

WCA UPDATE September 16, 2018

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT DONNA GRASEL:

WELCOME WCA MEMBERS TO A NEW SEASON

As a lifelong art lover I'm honored to be your new president. Let me tell you something about myself. I owned pARTners Gallery in Okemos, a suburb of Lansing Michigan. I developed and managed the Michigan Historical Museum Store. For the past few years I studied art at USF Tampa. In addition, I have been a docent for 10 years at the Ringling Museum. Other activities include my membership in the Fine Arts Society of Sarasota and volunteering for Ringling College. Like all of us I continue to be a working & learning artist, constantly evolving & always seeking new ways to express myself.

The board and I have been planning an exciting agenda for the year. We begin in the Fall with our:

RETREAT - October - always a sellout

PROGRAM - Nov 19 - members panel discussion on how to promote & sell work

2018 EXHIBITION - Dec 6-Jan 11. Manatee Art Center

HOLIDAY PARTY - Dec 9 Welcome New Members

Please welcome former WCA president **Kate Korp** back to the board as our new historian.

Looking forward to an exciting year working with you -
Keep Reading the Newsletter for more details.

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

UPCOMING PROGRAMS planned for member meetings are as follows:

November 19th, 2018: 2:00 - 4:00 PM "How to Market Who You Are": A lively panel discussion with members Cecile Moran, Nancy Fairchild, and Jana Millstone at the Center for Arts & Humanities (also known as the Arts Alliance Bldg) 1226 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

December 16, 2018 The Holiday Party will be held at the home of at Karen Billings. More information to come

January 22st, 2019: (Note that the date changed from the 21st because of space issues), 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Center for Arts & Humanities (also known as the Arts Alliance Bldg)1226 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.
Guest speaker Karin Jones will trace the historical development of art and architecture in Sarasota. The locale may change so please watch for updates.

February 18th, 2019: 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Guest speaker Anne-Marie Russell, Executive Director of the Sarasota Museum of Art will speak about the current

building status and planned events of the Museum as well as connoisseurship. She's very knowledgeable, articulate, and insightful. The meeting will be held at The Works, 891 So. Tamiami Trail - the round building directly north of the old Sarasota High School. Ample parking is in the rear. Currently it is being used by the Sarasota Art Museum staff. It is part of the Ringling College of Art & Design.

Att Board Members: Board will meet from 12-2 prior to general meetings listed above- same location as general meetings.

ANNUAL WCA JURIED EXHIBITION will be held at The Art Center Manatee from December 4, 2018 to January 11, 2019. Receiving and jurying will be December 1st from 10: to 1:00, Reception on the 6th. **Exciting news:** This year there will be awards for first, second and third place as well as five merit awards. Awards are as follows: **First \$600, Second \$400, Third \$300, and \$50. for each of the five merit works.**

NEWS ABOUT THE WCA WEBSITE: The WCA website is currently being revamped. The new site will include a page for each member with four images of their work and a small paragraph about the artist. Head shots are needed for the member's roster.

- Please provide four high resolution images of your current work (approximately 300 dpi at 7"X9")
- A short statement about yourself
- A headshot with a solid background. Note: Those members whose picture was taken by Judy Kramer do not need to provide a picture.

The above should be sent to: WCAwebsiteinformation@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH

Because of the revised schedule for September we have two, back to back lunch bunches. Please see below for information about the October 1st at Marsha Quimette's home

The September Lunch Bunch will be held at the home of Betty Gerich who is uniquely talented as a sculptor and water-color artist. The date is September 17th (Not the first Monday of the month as usually planned). Please contact Betty at if you are interested in coming, as space is limited. gericharts@aol.com

FROM NANCY ROSE

Hi Friends!

Marsha Quimette will be our Lunch Critique Bunch host on Monday, October 1st. Marsha creates such fun, professional sculptures out of clay. She has a bit of

paradise where she lives, and it shows in her work. Please RSVP to Marsha as soon as you can:

Maquimette@comcast.net or Marsha's cell is 1(508)776-0204

Please arrive between 11:00 and 11:30am with your bag lunch and a one or two art pieces. Marsha will provide your beverage and dessert. Come join the fun! See you there,

A note about the lunch bunch. In addition to contacting the hostess that you wish to attend, please let her know as soon as possible if you will be **unable** to come once you have made the commitment to be there. Space is usually at a premium so that someone on the waiting list will miss an opportunity if you don't show. It is a courtesy to the group to host these events and the same courtesy should be shown to the host if you can't come

Upcoming LUNCH BUNCH CRITIQUE DATES/ HOMES:

November 5-Nancy Rose
December- No Critique

MEMBER NEWS:

FROM NANCY GOFF

I will have a pastel show, "Faces and Places", at the Mezzanine Art Gallery at Plymouth Harbor, 700 John Ringling Blvd., September 11 to November 2. Opening reception is Tues. Sept. 11, 4:30 to 6 pm.

The exhibit of 47 pastel paintings is open to the public and will be on display throughout October.

FROM JANET MISHNER

Art Studio Space for Rent inside my bright, airy, beautiful , space. High ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, air conditioning, running water/ paint clean-up sink, all utilities paid,6-12 month lease. Lots of free parking.

Call Janet Mishner 941-224-3257 or email jbmishner@gmail.com

Please see pictures attached

FROM KAREN BILLINGS

Karin Billings has a solo exhibition Nov. and Dec. in the Bird Key Yacht Club.

FROM BETTY GERICH

Betty Gerich has 3 works on view in an exhibition called "Elsewhere" at the Art Center Sarasota until September 28, 2018. The pieces include a ceramic sculpture, a watercolor and a drawing.

FROM DIRCE KENNEDY

I just finished painting a piano that is homage to the instrument and to the composers and singer-composers that have given us years of joyous music through it! The piano now has a permanent home on the SUNCOAST VIEW TV show..

FROM JOAN LYON

I am having a one artist exhibit in September and October at the Conservation Foundation in Osprey at Bay Preserve. The opening date is September 4th and it runs until October 26th. The opening is Wednesday, September 12 from 5:30 - 7:30PM.

Everyone is welcome. I look forward to seeing everyone. Thank you.

The address of the Conservation Foundation is

400 Palmetto Ave.

Osprey, FL 34229-0902

***The next News Update will be posted September 30, 2018
Please send any announcements you'd like to share by that time to jana.millstone@gmail.com.***

If you are announcing participation in an exhibit, please list the dates of the exhibition as well as the opening date.

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

