

## President's Message:

### Welcome to Summer!

The good news about the sunshine state is that we get summer early and it stays late. Lots of light, heat, and opportunities to enjoy the day. WITVA members will need it because we have a full show calendar next year and will need your creations to exhibit.

Some of the venues include old favorites like the Levis JCC Phyllis & Harvey Sandler Center, places we have been absent from like the Delray Beach Library, and brand new locations sprinkled across Palm Beach for pop-up shows. In December, we are having a special "collage only" show entitled "Bits and Pieces" at the Coral Springs Museum. This show will only feature collage works of art. If you have never tried collage, it is your time to try.

Please keep in touch with the website and look out for our communications on the shows. We have lots of opportunities planned and do not want you to miss them.

Susan Clemmons  
WITVA President

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## Going Abstract with Sally Cooper

### GENERAL MEETING, MAY 17: MINI-WORKSHOP



*Conversation in Blue* by Sally Cooper

Join us on May 17th for a mini-workshop with abstract artist, instructor, and WITVA member Sally Cooper. Sally will help members get into creating paintings in the abstract mindset. The member only workshop will start at 12:30pm and you will need to RSVP to [WITVAShow@gmail.com](mailto:WITVAShow@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. The workshop supply list will be provided upon receipt of your RSVP. Limited space, first come, first serve.

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## CALENDAR

**May 3:** WITVA Friday Create Gathering, 10 AM to 3 PM, Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton

**May 10:** WITVA Friday Create Gathering, 10 AM to 3 PM, Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton

**May 10:** Deadline for June newsletter submissions to Kris Henke, [kghenke8@gmail.com](mailto:kghenke8@gmail.com).

**May 17:** No Board Meeting or Member Meeting this month.

**May 17:** WITVA Mini-Workshop with Sally Cooper, 12:30 to 2:00 PM, Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Members only. *R.S.V.P required to participate; see article on this page for details.*

**May 24:** WITVA Friday Create Gathering, 10 AM to 3 PM, Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton

**May 31:** WITVA Friday Create Gathering, 10 AM to 3 PM, Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton

**Sally Cooper** *continued...*

**ARTIST'S STATEMENT:** "Nonobjective painting allows free expression of emotions, feelings and individuality. My work is about a creative process rather than a specific image or place. Following intuitive promptings, I apply a vigorous gestural linear mark or brush stroke that comes from deep within. The surface is built, destroyed and erased again and again creating a subtle and sensitive history to what has been. This play continues until from chaos a painting evolves."

**BIOGRAPHY:** Sally Cooper has been painting all her life and began actively pursuing her creative talents in the late eighties. In 1990, she was awarded an annual Art Award from Broward Community College. In the mid-nineties she moved from detailed representational work and began to seek the abstract. By 2000, image reference was left behind, and her style evolved into explosions of color, markings and movement. Her work has been included in numerous regional and competitive exhibitions receiving awards in most.

She was awarded First Place in 2004 and 2017, Second Place in 2006, Third Place 2016 and Honorable Mention in 2010, 2013, and 2014 in *The Artist's Magazine's* national competitions. In May 2015, her painting *Blue Horizon* was chosen for the cover of *The Artist's Magazine* along with a feature article. She has been published in *Acrylic Artist* and *Professional Artist Magazines*. She is a Signature member of the National Watercolor Society and a member of Florida Artists Group (FLAG) one of Florida's oldest and most prestigious art organizations. In 2017, her work was chosen for publication in *Art Journey Abstract Painting, A Celebration of Contemporary Art*. She is a member of Chroma Paints Independent Teaching Program for their Atelier Interactive acrylic paints and mediums. She currently teaches Discovering Abstract Painting at Old School Square Creative Arts School in Delray Beach. She is a juror, facilitates workshops and gives demonstrations for various art guilds throughout the State of Florida. For more information log onto <http://www.sally-cooper.com>.

