

CALENDAR

January 10, 2008

Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
The Sportsmen's Lodge
Featured Speaker: Ilana Bloch

February 14, 2008

Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Sportsmen's Lodge
Featured Speaker: Franklyn Liegel

March 13, 2008

No Luncheon Meeting
Visit to Artist
Kent Twitchell's
Studio

SCHEDULED EXHIBITIONS

VIVA Gallery

Pick-up: December 28
2:30 – 4 p.m.

LA Artcore Brewery, Los Angeles

Slide or CD entry due January 3, 2008
Delivery of accepted work:
January 30 10:30 am to Noon
Exhibit runs February 1- 28, 2008
Reception: 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.
Pick-up: February 28 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Orlando Gallery

May 2008

President's Message



2008 has not yet arrived as I write this January 2008 message and I am glad it has not because there is still much to do in 2007. The years are going by faster and faster and I know I am not the only one who feels this way. Life is fast paced and packed with everything from aardvarks to zymurgy. I took the first word and the last word in the Webster's Dictionary figuring that would cover it all!

At the December Holiday Luncheon one of our members said to me that it is no longer "Merry Christmas" but it is now "Merry Stressmas", well put! Thank goodness, we have a refuge...our art! Do not forget to give yourself the gift of time in your studio, even if it is 15 minutes to just sit there and breathe or just to look at the pictures in an art book.

The art supplies that were brought to the luncheon for the Napa Street Elementary School were overwhelming. We sure know how to thrill a school with art supplies. They filled up their front office with art supplies. Andy Duran will be our guest at our January luncheon and I am sure he will have stories of the reactions of the staff and the students.

We had a lovely turn out at our December Holiday Luncheon. It was an opportunity to connect and catch up with each other during the afternoon.

Thank you Susanne Belcher, Joan Foster and Nicki Newfield for the planning it takes for the raffles at our luncheons. They are always so much fun and of course thank you to those who donated the great items! Lois Ramirez won lunch on us at our January Luncheon.

Don't forget that on March 1st we will have our Women Artists Celebrating Women Artists Gala and that too is a great time to enjoy each other's

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January Speaker: ILANA BLOCH



Ilana Bloch

Ilana Bloch will be our guest speaker January 10. Born in Prague and raised in Israel, Ilana has absorbed the atmosphere and temperaments of many cultures. At the age of twelve her family moved to Los Angeles where she later attended Cal State University Northridge, receiving her BFA and teaching credentials.

Ilana has over 25 years of experience as a teacher and professional artist. Her work is exhibited in galleries, cultural art centers, private and corporate collections, and she has been featured in The Los Angeles Times as well as other art publications.

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Exhibition News

Our second exhibit of the season hung at the VIVA Gallery December 12th - 28th. Another beautiful show. We want to thank all those who worked so hard to help make it possible! Diane Karpel's name was drawn to walk with our juror on take-in day. It was an interesting, informative and fun jury process with Ashley McLean Emenegger. If you haven't already done so and would like to enter your name in the jury walk raffle, please talk to Andrea Raft or myself.

Our next exhibit is at the LA Artcore Brewery, February 1st - 28th. It's a slide/jpg entry for this show and the due date for submissions is January 3. Please see details for entry in the December newsletter. The opening will be Feb 3, 1 - 3pm. See you all there! And bring guests!

To volunteer with the exhibition committee please contact Andrea. We have fun putting together exhibitions and if you join us, you'll meet and get to know other members. It's a great way to get involved.

For any questions or suggestions you might have for us, please email Karen@klhansen.com or call (818) 846-6395 or Andrea Raft, our Exhibition Clerk, at Andrea@andrearaft-studio@msn.com or call (805) 306-1459.

The exhibition committee would like to wish you all a happy, healthful and painterly 2008!

Cheers,
Karen Hansen
Exhibition Chair
Email: klhansen.com

In Memoriam

We are sad to report the passing of our member, Lynne Babior in November 2007. Because of Lynne's generosity, The Lynne Babior Scholarship Award was created in 2005. Her legacy will live on here at WPW. WPW members extend our sympathies to the Babior family.

New Active Members

We are pleased to announce that members Norma Wolfstein and Moon Jung Shin have achieved Active status. Having been juried into three shows, they now may vote in elections and are eligible for elective office. Congratulations!

Gala Silent Auction and/or Raffle Items

Please remember to ask all the merchants that you buy from, especially now during the holiday season, for donations, coupons, gift certificates...any items we can use for our raffle and silent auction. If anyone has a vacation home and would like to offer a week-end that would be great. If you are a great cook....dinner for 4! Any special skill...offer a private class! Membership or tickets...offer an event! Let's get creative and find some unusual items that would

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be fun and fantastic! Call Susan Kuss at (818)780-2512 or Marge Rheuban at (818) 703-6388 to arrange pick-up, delivery or if you have questions.

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January Speaker: ILANA BLOCH

Through her affiliation with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and several art consultants, Ilana's studio has been included on many art tours.

Ilana shares her love of art through teaching others.

Darlene Mellein, Program Chair



VIVA Gallery's Email List

As a member of WPW, if you submitted an email address when you applied for membership, we shared that email address with VIVA Gallery so that they could send you announcements about new exhibits and workshops. This database is kept updated on a regular basis.

If you are not currently receiving an email from VIVA (approximately every three weeks when a new exhibit opens), please follow up with Wanda Svendsen to verify that your current email address is in our database. If the address is correct, try adding viva@vivagallery.org to your email address book to help VIVA's emails get through your spam filter. (If all else fails, you may need to use a different email address for VIVA's announcements.)

