



monthly newsletter

December 2025



Tis the Season,

One of the requirements of our non-profit status is to make charitable donations. Each year we give some of WPW funds to one selected organization (this year it will be Inner City Arts) and choose another to whom our members are able to make a donation. This year one of our charitable donations will be to Agape Village, where our Philanthropy Committee chair, Gloria Cassidy, is one of the volunteer teachers. She has written a wonderful description of their work, which you can read below.

You can make your end of year donation to Agape several ways.

1) If you're attending our Holiday Party - yes, that's coming right up, details on the website or in other emails that are going out - deadline December 1st - you can pay for the party and donate for Agape on the WPW website [here](#). Mark 'Holiday Party and Agape Village donation'

2) If you're not attending the holiday party a check in the mail works fine: WPW, 13636 Ventura Blvd. #294, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

or Zelle or Paypal - information on the website as ever. Just be sure to mark it 'Agape Village' somewhere!

Donations will be accepted through the end of the year.

Thank you - and I hope to see you at the holiday party.

Jeni.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025. First Thursday of the month

Time: 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 838 3881 9012

Passcode: 631438

General Meeting: Holiday Party!!

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025. Second Thursday of the month

Time: noon - 3:00 pm

Encino Community Center - 4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino, CA

RSVP by December 1 to Andrea Monroe: 818-4813902

\$35, complimentary for new members 2025-2026

[click here to pay](#) on the WPW website.

WPW HOLIDAY GATHERING

2025

December 11, 2025
12:00-3:00
Encino Community Center
4935 Balboa Blvd.
Encino, CA 91316

COMPLIMENTARY
TO
NEW MEMBERS!

RSVP by December 1st
Andrea 818-481-3902

 **Catered Lunch!** Enjoy an assortment of healthy foods and refreshments.

 **Art Share!** Make a 6x6 or less painting on surface of your choice to be raffled to attending members.

 ***Book Sale!** Affordably priced art books donated by MOCA.

 ***White Elephant Sale!** Donate a household item to sell.

***Proceeds from sales will be donated to a charitable recipient in 2026.**

Centerpiece giveaway to lucky winner at their table!

ART BOOK GROUP

Lorraine Veeck 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.

For more info: bookgroup@womenpainterswest.org or 818-346-0855

The meeting is on zoom every third Thursday of the Month at 1:00 pm.

December 18 - "The Grave Robber" by Tim Carpenter

January 15 - "Life Studies" by Susan Vreeland

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7201018411?pwd=aG9sSGNyEN5enhac2RJV0dqL2ZyUT09>

Meeting ID: 720 101 8411

Passcode: 70753

PHILANTHROPY

This end of year philanthropic group receiving a donation from WPW will be Agape Village. Please make your donation please make your donation by check or Zelle on the payments section of our WPW website <https://womenpainterswest.org/payments/> and note 'Agape Village' in the message area.

MESSAGE from Gloria

I am writing with immense enthusiasm to put forth Agape Village as an exceptional and profoundly deserving candidate for our upcoming philanthropic support. This organization embodies a remarkable dedication to cultivating transformative change, not merely by offering direct assistance to adults with special needs, but by actively enriching the entire community around them.

Agape Village's Day Program provides an invaluable support for adults navigating life with unique physical, social, or cognitive disabilities. What truly distinguishes their holistic approach, and what I believe will resonate with our philanthropic vision, is their incredibly impactful art program which goes far beyond simple recreation; it serves as a vital conduit for therapeutic expression and creative development. Participants are expertly guided by a dedicated team of local, experienced artists who generously volunteer their time, conducting engaging and consistent sessions twice a month.

We've recently learned that the art club is considering an exhibition later this year, with the goal of showcasing the participants' artwork in a local gallery. This event promises to be more than just a display; it's a powerful platform for recognition, celebrating each artist's unique voice and boosting their confidence. It also fosters meaningful community engagement.

I am genuinely convinced that Agape Village's inspiring mission, coupled with their tangible and impactful results, aligns with our organization's core philanthropic objectives. Their commitment to fostering self-worth, community integration, and artistic development among a vulnerable population truly exemplifies the kind of positive change we strive to support.

