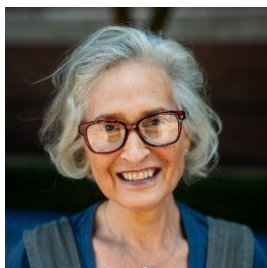


January, 2024

President's Letter



Hello Fellow Artists!

New Years are funny things. They are, relatively speaking, arbitrary dates. The Jewish new year is in the fall. Chinese new year around February. Some cultures have their 'new year' start in the spring. In 45 BCE, Julius Caesar changed the calendar from a lunar calendar to a calendar based on the solar year. Wouldn't it make more sense, then, to have the 'new year' begin around December 21/22 as the shortest amount of daylight ends and the days begin to get longer?

Personally, I'm not that fond of these seemingly 'important' time stamps. For me, they are reft with emotions and expectations that can set me up for potential failure at the worst and anti-climatic at the least. However, I am a fan of evaluating what I've accomplished over the last year, what I didn't fully accomplish, and where I want to head - not where I want to end, but the direction I want to move toward, realizing that the movement isn't necessarily lineal. If you watched the documentary on Diana Nyad swimming from Cuba to Florida you will understand. It took 5 attempts and there were times she had to swim in a way that the current would help her along, but not in a direct line toward Florida.

These past few months have taught us that each day is a true gift. Any day can start your 'new year', or new week, or new idea, or new goal. Don't squander your time and your actions. Embrace what you are given. Share it. Create. Be grateful. Thank those that give of themselves to you and yours. Pay it forward. You never know if what you do or say makes someone else's life journey or daily journey a bit better.

Happy creating,

Lizz

CALENDAR

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Meeting: WPW Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 4

Time: 1 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 875 7995 8921

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Meeting: General Meeting

DATE: Thursday, January 11, 2023 **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN EVENING MEETING.**

TIME: **7:00 pm**

WHO: Janice Burton

WHERE: ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87579958921?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87579958921?pwd=VGNndFArK1pmUDJjVDhLeFNKMxBpZz09)

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(We are testing 3 evening meetings this year to see if this is helpful for our members who cannot make it to daytime meetings. This is the second of the series. The third evening meeting will be in March. At the end of the series we will evaluate and see if we should continue this as an option for next year.)

Winter Art Share: Zony Gordon's

DATE: Saturday, January 6

TIME: 2 -4 pm

WHERE: 25879 Anzio Way
Valencia CA 91355
661.312.3422

RSVP: \$5 on the Payments section of our website

<https://womenpainterswest.org/payments/> Please put *Art Share* in the memo section. Limited to 18 people zonygordon@att.net

Spring/Early Summer Art Share: Karin Alexander's

DATE: Sunday, June 23

TIME: 2-4 pm

WHERE: 10855 Alta View Drive
Studio city, 91604

More info to follow later in the Spring.

Instagram

Annie would love to post images of our members works. In order to do so, the following needs to be included:

Members who ask Annie to post on WPW Instagram need to send her:

1. An email (annie.clavel@gmail.com) with
2. Your Instagram handle
3. The exact text you want her to post in IG
4. A square image with the title of the artwork, about 1920 pixels each side.

Annie will tag you with your IG handle. She will also tag Women Painters West and additional tags of her choice. She might also add music of her choice.

If you send her anything else or incomplete information Annie won't be able to post it. She thanks you for your understanding.

EXHIBITION INFORMATION:

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS FOR WPW MEMBERS:

"Raising Our Brushes" is now open and at the [Yuma Art Center](#)
Exhibits will run from December 1, 2023 to January 27, 2024

March 16 - May 11. "Dreams and Imagining" at the Lois Lambert Gallery in Bergamot Station

Submissions are via [Online Juried Shows](#)

Deadline for Entries and Fees: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Acceptance Notification: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

May 4- May 25. "Breaking Boundaries: Women Defining Art" at the Orange County Center

for Contemporary Art.

EXHIBITION SPACE REQUEST: Our bylaws require us to have 3 shows a year. Any members who have contacts for gallery/exhibition space, please contact DIANE KARPEL, our Exhibitions Chair. Exhibitions and shows are helpful for the entire group. It can be office space, store front, restaurant, etc., any connections that you have. Diane Karpel 818-388-7770 and jdkarpel@aol.com.

CURRENT 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.

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 included 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. We are also creating our Nominations for Board Positions for next year. We have many positions that need filling with some taking less time and commitment than others. Please contact Zony Gordon (zonygordon@att.net) or Jeanne Iler (jeanne2@bluemarble.net) for more info and/or to volunteer.

MEMBERS NEWS

Member news should be sent by the 14th of the month to Nancy Lawrence at tearmyartout@mac.com

My name is Jeni Bate, and in addition to being a WPW member, I'm a fairly new but very enthusiastic member of NAWA - The National Association of Women Artists. This is a 135 year old organization that started as a New York Women's Art Association, and has grown and developed significant recognition. We have two levels of membership, associate and signature. Any woman can join as an associate; to be a member you need to get juried in (the next jurying round is in early 2024), then you are eligible for additional shows within the organization, and can put 'NAWA' after your signature on artworks.

I love what the organization is doing on the east coast: finding exhibition and sales locations and art opportunities. However, I have noticed a bit of an imbalance. There aren't such opportunities on the west coast. As the micro project I volunteered to help with, I'm actively seeking such opportunities in the SoCal area currently, but one of the things that will help make a great show when we do find a good venue, is more members.

I'm reaching out to all women artists to see if you are interested in membership - please check out the website thenawa.org. Many of the meetings are on zoom so we can join from here and get to know others back east. Oh, and as NAWA includes artists working in other mediums aside from painting, maybe you have some sculptor/photographer/othermedium friends who would be interested.

BOOK CLUB

ART BOOK GROUP: If you are interested in reading and having a wonderful discussion about art books, join us. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month, 1:00 pm on Zoom.

The January Book is: *Still Life*, by Sarah Winman

The February Book is: *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd

The November meeting featured, "*Your Brain On Art.*" December's book was, "*Woman on Fire*" by Lisa Barr.

Please contact call or email Rea Nagel reanagel@mac.com Phone 818-908-5919 or Lucy McCoy lucymccoy1@gmail.com for the zoom link and upcoming January book.

WPW FACEBOOK Page

You can link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/49019849628>. Ask to Join, and the FB administrator will add your name as Facebook Page member to receive notifications.

YouTube Channel

WPW has a YouTube channel!! Many of our meeting presentations are recorded and get uploaded to our channel. This is great news. It helps the presenter, helps WPW, and allows you to rewatch (or see for the first time) previous teachers. We have 9-10 recordings up so far (THANK YOU ARLENE!!!!!!) Head over and make sure you SUBSCRIBE!!!!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/@womenpainterswest3769>

DID YOU KNOW????? - Our website has all kinds of information....Upcoming shows, previous shows with images, meeting information, by-laws, Head on over and look around. Then 'bookmark' our website so you have all the info in one spot. Make sure you scroll down as there is a lot of info 'below the fold'.



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