



WOMEN IN THE VISUAL ARTS

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

Editor's Message:

Dear WITVA Members:

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a happy new year.

We have many upcoming events including shows, social and educational speakers and hands-on learning workshops. February 8, 2020 is an important fund-raising event for our organization. Our **ARTISAN CRAFTED BOUTIQUE AND LUNCHEON** is being held at Morton's Steakhouse in Boca Raton. Our Artisan Crafted Boutique will be offering unique, one-of-a-kind items for sale. We will have raffles with great prizes. You are strongly encouraged to attend this event. You will be receiving an invitation shortly.

Other events include the Coral Springs Art Museum exhibit which is currently ongoing until January; Art on the Square: Fine Arts Show in Delray Beach, February 8 & 9; The Delray Beach Library exhibit in April; the Eissey Campus Theater Show in April; the Graduate Students Portfolio Presentation in March; and the Spring Installation and Graduate Scholarship Certificates. We will be reaching out to our members for volunteers to assist with some of the events, so please **volunteer** and get to know other members.

Take this time to enjoy family and friends and energize for the 2020 WITVA events.

Kris Henke

WITVA Newsletter Editor

GENERAL MEETING, SHAWN ESCOTT, THUMBNAIL SKETCHES AND HOW TO USE IN PAINTING PLANNING, JANUARY 17, 12:00-3:00



Shawn Escott is our guest speaker and will discuss what are thumbnail sketches & how to use in painting planning.

Shawn Escott is a plein air painter who captures the magic of a fleeting moment in paint. Shawn paints in a realistic approach, translating light and atmospheric color into beautiful works of art.

Shawn Escott was born in Ohio but spent most of his adult life in South Florida. He

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CALENDAR

December 22: Application due date for "Artistic Creations". See Page 2 for details.

January 3: Take down and pick up at the Coral Springs Art Museum, 10:00 a.m.

January 3: Take in date for Boca Raton Community Center "Artistic Creations", 12:00 p.m.

January 12: Deadline for the February newsletter. Submit your news to kghenke8@gmail.com.

January 15: "Artistic Creations" Reception, Boca Raton Community Center, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

January 17: Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; General Meeting with guest speaker, Shawn Escott, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Boca Raton Community Center.

January 18: Wire Jewelry Workshop with Mary Christou, 1:00-4:00 p.m., See Page 2 for details.

January 31: "Artistic Creations" take down, 10:00 a.m.

February 1: Making Cast Glassboxes Workshop. See Page 2 for details.

February 8: Artisan Crafted Boutique and Luncheon, Morton's Steakhouse, Boca Raton.

Shawn Escott, continued...



Path Through The Glades - Shawn Escott

studied for a short time at the Lyme Academy of Art but is mostly self-taught. Shawn won first place at Plein Fun Fest, Plein Air Palm Beach 2016 First Inaugural Event and was a Florida Ambassador for the Forgotten Coast Paint Out in 2018. His work has been shown at Sotheby's International Realty, the Boca Raton Museum, and The Cornell Museum to name a few.

Shawn is represented by the Papa Gallery in Boca Raton, Florida, and the Arsenault Gallery in Naples, Florida.

BOCA RATON COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS "ARTISTIC CREATIONS" JANUARY 3-31, 2020

This is a WITVA Members event for small works only. It is important to note that there will be locked cases for 3D, jewelry, fabric, and assemblages. The exhibit includes small sculpture and jewelry. Nudes are not permitted as this is a family-friendly environment. The size limited are 30" wide X 30" high. If the submission is framed, it is limited to acrylic or Plexiglas (no glass in frames). For full details and an application, go to www.witva.org.

WIRE JEWELRY WORKSHOP WITH MARY CHRISTOU

Join WITVA on **January 18th** from 1-4pm to learn wire jewelry techniques and make your own cuff bracelet. Workshop cost is \$60 for WITVA members and \$70 for non-members. All supplies will be furnished, and you are welcome to bring your own beads and found objects to add to the piece. The workshop will be held in Boca Raton. To sign up – send an email to WITVAshow@gmail.com to save a space.

DELRAY LIBRARY EXHIBITION

March 28 – May 23

More information will be provided for this event in the February newsletter.



WITVA PRESENTS MAKING CAST GLASS BOXES

DATE & TIME: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: The Craft Gallery, 5911 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33405

COST: \$85 for WITVA members/\$95 for non-members. The workshop cost includes materials and instructor fee.

The class will be taught by award winning glass artist, Irene Jalowayski and owner of The Craft Gallery, Betty Wilson. Come and join Irene and Betty and create a gorgeous cast glass box that you can keep on your dresser or anywhere in your home. Bring a sack lunch. Parking is on the side street. We are limited on the number of seats available. Come and join the fun!

