

## President's Message:

Dear Members,

As we all continue to live in a new reality, my hope for WITVA members is that you will be rewarded by your creative challenges and creations!

Speaking of creations, what have you been doing during your time at home? Share with us at [WITVANEWSLETTERKGH@gmail.com](mailto:WITVANEWSLETTERKGH@gmail.com).

At headquarters, we have been working with our board to plan and produce for WITVA's future. As part of our planning process, we welcome any and all suggestions from our membership as to how we continue to create an art organization that satisfies our community of artists. Let us know.

What new events are in the works?

For one, we have a new, beautiful website which has been developed and maintained by Lee Krull! Be sure to check it out by going to [www.witva.org](http://www.witva.org). This website will be the home of our members' portfolio section in the near future.

For another, we have begun a virtual book club entitled, The Art Of Reading. Our first book, "Big Lies In A Small Town", was followed by a biography about Frida Kahlo, "The Heart: Frida Kahlo in Paris". We continue to take in new members. Just contact Susan Lewine and she will add your name to our list.



Frida Kahlo

And lastly, a virtual new members tea will be held on our zoom platform on May 19th at one o'clock. We will share the outcome with you in our July newsletter.

Till we meet again in whatever way possible,

Stay safe and stay healthy.

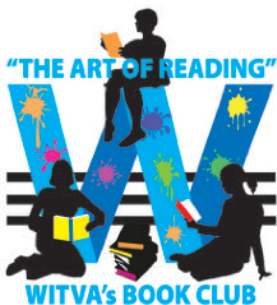
Susan Lewine  
WITVA Co-President

## CALENDAR

**JUNE 1:** Book Club

**JUNE 12:** Deadline for submissions for July/August newsletter to [WITVANEWSLETTERKGH@gmail.com](mailto:WITVANEWSLETTERKGH@gmail.com)

**June 19:** Board Meeting via Zoom



## DEAR 'ART OF READING' MEMBERS,

Our next read is The Heart: Frida Kahlo In Paris.

"This intimate account offers a new, unexpected understanding of the artist's work and of the vibrant 1930's surrealist scene."

Please join us on June 1st at 1:00 on Zoom.

If you would like to participate, contact Susan Lewine at [susantimothychorney@gmail.com](mailto:susantimothychorney@gmail.com).

*And bring a friend!*

**Happy Hours of Reading!**

## WITVA'S SPRING CELEBRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ART 2020

**From our Chairpersons: Jennie Eve Barnett, Cynthia Oakes, & Phyllis Annunziato**

The 2020 WITVA 24<sup>TH</sup> Spring Celebration of High School Art consisted of 16 participating schools, 81 art entries, and awards totaling \$8,000, were given to Palm Beach County art students. We would like to thank Sugar Sand Park for again hosting the exhibition and especially acknowledge Stacey Lanz, Program Coordinator and staff for their generous assistance in making this event possible.

A very special thank you, Phyllis Annunziato, for your 24 years of time and passion to honor and encourage our talented high school artists.

The jury consisted of WITVA members and retired Palm Beach County art teachers. They were impressed with the level of the student submissions and very much enjoyed viewing and selecting the work for each award.

## A MESSAGE FROM MARIE AIMONE:

### Visions 20/20 exhibit has turned a new chapter.

As a result of the virus killing the exhibit for the spring, two new things emerged. A few artists have opted to pick up their art as planned (last week) while others will keep showing until June 26 as South Side Cultural Arts Center has graciously extended the show for public viewing after the building reopens.

In addition, the South Side Cultural Arts Center will be hosting a virtual gallery featuring the talented Visions 20/20 artists. There will be two separate showings:

- Virtual Gallery of Visions 20/20 on the South Side Cultural Arts Center web page -This includes a virtual gallery with a blurb about each artist and information about their selected piece.
- The City of Fort Lauderdale Social Media sites – To highlight one artist's work and a sentence or two about the piece guiding viewers to the South Side page weekly.

## 2020 TOP HONORS



### WITVA Presidents Award

Katerin Leyva Rodriguez  
John I. Leonard High School

*Abuelita*; Oil, Grade 12, Ms. Van Der Kamp

### Women in the Visual Arts Inc./ Susan Applebaum Award

Aaryn Ferrick, Jupiter High School

### Irving B. Kahn Foundation Scholarship Winners

Leonardo Faife, AW Dreyfoos School of the Arts  
Jordan Juliano, Spanish River High School  
Timothy Vo, Park Vista High School

### Robin Smollar Memorial Scholarship Award

Hillary Almanzar, Wellington High School  
Arina Shalobodova, Boca Raton High School

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# WITVA EVENTS • WITVA EVENTS • WITVA EVENTS

## High School Art 2020 *continued...*

We would also like to thank all the women in WITVA whose year-long efforts and generosity make this event possible. In addition, we need to acknowledge our generous benefactors who provided the funds for the special awards: Susan Applebaum, Irving B Kahn Foundation, Suzanne K Klein, Chari and Ira Diamant, Ann and Joe Berlin, Myrna Rodkin, Ann Spoon, Phyllis Annunziato, Melissa Alford, Shirley Gelfand, and Pat Blumberg. Thank you all for your support and passion!