**The National Association of Women Artists, Florida Chapter**, presents "The Influence of Frida Kahlo on Contemporary Art", April 8, 2019 – May 30, 2019 at the Center for Creative Education, 425 24<sup>th</sup> Street, West Palm Beach. Several of our members are participating in this exhibit.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ARTISTS, FLORIDA CHAPTER**

Sandra Bertrand	Amalia Brujjs
Sara Davidson-Zigdon	Muffy Clark Gill
Janet Gold	Cassandra Gordon-Harris
Helene Kleiner	Diane Lublinski
Bobbi Mastrangel	Jane McIntyre
Roberta Millman-Ide	Anabel Peicher
Patti Robbins	Debbie Rubin
Karen H. Salup	Beth Scher
Eileen Shaloum	Jill Sneiderman
	Pat Zalisko



*The influence of Frida Kahlo on Contemporary Art*

**Boca Raton Museum Art School:  
5 x 5 Student Exhibition:**

Opening reception for the 5X5 student exhibition is on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Presenting Sheryl Satzman from Jacalyn Gmoch Collage class; Robert Whitman, from Alan Pierce Advance Photography class; Yvonne Pfeiffer, from Sandy Levine Clay Sculpture advanced class; Ben Goldstein, from Jane McIntyre Advanced Painting class; and Marty Minch, from Miles Laventhall Master Studio class.



A collage by Sheryl Satzman.

## Our New Juried Members:

2D: Renee Sands

Photography: Marilyn Levin, Hilda Mirwis,  
Tamar Wolfson

## We Welcome Our New Member:

Florence Deutsch

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, BARBARA POWELL:

As we strive to keep you all updated with our important event dates and member information, we have noticed a significant number of bounced emails lately.

Please inform our new Membership Chair, Barbara Powell: [powellceramicart@gmail.com](mailto:powellceramicart@gmail.com) if you (or someone you know) have not been receiving our regular monthly, or other event notices. Thank you!

### HOSPITALART NEWS, BY SHIRLEY GELFAND:

Hospitalart News to Carolyn Barth: Thank you so much for spending time with us to better understand your charity and to see all the beautiful artwork. We know your paintings and organization will be well-received. Appreciate your generosity and time. Best Regards from Diane Carratelli of the Chiera Family Foundation, enhancing the lives of children and young adults who are battling cancer.

**Michelle Marra** has been interviewed by Meraki Mentors. They support women in the arts. Below is the link to the podcast interview:

<https://www.merakimentorspodcast.com/episodes/2018/8/26/s1-ep2-you-can-be-a-non-suffering-artist-feat-anna-cantwell-rmn25-kg8gt-jatzd-5gmpw-e5rbz-da2r9-t4njw-m2f53-d3f76-wfexj-e2672-6kx2k>

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

**PRESIDENT:** Susan Y. Clemmons

**VP AT LARGE:** Shirley Gelfand

**VP AT LARGE:** Sandy Ryter

**VP OF MEMBERSHIP:** Barbara Powell

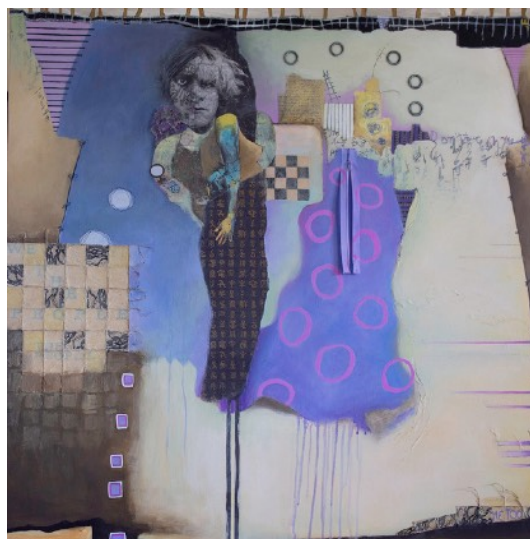
**TREASURER:** Jeanette Childress

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Abbe Kalman

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Susan C. Lewine

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Eileen Shalom** was juried into the Coral Springs Museum of Art, "Inspired By" exhibit February 9-March 1, 2019. She won a 3rd place award. In the Florida Artists Group in the Naples exhibit at the Naples Art Association Gallery, March 9-April 6, 2019, she won a 2nd place award. She will be exhibiting a wall hanging at the NAWA /Florida "Influence of Frida Kahlo on Contemporary Art" exhibit at the Sallie and Berton Korman Gallery (CCE) in West Palm Beach, April 8-May 30, 2019.



**Jane McIntyre** received first place from the National Association of Women Artists, Florida Chapter. Also, Debbie Rubin and Karen H. Salup received *Juror Recognition Creative Education*, for the exhibit titled "The Influences of Frida Kahlo on Contemporary Art".



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