

# WCA September 2010 Newsletter

President's Message:

To All Fellow WCA Members

Hello once again and welcome back to a new Season in WCA. I'll hope to see you at our upcoming meetings and art shows. Many of you have been busy entering shows and winning awards. Congratulations!

Many of our members and the Board worked over the summer on new shows for us and toward improving our organization. I wouldn't be able to do my job without the assistance of all our active volunteers. You are women artists who are truly dedicated to WCA and, a pleasure to work with.

We have three exhibitions scheduled: October at Selby Gardens, January at Venice Art Center, and May at the Selby Gallery. (read each Prospectus for more info.)

We are included in sARTee, through the Arts Council, and the Ringling International Festival as part of the Selby Garden's exhibition in October.

WCA had gotten very low on our reserve dollars and so have cut back our WCA expenses and want to continue to do so. To do that we need 2 things: more active volunteering and participation within by WCA members, efforts with the ideas of sponsorship and fund raising. Our art shows are expensive to produce. It would be wonderful to have a sponsor (bank, company, someone) to help us defray costs. If you have any contacts or suggestions please let me, or any Board member know. The WCA Board is continually looking for ways to improve, and fine tune WCA.

One of the areas we have changed is the membership renewal and new membership time frames. The time to renew and for new members to apply is Oct 1 to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President. With your encouragement and support you have made this job easier. We look forward to another season of working together to share our creative desires, to contribute and to exhibit our art work. We are a strong organization, growing stronger. We are a team, you, the Board, and I. So let's keep going and have another great year.

Sincerely, and Best Wishes for our new season ....

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## WCA Member Meetings

November 15, 2010 3:30pm- 6:00pm;  
Fruitville Library; January 17, 2011, 2-4pm, Location TBD; March 21 2-4 pm Location TBD

WCA Exhibition Schedule: Selby Gardens Museum of Botany and the Arts, October 3rd; Venice Art Center, January 21; Selby Gallery at Ringling College of Art and Design, May 10. For complete information, please go to the WCA website, under Member info, and side bar Prospectuses.

Good News from Maggie Nevins:  
Publicity Chair

**Good News:** We have a nice write-up in the quarterly magazine "Tropical Dispatch" which is sent to all Selby Gardens members. (It's probably also available to visitors at the front desk, not sure.) The magazine features an image of Ramona's painting which won an award at our Venice SCF exhibit. It's in black and white, but still nice. Visit Selby.org and click the events link to read the text.

Also, Rachel Hackney at the Pelican Press said that she plans to put the same info with images into an Arts Calendar Spotlight. Don't have an exact date for that.

I've written thank you notes to both. That's all I've got so far for P.R. news. When you spot something in the press, please let me know, so that I can thank the source.

Please send me any and all suggestions with current contact information for sources of additional publicity. I've got the obvious ones, I think, but maybe you know some others which I've overlooked. Of course I'll get duplicates, but that's fine.

See you on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the receiving for our WCA Fall Exhibit at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

Best regards to all,  
Maggie Nevins

WCA has had some changes in positions both in the board and in committees. Sue Turconi has stepped in to be Scholarship Chair. Judy Kramer will now be our official photographer for WCA events. Also new in her position is Ellie Merritt, who will be our Historian.

We all would like to welcome Sue, Judy, and Ellie into their new positions and thank them for their volunteerism.

## Dancing Crane Gallery Show

**Carol Doenecke** is the featured artist at the Dancing Crane Gallery in the Village of the Arts for October. Opening reception is Oct. 1, 6-9pm. Everyone is invited to attend the opening. The show runs through the 29th.

## Towles Court Art Association

The Towles Court Art Association a juried open show this fall. You can find more information at [www.towlescourt.com](http://www.towlescourt.com)

## News from Dotty Terry

Dotty has exhibited at lot this past summer. Here is her information.

