

MARCH 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun, Mar. 5: New Shows Open, Reception 2-4pm**

Maxwell Mays Gallery: **Driggs, Mac, & Toney Leeming: Explorations**

Mary Castelnovo Gallery: **Rich: Travels in Color**

Dodge House Gallery: **Tirrell & Weems: Small Moments**

**Sat, Mar. 11: Saturday Night Dinner 6pm**

**Wed, Mar. 15: BOM Meeting 5:30pm**

**Thu, Mar. 16: Thirsty Thursday 4pm**

**Fri, Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6pm**

**Sun, Mar. 26: New Shows Open, Reception 2-4pm**

Maxwell Mays Gallery: **Forster, Glaser, & Rotblat-Walker: Two Eyes and a Band-aid**

Mary Castelnovo Gallery: **Arts Professional Members Showcase**

Dodge House Gallery: **Ferreira: Into the Wild**

**Fri, Mar. 31: Pub Night Dinner 6pm**

**Sun, Apr. 9: Easter Sunday CLUB CLOSED**

**Sat, Apr. 15: New Shows Open, Reception 4-6pm**

Maxwell Mays Gallery: **Aitcheson, Vilmain, & Weingard: People, Places, & Things**

Mary Castelnovo Gallery: **Kenney: Marionnettes by PK**

Dodge House Gallery: **Sam Allerton Green & Bill Lane**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is just around the corner, and with this rite of renewal we also welcome a host of exciting offerings to brighten your days.

I've just had a peek at the upcoming spring schedule that Ed. Coordinator Maya Stern put together with our Education Committee, and couldn't be more proud of how we continue to expand our programming. Thank you for your efforts, and to all who offered class suggestions or recommendations - and to instructors and students alike for contributing to the art of camaraderie. (A big OBRIGADO to Rui and his team - none of this would be possible without their tireless support, from our classrooms to parking lots!)

We hope you had a chance to enjoy the 125+ works in our *Winter Members' Exhibition*. Thanks to Michael Rose and his crew for yet another gorgeous show, and congratulations to those selected for awards by judge Michael Ezzell, including Best in Show to Scott Glaser. Other awards went to Dennis Delomba, Mary Dondero, Nick Paciorek, Warren Jagger, Elaine Auger, Ruth Emers, Nancy Gaucher-Thomas, Ellen Mayer, Jim Bush, Karole Nicholson, Jeanne Cardarelli Raimondi, Mimo Gordon Riley, and David Witbeck. Cheers, folks!

Chef Scott has put together another stellar trio of menus for dinners this month, and with our Thirsty Thursdays becoming more and more popular, Julia will be relaunching our *PAC Cocktail Club!* Stay tuned for more on this series of evening in-person pop-ups, including guest bartenders and local craft cocktail partners. Looking for a refresher? You can find all of our previous Cocktail Club videos on our website and Youtube channel.

As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions, and involvement - send me an email at [president@providenceartclub.org](mailto:president@providenceartclub.org).

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

Shawn Kenney  
President, Providence Art Club



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: RUI PIMENTEL

Rui Pimentel was born and spent his childhood in Ponta Delgada, Azores, in Portugal before immigrating to the United States in 1988. Leaving behind his parents and two brothers back home, Rui settled here in East Providence upon his arrival to America, and hasn't strayed since. Of course, he visits his family back in Portugal when he can, and they FaceTime every day; family is everything to Rui. It was a big adjustment when it came to moving away and leaving his family behind, but the company of his wife and her family made the transition much easier. Since then, Rui has built his own family here in the Ocean State with his wife, two daughters, his grandson, and his dog. (A man of simple pleasures, Rui's ideal perfect day includes a hearty lunch of Portuguese steak and eggs with French fries, followed spending the day working on home projects and making memories with the ones he loves.) Before he came into his role here at the Providence Art Club, he worked as a supervisor at Leviton, an electrical manufacturing company. However, when the company chose to relocate down south, Rui had no intentions of leaving his home in East Providence. It was then that he found an opportunity, and what would ultimately become his home (away-from-home) here at the Club. On any given day, you can find Rui hustling around the Club and keeping our historic buildings in tip-top shape; we have him and his staff to thank for the tedious upkeep and maintenance that comes with preserving the beauty and elegance of our long-established Club. Thank you, Rui!