I encourage you to explore their "About Us" page on the Agape Village website. <https://www.agape-village.org/>

Gloria Cassidy



Upcoming Exhibitions and Call for Art

Here is info on our next two shows:

29 Palms Art Gallery -

The show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery is "**Horizons Unbound.**"

Take In will be December 29.

Show opens January 2 and runs until February 1.

Reception January 3

ALL ENTRIES GO THROUGH:

www.onlinejuriedshows.com

Deadline for Entries and Fees: Sunday, December 7, 2025

Solvang... California Nature Art Museum - Information to follow.

March 15- September 7

Opening Reception: March 15

This show would be centered around species and landscapes "on the edge" of survival. It would highlight plant and animal species that are endangered, or threatened, or even extinct. ALSO areas of land set aside for conservation & preservation of these species. We would be presenting this show with the purpose of bringing attention to the beauty and fragility of some of California's disappearing species, as well as promoting better protection and stewardship of our ecosystems. We can choose any natural spaces that we feel have been dedicated to the protection and preservation of nature.

Current and past online exhibitions

View exhibits on the Online Gallery page of our website <https://womenpainterswest.org/gallery/>.

Scroll down the Gallery page to see each exhibition.

Upcoming ART SHARE:

Winter: January 3rd or 10th 2026 1-4 pm

at Andrea Monroe in Lake Balboa

SPEAKERS in 2026

Anne Kupillas (January 8, 2026 at 1 pm)

Anne is a fine artist based in Long Beach. She paints watercolors spontaneously, and has recently taken up gouache and acrylic. She is highly regarded as an art instructor.

<https://www.anneqdraws.com/>

Alaia Parhizi (February 12, 2026 at 1 pm))

painter, musician, gallerist

In April 2018, Parhizi opened Wonzimer, a Los Angeles-based gallery space. Since its inception, the gallery has been a creative hub that has exhibited many important contemporary artists.
<https://www.wonzimer.com/>

E.E. Jacks (March 12 at 1 pm)

Oil painter, poet and curator, based in Washington State. With a French father and a Mexican mother, her multicultural heritage informs a perspective deeply influenced by both European and Latin American traditions. She is recognized for her nocturne and naturalistic oil paintings, and her creative process draws on elements of romanticism, shape, form, and emotional resonance.

<https://www.eejacks.com/>

Member News:

Members, we are requesting any announcements, past or present, of your exhibition activity so we can support you and celebrate your art. Please include the following information **in this order:**

Your name
Title of the show
Gallery/Space and juror
Location/Address of the gallery or space
Date and time of reception
Opening and closing date

Submit the information to Joan Baral at jabbyone43@gmail.com by the 14th of each month to be included in the upcoming month's newsletter. Sorry, but we can not include photos.

BOBBIE RICH

is currently showing 3 of her original mixed media hummingbird works at The Hängar, Santa Monica. Open 7 days a week. 10am - 6pm
The Hängar 2408 Lincoln Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90405

DELLIS FRANK

WHEN THE CANVAS SPEAKS LOUDER, Curated by Susan Karroody at The Los Angeles Makery, 260 S. Los Angeles Street. Los Angeles, CA.
Opening Reception - Sunday , November 9, 2025 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Closing Reception - Sunday, November 23, 2025 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm
*DEAR ARTISTS...*at Band of Vices Gallery, 1700 S. Santa Fe Ave. Suite 371. Los Angeles, CA.
Opening Reception - November 15, 2025 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM
Runs: November 15 thru January 3, 2026
OPULENT MOBILITY, curated by Laura Brody at The Los Angeles Makery, 260 S. Los Angeles St. , Los Angeles, CA.
Opening Reception - December 7, 2025 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Runs: December 4 thru 28, 2025

JOAN MALL BARAL

IN THE ABSTRACT, Juror - Linda de Martinez
San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center,
Virtual Exhibition online www.sfvacc.org

