

WCA UPDATE JULY 2, 2016

Wishing All a happy July 4th!

From Nancy Rose:

Hi Friends!

Our July lunch bunch will be at Nancy Groff Witton's on July 11th. Does her name sound familiar? Nancy seems to always be winning awards somewhere! Nancy has more recently started to paint larger and more abstract. Her abstract at our June Lunch Bunch created a round of applause. I can't wait to see all her older and newer pieces in one place! Please arrive between 11:00am and 11:30 am on July 11th!

Please RSVP to Nancy Groff Witton :Phone/Text#: 941-408-6089

email: nancygroffwitton@gmail.com

Directions to her home at 12615 Cara Cara Loop, Bradenton as follows:

From Nancy Groff Winton

I live in GreyHawk Landing which is off SR64 east of I75. (Note: the entrance to GHl is set back from the road so watch carefully. It is the next left turn after the Peace Church entrance.)

Coming from Venice or Sarasota via I75 take exit 220A. Turn right onto SR64. The entrance to GreyHawk Landing is approx. 3.5 miles on the left.

Coming from Lakewood Ranch/University Pkwy take Lakewood Ranch Blvd. north, turn right onto SR64. The entrance is approx. 1 mile on the left.

From Bradenton take SR64. The entrance is approx. 3.5 miles past the I75 interchange on the left.

Once through the gate go straight, at the 3rd stop sign turn left onto Cara Cara Loop. The house is the first one on the right past the bend in the loop.

NOTE: if you use GPS it will try to send you to the entrance on Upper Manatee River road. There is no guard at that gate. You must come in via the SR64 entrance.

From Lorene Erikson

The Studio at Gulf and Pine sold two of my abstracts on Saturday...one very large and one 24x24. I am elated. I brought Yellow First, acrylic on board, 54x39, to the group last year.

From Liz Trostli

Art Uptown's Popular Community Show, *Dog Days of Summer*, Now to Support Southeastern Guide Dogs

For the eighth consecutive year, Art Uptown Gallery is opening its doors to welcome community artists and art lovers to celebrate midsummer with the *Dog Days of Summer* juried open art exhibit. The show will run from July 30 through August 26, with a public reception on Friday, August 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. During this time, the work of the gallery's resident artists will be on display, as well.

Always well attended, the event this year will live up to its name in a whole new sense. Art Uptown is embracing the mission of Southeastern Guide Dogs, which will receive a portion of all art sales. In addition, several gallery artists have created special pieces for the occasion, and will donate all their proceeds to SEGD, if they sell. The exhibit will include a wide range of subjects and styles, but it's likely a few of the pieces will be inspired by man's best friends.

"Southeastern Guide Dogs came to our attention through their 'Superheroes on Parade' fundraising project, in which 50 sculptures of guide dogs wearing capes have been painted by artists and sponsored by local businesses," says exhibit co-chairwoman Judy Saltzman. "We are pleased that two of the gallery's neighbors have generously sponsored 'superhero' dogs, which now are on display on our block of Main Street. It seemed like a good match for us to link our *Dog Days* show to these efforts. This organization does an exceptional job of breeding, raising and training gifted dogs to add freedom and mobility to the lives of those with impaired vision."

This year, the juror for the *Dog Days of Summer* exhibit will be Mary Louise Ringers, who taught high school art and exhibited her work on Long Island for 32 years, before moving to Sarasota. She currently teaches drawing and watercolor at Sarasota's Adult and Community Enrichment program. She is a signature member and has sat on the board of both the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society and the Florida Watercolor Society.

Area artists who are 21 or older are welcome to submit up to 2 pieces to the show, in either 2 or 3 dimensions. (Further submission information is available by calling the gallery or visiting its website.) The top award winners will have the privilege of showing their work in Art Uptown's Main Street window for two weeks, and will receive additional prizes generously donated by the following local businesses: Jessica's Picture Framing, Blue Line Inc, Keeton's Office & Art Supply, and Artfinity Giclée Printing.

Since 1980, Art Uptown Gallery artists have contributed to the Sarasota community in a variety of ways, at the same time presenting top-quality art including painting, drawing, photography, digital art, ceramics, jewelry, glass, fiber, wood, alabaster and bronze. Each week, two different artists are featured in the front windows. These artists are present, and pleased to discuss their work, on Saturday mornings and afternoons, as well as Friday evenings. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday - Thursday, 11 - 5; Friday, 11 - 9; Saturday, 11 - 8; and Sunday 12 - 5. Telephone: 941-955-5409. Website: www.artuptown.com.