

November, 2024

President's Letter



Hello Ladies,

Talking about your work.

As an artist who shows extensively at art fairs, I've become accustomed to talking about my work, but I realize that not all artists are. Even if you have work in multiple galleries, that doesn't mean you have to talk about it to potential clients.

There are two things at WPW that help with talking about your work, if you're not used to it; The first is hearing the words of the monthly speakers – they can give great clues as to what artists 'typically' say about individual artworks. The other is the Art Shares. You get to talk about your work in a friendly environment, and the questions that might get asked give further food for thought about what might be said the next time.

I recently heard a couple of other artists speak about their work at a reception – a lady who was not fluent in English read from a script and was very polished, and a guy who was planning on just talking. I'm the person who creates the media releases at the gallery and, having read his bio, I saw he had some interesting things to say; but he was nervous. I asked him what was the worst thing that could happen? He'd stutter, and only receive a light applause. He's a former marine. I asked him what's the worst fear he faced as a marine? Ah, put in perspective, nerves were quelled.

Another way you might practice talking briefly about your work is on videos on Instagram. You can always delete it if you goof and go with a still. And don't forget to send it to Annie so she can post it!

Jeni

CALENDAR

Meeting: WPW Board Meeting

WHEN: Thurs, Nov. 7, 2024 (First Thursday of the Month)

TIME: 1:00 pm

WHERE: ZOOM All members are welcome

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83838819012?pwd=6DEb0AXaWgfHVumHjzGXu4yPxK5aQ9.1>

Meeting ID: 838 3881 9012

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Meeting: General Meeting - (To allow members who may not be able to come to a day

time meeting, we schedule a couple of meetings each year in the evening. This month's

meeting is an EVENING meeting.)

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Thurs, Nov. 14, 2024 (Every Second Thursday of the Month)

Time: 7:00 pm (**PLEASE NOTE EVENING TIME**)

Where: ZOOM

No fee for meetings, included with membership

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83838819012?pwd=6DEb0AXaWgfHVumHjzGXu4yPxK5aQ9.1>

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The speaker for our general meeting is [Peggy Sivert](#). She has a diverse and extensive professional career as a teacher, artist, gallerist, and curator. Following an introduction to the breadth of her artistic journey, she will discuss how her art reflects her personal life, home, surroundings; and how these, in turn resonate with the wider world. Sivert states, "My art responds directly to my home surroundings and experience. The earth and my community sits upon water damaged land. Fissures are the result, from the smallest fracture to major canyons. My art becomes map-like, and geology becomes part of my understanding. Casting and documentation allow patterns to develop. The spirit of naturalism leads me". She is the founder of SoLA contemporary gallery.



COMING UP:

WPW Meetings:

December 12 - Annual museum Field Trip: Mr. Brainwash. Info to follow
January 9 at 1:00 pm – Paul Paiement, professor in the Art Department at Cypress College, International artist <https://www.paulpaiement.com>.

Book Club: Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1PM. Click the Zoom link below. Contact Loraine Veek if you need more info. chrveeck@pacbell.net

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7201018411?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7201018411?pwd=aG9sSGNyenE5enhac2RJV0dqL2ZyUT09)
[pwd=aG9sSGNyenE5enhac2RJV0dqL2ZyUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7201018411?pwd=aG9sSGNyenE5enhac2RJV0dqL2ZyUT09)

Meeting ID: 720 101 8411

Passcode: 707530

November 21 - "Still Life with Bread Crumbs" by Anna Quindlen

December 19 - "Mademoiselle Eiffel: A Novel" by Aimie K. Runyan

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January 16 - "Girl Braiding Her Hair" by Marta Molnar

February 20 - "Oil and Marble: A Novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo" by Stephanie Storey

Winter Art Share: Date and Place to be determined. Please contact Zony Gordon if you would like to host this fun event. zonygordon@att.net

Exhibitions

Betsy Lueke Creative Arts Center, Burbank: May 2025 - Details to follow

Huntington Beach Art Space Summer Show: June - August 2025 - Details to follow

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Current and past on-line exhibitions

View exhibits on the Online Gallery page of our website

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

Scroll down the Gallery page to see each of these exhibitions

MEMBER NEWS

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

Jeni Bate just completed four commissions for Kaiser facility in San Bernardino, and photos of her work are wrapped around a signal box in Bellingham, WA. She has work in a bi-national group show invitational at Carmen Durazo Cultural Center, Calexico, and is in a two-artist show at Joshua Tree Distilling Company. She is also the Featured Artist at the Morongo Valley Art Colony through Oct.27.

Nancy Goodman Lawrence's mixed media collage will be in "Measure Twice, Cut once," a collage exhibition at La Luz de Jessus Gallery in Hollywood with a reception on Friday, Nov.8 from 7-11 pm. Her map portrait, "Goodman Kids," was one of 26 pieces chosen from over 450 submissions for "Seeing and Being Seen," a portrait exhibition at CSUN in the West Gallery with reception on Friday, Nov. 1 from 5 to 8 pm

Instagram

Annie Clavel 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. Members who ask Annie to post on WPW Instagram need to send her an email (annie.clavel@gmail.com (mailto:annie.clavel@gmail.com)) with
 1. Your Instagram handle
 2. The exact text you want her to post in IG
 3. 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 space request: Any members who have contacts for gallery/exhibition space please contact Diane Karpel, Exhibition Chair. Diane Karpel 818-388-7770 and jdkarpel@aol.com.

Per our bylaws, we must have to have 3 shows a year. It would be very helpful for the entire group if you can let us know of any space that you think might be a good venue for us to have a show. It can be office space or store front, restaurant, etc any connections that you have. Thank you,

Volunteering: 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 Kellie Stoelting at kellie.stoelting@gmail.com.

SADLY.....

A wonderful artist and member of several art organizations, **Betty Beam**, passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 10. She was 98 years old. She was a long time member of Women Painters West. Betty was also an early member of Collage Artists of America and was instrumental in its founding. She was also instrumental in the founding of the Valley Institute of Visual Art, an art gallery that served in the Valley for several years. At one time or another she was President of both organizations.

She was a selfless volunteer and contributor to the arts until age prevented her from being active about ten years ago.

Betty you will be missed by many.

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.

WPW has an Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/womenpainterswest/> Include the hashtag #womenpainterswest in your posts on your Instagram account. Send your images to Annie Clavel annie.clavel@gmail.com.

WPW has a YouTube Channel where many of our recorded meetings are posted.
<https://www.youtube.com/@womenpainterswest3769>.

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