

CALENDAR

May 10, 2007

Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Sportsmen's Lodge

Menu: Cobb Salad

Featured Speaker: Jeffrey Karpel

Attorney, Specializing in the Arts

Election of 2007-08 Officers

2007 Scholarships/Grant Awards

Raffles and Book Sale

June 14, 2007

Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Braemar Country Club

4001 Reseda Blvd.

Tarzana, CA 91357

Phone: (818) 345-6520

New Members and their Work

SCHEDULED EXHIBITIONS

VIVA Gallery

May 9 - 26, 2007

Take-in: May 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

California State University

Studio Channel Islands Art Center

May 12 - June 30, 2007

Take-in: May 7 or May 8,

11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

President's Message



May is chock full of wonderful events for WPW members! We have two Exhibitions, one at VIVA Gallery and the other at Channel Islands Art Center, CAL State University in Camarillo. These two shows complete our 2006-07 exhibition year. (See the April Newsletter for the prospectuses and complete details.) Marge Rheuban and Karen Hansen have brought us some great opportunities to exhibit our art. Thank you both for your hard work!

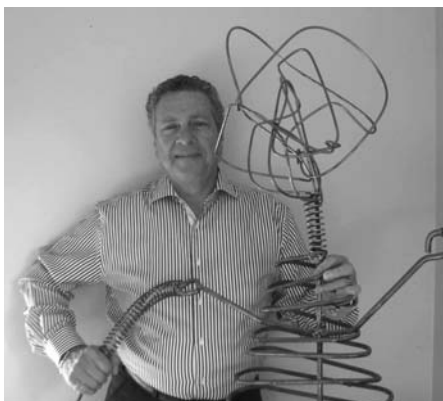
The May meeting will feature a talk from our own Jeffrey Karpel (husband of member Diane Karpel). Jeffrey, an attorney with an expertise in art law and an artist as well, will inform us about how we can protect our artwork, along with different aspects of the law related to being working artists.

Under the leadership of Barbara Frankel, our Scholarship Committee will choose art students from Santa Monica College to receive our 2007 awards. In May, the students will come and talk with us about their work. Also, we will present philanthropy grants to three groups that work to broaden and deepen community support of the arts: PAVA (Pacific American Volunteer Association), AIEAC (Arts in Education Aid Council) and VIVA Gallery. Representatives from these groups will join us.

Raffles and an Art Book Sale will be held as well. If possible, please donate some items to our Raffles committee (Joan Foster, Susanne Belcher and Nicki Newfield). Also, bring a few books that you have enjoyed to sell to other members. You, in turn, may find some great books that you want to own! All the profits will go towards WPW philanthropies and other projects.

Last, but not least, please fill out the enclosed BALLOT for the election of the
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May Speaker: Jeffrey Karpel
Attorney Specializing in the Arts



Jeffrey Karpel

Jeff Karpel has been a practicing attorney for 39 years. He has had his own firm and specializes in business litigation, estate planning, personal injury and insurance subrogation. He has been involved in the art community for most of his professional life. He was involved in the creation of Martin Lawrence Galleries in the early 1980's and along with Diane, co-founded a corporate art sales division and national art leasing company. In his capacity as legal counsel for the corporate division of Martin Lawrence he lectured and traveled to all the major art centers in the U.S., Years later they founded LeasArt and for nine years ran a finance company promoting the concept of art leasing to businesses and corporations.

Jeff is very mechanical and has done major renovation projects. He loves to refurbish and collect antique cars. As the story goes, he and Diane were in Carmel pro-

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EXHIBITION NEWS

It's a busy month.... two shows! Women Painters West is all over the place and good for us. Thanks to all of you who have participated as an entrant or as a volunteer.

There are many new faces helping at the take-ins and hangings, remember...it is a great way for you to get to know the other members and their work.

Your continued involvement in WPW is what makes it the wonderful organization that it is.

Exhibition Chair
Marge Rheuban
Email: m_rheuban@hotmail.com

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President's Message

2007-08 Officers for the Board of Directors and Art Jury. You may mail it in per the instructions, or bring it with you to the May meeting. Votes will be counted and new officers announced on that day.

It's going to be a fun-filled and opportunity-packed May! I hope you can participate in all the activities!

June Phelps, President
310-459-2879; jphelpspacpal@aol.com

Please note that due to Rosh Hashanah, the September meeting will be held ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN THE USUAL DAY—ON THE FIRST THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH.

Sportsmen's Lodge Luncheon Tables

Despite the 'wild ride' we experienced at the March meeting in being moved to the Caribou dining room at the very last minute (due to filming crew needs), members enjoyed the lakeside setting outside the windows and being able to hear and talk more easily to each other at the tables during lunch. This was due to the smaller tables that sat 7 instead of the usual 10. While we will be back in the Regency Room in May, the Board has requested tables for 8. This will increase members' ability to hear each other and share during the meal. Let us know if you like this new table arrangement.

