

May, 2023

President's Letter



Hello Fellow Artists!

May is an impactful month for Women Painters West. We selected our newest members, and Otis undergraduate students received various WPW and other named scholarships and prizes. Additionally, we select our incoming Board. If it wasn't May, it would feel like September and the start of school!

It's fascinating to see young artists express themselves. Otis students explored different mediums, styles, and visual statements of what's important to them at this time in their lives. It will be fascinating to see what they do in the coming years and how their work will develop and evolve. In this same month, even this same week, we looked at prospective members who have developed their craft and honed their artistic skills, hoping to be juried into WPW. Whether they were students or submitting to the jury of WPW, I'm sure the anxiety of posting work felt similar.

Do you remember when you were getting your first taste of art and decided that this was the life you wanted to lead? Like the students and potential members, we put our work on the line when we apply to shows. Sometimes we get in and other times we don't. But still, being told, 'sorry, no' is never easy. Yet we get up and keep on trying. Art teaches us to be resilient.

I know I'm speaking for all when I say we look forward to seeing the scholarship winners and their work at the May meeting. And we are equally looking forward to meeting and welcoming our new members at our June Meeting.

Happy Creating!
Lizz

CALENDAR

MEETINGS

Meeting: WPW Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday May 4, 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 May 11, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: ZOOM

FEE: \$10.00 (Payment link - <https://womenpainterswest.org/payments/>) USE A CREDIT CARD or PAYPAL account that you set up. Your receipt will show on credit card statement or Paypal account.

We have an exciting May meeting:

- We will meet the students scholarship and award winners from Otis College of Art and Design and see their wonderful work.
- After the scholarship awardees are presented Dellis Frank and Nancy Lawrence, two fine artists from WPW, will do a special presentation of their works.
 - [Dellis Frank](#) is currently a full-time artist focusing on social justice, nature, and decorative art. Her passion is visual art, specifically fiber sculptures and Arts Education. She will be showing her work from the show, 'Systemic', This exhibition strives to foster conversations about social Injustice, policies, practices, and laws that are meant to undercut opportunities.
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 - [Nancy Goodman Lawrence](#) began as a painter and over the years became interested in cut paper, which has become an important part of her work. She incorporates maps, vintage style wrapping paper and found papers into her mixed media paintings. Although her work is playful, there is an underlying theme of chaos that inspires her.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENT

Save The Date: Sunday, May 7th for a spectacular closing of the 'Portraits' show.

All members are invited to attend this IN PERSON event at the California Heritage Museum, 2612 Main Street, Santa Monica 90405

Event Chairs Idelle Tyzbir and Jeanne Iler invite you to the closing the show 'Portraits' with a special program from 2-4 pm at the California Heritage Museum.

Please bring a chair or blanket and enjoy socializing with your friends and enjoying refreshments. Tobi Smith, Curator of Museum will select 5 portraits for the members

to vote on for "Artists Choice Award" and prize.

After the closing event, artists may pick up their artwork until 5PM. If you cannot attend Sunday, you may pick up your work on Mon, Tues, or Wed, May 8-10th, from 11am-2pm.

WHERE: California Heritage Museum
2612 Main Street, Santa Monica 90405
WHEN: Sunday, May 7
WHAT: Closing reception and in-person gathering
Pick up artwork

Message from Annie Clavel who posts WPW Instagram member art work. Annie would like members to send your images to her directly. When she posts, they stay permanently on our Instagram feed. If a member posts to the Instagram account, they are only up temporarily. Hashtagging #WomenPaintersWest is not sufficient. Annie is great at this, so please send your images to Annie at her email address. Images or reels may be sent to her email annie.clavel@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SHOWS FOR WPW MEMBERS

The On-Line Show for Fall is called "FALL COLORS." You can submit beginning September 10 and deadline to enter is October 8. Acceptance letters will go out October 15, and the show will Open October 22. Prospectus and Juror info to follow. Enjoy your summer creating!

EXHIBITION SPACE REQUEST: ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTACTS FOR GALLERY/EXHIBITION SPACE PLEASE CONTACT ----- DIANE KARPEL, EXHIBITION CHAIR . We have to have 3 shows a year due to our bylaws. Many spaces have closed. This would be very helpful for the entire group. 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.

CURRENT SHOWS

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

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MEMORIES

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.

Claudia Kazachinsky's painting, "Climate Change," was juried into the Shelley Lazarus watercolor show at TAG gallery and won an honorable mention. Hers was one of 50 pieces chosen out of hundreds of submissions.

Patti Robbins will show her oil paintings in The Not "So Still" Life Gallery Los Olivos. 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos, from May 1 to 31.

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 May 25th meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on ZOOM. **The book selection is *Last Light: How Six Great Artists Made Old Age a Time of Triumph*, by Richard Lacayo, 2022.** Any other additional questions, please call or email Rea Nagel reanagel@mac.com. Phone 818-908-5919

EDITOR'S NOTE

Three meetings next year will take place in the evenings to accommodate our members who cannot make the daytime meetings. The months for the evening meetings are October, January, and March and will begin at 7:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Can't wait to see more of our members enjoy our fascinating meetings.

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.

WPW INSTAGRAM Page.

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