

WCA Update 12-31-16

**Happy 2017!**

**Wishing all of our members a joyous, healthy, and creative new year!**

**A NOTE FROM THE MESSENGER:** please do not write to me using the reply function from this e-mail. Gmail tends to group responses making it difficult to find individual mail. Please create a new message to me for any requests, questions, and comments. Thanks for your help!  
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**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**

Rhoda Taylor  
Karen Mathis  
Hanni Winestock  
Erin McCullough  
Marjorie Hallett  
Joann Petty Bresch  
Janice Newman  
Sandy Albanese

**January Lunch Bunch will be at the home of Donna Grasel**

Please arrive between 11:00am and 11:30am with your lunch. Please RSVP to Donna and ask her if she has room for you before you come. Space is limited. Please RSVP soon to Donna at: [dongrasel@gmail.com](mailto:dongrasel@gmail.com) or 941 966-5786

**Directions to Donna Grasel:**

526 Habitat Blvd, Osprey

From the north

South on 41 to 1 block south of intersection with Blackburn Point Rd.  
Left at 2 story bank (Habitat Blvd)  
Go 2 blocks to the cul d sac - house on the right

OR

South on I-75 to exit 200  
Exit for Osprey to the right (you will be going north on 41)  
Go about 2 miles (past Oscar Scherer State Park)  
Take Second entrance to the right at 2 story bank (Habitat Blvd)  
Go 2 blocks to the cul d sac - house on right

From the south take 41 north

After Oscar Scherer State Park  
Take Second entrance to the right at 2 story bank (Habitat Blvd)

Go 2 blocks to the cul d sac - house on right

**Upcoming LUNCH BUNCH hosts:**

- > Feb 6-Nancy Turner
- > March-Nancy Heart
- > April- Jana Millstone
- > May- Cecile Moran

**MEMBER NEWS:**

**From Judy Kramer**

Judy Kramer's photo "Bradenton Surfer Bus" was chosen to be included in the Herald Tribune 2016-17 Celebrate Our Community Calendar - January. The calendar is available for purchase (\$5) at the Herald Tribune building on Main Street in Sarasota.

**From Diane Schmidt**

Hi Great friends

I will be exhibiting portraits and early works at the Unity Gallery in the month of January 2017. Unity is located at 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota. Regular hours are Monday to Thursday 10 to 4pm.

The reception is on Sunday, New Year's Day January 1, 2017 at 11:30am. It follows their regular service at 10:30 which you also may attend if you wish.

Have a great Holiday.....Cheers, Diane

**From Jennifer Peck**

I have taken my show on the road and am now exhibiting in the festival circuit in FLorida. The Festivals are free and fun events where you can look at work by many artists in all mediums, meet artists and get some inspiration.

Please stop by my booth and say hello! There is detail information on my website:

[www.JenniferPeckFineArt.com](http://www.JenniferPeckFineArt.com)

Following are the upcoming festivals I will be exhibiting in:

DEC 12/31 Coconut point New Years Eve Art Festival - Estero, Florida

January 7/8 - 20th Annual Downtown Dunedin Art Festival - Dunedin, Florida

Jan 14/15 - Sarasota Winter Fine Art Festival - Main Street, Sarasota

**From Donna Grasel**

Calling all Artists!

Benderson Development is requesting qualifications from artists and creative teams for a commissioned art opportunity for the primary roundabout leading into Nathan Benderson Park and University Town Center in Sarasota, FL.

The Art Selection Committee would like to commission a 75-foot tall Signature Sculpture

that is of the quality and stature that one would see at the Olympic games. The artwork should not depict any overt or obvious symbol of the Olympics but should - in a realistic, naturalistic or even abstract way - reflect, embody and convey movement and the power of enduring physical strength and health.

Nathan Benderson Park and University Town Center  
Sarasota, Florida  
Deadline to submit January 15, 2017  
Budget: \$500,000

[Click here for more information. This will open a PDF.](#)

### **From Rhoda Taylor**

I am a new member of the WCA and wanted to announce that I won 3rd place in the current Art Center Sarasota exhibition "Reflection". I also have two works of mine in the Unitarian/Universalist church members exhibition in the Lexow Gallery of the church. The exhibition opens this weekend, but the formal reception is December 18th at 11:30 after the church service.

### **From Dirce Kennedy**

Happy to inform that my Portrait titled "Feneshia 3" received SECOND PLACE AWARD at Venice Art Center, Altman-Vogt Solo Exhibition: Mini Show, Dec, 16, 2016.  
Also, I have paintings at Art Center Sarasota and Art Center Manatee in each of the current juried shows.

### **From Gail B White**

The event is an opportunity for members to get their work out there and help a very worthy cause at the same time.

### ***The Art of Caring: A Call for Donations of Art***

Healthy Families Sarasota, a program of The Florida Center for Early Childhood, is committed to preventing child abuse and neglect in at-risk families in Sarasota County. Each year, approximately 450 families identified as having risk factors related to child abuse receive home visitation services. The program is part of the statewide Healthy Families Florida system with proven results. 100% of children in families who complete the program have no findings of child maltreatment within 12 months following completion.

Please join Healthy Families' mission by contributing your artwork for our event. The Art of Caring Silent Art Auction will take place on Friday, February 10, 2017 at the Southbay Clubhouse Ballroom. We request that all donations be submitted by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please contact Ginger Pavloff, event co-chair, at (732) 616-5773, (941) 966-8715 or e-mail: [ginpavloff@gmail.com](mailto:ginpavloff@gmail.com)

For more information on Healthy Families, visit [www.thefloridacenter.org](http://www.thefloridacenter.org) or [www.healthyfamiliesfla.org](http://www.healthyfamiliesfla.org)

### **From Katie Cassidy**

Katie Cassidy is in the group show Splendor of Sarasota at 530 Burns Gallery. Opening reception is Friday, Dec. 9th from 5:00-9:00. The show will continue thru Jan/ 31st.

### **From Grace Howl**

Grace will be exhibiting Together and Apart, an installation about love letters between Georgia O'Keeffe and Alfred Steiglitz at the Alfstadt Gallery 1419 5th Street, Sarasota, FL 34236 from November 18th to January 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

### **From Elisabeth Trostli**

Elisabeth Trostli will be showing her Gallery of Digital Masques as a part of a Mixed Art Media Show titled "Infinite Mind". Proceeds will benefit the Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's.

"Infinite Mind" will be on exhibit at at the Players Centre for the Performing Arts, 838 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL 34236.

Show runs from January 9-Feb 7, 2017. The theater is open 10-4pm daily.

Meet the Artists Reception: January 17th, 5:30-7:30 pm, followed by performance of "Sweet Charity". Tickets available at Players Box Office.

**The next News Update will be posted January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017: Please send any announcements you'd like to share by then: [jana.millstone@gmail.com](mailto:jana.millstone@gmail.com)**