JUNE MEETING AT BRAEMAR COUNTRY CLUB

Please note that on June 14, we will hold our regular member meeting at the Braemar Country Club. (See map at right.) This beautiful and private venue is located in the Tarzana foothills on Reseda Blvd. not far from the Ventura Fwy. Views of the golf course enhance the lovely feeling of the meeting rooms. We hope you will come to welcome our new WPW members and view their paintings that will be on display. A buffet lunch will be served. Dress Code: No denim is allowed. In September, we will return to the Sportsmen's Lodge for the September 6th meeting.

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MAY SPEAKER: JEFFREY KARPEL

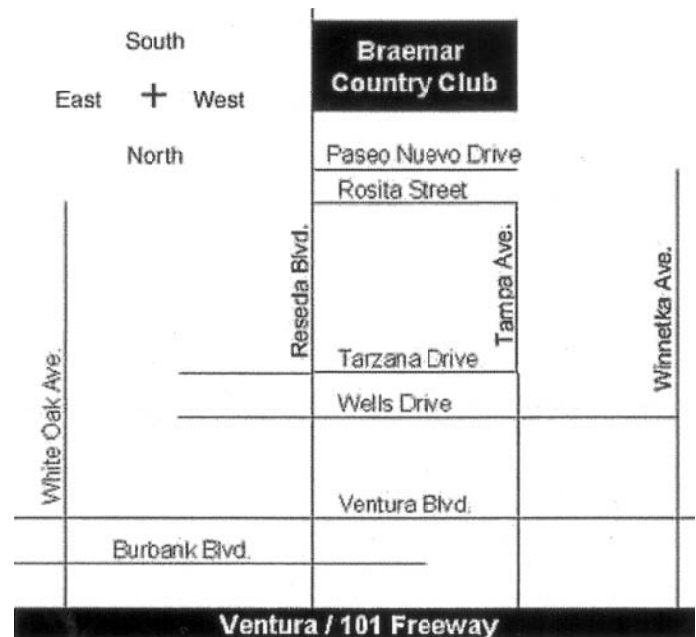
moting LeasArt and found a beautiful metal sculpture of four musicians. Instead of buying it, Diane said the magic words..."Oh, you could do this yourself!" Having never worked with a plasma cutter, used welding equipment or perfected his drawing skills, he took on the challenge. Over the years he has become an accomplished metal sculptor. In 2004 he participated in the Valley Artists Studio Tour.

He has represented numerous artists, galleries and publishers and is an active panel attorney for the California Lawyers for the Arts. He will share his knowledge and insights into the legal and business aspect of being a successful artist. Some of the areas that will be covered are: issues dealing with copyright and public domain, drafting business agreements from simple letters and emails to more complex contractual agreements, understanding the process of mediation and arbitration in handling disputes between artists, galleries, publishers and distributors, establishing the appropriate business entity in the creation and operation of your artistic venture and protecting your personal assets and finally exploring the available options of insuring your art work. There will be sufficient time given to a question and answer period, so bring your list with you!

Jeff is in a unique position to be able to share his legal knowledge of the art community and the frustrations of running one's own business when all you really want to do is work in your studio. Being informed can help merge the artistic and business aspects of your career. We look forward to a most educational afternoon!

BRAEMAR COUNTRY CLUB

4001 Reseda Boulevard, Tarzana, California 91356 Tel: 818-345-6520



Please be aware that there is NO DENIM ALLOWED at Braemar Country Club.

**WOMEN PAINTERS WEST
BALLOT FOR THE YEAR 2007- 2008**

Election of the 2007-2008 Officers of the Board of Directors will be held on May 10, 2007. Please bring this ballot to the May meeting or send the ballot as stipulated in the following paragraph.

Any Active-status member who is unable to be present at the Annual Meeting may mark her ballot for Officers and Art Jury members. Ballot may be mailed to the Corresponding Secretary:

Marylyn English
19024 Sprague Street
Tarzana, CA 91356

All absentee ballots must be signed, enclosed in a sealed envelope which is also signed by the voter, and then enclosed in a second (outer) envelope for mailing or other form of delivery.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please cast one vote for each office.

President

- Marge Rheuban
- _____

First Vice President/Exhibitions

- Karen Hansen
- _____

Second Vice President/Programs

- Darlene Mellein
- _____

Recording Secretary

- Terri Balady
- _____

Treasurer

- Susan Rosman
- _____

Membership Chairperson

- Nancy Goodman Lawrence
- _____

Corresponding Secretary

- Lynn Gadal
- _____

THE ART JURY

Please cast a total of five votes for five jury members.

- Dallas Chase
- Myra Epstein
- Sylvia Hamilton Goulden
- Bev Grossman
- Karen Hansen
- Mathilde Lombard
- Darlene Mellein
- Esther Pearlman
- June Phelps
- Kat Sawyer
- Ruth Selwitz
- Sophia Tise
- Carolann Watterson

Signature (for absentee ballots only)

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MEMBERS' NEWS

Nancy Lawrence

Please send your submissions by the 10th of each month to Nancy Goodman Lawrence, 3642 Coolidge Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90066 or e-mail at tearmyartout@mac.com

PAT DISPENZIERE's work was juried into Louisiana Watercolor Society "37th Annual International Exhibition," New Orleans, May 12 to June 1; "32nd Annual Exhibition of the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies"; Arvada, CO, June 1 to Nov. 11; The Studio of Art and Design's "Open Juried Watermedia Exhibition" (won Honorable Mention); and Southwestern Artists' Assoc. "6th Annual Juried Show," Gallery 23, Balboa Park.

