

# ANNUAL REPORT | 2022



**ART**  
**Connection**  
**RHODE ISLAND**

Connecting Lives with Art  
for **10 years.**

*"Passion Flower" by Maria Termini*

# 2022 Highlights

Platinum  
Transparency  
2022

Candid.

## Supporting the Community

In 2022, Art Connection-RI continued to place original art, generously donated by local artists, to 12 non-profit community service providers in Rhode Island. Staff at community service non-profits chose art in person this year, rather than by PowerPoint. The new system of selection was enjoyed by all.

## Children Have Fun in Art Workshops

ACRI provided after school, hands-on art education for children at the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket taught by Brad Vacaro. Additional classes during the year were taught by Carolyn Kent at McAuley Village and West End Community Center in Providence and Dr Martin Luther King Jr Center in Newport.

## Art Selection Held at URI Art Gallery

In April, URI Providence Campus Art Gallery gave us the opportunity to exhibit over 200 original artworks. Staff from seven non-profits came to the gallery to select works of art in person for their areas of service. It was a lively and energetic experience for them to select the art in person, rather than virtually, from a slide show.



*The 2022 Children's Art Workshops at the MLK Center, Newport, RI and McAuley sponsored by Art Connection-RI.*



# Celebrating 100 Art Placements!

## Art Connection-RI Celebrates its 11th Anniversary at the Providence Art Club

Alison Bologna was the MC as we honored David Kupferman as Donating Artist of the Year and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center of Newport with the Iona Dobbins Award. Storyteller Len Cabral auctioned paintings by Richard Harrington, David Kupferman and the artists from the Flying Shuttles Program in Pawtucket.

*Right: Jim Scott, Alison, Bologna, and Len Cabral.*



## ACRI Welcomes Three New Board Members to the Team



### Karen Rand Anderson

is a local painter with a studio in a Pawtucket Mill. She exhibits her vibrant abstract landscapes in venues throughout New England. Growing up in upstate New York, she first came to Rhode Island to attend RISD. After graduating with a degree in ceramics, she earned a MFA from Northern Vermont University. Karen's support of ACRI began when she donated paintings. When not working in her studio, Karen enjoys hanging out with Ginger, her little rescue dog. She's the proud mom of two successful artists, and also a new grandmother.



### Al Harris

is a retired arts educator who worked in the Providence and Boston Public School Systems. His goal was to teach all subjects by using the arts. He was also a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, working with leather exporting, bee keeping and developing village level crafts. He has worked with the Experiment In International Living and small tour groups for Europe and Africa. He has a BA degree (Art Education) from Florida A&M University and a MA degree (School of International Education) from U/MASS Amherst.



### Taylor Carney

was born and raised in Newport, Rhode Island and has a Bachelor of Communications from Northeastern University. Taylor is a residential real estate sales agent with Compass Real Estate in Providence, Rhode Island, and a founding agent of their Washington, D.C. office. He has always had a passion for art, with photography being a large interest of his. He joined ACRI to help others and bring joy to people's lives. In his free time, Taylor can be found biking the East Bay Bike Trail or exploring Providence.

## 2022 SUPPORTERS

Bank Newport	June Rockwell Levy Foundation at RI Foundation
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Community Health Fund at the RI Foundation	Ocean State Charities Trust
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Fay Slover Fund at The Boston Foundation	Washington Trust Charitable Foundation
Iona Dobbins Art Fund	

## DONORS

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Wendy Ingram	

## BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Scott  
Liz Martino  
Wendy Ingram  
Karen Rand Anderson  
Al Harris  
Taylor Carney

## MISSION

Art Connection–Rhode Island enriches and inspires underserved populations by providing community service organizations access to original works of art created by local artists at no cost. ■



172  
ARTWORKS  
PLACED



TOTAL  
PLACED  
WORKS OF  
ART

## 2022 ART PLACEMENTS

Providence Community Health Center  
Providence CHC – Atwood  
Providence CHC – Chaffee  
The Fogarty Center  
McAuley House  
Sojourner House  
YouthBuild  
Children's Friend  
Dorcas International  
Thundermist Health Centers  
Ocean Tides Narragansett  
RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence

12  
ART  
PLACEMENTS

107  
NONPROFITS  
SERVED SINCE 2011

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