

WCA Update September 17, 2017

The next News Update will be posted the weekend of [September 30, 2017](#)

Please send any announcements you'd like to share by that time to: jana.millstone@gmail.com.

Please, Please do not respond to this e-mail with your news. Create a new message using the above address. Thanks!

Only information about group issues will be posted in the interim between Updates.

A Message from our President, Judy Lyons Schneider

Summer is officially over and we're all getting into our "high season" mode. Translated, it means "back to work". Time to renew membership in WCA (before November 30th), check our calendars and enter Lunch Bunch Critiques, Membership Meetings (exciting programs are planned), Annual Exhibition(s) and special events. Check our website and read the updates that are sent regularly, to be well informed.

Hopefully, everyone had made time to be in their studios or do some plein air painting this hot summer and now have some wonderful work to exhibit. We have an active program planned and hope you'll participate with us.

At our recent Board Meeting, many new ideas were discussed. Can't wait to see their resolution. Your opinion matters to us, so, hope you responded to any correspondence sent to you.

Also, please think about "shadowing" some of our Board Members. It's one of the ways you can decide whether to volunteer along with other WCA members. As they say, "only the shadow knows!" (Sorry, but I couldn't resist.) Any questions about the "shadowing" process, contact me at JLSArtStudio2@gmail.com.

Look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Creatively yours,

Judy Lyons Schneider

WCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

First reminder that WCA dues of \$50 are due between October 1 and November 30, 2017 for the 2018 year. For those early birds, you can send your check made out to WCA to:

Helene Hirmes

4540 Bee Ridge Road, villa 5

Sarasota, FL 34233

If you know of a potential member, please have them look at our website: www.womencontemporaryartists.com. They can check out the requirements and get their photos together.

IMPORTANT: Please respond...we need your input!

The board is considering creating a booklet that will contain pictures of all the current WCA membership and pertinent contact information. Professional images would be taken by Judy Kramer. The estimated cost to purchase each book would be about \$20. We are trying to get an idea of the interest level. Please respond to Donna Grasel at dongrasel@gmail.com and let her know if you would be interested or not in such a booklet. Note that your response is not a commitment to purchase a book. Thanks for your input!"

Our Webmaster Liz Trostli writes: If you have a good, hi-resolution photo of your work, and would like to have it included on WCA Website on the Member's Gallery pages, please contact Liz Trostli : webmasterwca@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH

October lunch bunch information to be announced

Upcoming Lunch bunch hosts are as follows:

November 6- Peppi Elona

2018 Jan - Donna Grasel

Upcoming Women Contemporary Artists 2016-2017 Programs

The Program Committee has been hard at work getting next year's WCA program agenda going. They have already set up all three programs for next season's WCA meetings:

- **November 2017** – Jean Joseph Renoux- with a lecture on the Art of Vienna and Gustav Klimt
- **January 2018** – Pamela Olin who is a sculptor, welder and does 3D printing and also ran a co-op in Chicago
- **February 2018** – Baila Miller with a talk on Modernism focused on Picasso, Gertrude Stein and Stieglitz and a blending of history and these famous figures.

MEMBER NEWS:

From Joan Schnuerch

Just to let you know I have my painting ' Happy Hour' hanging at the peer juried exhibit at the Sarasota Art Center right now, and have various paintings at the Studio on Gulf and Pine on AMI

From Betty Gerich

Dear Friends,

One of my watercolors and one of my sculptures will be on display in an exhibition called "Line, Form and Color" at Art Center Sarasota from August 24 - September 29th. The sculpture won an Honorable Mention award.

Art Center Sarasota, [707 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236](http://www.artcenter.org)

From Linda Lee Foster

Florida Watercolor Society 2016-2017 - "On Line Juried Show"- "SunFlowers XI"

From Rhoda Taylor

The opening date of my lobby exhibit at the Player's Theater had been moved to Aug. 22. It still closes on Oct. 17.

From Kathleen McDonald

CLAY, a working pottery studio in Venice, has room for one new potter. Owners Kathleen McDonald, Marsha Schamber and Julie Baxter have three wheels available and invested in a new large kiln last year. Monthly rent of \$150 gives you a key with 24/7 access and use of the studio equipment. If interested please contact WCA members Kathleen ([941-284-5431](tel:941-284-5431)) or Marsha ([267-997-7408](tel:267-997-7408)) to schedule an interview with all three partners.

From Dirce Kennedy

Happy to inform that her painting "Feneshia # 7" received BEST OF SHOW, exhibition title Mirror, Mirror...at CENTERS FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRING, September, 01 - 28, 2017.

Currently I have paintings in juried exhibitions at ART CENTER SARASOTA, ART CENTER MANATEE, VENICE ART CENTER AND CENTER FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRINGS.

DIRCE KENNEDY is Spotlight Artist of OCTOBER at **ART Inside** Gallery. Join WCA members Karen Billings, Susan Hurwitch, Dirce Kennedy and Judy Kramer at the Palm Avenue Art Walk, Friday October, 6, from 6 - 9 p.m. The gallery is located in

downtown Sarasota at [32 S Palm Avenue](http://www.artinsidegallery.com).

From Lorene Erickson

As of August 3, I will have my series of four 30x30 paintings available at the Studio at Gulf and Pine, Anna Maria Island. Call for open hours, [941-778-1906](tel:941-778-1906).

I also have several other paintings at this gallery. Please come and visit.