LIZ FOLB will open her studio on Sat., May 12, from 10 to 4 in conjunction with the Thousand Oaks Open Studio Tour, making it convenient to visit her studio on the way to the WPW Studio Channel Islands exhibit, which takes place on the same day. For more info and a map to artists' studios, go to <http://openstudiotour.blogspot.com/> The tour is free. A reception for the tour will be held at the Kavli Theatre, Thousand Oaks Performing Arts Center, on Fri., May 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

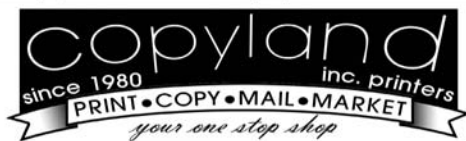
ESTHER PEARLMAN will exhibit "Naive Nudes in the Garden of Suburbia," Blue Seven Gallery, Santa Monica, from May 5 to 30 with a reception on May 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ANDREA RAFT is showing her work in "Eastern Winds and Cherry Blossoms," Aurora Colors Gallery, Old Petaluma Opera House, Petaluma, CA and "Celebrate the Earth," Hall of Administration, Ventura Govt. Center, Ventura.

LOIS RAMIREZ exhibited her work in "20th International Exhibition on Animals in Art," Louisiana State University, School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA and "Mixing Materials & Personalities," Collage Artists of America, VIVA Gallery.

PATTI ROBBINS exhibited her work in National Association of Women Artists "Personal Totems," Adelphi University Gallery, Garden City, NY, "Moving Forward," Belskie Museum of Art, Closter, NJ, and 30th Harper College National Art Exhibit, Palatine, Illinois.

TRICE TOLLE is having a solo show of her landscapes at the Burbank Creative Arts Center from June 1 to June 21, with a reception on Fri., June 1 from 7 to 9 p.m.



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WPW Membership Applicants for 2007

Lynn Gadai, Membership Chairman

In 2006-07, we have received many requests for membership applications via our web site, VIVA, PSA, VWS, and by word of mouth. Total applications received in March, 2007 were 58, so I expect that the May 3rd jury day will go very nicely. It is my hope that we have a good number of these applicants juried into WPW. This year's jury chair is Marylyn English, and the other four jurors are Ellen Grim, Virginia Sandler, Marge Rheuban and Janet Bothne, along with 1st Alternate Karen Hansen and 2nd Alternate Angela Hernandez.

We have several volunteers this year to help with take-in, setup, presentation, and cleanup. We begin at 9am and finish around 3pm with a break for lunch. Volunteering is a great way to connect with how this process is accomplished. If anyone wishes to volunteer for next year, I will take your name and pass it on to the next membership chair.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as a board member. Getting involved has made Women Painters West so much more meaningful to me, and I encourage all of you to get involved too. We are just an email or a phone call away.

Look for the results of our newly accepted members in the June newsletter. Keep in touch and keep on creating!

SUPPORT YOUR VIVA GALLERY!

As a member of WPW, you are already part of the VIVA family. VIVA values your ongoing support and participation in gallery shows and wants to let you know of other opportunities for you to be involved. Below is a list of ways you can help out or VIVA can help you! 1) I can sit at VIVA gallery one time a month; 2) I can suggest the following jewelers and/or sculptors as VIVA vendors; 3) I would like to purchase a VIVA apron (\$20); 4) I'd like to link my personal website with VIVA's (www.vivaartgallery.com); 5) I'd like to assist with VIVA receptions; 6) I'd like to put on a workshop at VIVA or know someone who could; 7) I'd like to put on a workshop at VIVA or know someone who could; 8) I want to know more about membership in VIVA Salon.

Support VIVA, and VIVA also can do more for you! Please contact Bev Grossman at (818) 343-7157) or BGart@att.net, and she can assist you.

Newsletter Staff

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At The Sportsmen's Lodge
12825 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City, CA
Program Featured Speaker: Jeffrey Karpel, Attorney,
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Menu Cobb Salad
Vegetarian: Baked potato with steamed vegetables
Cost \$19.00
Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Reservations must be received by 12 NOON on FRIDAY, May 4, 2007

Mailing the form below to: Trice Tolle, Reservations Chair
7001 Aldea Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Telephone Trice Tolle at 818-345-1671 Please speak clearly and slowly.
E-Mail to: triceweece@aol.com

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Please leave your name if you are bringing a guest(s), and please spell the name. If you would like the Vegetarian option, you must request it at the time you make your reservation.

Guest(s) Name(s).....

Member's Name.....