



Spring greetings from Westport Art Group! We have quite a lot planned for a busy season through the Spring and Summer: exhibits, events, classes and more. Please note that some \*Call to Artist\* deadlines are fast approaching, as well as the youth scholarship application deadline. Please read and share this information, and be sure to visit our website at [www.WestportArtGroup.com](http://www.WestportArtGroup.com) for the latest updates in activities and opportunities! Enjoy!

**SHOWS AND EVENTS - INCLUDING \*CALL TO ARTIST\* OPPORTUNITIES!**

## Shows and Exhibitions

### **Westport Meets Newport** \*Call to Artists\*

Opportunity for WAG Artists to exhibit for the month of May at the Spring Bull Gallery in Newport, RI. See details in the Prospectus on our website at [Events and Shows](#).

If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Mary Benefiel at [info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com) or call (508) 636-2114. Space is limited.



*From the Spring Bull Gallery Website:*

The Westport Art Group

Exhibit Dates: May 5 – May 31, 2018

Opening Reception: Saturday May 5, 2018 5-7 PM

Gallery Night: Thursday, May 10, 2018 5-8 PM

This May, Spring Bull Gallery is proud to feature artists from the Westport Art Group organization with an opening reception on Saturday, May 5th from 5–7 pm, to which the public is invited. From its start, with small a group of dedicated visual artists in 1956, the Westport Art Group has grown to be a

vibrant, community organization of members from the southern coast of MA and RI. Their mission is to encourage and support the appreciation of the arts and crafts through exhibitions, workshops and classes in a variety of mediums. The Westport Art Group also sponsors a scholarships fund for students in the area. Please come and enjoy this group of artist representing such a dynamic organization. The Westport Meets Newport exhibit runs May 5, 2018 – May 31, 2018. During Gallery Night in Newport Thursday May 10th we will have a painting demonstration from one of Spring Bull Gallery members.

## Spring Open Juried Show - Surface Matters

April 28 through Sunday, May 6, 10 am to 4 pm.

Opening reception: Friday, April 27, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Prizes Awarded at 6:30 pm.

Westport Art Group, 1740 Main Road, Westport Point, MA 02748

### *\*Call to Artists\**

*Surface Matters:* Artists are invited to focus on the concept of surface with a unique and personal interpretation of the subject, expressed but not limited to any one aspect of its possibilities as well in the physicality of the artwork itself. Open to all New England artists working in 2D and 3D artwork: Oil, Watercolor, Acrylic, Pastel, Photography, Mixed Media (encaustic, photography and painting, artwork with more than one medium applied), Collage (assemblage of different forms), Prints (one of a kind, hand pulled) and Digitally Assisted art. No Giclée reproductions.



Red Haired Woman by Barbara Diane Barry

See the website at [Events and Shows](#) for Prospectus and Intake Form.

## 63rd Annual Summer Show: Fine Arts and Crafts by Westport Art Group Artists



Saturday, August 4 through Sunday, August 12, 10 am to 4 pm.

Opening Reception: Friday, August 3, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Westport Art Group, 1740 Main Road, Westport Point, MA

The Annual Summer Community Show is a much-loved event featuring fine art and crafts created by member artists. Please join us and see for yourself what talent we have right here on the South Coast!

### *Small Painting Raffle*

As in years past, we will have raffle tickets available for purchase for chances to win a small painting of your choice. Place your chances on one particular painting, or distribute them to a few! All the raffle paintings will be displayed at the show.

The Raffle Drawing is on Sunday, August 12 at 3 PM. Prizes may be picked-up at the close of the exhibition on Sunday, August 12 until 5 PM, on Monday, August 13, 5 PM to 6 PM or on Wednesday, August 15, 9 AM – 3 PM.

## Southcoast Artists Open Studio Tours - Participation at Westport Art Group

**\*Call to Artists - Deadline to Submit: April 1, 2018\***

SCA features two open studio tour weekends, July 21-22 and August 18-19, 2018. The 2018 Tours mark the Fifteenth Annual South Coast Artists Open Studio Tours. The Westport Art Group offers eight spaces in July and eight spaces in August for WAG artists that would like to participate. Fee to WAG: \$50.

If you are interested in participating, please download and complete the form at our website and return it to WAG as soon as possible at: PO 157, Main Road, Westport Point, MA 02791. For questions contact Nancy Nagle: [NandD121@icloud.com](mailto:NandD121@icloud.com) or [info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com).



**Deadline to submit form: April 1, 2018. If there are more participants than places (8 for each Tour), a lottery will be held. Please see our website at [Events and Shows](#) for details and form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you are interested.**

## Events

### River Day

Westport River Watershed Alliance: June 9, 10 am – 3 pm.

