



WOMEN IN THE VISUAL ARTS

# NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE:

Each year, during our membership drive, we reflect on our past year's accomplishments and membership growth. This year, we welcomed 27 new members!

In 2022, our members were provided excellent exhibit venues, lectures and demonstrations, and our Circle groups (The Art of Reading Book Club, the Circle of Artists, the Critique Circle).

We need the support of our members to make WITVA what it is--a welcoming community for visual artists of South Florida.

If you haven't yet sent us your \$50.00 dues for 2023, now is the time! Just tap our membership button on the bottom of the home page of [witva.org](http://witva.org) or send a check made payable to WITVA, Inc. to Abbe Kalman Snyder, 7745 Forest Green Lane, Boynton Beach, Florida 33436.

Kris Henke  
WITVA Newsletter Editor

## CALENDAR

**January 31:** Drop-off for "My Heart Belongs to Art I", at BRIC 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**February 7:** Reception for "My Heart Belongs to Art I," 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**February 23:** Taylor Hagood Lecture, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

**February 22:** The Art of Reading Book Club, Stonebridge Country Club, 11:30 a.m.

## ROBERTA "BOBBIE" GALEX April 1938 – December 2022

Roberta "Bobbie" Galex became active in Women in the Visual Arts (WITVA), serving for a time as co-president. She founded a program called **HOSPITALART**, which provided hundreds of pieces for display at Boca Raton area hospitals, clinics, and related facilities. "I felt like I was in solitary. I had nothing to see," she told the Palm Beach Post about her illness. "It is so frightening to have just a white wall. There was nothing to take your mind off your troubles."

The full obituary is available at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/qctimes/name/roberta-galex-obituary?id=38469296>

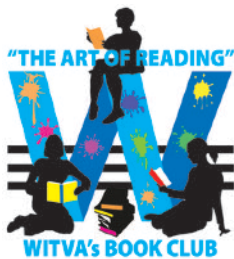


*One of the many pieces of art created by the HOSPITALART group founded by Bobbie.*

**WITVA LECTURE SERIES 2022-2023**

DATE	TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
February 23	4:00 p.m.	Taylor Haygood	"27 Rue de Fleures: The Artists of Gertrude and Leo Steins"
March 24	4:00 p.m.	Sally Cooper	Demonstration: Abstract Art

**THE ART OF READING BOOK CLUB**



*“Set against the backdrop of the first all-female Mardi Gras krewe at the turn-of-the-century, the acclaimed author’s mesmerizing historical novel tells of two strangers separated by background but bound by an unexpected secret—and of the strength and courage women draw from and inspire in each other.” Google Books*

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023

**TIME:** 11:30 a.m.

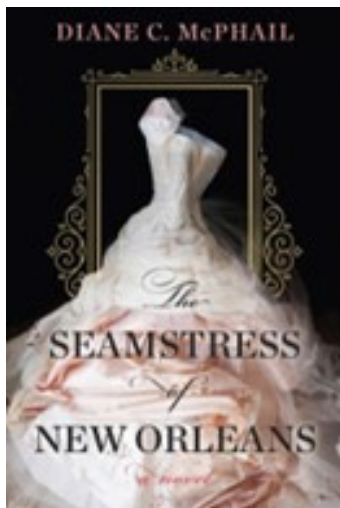
**LOCATION:** Stonebridge Country Club, 10343 Stonebridge Road, Boca Raton

**COST:** \$16 – Please bring cash. No credit cards accepted.

Our read and gathering, open to all WITVA members, is **The Seamstress of New Orleans** by Diane C. McPhail.

If you plan to attend, your name is needed for the gate access as well as the correct count for seating. Please email Susan Lewine at [susantimothychorney@gmail.com](mailto:susantimothychorney@gmail.com)

**CIRCLE OF ARTISTS**



Our Circle of Artists Zoom meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on **Friday, February 10th**. The meeting will include **ALL DISCIPLINES**.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF THE CIRCLE MEETINGS.**

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Karen Davis  
Sharon Kurlychek  
Marcia Lemal  
Celine Lemieux

SHARON KOSKOFF announces:

### ART DECO WORLD POST-CONGRESS April 28-30, 2023

Miami Design Preservation League  
Art Deco Society of the Palm Beaches  
and  
The International Coalition of Art Deco  
Societies

are pleased to announce:

“The World Congress on Art Deco® explores, via a series of guided tours, the early 20th Century architectural heritage and richness of the Art Deco style in the host cities, while also presenting lectures and exhibits by world authorities on the period. Parties, concerts, and costume balls will be included.”

