

WCA Update December 17, 2017

Welcome new members!

I write the news updates twice a month announcing upcoming events and member news. The calendar of events is posted on the WCA website as well. The post date for the following update is at the bottom so information (exhibitions, awards etc.) that you'd like to share with the rest of the members needs to be sent to me by that time.

Please check the bottom of the newsletter for further instructions.

Thanks and welcome!

Jana

LUNCH BUNCH

About lunch bunch Lunch bunch critique sessions are (typically) the first Monday of each month. They are held at member's homes providing a chance to share work in progress and ask for help. You are welcome to come without work. It is a bring-your-own lunch event and a nice chance to socialize with a smaller group. Hostess usually provides beverages. Space may be limited so let the hostess know if you intend to come. Please arrive between 11:00 and 11:30am with one or two pieces of art that you want to have critiqued by the group. Announcements, art information, studio tours, sharing of shows and finished work is made before or during lunch or after the critiques end at 1:30pm.

Donna Grasel will host the January 8th lunch bunch. Please let her know if you would like to attend, call or email. dongrasel@gmail.com 941 966-5786

526 Habitat Blvd, Osprey (subdivision Willowbend)
OK to park in the driveway.

2018 LUNCH CRITIQUE DATES:

Feb 5
March 5
April 9
May 7
June 4
July 9
Aug 6
Nov 5

Upcoming Women Contemporary Artists 2016-2017 Programs

January 15th at 2:00 PM at Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County
1226 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236 –

Pamela Olin who is a sculptor, welder and does 3D printing and also ran a co-op in ChicagoShe is a creative specialist for a major computer company and an award winning artist whose work has been displayed at shows across the US. Her artistic perspective includes traditional materials and modern, leading edge technology. She will share some of her experience in fine art and technology. Both can wind up with beautiful creations, both have their advantages and both have their limitations. Pamela will talk about the intersection of art & technology and what can happen when artists mix the two together.

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 JANET MISHNER

Red Bird & Friends: A Presence Felt Without a Single Spoken Word

A new series of mixed media works by Janet Mishner

Fri Jan 5, 6 to 9 pm

At

Art Uptown Gallery

1367Main Street

Sarasota, FL

Show will continue until the end of January.

FROM DIRCE KENNEDY

A solo exhibition of my portrait paintings will be showing in the UNITY GALLERY at the UNITY CHURCH.

Address: [3023 Proctor Rd, Sarasota, FL, 34231](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3023+Proctor+Rd,+Sarasota,+FL,+34231)

You are all invited to the Opening Reception: Sunday, Jan 07, 2018 at 11:30AM.

Thank you Dirce Kennedy

FROM PHILOMENA MARANO

I'm pleased to announce that my cut paper collage, "ZIPPER" was awarded 3rd place @ ART CENTER SARASOTA'S new exhibit, 'New & Now'

FROM MARSHA OUIMETTE

The Venice Art Center's "Inspired" show has finally arrived. It runs from **December 15th** to **January 12th**. Opening is **5 to 7 pm** this **Friday December 15th** in the main gallery. Several Women Contemporary Artists are participating in this amazing show. Sculptures' Nancy Heart, Helen Eckensburg, and Marsha Ouimette are showing their creations. Nancy Rose and Susan Turconi also have paintings in the

show. These are just a few of many artists. Please come and see what this show is all about that took months to create. You'll love it!

FROM GAIL SHAVITZ

Gail had her painting "Joyful" accepted in the Sarasota Art Center juried show. She was also juried into the Manatee Art Center show.

FROM KAREN BILLINGS

Dear friends,

after having run my "Billings Gallery" for 10 years alone, I decided to invite 5 wonderful local artists to join me. They had great ideas to improve the now called "ART INSIDE" Gallery.

The very diversified exhibitions change every month with always one spotlight artist, who then has the most space for her artwork. Every first Friday each month we participate in the Palm Ave Gallery walk from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM offering drinks and snacks. We hope to see you either for this Grand Opening or another first Friday to chat with us and look at our artworks. Kindest regards *Images attached*

FROM BETTY GERICH

Two of Betty Gerich's watercolor paintings are on view in an exhibition called "New Now" at Art Center Sarasota, [707 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236](#). The painting called "Far From Home" won a merit award.

FROM SUSAN HURWITCH

My Mixed Media Collage "Sunroom in Bloom" has been selected for inclusion in the National Collage Society's 2018 Calendar.

ART Inside, the collaborative gallery of WCA artists, Susan Hurwitch, Karin Billings, Judy Kramer and Dirce Kennedy, ART Inside is located at 32 South Palme Avenue in downtown Sarasota and is co-located inside Express Oak SRQ.

FROM LORENE ERICKSON

Please visit The Studio at Gulf and Pine November 1 to December 23 to enjoy the exhibition of over 100 10x10 paintings by Florida West Coast artists to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Gallery. Donated Paintings may be purchased for \$75 as a contribution to arts and culture on Anna Maria Island.

FROM LAINE NIXON

Palmetto Art Center is opened "[CONSTRUCT](#)". I'd love if you'd drop by to see me, along with the 17 other artists I'm showing with from the Tampa Bay Area. The works in "CONSTRUCT" explore the ways in which we build our world. The exhibition intends to strengthen the collaboration between our regional art communities amid our rapidly growing West Coast region.

FROM MARJIE HALLETT is currently showing her work in an on-line show of APUSA, and has two pieces, "Ode to Marianne" and "Carpe Diem" in the Art Center.

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.

*The next News Update will be posted the weekend of [January 2nd 2018](#)
Please send any announcements you'd like to share by that time to: jana.millstone@gmail.com.
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