The Westport Art Group will participate with a booth for Kids' Art Camp sign-ups and an exhibition of artwork by WAG members. For questions, contact Bruce Hubbard at [info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com).

**NEW CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH!**

## Adult Watercolor Workshop



Poppy and Jonquil by Ron Lister

### Exploring Watercolor

Six Week Course: Tuesdays, May 22– June 26, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.  
Fee: \$125 Members, \$160 Non Members, Adults  
Instructor: Ron Lister

This is a hands on class where returning students will be helped and encouraged to work towards their own goals, and new students will receive a foundation to begin their own exploration of watercolors (i.e. this is not a follow the leader type course).

The class is limited to 12 participants. All skill levels are welcome. To secure your spot, please download the Registration Form at our website, [www.WestportArtGroup.com](http://www.WestportArtGroup.com), [Classes and Workshops](#).

# Youth Workshops and Summer Camps

## Children's Hat Workshop

May 12, Saturday, 10 am - noon.

Ages 7-10

Fee \$30, including materials.

Space is limited to 8 children.



A fun morning for children, ages 7-10, with a parent/grandparent making hats from colorful and recycled materials with artist and author Alyn Carlson. See Alyn's book video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FDqAKe29W4>.

## Teen Portrait Sculpture and Drawing Workshop – I'm a Live Wire

May 19, Saturday, 10 am - 1 pm

Barbara Barry, Instructor

Fee \$30 (includes materials).

For Middle and High School students. Limit of 10 teens.



Most traditional line drawings are done in pencil, pen or charcoal. However Henri Matisse learned to draw line with his scissors later in life and "Sandy" Calder created his line with wire! This workshop will explore the expressive nature of line first developing a contour portrait with pencil and ink and then with flexible wire. Students may add textural collage materials to finalize and a touch of color to their project. See [WestportArtGroup.com](http://WestportArtGroup.com), [Youth Education](#).

## Summer Art Camps for Children

Our popular summer art camps are back for Summer 2018! Registration is now open!

Children ages 6-11 (Entering First Grade).

Limit of 12 children per session.

Two sessions:

Session 1: July 9-13; 9 am-12 pm daily

Session 2: August 13-17; 9 am- 12 pm daily



For further information on all youth activities, see [WestportArtGroup.com](http://WestportArtGroup.com), [Youth Education](#).

## Westport Art Group Scholarships Fund

Students attending Westport High School, Dartmouth High School, Tiverton High School and the children or grandchildren of Westport Art Group members who intend to pursue a higher degree in Visual Art are eligible to apply for a Westport Art Group Scholarship. WAG offers two \$1,000 scholarships annually.

To learn more, download the Scholarship Application at [www.westportartgroup.com](http://www.westportartgroup.com), [Youth Education](#).  
Deadline to apply is April 12.

## Weekly at WAG

**The Graphite Group**, Drawing: Six-Weeks, Mondays, April 9 – May 14, 9 am – 12 pm.  
\$15 per class, \$40 for a 4-week month, \$50 for a 5-week month. All skill levels  
Email [info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com) for more information.

**Open Studio with Instructor**: Thursdays, Nov – April 30, 9 am – 12 pm  
\$15 per class, \$40 for a 4-week month, \$50 for a 5-week month. All skill levels. All Media.  
For questions, contact Barbara Healy at [edlundhealy@gmail.com](mailto:edlundhealy@gmail.com).

**Plein Air Painting with Instructor**: Thursdays, May – Oct, 9 am – 12 pm  
\$15 per class, \$40 for a 4-week month, \$50 for a 5-week month. All skill levels. All media.  
For questions, contact Barbara Healy at [edlundhealy@gmail.com](mailto:edlundhealy@gmail.com).

**Life Drawing Open Studio**: Fridays, 9 am -12 pm  
\$15 per class, \$40 for a 4-week month, \$50 for a 5-week month. All skill levels.  
PLEASE NOTE: No class will be held July 13 and August 17, due to Art Camp using the space. Every week a live model, nude and clothed, will be available for members to sketch, draw or paint. Each session is three hours in length; beginning with quick 3-minute sketches to longer 20-minute poses, ending with a one-hour study. For questions, contact Barbara Diane Barry at (201) 675-0256, or email [bdbarry6@yahoo.com](mailto:bdbarry6@yahoo.com).

**WAG Poetry Group (monthly)**: Monthly meetings on Thursday afternoons, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Contact Peter Lenrow for upcoming dates. [info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com).



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