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Women in the Visual Arts, Inc.
Promoting the Visual Arts and Women Artists in South Florida



November 2010

Calendar

- October 15** - 12 Noon - Friday, General Meeting -
Sharon Koskoff, City Streets and Mural Scenes - Hands-on Demo
- October 20-21** - All day Wednesday, Thursday -
Bloomingdale's Shopping Benefit
- November 6-7** - Saturday and Sunday - South Florida
Living Green Fair, Mizner Park
- November 19** - 9:30 - Jury Meeting
- November 19** - 12 Noon, Friday, General Meeting,
Sugar Sand Park - **Teresa Kirk** - Goache & Watercolor demo
- December 10** - 6-8, Friday - Wine and Cheese Party,
WITVA Art Exhibit at Whole Foods in Boca
- December 17** - Friday, 12 Noon - WITVA Holiday Luncheon,
Sugar Sand Park - Demo by Jeff Jakub, Watercolor

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE FOR 2011

- American Orchid Society** - Take in: January 4, 2011
10AM-12 Noon
Meet the Artists/Reception: Jan. 6, 5-7 PM
Take-Down: Jan. 31, 10-12
- Cornell Museum of Art- Crest Theater** Feb. 3 -March 15, 2011
Take-in: Wed. February 2, 10 AM -12 noon
Reception: Thursday, Feb 10, 2011
Take-Down: March 16, 11 - 12 noon
- Rosen Gallery JCC Boca Raton** - Take-in: Mar. 2 or 3
Reception: Sunday, March 6, 1-4 PM
Take-Down: April 14
- David Posnak JCC, Broward Co.** - Small Show
Take-in: March 14
Reception: March 23, 2-4 PM
Take-down: April 27

President's Message

Welcome back snowbirds. I look forward to meeting and greeting you. And, for all of WITVA, may you continue to flourish in every way.

Blessings,
Mimi Donner
WITVA President

Sharon Koskoff, Guest Speaker, WITVA General Meeting - October 15

Thanks, Mimi, for leaving this space to describe the many artistic accomplishments of **our October guest speaker, Sharon Koskoff**. Here are just a few of Sharon's awards and the work that she has done to deserve them.

She is the founding president of the historic preservation organization **Art Deco Society of the Palm Beaches**. In 2005 – present, the City Commission of Delray Beach appointed Koskoff to the **Delray Beach Public Arts Advisory Board**.

Two of her Delray Beach projects were the Community Chair Project -- 12 Adirondack Chairs painted by 30 Volunteers on display in the Cultural Loop of Delray Beach, and the Open Door Project that included 111 doors painted by volunteers and installed on the loop across from the Delray Beach City Hall.

In 2009 Koskoff was a finalist for the Women in Executive Leadership Awards. In 2008, she was a finalist for the Palm Beach County Cultural Council Muse Awards for Arts Educator of the Year.

Her murals are in a number of locations including a 65' mural at the new **YMCA in Boca Raton**, and in several of our area schools. Sharon works with non-profit organizations and various populations with special needs such as juvenile justice youth, autistic adults, visually impaired, Spanish migrant workers, wheel chair, MS, and drug recovery. Sharon is a true Community Artist, one that embraces the spirit of WITVA.

**Our meetings and demos are FREE and open to the public.
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

Front Page Feature

JURY DATE FOR BECOMING AN EXHIBITING MEMBER:

Next jury date for WITVA members interested in becoming an exhibiting member is November 19. This will take place in the Maple Room at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, Boca Raton. Drop off of work will be at 9:30 a.m. Please note this time change. You will need to submit a Jury Application and Jury Fee before the November 19th date. For more information as to what you need to do before the jury date, please contact Sally Cooper 954-753-0654 or email sallycooperart@aol.com.

WITVA EVENTS



WWW.WITVA.ORG - WITVA'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!

New Exhibit and Events photos have been posted and you may see yourself and/or your artwork there.

YOUR OWN PORTFOLIO PAGE!

