

May 2025

President's Letter

Bounce



Some of you have noticed that there was no president's letter in last month's newsletter. I just had way too much going on in other areas of life and had to take a break. Teamwork kicked in and WPW carried on and I unexpectedly received advice that helped me recover. I had thought that I would need to quit completely, but one member persuaded me to rethink by saying "Just think of it as a leave of absence." Another said "Give yourself permission to take a year off from creating art."

Hopefully I won't have to do the latter but it is a good reminder that a break can be refreshing. I know several people who lost their homes in wildfires, but one said "It's just a new chapter" and picked up the few pieces and viewed it as an opportunity to start afresh.

Whatever the reason, when you hit rock bottom, bounce!

Jeni

CALENDAR

Meeting: Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025. Every First Thursday of the month

Time: 1:00 pm

Where: Zoom - All members welcome

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

Meeting ID: 838 3881 9012

Passcode: 631438

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025. Every second Thursday of the month

Time: 1:00 pm

- PRESENTATION AND APPEARANCE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- SPEAKER

Where: Zoom - All members welcome

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS TO PRESENT THEIR WORK AT OUR MEETING

Melissa Ivette Flamenco Brenda Bagg award

Louis Barbe Women Painters West award

Emma Jean Holmstrom Women Painters West award

Emily Chow Barbara Frankel award

SPEAKER: ANDREA MONI

Andrea will present her series *Essence of Us*, a collaborative body of large-scale paintings that explores past trauma as a conduit for creative expression and healing.

Originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, Andrea moved with her family to Argentina in 1995, where she became connected with the creative community in Buenos Aires and was deeply influenced by the local color and culture.

She currently lives and works in Southern California. In 2015, Andrea suffered serious burns in a traumatic accident. This experience marked the beginning of a collaborative and healing process with others who have also experienced trauma.

Her large-scale canvas paintings incorporate organic earth pigments, the natural flow of water, and egg tempera, using only non-toxic materials. Andrea addresses environmental sustainability in her work and has consciously chosen not to stretch or frame her pieces, instead presenting them as tapestries.

Website: <https://andreamoni.com>.





"and break free"



"and let go"



"and he is with me always"



"and have no shame"

If you can't make the live monthly meetings on Zoom, all the meetings are recorded and posted to our [YouTube channel](https://youtu.be/UKMwBRS8Paw). The link is <https://youtu.be/UKMwBRS8Paw>.

ART BOOK GROUP

Loraine Veeck chrveek@packbell.net or at **818-346-0855** is in charge of the book club for the year. If you are interested in reading and having a wonderful discussion about art books, join us. The meeting is on zoom every third Thursday of the Month at 1:00 pm.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7201018411?pwd=aG9sSGNyenE5enhac2RJV0dqL2ZyUT09>

Meeting ID: 720 101 8411

Passcode: 707530

May 15 - *Raphael, Painter in Rome*, a novel by Stephanie Storey

This selection tells the story of the creation of the Iconic Sistine Chapel ceiling by Michelangelo through the eyes of his fiercest rival, Raphael.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

Shades of Color

Date: May 2 - May 22, 2025

Opening Reception: Friday May 2, from 7 pm to 9 pm

Where: The Betsy Lueke Creative Art Center, 1100 W Clark Ave., Burbank, CA 91506

Upcoming Call for Art

Power of Paint

Deadline: 5/25/2025

Date: June 21 – August 16, 2025

Where: HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER, 538 Main St #98, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Prospectus has been sent.

To apply: [HERE](#)

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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Opportunity TRYST

WPW has been accepted to present artworks of our members in TRYST.

TRYST is an alternative Art Fair for Artist-Run-Spaces and collectives, organized by Max Presneill, the director of the Torrance Art Museum. The focus of this fair is to facilitate artistic exchanges between organizations worldwide. It includes networking opportunities, talks and social events for participants.

TRYST 2025 will take place at Del Amo Crossing, 21535 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503.

It is a 3-day event from July 11 to 13, 2025.

Here is the link: <https://www.torranceartmuseum.com/tryst-2025>

Annie Clavel and Kenshin Miller are responsible for organizing this event .

A prospectus will be sent to all members with the selection process.

All the paintings will be on canvas with a fixed size 8"x 8"x 1.5" .

MEMBERS' NEWS

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

Jeni Bate will have her work in Booth #147 at the Beverly Hills Art Show on May 17 and 18.

Annie Clavel will have her solo show, "Alive and Always on the Go," at Gallery 825, 825 La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles from June 14 to July 11 with an Opening Reception on June 14 from noon to 5 pm.

Barbara Nathanson is one of the four artists who have solo shows at The Makery LA , 260 S Los Angeles St, Los Angeles, from May 4 to May 31 with an opening reception on May 4 from 2 to 4 pm. The exhibit is titled "Four Bad Ass Women".

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.

We have to have 3 shows a year due to our bylaws. 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 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 help us in any way, please contact Kellie Stoelting at kellie.stoelting@gmail.com.

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/>

INSTAGRAM POSTINGS on WPW IG account

Annie Clavel does the postings that will stay on this page. If you want her to post a message, send an email to annie.clavel@gmail.com with your Instagram handle. Also send the exact text you want her to post and a square image with the title of your artwork, the image must be 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 will also add music of her choice. If info is not complete she will not be able to post it.

Thank you for your understanding

You might also want to post on your own Instagram page. If you do so, please include the hashtag #womenpainterswest in your post.

WPW has a YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRs_fVAielsGPbnGG9AdglQ

Many of our recorded meetings are posted on this channel.

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