



WOMEN IN THE VISUAL ARTS

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP MESSAGE:

THIS IS AN EXCERPT OF THE COMPELLING STATEMENTS PRESENTED BY JUDITH HOCHROTH, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, AT OUR GENERAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18. WE HOPE YOU WILL READ THIS CAREFULLY AND WITH CONSIDERATION TO VOLUNTEER.

“Good afternoon fellow members of our esteemed Women in the Visual Arts as we gather here today for our annual meeting. I come before you with a sense of urgency and a call to action. Our organization is facing a critical moment in its history as you have just heard as our three top officers who have served so diligently for many years are stepping down and will not be running for reelection.

“I want to take this moment to express my deepest gratitude to these officers for their incredible dedication and hard work in leading our group. They have brought us together, organized countless events and programs, and have truly made a difference in the lives of our members. But now, with their departure, the future of our organization hangs in the balance.

“I must be honest with you - - If we do not have someone or a team to step forward to fulfill the leadership positions, the very existence of our group is at risk. We cannot afford to let this happen. We cannot let all of the progress and momentum we have built over the years come to a halt. As a registered 501(c) (3) group, our charitable donations are also at risk. They will stop because our status will have terminated.

“But let me also offer a different perspective - - change can be an opportunity. It is a chance for us to reevaluate, to reshape, and to breathe new life into our organization. It is a chance for us to bring fresh ideas, new energy, and a renewed sense of purpose to our group. We are here today to take nominations from the floor dash a group of you made together nominate yourselves or someone else new paragraph I urge each and every one of you to consider stepping up and taking on a leadership role with our organization this is your chance to make a difference, to shape the future of our group, and to leave your mark on our community.

“Together we can ensure that our organization continues to thrive and grow. Together we can create a new chapter in our history that is even more vibrant and successful than before. Together we can embrace change as an opportunity.

“So, I ask you, my fellow members to rise to the occasion, to be inspired, and to volunteer to take on the challenge of leadership. Let us come together and show the world what we are truly capable of. **The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2025.** Please e-mail your nominations to hochroth@comcast.net. Thank you.”

**WE NEED YOU TO FILL OUR OPEN POSITIONS!
THE SLATE FOR 2025-2026 IS:**

PRESIDENT(S) – OPEN

VICE PRESIDENTS – ABBE KALMAN, SANDY RYTER

TREASURER - JANET SCHWARTZ

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – DEBBIE RUBIN

RECORDING SECRETARY – LAURA FRIEDLAND

SOCIAL SECRETARY - OPEN

CALENDAR

February 26: WITVA's Educational Series, “Revisiting the Baroque Still Life” presented by Taylor Hagood, via Zoom at 4:00 p.m.
NOTE THE NEW DATE.

March 3: Breakfast Club, Original Pancake House, 10:00 a.m.

March 12: WITVA's Educational Series, “Picasso's Women” presented by Merle Born, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

March 19: Pick-up for “Art Works” exhibit at the BRiC, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

March 20: “100 WOMEN GROUP” sponsored by Karen Whitman, Supporting “Women in the Visual Arts” – 501 (c) (3), St. Paul Catholic Church Parish Hall, 2700 NE 36th Street Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064. 5-6:30pm

March 24: Take-in for “I Get Carried Away” at the BRiC, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

March 27: Opening Reception for “I Get Carried Away” at the BRiC, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.



“ART WORKS”

BY WOMEN IN THE VISUAL ARTS

THE SHOW IS NOW OPEN

BOCA RATON INNOVATION CAMPUS
(BRIC),
4950 TELECOM DRIVE, BOCA RATON 33431

**IMPORTANT: TAKE-DOWN AND PICK-UP
ON
MARCH 19, 2025, 9:30 TO 11:00 A.M.**

WOMEN IN THE VISUAL ARTS PRESENTS:

“I GET CARRIED AWAY”

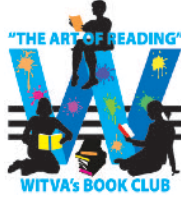


OPENING MARCH 27, 2025

BOCA RATON INNOVATION CAMPUS (BRIC)
4950 TELECOM DRIVE, BOCA RATON 33431

APPLICATION DEADLINE	February 21, 2025
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE	March 8, 2025
TAKE-IN DATE	March 24, 2025, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
RECEPTION	March 27, 2025, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
TAKE-DOWN DATE	The exhibit will be for one year. If you need your painting prior to the take-down date, you may substitute another painting.

ART OF READING BOOK CLUB



The March meeting will be announced at a later date, via e-mail.



CIRCLE OF ARTISTS

The March meeting will be announced at a later date, via e-mail.

JOIN US FOR WITVA'S BREAKFAST CLUB!



When?
Monday,
March 3,
10:00 a.m.

Where?:
The Original
Pancake House
Somerset
Shoppes, 8903
Glades Road,
Boca Raton

To join us, contact Sandy at sandyryter@comcast.net

WITVA High School Awards update: Our team is happy to announce that high school students from 11 PBC schools and 24 art teachers are participating in the student exhibition at Sugar Sand Park Community Center for the month of March. We also have 10 schools exhibiting and 13 teachers participating in the grant application for their classroom awards as well!

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 6TH, SUNDAY, ALL AWARDS TO BE GIVEN ON THIS DAY!!!

Please continue to support the fundraising/donation efforts for these high schools!