WITVA members have the opportunity to have a webpage on our site to showcase their work. And, if you already have your own, the page will be linked to your existing website. The procedure for setting this up has been made very easy, as follows:

You will send a \$50 check for the year to the address given below made out to WITVA. (The cost for renewal will be at a reduced rate.) This entitles you to post a bio and/or artist statement, your picture if you choose and up to 6 photos of your artwork, which can be changed up to 3 times a year. (You can check out existing webpages under Artist Portfolios.)

Send to: F. Presno, P.O.Box 5906, Lake Worth, FL. 33466

You will send the digital photos and text by email to ferpres@aol.com. Digital photos can be in the following formats: jpeg, jpg., tiff, bmp, or gif. Give your choice of color and font if you have any preferences for background and titles. You can send the info to our webmaster at anytime but the page will not be posted until the payment is received.

MAKE OUR WEBSITE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL WITH YOUR ARTWORK AND SHOW IT TO YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLECTORS !!!

GET READY....GET SET....GO!

BLOOMINGDALE'S ANNUAL SHOPPING BENEFIT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
HOSPITALART WINS AND YOU WIN!



Send your check for the two tickets you received in the mail. You can even order additional tickets from Helene Herskowitz, 561 499-9747. WITVA receives the full \$10 per ticket, PLUS, when you drop the stubs into the boxes at the store on the days of the Event, we receive an additional \$5 per ticket from Bloomie's. BUT, we MUST drop more than 100 ticket stubs during the event to qualify for a percentage of sales, so do find your way on those days to your closest Bloomingdale's and make the drop. You aren't required to purchase anything and you can enjoy the special events throughout the store, BUT, the bargains will be hard to ignore. **See you there!**

WITVA will be a participant in the **Wyland Living Green Fair**, a family event promoting environmental responsibility, that will be held the weekend of November 6th & 7th from 10:00am to 5:00pm in Mizner Park along Plaza Real. WITVA will be exhibiting samples of HOSPITALART so that the community can see one of WITVA's community projects. Several members have volunteered to do presentations and hands-on projects that are environmental associated. WE NEED LOTS OF HELP! We need volunteers for a myriad of things & to cover the hours both days. Please contact Jane Jordan to volunteer: (561) 735-7147 or bjordan711@bellsouth.net.

THE 15TH ANNUAL SPRING CELEBRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ART 2011 is approaching. I would like to invite any of my fellow WITVA members who would like to join me in making this the best exhibit ever to join with our Loyal Committee. I will be having our first organizational meeting at my home on December 6, 2010. Please call me at 561 997-6148 to tell me that you would like to be a part of this very special program. I look forward to hearing from you.

Phyllis C. Annunziato, Chairperson, WITVA Spring Celebration of High School Art



EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITY - WHOLE FOODS

Exhibition opportunity open to WITVA artists that have won an award in a WITVA show. You may display a piece of your work at the WITVA Whole Foods Wine and Cheese event on December 10. If you are interested, call Sally Cooper 954-753-0654 or email sallycooperart@aol.com.

CALL TO ARTISTS FOR INFORMATION

Downsizing? Moving? What are you going to do with your good art-related stuff that you don't want anymore? More to the point, what do you think your "family" will do about your art supplies, art books & magazines, and so forth? WITVA wants to share your ideas, experience, suggestions with its membership. Please be specific about organization, schools, studios, venues that welcome such donations. If you know where to sell or fundraising venues for art-related stuff that would be fine, too. Write to Susan P. Gould at PriceGould@webtv.net. WITVA will share this information via the Newsletter and at General meetings.

Teresa Kirk, Lecturer for November Meeting:

Teresa studied under many nationally know artists here and abroad: Ingrid Lender, Miles Batts, Diane Nance and Sue Archer. Her work portrays the rhythms of life with layers that build up as we experience that life. Teresa often paints Plein Air to capture life in its element. Transparent Watercolor is her love but she incorporates gouache and acrylic in her work. Believing in the arts and the need for supporting groups for artists, she has joined and served on the boards of many art societies. Teresa is a signature member of Florida Watercolor and Gold Coast Watercolor Societies, as well as a member of Southern Watercolor, and Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, and Plantation Art guilds. She serves as Director of Operations, Florida Watercolor Society and Workshop Chairperson of Gold Coast Watercolor Society.