If you change your email address during the year, open any email announcement from VIVA and click on the "Update Profile/Email Address" link at the bottom. Please be sure to also let our membership chair know your new email address!

Note that you can also join VIVA's email list directly by visiting www.vivagallery.org, and entering your email address in the Join box on the Home page. This is useful if you wish to receive VIVA's emails to a different email address.

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President's Message

company and kick up our heels or possibly kick off our heels. Think about inviting your family and friends to the gala for an evening of dining, dancing, raffles, a silent auction and even a martini bar! There will be something for everyone, so mark your calendars. Your invitation will be in your mailbox mid January. If you want to help with the event, please call Terri Balady at (818) 998-8446.

The WPW Board and I wish you a Happy New Year!

Marge Rheuban, President
(818) 703-6388; m_rheuban@hotmail.com

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

SUSANNE BELCHER has a solo show featuring her watercolors and oils at La Frite Cafe, 22616 Ventura Blvd., in Woodland Hills through the first of February 2008.

DISPENZIERE's watercolor painting, "Morning Stroll in Edfu," was juried by Chris Van Winkle into the "Watercolor West XXXIX Annual Exhibition," Riverside Art Museum. The exhibit will run through Jan. 26, 2008.

SUSAN GESUNDHEIT will have a closing reception with 11 paintings at Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice, on Sat., Jan. 12 from 6 to 9 pm.

ANGELA HERNANDEZ received the \$500 Don O'Neill Memorial Award for her painting, currently in "Watercolor West 38th Annual Juried Exhibit," Riverside Art Museum. The show will run through Jan. 26, 2008.

"A Holiday Premier of **ESTHER PEARLMAN's** Abstract Art" will be shown at Frugal Phil's Frame Factory in Santa Monica.

LOIS RAMIREZ won the Image-Ination award in the "Fall Juried Exhibition," VIVA Gallery. She has 5 altered photographs online at www.upstreampeoplegallery.com until Aug. 31, 2008 in the Upstream People Gallery "9th Annual Photographic Processes International Online Juried Art Exhibition."

HELEN SAMET's painting, "Summertime," was juried into the floral exhibit, "Blooms," City Hall Bridge Gallery. The show will run through Jan. 19, 2008.

MARY KAY WILSON is the featured artist for November/December 2007 at Fins Seafood Grill, 982 S. Westlake Blvd., Westlake Village. She will have two paintings in "Blooms," City Hall Bridge Gallery, through Jan. 19, 2008. Obtain a visitor's pass from the guard at 200 N. Main St.

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ!!!

You MUST leave your artwork in shows until the end of the show! It cannot be removed until the close. Sales often happen in the last moments of a show and the galleries do not want to miss that opportunity, after all, they are a business and we must adhere to their policies.

If you cannot pick-up your work at the end of a show, during the scheduled pick-up hours, you MUST make your own arrangements to have it picked up. Galleries cannot store your work nor can WPW. Please take all of this into consideration when entering a WPW show. Thank you for your cooperation.

ONLINE E-NEWSLETTER

The current and past issues of the WPW monthly newsletter are available online at www.womenpainterswest.org/pdf.html. It is published in PDF format and requires the Adobe Acrobat Reader software which is available for free at www.adobe.com.

When you sign up for the electronic version, you will receive an e-mail each month notifying you that it is available. This e-mail will always also include the above online location (www.womenpainterswest.org/pdf.html) as a link that, when clicked or pasted into your Internet browser, will send you to the WPW website page with the newsletters.

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Grace Swanson, Website Administrator

Wishing Well Total from the December meeting: \$39.
Raffle Total from the December meeting: \$339.

VIVA presents "The Top Honor's Exhibition", January 2-19, 2008

Hold the date of Sunday, January 6th from 2 to 5pm and join us at the reception at VIVA for our top honorees. The eleven artists in the exhibition are members from VIVA's founding organizations, Women Painters West, Collage Artists of America, Valley Watercolor Society and Valley Art Guild, who have won the top awards from January 2006 to May 2007. The artists are; Linda Carlson, Nancy Lawrence, Mathilde Lombard, Vivian Matheson, Barbara McIntyre, Donna Rogers, Susan Rosman, Baby Smith, Natalie Smythe, Mara Thompson and Ed Weiss. Please join us in celebrating their creativity and the unique role that our artistic organizations play in our lives.

Great Thanks to all the Newsletter Staff for their Contributions in 2007:

Managing editor: Marge Rheuban; Layout editor: Lisa Semler; Members' News editor: Nancy Lawrence; Copy editor: Susanne Belcher; Feature articles/writing: Karen Hansen, Darlene Mellein, Susan Rosman, Lorraine Strieby, Terri Balady; Photos: Lisa Semler; Mailing: Mathilde Lombard



Marge Rheuban, President
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Luncheon Meeting

January 10, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

At

Sportsmen's Lodge
12825 Ventura Boulevard
Studio City, CA

Please advise Trice if you want your name placed on the Permanent Reservation list for the year. If so, your reservation will be automatic. You are responsible for payment if you do not attend a meeting, unless you cancel at least 6 days prior to the reservation deadline.

Featured Speaker:

Ilana Bloch

Menu

Cobb Salad
Steamed Vegetables with Baked potato

Cost

\$19.

Board Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Reservations must be received by 12 NOON on FRIDAY, January 4, 2008

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.

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

Member's Name.....