NANCY GOODMAN LAWRENCE

A CLOSER LOOK, California Art League, at BG Gallery, Bergamot Station A2, Santa Monica, CA
Runs: November 15-25, 2025
Opening Reception - November 15,2025 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
*DEAR ARTISTS...*at Band of Vices Gallery,1700 S. Santa Fe Ave. Suite 371. Los Angeles, CA.
Opening Reception - November 15, 2025 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM
Runs: November 15 thru January 3, 2026
BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY, Curated by Susanna Meiers, at Artopia Gallery, 524 S. 1st Ave., Arcadia
Runs: November 15 to January 30, 2026
WHISPERS OF THE EARTH, Curated by Dale Youngman at Art Share L.A., closing on November

BONNY BUTLER

SPICETOPIA, a solo show on Main Street in Ventura,
Runs: September through November 2025 Plein Air Pastels, a Solo show at the Buenaventura Art
Association (BAA) Art Center Runs: through November, 2025
ANYTHING GOES and SUNLIGHT and the BLUES, at The VOICE Gallery, Santa Barbara
Runs: November, December 2025.
Butler's artwork can be found at the BAA Art Center, the Ventura Harbor Gallery & Gifts in
Ventura Harbor Village, and Spicetopia on Main St in Ventura, and The Carpenteria Art Center on
Linden Avenue, Carpenteria CA.

CAROL CALEY

SEARCHING for SERENITY, "Evening with Canary Island Palms", 100 works on view. at
Descanso Gardens' Sturt Haaga Gallery. 1418 Descanso Dr., La Cañada Flintridge, CA.
Admission included with admission to Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets required.
A response to the 2025 wildfire disasters in L.A. County
Runs: Thru January 4, 2026

ZONY GORDON

AUTUMN VIEWS, three works juried into the Santa Clarita art exhibition at City Hall Viewing
Lobby, 2392- Valencia Blvd., Valencia , CA.
From October 15 thru December 9, 2025
Reception on Friday, November 14 at 6:00 t- 8:00 pm.

BUENA JOHNSON

THE AWFUL TRUTH, at GALLERY 825, 825 N. La Cienega Blvd., LA, CA. 90069
Juror Kyungshil Choi Ryan
Runs : October 24 thru November 21, 2025
A CLOSER LOOK, California Art League with bG Gallery, Bergamot Station #A2, Sta Monica,
CA.
Reception & Awards Presentation: Saturday, November 15, 2025, 6:00-8:00 pm

BARBARA WEST

ART SHOW, Central Coast Art Association, 700 Jewell Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA.
Runs: October 31 thru December 31, 2025.
Reception: November 14, 2025 5:00-7:00 pm.

ESTHER PEARLMAN

IN THE MOMENT WITH ESTHER,
A new book publication, biographical, illustrated and short stories. Available on Amazon.
Four art works in Esther's Chiropractor's Office.

ANNIE CLAVEL

INSPIRED, Huntington Beach Art Center, 538 Main St, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Runs: November 22, 2025 to January 3, 2026
Opening Reception November 22 from 6:30 to 9 pm
ABSTRACTION, 300 international artists, curated by Echo Lew and Taiwanese curators
Taoyuan City (Taiwan)
Runs: February 2026

ADEOLA D-AIYELOJA

ADEOLA'S SOLO EXHIBITION, Matter Studio Gallery, 5080 W Pico Blvd, LA., CA 90019
Runs: December 7th, 2025 thru January 4th, 2026
DEAR ARTISTS...80 Artists 200 Works at Band of Vices 1700 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Suite 371,
Los Angeles, CA 90021.
Opening Reception: November 15 from noon to 4 pm.
Exhibition Hours: Friday and Saturday from noon to 4 pm
Runs: November 15, 2025 thru January 3, 2026

Any members who have contacts for gallery/exhibition space, please contact our Exhibition Chair at exhibitions@womenpainterswest.org

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.

Volunteering:

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

WPW supports your endeavors, and WPW needs your support too.

We are looking for members that can be a part of our exhibition committee!

Or any ideas of future exhibition locations!

Please, contact: Diane Karpel.. exhibitions@womenpainterswest.org or 818-388-7770

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 Zony Gordon wpw@womenpainterswest.org, or Jeni Bate president@womenpainterswest.org.

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

One of our members does the postings that will stay on this page. If you want her to post a message, send an email to programs@womenpainterswest.org 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. You will be tagged with your IG handle.

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_fVAielsGPbnGG9AdgIQ

Many of our recorded meetings are posted on this channel.

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