### Art Center Sarasota:

juried in: "Red Hot" 3 pieces

"Wish You where here" 3 pieces, one sold

"I am Home" 2 pieces, one honorable mention

"Outside looking in" 2 pieces, one honorable mention

### Venice Art Center:

Juried in: "Abstracts" 2 pieces

### WCA

at Plymouth Harbor- 2 pieces juried in

### Mote Marine Art Exhibit

2 pieces juried in, one sold

### Longboat Key Center for the Arts - Photography Show-

4 pieces juried in, First Prize in Nature Category

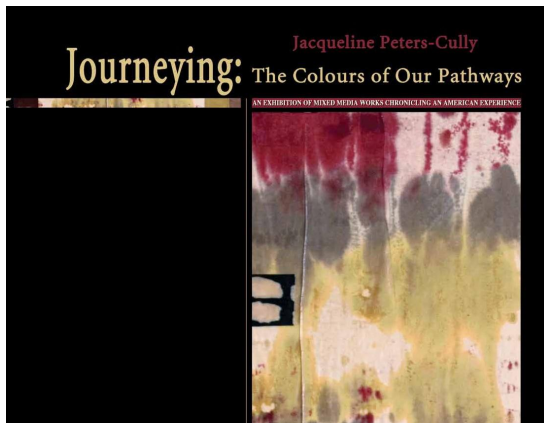
### Selby Gardens Annual Photography Exhibit

3 pieces juried in

Jackie Cully been a member of WCA and an active artist in the area. This is the announcement of her book portfolio publication.

## International Portfolio Gallery

Announces the Publication of



The artist, Jacqueline Peters-Cully, will be present for a Book Signing event following the release of her recent publication. It is an extraordinary account of her artistic life Journey.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**October 16, 2010**

**North Sarasota Public Library**

**12:00 -- 3:00 PM**

**\*More details to follow in September\***

**Co-Sponsored by the Friends of the NSP Library**

## Dog Days at Art Uptown

The Dog Days exhibit opened on Friday 13th of August at Art Uptown gallery 1367 Main Street, Sarasota .

This is *Barbara Schicitano*



A person who has done much for WCA, not only on the website, but as the former President of WCA, I would like to say, thank you to Barbara Schicitano. We wouldn't be where we are today without the help of Barbara and her knowledge. As of October 1, Barbara will no longer be doing the website. Because of this change, we now will be looking to have someone take over the website. If you or anyone you know might be able to do that, please notify me, Genevieve Perkins at [interigen@verizon.net](mailto:interigen@verizon.net).

Kris Parins will be featured in the annual "Ones to Watch" article in the December issue of Watercolor Artist Magazine, and in an article in the same issue about artists who use Photoshop. She had paintings juried into the Transparent Watercolor Society National Exhibition and the Watercolor Wyoming National Exhibition. Twelve of her paintings are reproduced in the Harpers Ferry National Historic Park 2011 Calendar

Ellen Mason was accepted into the 5th Annual National Juried Exhibition at the Katherine Butler Gallery in Sarasota Florida. The juror was Adam Justice, curator of Art at the Polk Museum of Art in Lakeland, Fl. The show ran from June 16-July 10, 2010

Rosalie Silver is having a solo exhibit at the All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church Art Gallery... 56 Bay Isles Road LBK Sunday, October 10 11 to noon Gallery Hours M-F 9-1 Bernice Gaines had an exhibit there in September

## WCA members & Pen Women

Some of our members who are also Pen Women will be having a show at Art Center Manatee September 26 - October 29. Please come to the reception Thursday, September 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Forgive me if I miss some one - I find the following on both rosters :

Betty Altman; Alice Benjamin; Marge Bennett; Julee Docking; Carol Doenecke; Glad Elias; Madelaine Ginsberg; Janet Kaplan; Ellen Mason; Kathleen McDonald; Eleanor Merritt; Joyce Novak; Joan Peters; Kathleen Puinti; Betty Savenor; Rosalie Silver; Nancy Turner; Trudy Whitney.

We are each allowed two paintings and former WCAer Nell Rude will have one gallery of her photography.

Tommy Bahama Hosts Homeless Artists Art Show, St. Armand's Circle, September 16, 2010

Tommy Bahama Retail Store, located at 371 St. Armands Circle, Sarasota

This exhibition will showcase the work of homeless artists who are living in the Sarasota/Bradenton area on Thursday, September 16th, from 5 pm till 8pm.

This show celebrates the second anniversary of Tommy Bahama supporting the "I Am Home Art Project."

Tommy Bahama has been a supporter of the "I Am Home Art Project" since its inception in 2009 and has provided the homeless artists a well-respected venue to showcase their artwork. Sales for the last event in June were over \$3,200 for the artists during the three hour event.

The I Am Home Art Project was started in January 2009 by Janet Taylor, Director of the Project. The mission is to help the homeless by teaching them painting techniques which, in turn, encourages them to help themselves. Our artists are dealing with situations in their life that most of us can not even imagine. This art project gives them an opportunity to regain self esteem, build relationships, and hopefully find means to get off the streets", says Janet Taylor.

For further information about the Project or the Tommy Bahama event, please contact Janet Taylor at 941-914-2591 or Barbara Gerdeman at 941-321-6553.

"One Year (and we're still here)

Anniversary Party" Frary Gallery

Judy Kramer, a member of Frary Gallery in the Rosemary District, invites WCA members to the First Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 18 at 6 - 9:00 p.m.

Frary Gallery is located at 1419 5th Street Sarasota Florida. Please RSVP to the Frary Gallery Facebook page that you will be attending.

Chalk Festival Downtown

Join us as Sarasota celebrates the spectacle of Street Painting, a 400 year-old performance art tradition. Professional I Madonnari (street-painters) and artists will transform South Pineapple Avenue in Burns Square into a gallery of fine art using the pavement as their canvas and chalk as their medium. This years theme... a little funny... and a little spooky, all Halloween style!

"We wanted to do a festival that was the opposite of last year's theme, the Goddess Flora. Next year we may hold a strict traditional Madonnari festival. Applications are being accepted for artists to showcase at the Festival, Saturday, Oct. 30 & Sunday October 31 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. They estimate an attendance around 40,000 through the weekend. There are two specific areas designated for artists to rent space and set up 10 X 10 tents at a reasonable price. Our space is limited so get your applications in early before we are sold out. For further information contact Amy Webber, email: fishrun01@comcast.net

## Events at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts

You're invited to our Fall season shows at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts.

We will be featuring in our Durante Gallery "Common Ground" and in our Cultural Media Room "Ageless Creativity".

Joseph Arnegger, Tim Jaeger and Jeff Schwartz, three nationally recognized contemporary artists who call Sarasota County their home come together to explore the "Common Ground" within their visual and verbal communications and the impact on their audiences as well as with other artists.

Our second annual "Ageless Creativity" exhibition will be honoring two visual artists, Jack Nolan and Eleanor Merritt; Architect, Carl Abbott; Actor, Carolyn Michel; and, Filmmaker/Composer, Diane Colson. These 5 diverse artists have been contributing to the areas cultural landscape for many years bringing their enduring and continuous creative gifts to our community.

The shows run from October 7 though November 18, 2010.

## Festival sARTée

The Festival sARTée expands the energy and excitement of the Ringling International Arts Festival (RIAF), Sarasota-Manatee, October 13-17, 2010. For two weeks surrounding the RIAF, the Festival sARTée, Oct. 8-24, showcases the region's world-class arts and culture ranging from theater, dance, music, visual art, live music and more in a variety of venues throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Festival sARTée derives its name from both Sarasota and Manatee Counties, joined by the common element of art. The counties are situated along Florida's west coast. The first Festival sARTée is organized through a partnership between the Arts Council of Manatee County, