

WCA Update September 5, 2017

The next News Update will be posted the weekend of [September 17, 2017](#)

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

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

Dear WCA members,

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

From Nancy Rose :

Hi Friends!

Our September Art Critique Lunch Bunch will be at Sue Turconi's on September 11th. Please arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 am with one or two art pieces and a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided by Sue. I'm looking forward to seeing Sue's prints!

September gatherings are in smaller homes, so please RSVP to Sue as soon as you can: susanturconi@gmail.com

Upcoming Lunch bunch hosts are as follows:

November 6- Peppi Elona

2018 Jan - Donna Grasel

Exhibition Opportunity at the Selby Library

Sheila Brumberg is on the board of the Friends of Selby Library. We are in the process of remodeling our bookstore. Beginning in October we will be showcasing Florida artists, one a month, in the space above the book shelves against the walls.

She is looking for Artists interested. The Artist will price the art and we will accept a 20% donation upon the sale. We have asked for 40 feet of molding to lean the art.

If you are interested please contact her. 941-927-3654

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 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

There will be an opening reception on Thursday, August 31, from 5 - 7 PM.

Gallery Hours are Monday - Saturday 10 - 4.

You are welcome to stop in and see the show if you are in the area.

Betty

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 Marianne Pastore

I was fortunate to be juried into the Florida show at the Art Center Sarasota. Plus being juried into the Venice exhibit "Wetter the Better".

From Diane Feiring Hill

Diane Hill attended a presentation on handmade paper recently and is sharing info for WCA members who specialize in collage or bookmaking.

ACE Adult Community Education in Sarasota is offering a workshop with artist Jorge Mendoza this summer. He uses cotton fiber pulp which he makes in a kitchen blender to make speciality papers and then turns into embossed paper works of art. He offers his very unusual handmade papers for sale which could be used for collage or in other artworks. Call ACE for complete information. Find his art and speciality papers at [www. jorgemendozarte.com](http://www.jorgemendozarte.com) or jormen@sbcglobal

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) or Marsha (267-997-7408) to schedule an interview with all three partners.

From Judy Kramer

Judy Kramer's photo "Rowboat at Dusk" received a Merit Award at the Venice Art Center's show "H2O: The Wetter the Better"

From Dorothy Okray

My pastel painting, Autumn's Approach, appears in Julie Hanson's new book, Fire and Light.

From Dirce Kennedy

Join WCA members Karen Billings, Susan Hurwitch, Dirce Kennedy & Judy Kramer at the Palm Avenue Art Walk Friday, September 1, from 6 – 9 p.m. Spotlight artist of September is Susan Hurwitch. We are part of **ART Inside**, a collaborative gallery, located in downtown Sarasota at 32 S Palm Avenue.

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