To reserve your spot, do two things:

1. Send a check for \$85 made payable to WITVA to: Susan Clemmons. PO Box 1099, Deerfield Beach, FL 33443. Your check memo field should indicate Glass Workshop.

2. Send an email to WITVAshow@gmail.com Glass workshop in the subject line and a note that says you would like to attend and are sending payment.

WITVA EVENTS • WITVA EVENTS • WITVA EVENTS

WITVA partnered with Coral Springs Museum to host young women artists and a women's study class from the local high school. The event was led by **CINDY OAKES** and several WITVA members participated. Thank you to **MARIA AIMONE, INGRID COHEN, KELLY MERKUR AND DEBBIE RUBIN** for sharing their time, thoughts and expertise with the students at our first Walk & Talk. It was a great success with lots of interactive artwork discussions and participation from the students with the WITVA members. Thanks to **CINDY OAKES**; Brittany Curtis, Programs and Education Manager of the Coral Springs Museum of Art; and Ms. Adreisse, Educator, who initiated this worthwhile program.



Maria Aimone discussing the art with the young women artists at the Walk & Talk.

Per **SHARON KOSKOFF**:

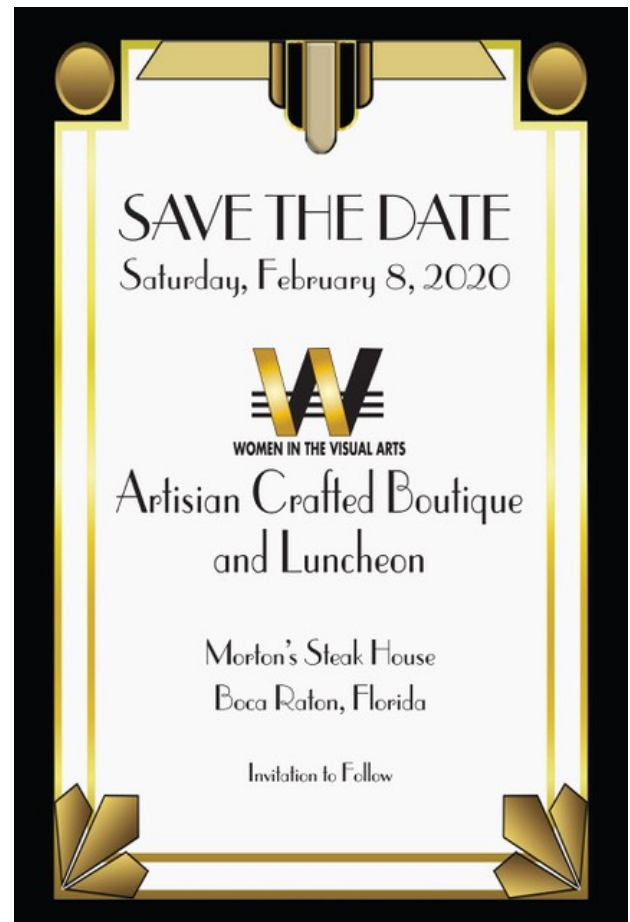
[One-Day Bus Trip to Miami Beach: Art Deco Society of the Palm Beaches \(ADSPB\), Roaring 20's South Beach Blast](#). The public is invited to attend the 32nd Annual South Beach Blast one-day bus trip leaving the **Armory Art Center**, WPB and the **Downtown Delray Beach Public Library**, on Sunday January 19, 2020.

Mimosas & Muffins begin the morning and then a visit to the world-class **Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts** in Dania. Onto South Beach for a fabulous Sunday Brunch Buffet at the Mediterranean Babylon Miami. Walk the Art Deco Weekend Festival along Ocean Drive for a great afternoon of Art Deco hotels and street fair.

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• MEMBER NEWS •

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Maybell Alarcon-Broz
Lori Axelrod
Susan Kronowitz
Diane Lublinski

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW JURIED MEMBERS

2D

Marcia Adler
Ingrid Cohen
Lori Axelrod
Barbara Reback

3D

Barbara Bonnie Deutsch
Lori Axelrod
Diane Lublinski

PHOTOGRAPHY

Vivian Koppelman

OUR NEW LIFE MEMBER

Susan Kronowitz

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Thank you to all who have responded to the 2020 Membership Renewal Process. We appreciate your continued support and to those who have volunteered for various efforts-- a **REALLY BIG THANK YOU!!**

If you have not already done so, please take the time to look at your emails for the renewal forms or the on-line credit card application if you prefer. Also, please consider one of the volunteer opportunities that are listed on the forms.

