welcome ceramic artist Katie Kinnell to the Club! Born in New York City, Katie earned her BA in Art History at Williams College and took up ceramics after the birth of her first child. Her works are full of so many wonderful details and great dimension. Welcome aboard, Katie!

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT MONTH...

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
M. Fernandez, P. Gruppuso & J. Huttler, N. Miles, D. Ragosta						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A. Dean, G. Nassikas, & N. Whitecomb, S. Kenney, JG Stark & C. Horovitz Wilson						
Mother's Day Brunch 11:30am				PAC Wine Tasting Series 102 6:30pm	Friday Night Pub Dinner 6pm	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
A. Dean, G. Nassikas, & N. Whitecomb, S. Kenney, JG Stark & C. Horovitz Wilson						
Shows Open						
Reception 2-4pm A. Dean, G. Nassikas, & N. Whitcomb, S. Kenney, JG Stark & C. Horovitz Wilson			Board of Managers Meeting 5:30pm		Members' Night 6pm	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
A. Dean, G. Nassikas, & N. Whitecomb, S. Kenney, JG Stark & C. Horovitz Wilson						
		PAC Wine Tasting Series 103 6:30pm		PAC Zoom Lecture with Kameko Branchaud 6:30pm		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
P. Malone, L. Hynes, & J. Small, K. Murtha, M. Ball & C. Shelton						
Shows Open Reception 2-4pm P. Malone, L. Hynes, & J. Small, K. Murtha, M. Ball & C. Shelton			Memorial Day Club Closed			

IN OTHER NEWS...

IN MEMORIAM OF MR. PRESTON A. ATWOOD

JULY 26, 1922 - DECEMBER 27, 2021



We are heartbroken by the news of the passing of Mr. Preston A. Atwood, Patron Life Member and PAC Medal recipient. Mr. Atwood led a very rich and fulfilling life of travel and the arts; joining us here at the Providence Art Club in 1970, and receiving the Art Club Medal in 1994.

Mr. Atwood was an asset to this club with a plentiful creative eye and mind. Between the years of writing Christmas shows for Holiday programs, playing parts in performances, and donating a vast collection of publications

to our library, Mr. Atwood's legacy will live on here at the Club for years to come, and will be dearly missed.

A memorial service will be held at St. Martin's Church in Providence on **Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11am** with a reception to follow. The service will also be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Providence or to the Appalachian Mountain Club in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

WATERFIRE ARTS CENTER TOUR

Interested in a private viewing of the current show at the WaterFire Arts Center? Founder and CEO Barnaby Evans is offering an exclusive tour of their show on environmental issues for PAC Members only. Starting at **3pm on Friday, April 15th**, Mr. Evans will be taking members on a personal tour through the exhibit, ending with a small gathering with libations on the WaterFire roof deck. Email Gallery Manager Michael Rose for more information at michael@providenceartclub.org

THE ARTIST LIFE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Looking for a change of scenery from your studio? Fellow PAC member and artist Nick Paciorek has created a unique way for emerging artists to immerse themselves in a singular creative experience, right in Pawtucket, RI. The Artist Life Residency program, is a week-long experience at The Pitcher-Goff House's Container Project, and is open to all in the creative arts field who want to advance their skills and amplify their creative process. The program runs **Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm**, and is geared toward those seeking a change of scenery to get their creativity flowing. More information can be found at <https://paciorek.com/the-artist-life/apply/>.