We are also collecting gently used or new art supplies, art books and materials!

These will be available "free" at the awards ceremony on April 6th for the art students to pick up!!!

If you have any questions, contact Mary Cavaioli at marycavarts@gmail.com.



Our book and art supplies give away tables last year were a big hit last year with the students!

YOU ARE INVITED!

"100 WOMEN GROUP" sponsored by Karen Whitman
Supporting "Women in the Visual Arts" – 501 (c) (3)

When: Thursday, March 20, 2025 Time: 5-6:30pm

Where: St. Paul Catholic Church Parish Hall, 2700 NE 36th Street, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064

What: A presentation by the WITVA HS Awards Committee highlighting our past successes with exhibitions and awards giving

Who: Local women supporting the Visual Arts and WITVA members

Our Mission: To support efforts and award money to deserving high school teachers and their students for their Arts Education programs in South Florida.

Please consider giving to this very much needed worthy cause supporting Arts Education in our South Florida High Schools.

A very special "Thank You" to Father Dever from St. Paul Catholic Church for letting us use this beautiful parish hall facility and to Karen Whitman and Mary Cavaioli, who organized this event.

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WITVA'S EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Zoom links will be provided closer to the presentation dates.

February 26, 2025, 4:00 P.M. via Zoom

**PRESENTER: Taylor Hagood,
Professor of American Literature, FAU**

TITLE: REVISITING THE BAROQUE STILL LIFE

With post-Renaissance developments in oil painting came a newly rich approach to painting still life that released the full power of chiaroscuro in the Baroque period. The oil medium created both solidity and ghostly transparency to realize new kinds of symphony of color, contrast, and structure. Beyond their distinctness in terms of style, these paintings also take on meaning on historical, cultural, religious, economic, and even agricultural levels, as evidenced in recent explorations of fruit species in Italy based on Baroque paintings. In this lecture, Dr. Taylor Hagood will discuss Baroque still life in terms of style, technique, and what it reveals about life in that era as well as implications for our own time.

March 12, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

PRESENTER: Merle Born

TITLE: PICASSO'S WOMEN

Merle Born will provide us with an enlightening discussion about Picasso's many women in his life.

For those of you who have ever researched Picasso, you know that "Picasso wouldn't be Picasso without all of his women. A huge part of his work revolves around women, specially the ones he had love relationships with. He'd be attracted by their youth, their beauty and talent. Some in his orbit were talented, independent women; others strained under the gravity of the artist's narcissism. The saying goes, 'behind every great man is a great woman' and behind him there were several."

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AVREL MENKES has a place of honor for her painting "Garden of Color" at the Coral Springs Museum of Art in Coral Springs, Florida. She thanks the PBWS for including her latest creation in their exhibit, **WORLD OF COLOR**.



CLOE GIBSON's artwork is on display at the Palm Beach Cultural Council's current exhibition for the 100th Anniversary of Boca Raton, which has just opened and runs through March. Her painting "Morikami" is a 17" X 12" watercolor. The Cultural Council's building is at 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach, FL., and is free to the public.

MYRNA RODKIN was accepted in the upcoming NAWA exhibition, **WINTER SMALL WORKS**, which will be showing online February 1 - February 28, 2025.



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER:

Sharon Kleiman (rejoined WITVA)

MAXINE SCHREIBER is pleased to announce that her painting "Waiting for the Prince," a 48" x 36" oil on canvas, was accepted into *the BIG & BOLD* exhibition, in Car Team USA, 8168 SW Jack James Dr., Stuart, FL. The Artists of Palm Beach County and MartinArts collaborated with Car Team USA to exhibit large works of art in the chic industrial venue. More than 60 artists competed for a spot in the show. The opening reception took place on February 13 and the work will be on display until April 25, 2025.



EILEEN SHALOOM is showing 12 paintings and textile collages in the lobby of **PLUNGE BEACH RESORT** during the month of February, 2025. The lobby is open 24/7 for viewing and is located at 4660 El Mar Drive, Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida.



ANN SCHWARTZ and her husband Don are exhibiting his photography and her collages at the Highland Beach Library from March 5-April 28, 2025. The Opening Reception for **HIS AND HERS: COLLABORATION AND DIVERSITY** is March 20 from 5-7p.m.



JILL SNEIDMAN has been included in the Artists of Palm Beach County and MartinArts exhibition **BIG & BOLD** at Car Team USA in Stuart. Her accepted photograph, **GRAND ILLUSIONS**, was taken in Iceland at the JÖKULSÁRLÓN GLACIER LAGOON.



LEE KRULL was awarded Second Place at the Palm Beach Watercolor Society "Art In Me" show at the Crest Theatre, Delray, FL for her painting "Mosaic Muse". The show runs until March 9. Lee was also awarded an Honorable Mention for her painting "There's One In Every Crowd" at the Palm Beach Watercolor Society "My World In Color" show at the Coral Springs Museum of Art. That show can be viewed until Feb. 27th.

'THE WAY TO PAINT'
NEW PAINTING CLASSES
 START IN MARCH AT THE BOCA MUSEUM ART SCHOOL

NEW CLASSES ADDED!
 Thursdays from 10-12:30 and 1-3:30 pm
 Please go online at www.bocamuseum.org
 or call
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 Questions? Call or text me
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Genie Appel-Cohen



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