Happy Holidays,
Barbara Powell
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MEMBER FOCUS: We are looking for volunteers to participate in the WITVA Member Focus for our newsletter. You will be asked to respond to five (5) questions about your artwork. If you are interested, please contact kghenke8@gmail.com. The responses will be published in the newsletter on a first-come, first-serve basis and based on space availability. Note that your responses may be edited due to space limitations.

CONGRATULATIONS

LYNN AMSTERDAM is pleased announce that she has an exhibit from Dec 21 – January 18, at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. The reception is December 21 from 3:00-5:00.



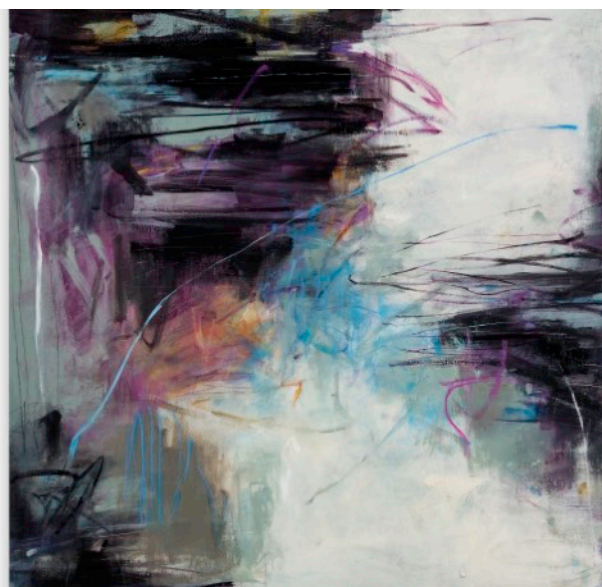
LYNN AMSTERDAM

CONGRATULATIONS *continued*

SALLY COOPER: "Painting Outside the Lines", an exhibit of Sally Cooper's current artwork, will be featured in the Spotlight Gallery at Old School Square Cornell Art Museum during the month of February 2020. Opening reception will be Friday, February 7 from 6 - 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Sally's painting "Everglades 2" was selected as one of 350 out of over 1,000 applicants for publication in Studio Visit Volumes 47 & 48 which will be out in the Summer 2020 a magazine of contemporary artwork.

Sally teaches abstract painting classes and workshops at Old School Square Creative Arts School, Delray Beach. Sally's Term 3 classes begin January 9. For more info or to register go to www.OldSchoolSquare.org.



MARILYN LIEDMAN received 2nd Place in the Palm Beach Watercolor Society *Love of Art* exhibition for "The Adventurer's Code". The exhibition continues through 12/30.

SHARON POLLAK has been selected as one of 15 Palm Beach County artists to exhibit in the new Palm Beach International Airport Art Gallery. A new video interview element will present personal behind the scenes perspectives from the 15 artists about our creative process, what inspires us and insights into our techniques, material and styles. The gallery is centrally located on Level 2 in the Atrium in a pre-security location.

The theme of this exhibit is ***Artfully Discovering the Palm Beaches***. "SUN, SAND, AND SAILS AWAIT" is a 48" X 36" abstract acrylic on canvas inspired by my love of boating and sailing here in South Florida. This exhibit runs through April 8, 2020.



ROSIE SHERMAN is exhibiting at the Boca Imaging Exhibition in Boca Raton, and is shown with exhibit producer, Edie F. Minkoff.

MICHELLE MARRA was chosen as a Finalist in the abstract category in **Artists Magazine's** 2019 Annual Competition. Her painting is 54"x52" denim, acrylic, metallic thread, micaceous iron oxide and mica flake, and is inspired by her father that passed away a couple years ago. He grew up on a cattle ranch in South Dakota and loved his jeans. He was also a chemist for the Apollo missions as Cape Kennedy. She had some of his old jeans sitting around and realized how most of us live in our jeans.



MEMBER FOCUS

MARIA AIMONE

Maria is a 2D painter using watercolor and/or mixed media mostly and has a realism approach.

She selected watercolors because it is so challenging. There are different papers, different paints, different brushes, a cold day, a warm day.... All of this makes it a very complicated media, but she loves it. She started in college and just kept it up.

Maria is moved by light. She states that she is a snob when it comes to painting in good light. She mostly paints to have fun, and she wants others to have fun. She hopes to be able to start teaching again. There is so much to paint and not enough time to paint!

The artist that most influences Maria is Van Gogh. He truly was on a cutting edge of a new revolution. His passion is something she can understand. It's that passion when she sees things of beauty or when the light catches it just right, she feels his frustration as she desperately wants to catch it on paper too.



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