# MARCH HAPPENINGS & MORE AT THE PROVIDENCE ART CLUB

Mar. 11,  
2023  
6pm - 9pm



## SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Starting our month of mouth-watering dinners off will be a Saturday Night Dinner on **Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 6 - 9pm**. Beginning with the standard cocktail hour at 6pm, members will then gather for a seated dinner downstairs at 7pm. Starting with an appetizer option of a **Creamy Wild Mushroom Bisque** or **Waldorf Salad**, members and their guests will have four entrée options to choose from for their main course; a **Cajun Spiced Skirt Steak (\$32++)**, **Roasted Codfish and Shrimp (\$48++)**, **Duck Two Ways (\$52++)**, or a **Vegan Smoked White Bean Cassoulet (\$42++)**. For dessert; a berry-topped **Crème Brûlée Cheesecake** to cleanse and delight your palette. **The full menu for this dinner with all ingredients and side dishes can be found on the website.** Reservations can be made with Dining Room Manager Alda Borges via email at [reservations@providenceartclub.org](mailto:reservations@providenceartclub.org) or by calling 401.331.1114 ext. 3.

Mar. 31,  
2023  
6pm - 9pm



## FRIDAY NIGHT PUB DINNER

At the end of the month: the return of our classic Friday Night Pub Dinners! Join us on **Friday, March 31st, 2023 from 6 - 9pm** for a medley of mouth-watering dishes by the talented Executive Chef Scott and his culinary team. Beginning with an appetizer option of **New England Clam Chowder & Clam Cakes** or a **Blue Ice Wedge Salad**, members and their guests will then have five entrée options to choose from: an **Old Fashioned Prime Rib Dinner**, **Beer Battered Fish & Chips**, **Southern Fried Chicken & Waffles**, a **Greek Lamb Burger**, or a **Sweet English Pea & Caramelized Onion Ravioli**. For dessert; a **Brown Butter Cake** soft as a pillow. **The full menu for this dinner can be found online via the website.** Reservations can be made at [reservations@providenceartclub.org](mailto:reservations@providenceartclub.org) or by calling 401.331.1114 ext. 3.

Mar. 17,  
2023  
6pm - 9pm

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Coming up this month... no travel (or luck) needed to experience the taste of Ireland with our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner! Join us on **Friday, March 17th, 2023 from 6 - 9pm** and be transported to the Emerald Isle for an evening of classic Irish fare and fun. Following the standard cocktail hour at 6pm, members will gather for a seated dinner beginning at 7pm. Available to members and their guests only, reservations are required to attend this event. Reservations can be made with Dining Room Manager, Alda Borges at [reservations@providenceartclub.org](mailto:reservations@providenceartclub.org) or by calling 401.331.1114 ext. 3.

### MENU

#### APPETIZERS

House Made Irish Soda Bread

House Salad

Guinness Onion Soup

*Topped with Soda Bread Croutons  
& Irish Cheddar Cheese*

#### ENTRÉES

**Corned Beef & Cabbage - \$42**

*Served with Buttered Baby Carrots,  
Boiled Potatoes & Onions*

**House Smoked Irish Salmon - \$42**

*Topped with Braised Leeks & Jameson  
Whiskey Beurre Blanc, Served with  
Colcannon, Buttered Peas, Carrots  
& Onions*

**Irish Lamb Stew - \$40**

*Slow Braised Lamb, Mirepoix Vegetables,  
Potatoes & Stout Gravy served over Colcannon*

**Vegan Shepherd's Pie - \$38**

*Roasted Winter Vegetables Braised in a  
Savory Vegetable Herb Gravy, Served over  
Vegan Whipped Potatoes*

#### DESSERT

**Chocolate Guinness Mousse Cake**

*Topped with Bailey's Irish Cream Mousse &  
a Whiskey Caramel Sauce*

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### Josef Blazar, Arts Professional

*Josef Blazar grew up around Fine Art. As a child, his father, Alan, started Blazing Editions, a fine art printmaking company working with Joel Meyerowitz, Jay Maisel, Anne Packard, Milton Greene, and John Paul Caponigro. Today, Josef Blazar is the owner of the family company Blazing Editions, which has become a leader in the fine art industry for creating the highest quality reproductions on various substrates. Based in East Greenwich, RI, he leads the company with a dedication to providing the finest reproductions on the market today. Blazing Editions works exclusively with artists, galleries, and museums around North America. Services include digital archiving, color editing, printmaking, framing, delivery, and artwork installation. Blazing now works with iconic artists Eric Fischl, Harry Benson, Joyce Tenneson, Julian Lennon, Michael Eastman, Douglas Kirkland, and Melvin Sokolsky.*

*Along with Blazing's printmaking division, Josef runs YJ Contemporary Fine Art, an art distribution company matching artists with galleries in North America. Artists include Anne Packard, Josef Kote, and Xan Padrón. Josef spends his personal time with his daughter, Yvonne, his wife, Kay, and two dogs. He loves to travel for work and spends his summers on Rhode Island's beaches.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 2023