For more information, contact Sharon Koskoff at [bysharon@artdecopb.org](mailto:bysharon@artdecopb.org).

MAXINE SCHREIBER is happy to announce



that the Artists of Palm Beach County "Members Show 2023" will take place in February in a private Northwood Shores Mansion, 211 30<sup>th</sup> Street in West Palm Beach just off Flagler Drive. The Opening Reception is Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 8 pm and all are invited to come. She is pleased that her work McKee Garden 3 will be in the exhibit.

**EILEEN SHALOUM** Is excited about her upcoming exhibit at Plunge Beach Resort Hotel, 4660 El Mar Drive, Lauderdale By-The-Sea. They have given her the opportunity to showcase many of her paintings and mixed media collages in the lobby from January 7 to February 4.

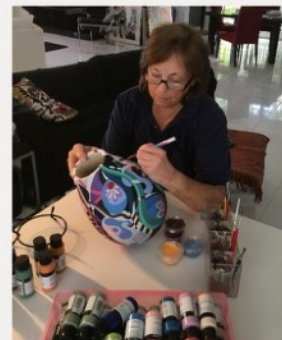
**NADINE MEYERS SAITLIN** will present a demonstration of the natural gourd as a canvas for painting.

Saturday, February 4,  
from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm  
**BOCA MUSEUM OF ART STORE**  
501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432

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The inspiration for my abstract imagery comes from everywhere. Primary and contrasting colors, moving lines, and overlapping invented shapes create dynamic patterns and intricate designs. Each side reveals a variety of images, allowing a new display to the variety of images.

Artworks are executed with acrylic paint on a third dimensional gourd. Redefining the use of the natural plant gourd as a third dimensional canvas. A member of the pumpkin family, the gourd is first dried, opened, and the seeds removed before being primed, with acrylic paint, and finished with a protective matte varnish. The interior is varnished but should not be used with liquids.





# MEMBER NEWS • MEMBER NEWS • MEMBER NEWS

**SALLY COOPER: MAKE 2023 YOUR YEAR OF POSSIBILITY BY JOINING ME IN MY INSPIRATIONAL AND FUN ONLINE ABSTRACT PAINTING CLASS.** Registration is now taking place for Term 3, Fall/Winter, five (5) weeks and begins Thursday, March 2, and continues for four more classes: March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Whether you are fairly new to painting abstracts or a seasoned painter, these classes are designed to enhance your painting practice and style and take the mystery out of painting abstracts. They will help you delve deeper into your creative self where play, exploration, fun and interest interact along with some new contemporary approaches for self-exploration which will guide you to discovering your unique voice. Color, design, shape, contrast, value, layering inspiration and more will be discussed. There are two classes offered on Thursday: 11am -1 pm EST (Term 3A) and 3-5 pm EST (Term 3B). The price is



\$225 USD for the full 5-week term. For more information and to register please go to <https://sallycooperart.com/registration> or contact me at [sallycooperart@gmail.com](mailto:sallycooperart@gmail.com) or 954-461-3632. Please be sure to check out the Student Testimonials at <https://sallycooperart.com/testimonials>.

**ADRIENNE WALKER** and **CAMILLE ROSANO** are pleased to invite you to a reception for an art exhibit that they are doing together.

The following is an excerpt from **EDIE MINKOFF** concerning the upcoming Boca Imaging Exhibit.

“First, I would like to thank all the WITVA artists whose work appeared in the previous show at BOCA IMAGING. I truly apologize to the artists for the extended period of time they had to wait to retrieve their work and say how grateful I am to those who were so understanding of the circumstances.

“I was extremely delighted to see all of the wonderful art that our members submitted for this show, namely **SPOTLIGHT 22/23**. It has been a real challenge for me to choose only six individual artists out of these outstanding submissions. Although this was a challenging task, I finally did choose six finalists. I would like to congratulate the following artists:

“They are **ANDREA FACUSSE GALERIA, ANN SCHWARTZ, FULYA ACIKGOZ, KAREN NEIMAN, SANDRA GORMAN** and **THERESA PESSO**.

“I think it is easy for me to say that this upcoming show will be an outstanding one. I am eager for everyone to see it in person and I’m looking forward to going back to our original wonderful reception.”

Sincerely,  
Edie F. Minkoff, Boca Imaging Exhibit  
Board of Directors

You are cordially invited  
to

**CREATIVE COMPLIMENTS**  
A joint Art Exhibit and Reception by  
*Adrienne Walker and  
Camille Rosano*  
at  
Parkland Library  
6620 N. University Drive  
Parkland, Florida 33067  
on  
February 4, 2023  
from  
12 to 2

*Exhibit runs from February 1 thru 28*

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