

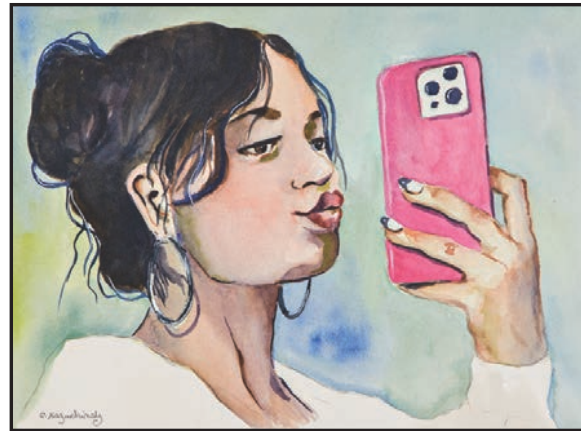
New Exhibit of Portraits Opens at the California Heritage Museum

The California Heritage Museum is pleased to present *Portraits*, a juried exhibition of artwork by artists from Women Painters West. The opening reception at the Museum was planned for the end of January. Due to unpredictable January weather, a "Rain date" is also scheduled for Saturday, February 7, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit will continue through May 7. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last admission at 3:30 p.m. There is free parking behind the Museum at 2612 Main St., Santa Monica.

Women Painters West (WPW) is the longest established women's artistic organization in California, founded in Laguna Beach in 1921, with a highly respected presence in our California art community today.

Women Painters West maintains high standards for showcasing work, with yearly juried membership admissions resulting in a group of approximately 180-200 professional women artists working in diverse mediums. WPW is also a nonprofit organization that has educational objectives awarding scholarships to art students in Southern California,



Claudia Kazachinsky in her piece entitled "Selfie."



Family Portrait On the Farm in 1919 by Lynn Gadal.

assisting in community art programs and enriching members' professional opportunities.

The artwork selected for the California Heritage Museum exhibition was juried by the Museum's Executive Director, Tobi Smith.

Forty-five artists were selected from a group of sixty-eight submissions. The theme of the exhibit is *Portraits* and the medium was varied: watercolor, oil on canvas, pencil, pastel and charcoal drawings, and mixed-media have created an exciting colorful museum presentation.