**Sandra Liotus**, Arts Professional  
**Ann McKee**, Exhibiting Artist

## PASSAGES

NOV. 2022 - FEB. 2023

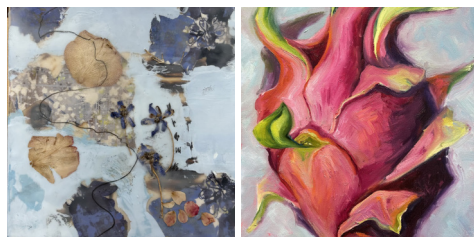
**Marian Sachs**

Presidents List Member 1981, Medal  
Recipient **Passed: Nov. 20, 2022**

**Eugene Lee**

Arts Professional Member since 1995  
**Passed: Feb. 6, 2023**





## A Review of the 2023 Winter Members' Exhibition

Article by Bri Turner, Gallery Assistant

While I do enjoy our solo and group shows, I love our member shows best. I am delighted at the opportunity to see work from all of our members celebrated together. This is my seventh *Winter Members' Exhibition* and I am still amazed by the variety of subjects, media, and styles that our members explore. It is so fun to see artists experimenting with new materials and ideas.

I am especially drawn to **Sally Barker's encaustic piece**, *Floating Flowers*, and am intrigued by how the colors of wax, layers of collage, and texture of the dried flowers all play together. This is the first time I have seen her work in this medium and I think it is inspiring. It is also a treat to see our new members' work alongside those of our veteran exhibitors. I am enchanted by new member **Kim Barry's oil painting**, *Dragon Fruit*; its colors are vibrant and its shapes are sumptuous. *Dragon Fruit* is a part of a larger grouping of pieces in Dodge House Gallery which I think together perfectly reflect the many unique and valuable visions that define Providence Art Club artists.

## JOAN BOGHOSSIAN'S BIRTHDAY GIFT CHALLENGE



The Development Committee is pleased to recognize and thank the following members and friends who met the **Joan Boghossian Birthday Challenge** in 2022 with generous gifts to our club totaling **\$3,725.00**. These funds will be added to the PAC endowment.

**Marguerite Ofria Pile, W. Bruce Tillinghast, Mary Benton-Fuchs, Peter & Suzanne Lincoln, Barbara Slaughter, Patti Wagner-Miller, John Grosvenor, Elizabeth B. Zimmerman, Suzanne Reeves, & Gail A. Ginnetty**



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## Behind the Brush:

*Kelly McCullough on Passions & Challenges*

This month, Membership Services Coordinator Julia Hubbard sat down with Kelly McCullough to talk about passions, challenges, and all of life's teachable moments.

In her early years, Kelly had a natural artistic ability that led her to pursue a life in the arts. Beginning her education at *Tyler School of Art*, she received a BFA with a major in Photography. After several exciting years working in the photography field in Los Angeles, CA, Kelly felt an unshakable longing to dive deeper into Fine Art which led her to the *Charles H. Cecil Studios* in Florence, Italy. Under his guidance, Kelly developed her talents with the "Sight Size" technique – a method she uses faithfully and encourages her students to adopt. (Join Kelly in the Masiello Studio this spring for her Sight-Size class!)

In the atelier tradition, Kelly excelled to the role of teaching assistant, thereby discovering a passion for sharing what she had learned, and she has never looked back. Upon returning to the US, Kelly took on many clients for private one-on-one drawing and painting sessions. For many people, the road of life is not planned out on a roadmap, and the same could be said for Kelly. Though not consciously pursued, teaching is something that brings her joy and fulfillment. She feels truly blessed with the way her life continues to unfold and wants to thank her close friend and spiritual guide Sally Ewalt – for teaching her the true meaning of self-kindness.

Kelly loves taking on new challenges. In fact, she has recently adopted the role of Club Silhouette painter, calling on Jim Allen for his years of knowledge. Though the process may seem daunting, she is excited at the prospect of portraying respected members' likeness in a manner unlike her usual portraits. Among her many passions are song writing, practicing and teaching yoga, and continually learning new things – focusing on the beauty of the process. Kelly believes you have to allow yourself to be bad at something if you want to see improvement.



## FIRESIDE HISTORY WITH DAN MECHNIG

Have you ever noticed the small details and intricacies that line the **Providence Art Club's famous Cabaret Room**? Hidden off to the side in the Club's Café, lies a little room full of a lot of history. For this month's Fireside History feature, former-President Dan Mechnig sat down with us this month to highlight the magnificent room and share some of the lesser-known facts about the illustrious alcove.

