

April, 2023

President's Letter



Hello Fellow Artists!

I've just started listening to a wonderful book, "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It talks about the symbiotic relationships between the natural world and Native Americans and how adept they were at following this relationship while also being part of it. It was a symbiotic dance between plants, climate, animals and man that bent like the willows because no one species was at the top of the pyramid. The lessons learned from tribal elders were passed on to the younger members and this went on from generation to generation until....well, you know the sad story of how this went.

Why bring this up? Because I think as a group of women, for the most part not in our youth, we are the tribal elders. We carry the wisdom of our time and experiences and adventures. We model what is possible to those that follow in our steps. In a world where aging is seen as 'unbecoming' we need to speak up and make ourselves heard. We need to revel in our wisdom and use it for whatever purpose we deem fit. One of the wonderful things about Women Painters West is that, as a group, we have HUNDREDS of years of experience.

We can call on each other for help with projects and/or learn new things. We share our knowledge and wisdom with each other, our children and grandchildren, friends and students. We invite them into our studios, our art shows, and our process or creating. We model by doing as well as by actively teaching. I hope none of you take this for granted for you/we are a powerful bunch of women!

Spring is a time of rebirth and regrowth. Enjoy the flowers. Listen to the birds as they build their nests. Enjoy your families during Passover and Easter. Know that the pictures and stories you create are not just on canvas or paper, but are alive in all that you do and see.

Happy Creating!
Lizz

CALENDAR

MEETINGS

Meeting: WPW Board Meeting

DATE: April 6, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: ZOOM

All members are welcome to attend. To RSVP and get the Zoom link for the meeting, contact Lizz Tucker at president@womenpainterswest.org

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 - Speaker Nancy Spiller

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Zoom

FEE: \$10.00 (Payment link - <https://womenpainterswest.org/payments/>) USE A CREDIT CARD, Zelle or PAYPAL a Your receipt will show on credit card statement or in your PayPal account.

Please join your fellow members to hear our April Speaker NANCY SPILLER. Her presentation will be on her art journey.



Nancy is a fourth generation Californian, born and raised the San Francisco Bay Area and studied painting at Pasadena's Art Center School of Design, UCLA, Otis College of Art and Design, and privately with Peter Liashkov. Her "Reverse Trash Steams: The Junk Mail Project" (L A Contemporary Gallery, Culver City) was reviewed in ART IN AMERICA. She also received a B. A. in English from San Francisco State University and served a number of decades as a journalist for magazines and newspapers. She is the author of the novel "Entertaining Disasters" and the illustrated memoir "Compromise Cake: Lessons Learned From My Mother's Recipe Box". For the past 14 years she had taught creative writing for the UCLA Extension Writers' Program. Visit <http://nancyspiller.org> The attached photos

are from her Collapsology Series.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS

Save The Date: Event Chairs Idelle Tyzbir and Jeanne Iler want you to save Sunday, May 7th for a special WPW closing event of "Portraits" at the California Heritage Museum. The event will take place from 2-4 pm at the California Heritage Museum. Details to Follow.

Address:

California Heritage Museum
2612 Main Street
Santa Monica 90405.

Art pieces will be available for pickup.

CURRENT IN PERSON SHOWS

From Diane Karpel, Exhibition Chair:

The opening of the Women Painters West "Portraits" Show at the California Heritage Museum was a tremendous success. The lovely reception was hosted by the Victorian and Calamegos Ranch. Visual Art Source sent out an amazing ad the week the show

opened and the Santa Monica Star ran a front page story about the show. Each week the Museum sends an announcement to their 6000 member email contacts with a different painting featured each week. We hope every member will visit the show before the closing on May 7. The address is 2612 Main Street, Santa Monica 90405

CURRENT ONLINE SHOW - "MEMORIES"

Juror - Joe A Oakes

Winners are:

First Place - Suzanne Edmonson "Puss And Willows"

Second Place - Buena Johnson "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen"

Third Place - Barbara West "End Of The Day"

Honorable Mentions:

Arlene Weinstock - "January Dusk"

Anahid Minatsaghanian - "Soft Stream"

Heather Cohen - "Lace Meadows"

EXHIBITION SPACE REQUEST: ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTACTS FOR GALLERY/EXHIBITION SPACE PLEASE CONTACT DIANE KARPEL, EXHIBITION CHAIR Finding spaces is very helpful for the entire group as, due to our bylaws, we are required to have 3 shows a year. It can be office space or store front, restaurant, etc any connections that you have. Thank you, Diane Karpel 818-388-7770 and jdkarpel@aol.com.

ONLINE EXHIBITIONS

View these exhibits on the Online Gallery page of our website

<https://womenpainterswest.org/gallery/>.

Scroll down the Gallery page to see each of these exhibitions

THE ART OF COPING

PICTURE IT – JUSTICE FOR ALL

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

CALIFORNIA STRONG

100 ANNIVERSARY SHOW & SELF PORTRAITS FROM THE FEATURED ARTISTS

BEAUTY OF EVERYDAY THINGS

INSPIRATION POINT

WHAT NOW?

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBER REMINDER: PLEASE VOLUNTEER! WPW supports your endeavors, and WPW needs your support too. For new members your entrance into our illustrious group includes some volunteer time to assist us in many ways. If you have computer skills, are able to provide support to members that need help with navigating technology, please

reach out. If you need assistance or would like to assist, please contact Lizz Tucker at lizztuck@gmail.com.

MEMBERS NEWS

Members' News should be sent by the 14th of the month to Nancy Lawrence at tearmyartout@mac.com.

Julie Lipa's solo show, "Beneath Perfection: The Underside of America's Mid-Century Belle Epoque," runs from April 15 to May 19 at Gallery 825. There will be an opening reception on April 15 from 10am to 5pm.

ART BOOK GROUP BOOK CLUB: If you are interested in reading and having a wonderful discussion about art books, join us. Meetings on the third Thursday of the month. The April 20 at 1:00 pm meeting will be on ZOOM. The book selection is "**South of Pico**" by **Kellie Jones**. African American Artists in Los Angeles in the 1960s and 1970s. Any additional questions, please call or email Rea Nagel reanagel@mac.com. Phone 818-908-5919

EDITOR'S NOTE

On Sunday, March 19 at 3:00pm, WPW had our first virtual reception for the show "Memories". The artwork was beautiful and evocative, and it was wonderful to see the artists who won share about their work and inspiration. I think that having opportunities to visit with one another is what makes WPW special. We have heard from you, our members, that you want to have these experiences and that meeting with one another in person and virtually is how we can get to better know each other and feel part of this organization. With 185 members I was surprised that only 22 members arrived to share in this experience, and that 40 of you were juried into this show. Where were the rest of you? I know, you can go online and see the show whenever you want, but this was an opportunity for a gathering of support for your fellow members when gallery space and shows are difficult to come by. There's a group of us who volunteer a lot of our time to make these things happen for you, our Members. We schedule gatherings through the year, we create these shows for you. For our first virtual reception, I must say I was disappointed in the lack of turn out. It was just a point and click for 40 minutes of being with your fellow members. We who volunteer do it for the love of art and the love of our organization which is an honor and privilege. Please participate and show your love of WPW and our members. It's easy to show up.

WPW FACEBOOK Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/49019849628>. To receive notifications, ask to Join. The FB administrator will add your name as a Facebook Page member to receive notifications.

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