Teresa teaches Watercolor and Plein Aire at the Boca Museum of Art, the Art School.



Welcome New Member: Deborah Matsunaye

The City of Palm Beach Gardens Presents Susan Megur solo show "Faces, Figures, & Fantasy"

Please attend the **Artist Reception on Nov 19. 6 - 8pm MUSIC & LITE BITE**

33 paintings will be on exhibit from Oct. 21 thru Jan. 4

Address:

PGA City Hall & Veterans Plaza
10500 N. Military Trail
exit 79C on I-95 to Military Trail

(Ed. Note: Susan was asked to do this one-woman show based on her entries into last year's WITVA/Palm Beach Gardens Exhibit.)

Francene Levinson has work in two exhibits: "**The National Art Encounter 2010**" see Eve's Apple at The Von Liebig Art Center, Naples, Florida from September 13-October 30.

"**New Art 2010**" see Three Sentinels at The Armory Art Center, Montgomery Gallery, West Palm Beach, Florida from October 8 - November 13.

Grace Fishenfeld is exhibiting three art works at Vi Living, (Formerly Classic Residence by Hyatt at Lakeside village), 2792 Donnelly Dr, Lantana, FL, 33462. THE PALM BEACH CENTER FOR JEWISH ART has organized an international competition and the art of sixteen artists will be on display. The show titled "HEBREW ZODIAC: 12 TRIBES, 12 MONTHS, 12 ASTROLOGICAL SIGNS," will run from October 12-November 19, 2010. The venue is in a gated community. Contact Helene Yentis at 561-742-4080 or e-mail hyarts@aol.com for information and to verify entry to the exhibit.

CLASSES

Maxine Schreiber is teaching "Unleashing Creativity" the first Saturday of each Month, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. The address is: A Unique Art Gallery, 226 Center Street in Center Plaza just West of A1A in Jupiter. Susan Lorenti is the contact person at 954-588-7275 or people can email me maxine@schreiberstudio.com. This class is for the novice who longs for the opportunity to unleash creative potential. It's for the seasoned artist to deepen creative pathways and to learn tools for overcoming periods of blocking or self-doubt.

Patricia (Pati) Maguire will be teaching "Portrait Painting" (all media) and "The Joys of Pastel" at the Cornell Museum of Art, Old School Square, 51 Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. For schedule, fees and registration, please go to www.oldschool.org, or call the art registrar, Daphne Dowell at 561-243-7922, extension 317. You may also e-mail Daphne at daphne@oldschool.org.

Feeling stuck or a little bored...Maybe it's time to take a class. **Sherry O'Neill** is teaching an **experimental mixed media class** on Wednesdays from 1-4 pm at the Cornell Museum, Old School Square. Phone Sherry at 561-638-6999 for more information or Daphne at Old School Square to register: 561-243-7922, ext. 317).



Jane Bazinet is giving a 1-day workshop at her studio: "**Watercolor Collage**". You can revive your lost-cause watercolors. Tear them up, reassemble them with other water-media, new watercolor pieces, textured or found objects. Learn good composition and color. This has been a successful and fun class. Thursday's. \$75. for the day. Bring lunch.

In November on Tuesdays from 10-2 (or longer) - "**Pastel on Sanded Paper**" for beginning or advanced artists. Always will start with a demo. You can work on the same image as the instructor or your own composition. \$50 for 4 hours of intense, but rewarding work. Call 954-570-5942 or email janebazinet@yahoo.com. for either class. View some of her pastel work at janebazinet.com.



Altered Book Workshop: JCC - Davie

Thursday, Nov. 11 - 6-9pm

Friday, Friday, November 12 9:30-12.30 pm

Your inner artist will emerge as we recycle a used cookbook into a personal artistic journal. Instructors: Leslie Heyer and **Linda Altshuler**. Leslie Heyer is a licensed mental health counselor and has been making altered books and finds them to be a life-altering form of artwork. Linda Altshuler has been a teacher and artist for over 35 years, currently teaching drawing and painting at the David Posnack JCC in Davie, FL.



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