This would not be possible without our dedicated Art Educators who inspire and guide

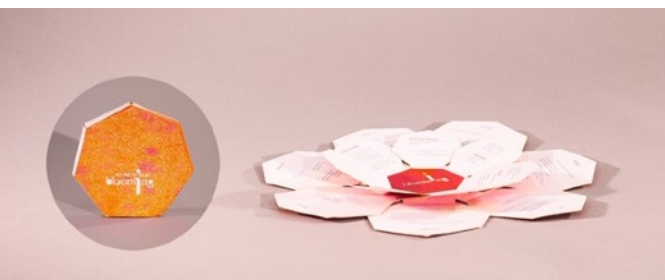
the creative talent of the students. We have worked to make the process smooth and efficient and were thrilled with the level of participation. We take great pleasure in honoring and encouraging these student artists and their teachers, and are saddened that our current health crisis has prevented us from doing that in person this year. All the awards were sent via USPS directly to the students' homes. We congratulate the teachers and students for their superior art pieces submitted and sincerely hope all continue to learn, explore, and create!!

## GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WINNERS

**First Place: Wendy Ordonez, FIU: \$3,500.00**  
- Oil Painting



**Second Place: Tatyana Judean, FAU: \$3,000.00**  
– Graphic Design/Art Books



**Third Place: Brandi Long, FIU: \$2,250.00**  
– Painting & Stitching on Silk & Plastic



**Fourth Place: Patricia Koppisch, FAU: \$2,000.00**  
– Graphic Illustrator



# MEMBER NEWS • MEMBER NEWS • MEMBER NEWS

FROM SHIRLEY GELFAND:

Pauline Price died yesterday morning. Her daughter, Susan Price Gould, is a long-time member of WITVA and lives at: 2200 N. George Mason Dr., #7567, Arlington, VA, [pricegould@verizon.net](mailto:pricegould@verizon.net).

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING THE STAY-AT-HOME TIME?

Since many of our artistic events are canceled and galleries are closed, we will look at what some of our members are doing during this down time...

**LAURIE HEIN:** “Last summer I took a trip for 90 days to many of the National Parks on the West Coast and Midwest. It was a trip of a lifetime. I plein air painted at several of the parks and did 20 paintings. I also did a workshop for five days at the Grand Canyon with Mitch Baird when I was awarded by Oil Painters of America. They had a contest to write an essay on why you wanted to win a plein-air workshop. The winner would win a plein-air workshop from a list of workshops. I won! It was a terrific way to get more familiar with plein-air painting with great instruction and tips.

“Now with the Coronavirus isolation, I decided to challenge myself and whoever wanted to join me to a 30 painting or 30 day, one hour (give or take) painting per day and chose a theme.... I am on painting number 10 and having the time of my painting life remembering the great trip I had while doing the paintings. The end results will be posted on my website on Paint the Parks to raise money for our National Parks. I challenge other artists in our group to choose a subject and let their art make a difference in this time of difficulties. I am posting regularly on my Instagram and Facebook account to show progress during the painting process. Maybe someone would like to watch or join in.”

For a copy of the Mitch Baird workshop notes, contact Laurie Snow Hein at [artish@aol.com](mailto:artish@aol.com).

**TRISH KAHN** has artwork displayed at the Highland Beach Library. When the library reopens, once it is safe, her work will be extended in the exhibition.



**VIVIAN KOPPELMAN:** “Each Saturday and Sunday from 10 until 12 noon, I am online with our instructor, \*Jack Wild and with members of the photography meetup group, The Art of Photography (US) Ft. Lauderdale. Along with other members, I have submitted one photograph that is critiqued each session. It is a valuable lesson that allows me to see others’ work and learn techniques that I can use in my own practice of taking pictures. Check out the photo group on Meetup.”

*\*Jack Wild’s work has appeared in **Life Magazine**, **National Geographic** and other prestigious publications.*

**ROSIE SHERMAN** has painted many new paintings and would like to share.



**CAROL RIFKIN:** "I am having so much more time now I have decided to paint with watercolors which I have not done for many, many years. Having been a pastel artist for the last 20 years, I am finding this to be quite a challenge. I have enclosed two of my latest small florals. It has been a nice change and I'm looking forward to see where it takes me. Hope all of my artist friends are well and staying safe. Keep painting!!!!"



**ANN SCHWARTZ** shared her collage, "Museum Memories" since we cannot go to the museums during this pandemic.

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