If you take a moment to glance around the room, you'll note the sheer volume of historic objects and treasures that have been collected over the years to display in this space. From the historic silhouettes and illustrations that line the walls, to the wine bottles hanging from the ceiling — well over 100 years old — this antique "party room" is brimming with moments of yesteryear. *"This room is my favorite spot in the Club, next to Angell's Lane,"* says past-President Dan Mechnig. *"The history and camaraderie that happened here... whenever I spend time in this room, my troubles from the outside just go away."*

Mounted on the wall next to the fireplace (in their original placement), sits a set of fragile, antique pipes (frequently seen in photographs and used by our own members); restored to their former glory. Don't believe it? Take a close look at any image of the Cabaret room from the 1880's...you'll find those pipes mounted in that exact spot! Another hard-to-find detail; a devil in the room, overseeing the festivities of the Club's merry members. It's mind-boggling, the amount of detail and consideration that that was put into the creation of this remarkable room... we challenge you to find them.





# IN CASE YOU MISSED OUT... *PAC's Winter Season*



Members came out on Friday, January 20th, 2023 for a Friday Night Dinner and had a blast, laughing with friends and admiring our latest member's artwork in the New Members' Exhibition.

Members Susan Klas Wright, Lorraine Hynes, & Bob Lavoie pose for a picture amongst great conversations and cocktails at Thirsty Thursday!



Love is in the air! PAC turned into a date night destination on Valentine's Day, and we hosted a special dinner for our members and their guests on February 14, 2023.

...and not just reserved for couples! Friends and couples alike came out to the Valentine's Day Dinner to celebrate their fondness for our Club and each other.



This year's Founder's Day program consisted of a immersive presentation on Madame Christiana Carteaux Bannister, Hair Doctress; produced by Arts Professional Member, Pamela Lambert. Pictured here is the cast celebrating their long-awaited performance!










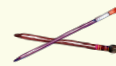






Pictured here is actress Briana Rosario in her role as Madame Christiana Carteaux Bannister, reminiscing over her memories with her sweet Edward. The resemblance is uncanny! Stay tuned for the video coming soon online.



# APRIL 2023

## SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HAPPY EASTER! CLUB CLOSED 						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						
30	<b>KEY</b>  <b>NOTEBOOK</b> - MEETING  <b>PLATE</b> - MEMBERS DINNER  <b>PAINTBRUSHES</b> - WORKSHOP/ PROGRAM  <b>FRAME</b> - NEW SHOWS OPEN  <b>COCKTAIL</b> - THIRSTY THURSDAY  <b>BOOMBOX</b> - PARTY					
						

SEE REVERSE FOR EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS >>>>>





# UPCOMING EVENTS



**SUN. APRIL 9**

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE**  
Easter Sunday  
CLUB CLOSED

**WED. APRIL 19**

**MEETING**  
BOM Meeting  
5:30 pm

**SUN. APRIL 23**

**PROGRAM**  
Paint Your Cake: Patron  
Member Program  
1 - 4 pm

**SAT. APRIL 15**

**NEW SHOWS OPEN**  
Opening Reception  
2 - 4 pm

**WORKSHOP**  
A Way In: Ideas and  
Explorations to Fuel  
Your Creative Practice  
w/ Monica Lee Rich  
9 am - 3 pm

**MEMBERS DINNER**  
Saturday Night Dinner  
6 - 9 pm

**FRI. APRIL 21**

**MEMBERS DINNER**  
Member's Night Dinner  
& Program  
6 - 9 pm

**THU. APRIL 27**

**THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
Cocktails &  
conversations w/  
the artists!  
6 - 9 pm

**SAT. APRIL 22**

**WORKSHOP**  
Who Can Resist Nests?!  
w/ Betsy MacDonald  
9 am - 3 pm

**SAT. APRIL 29**

**PARTY**  
Membership  
Committee Dance Party  
6 - 9 pm

## In the Galleries...

### MAXWELL MAYS GALLERY

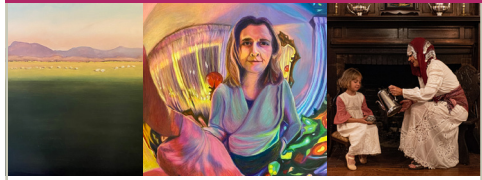


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### MARY CASTELNOVO GALLERY

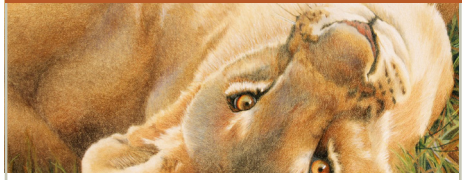


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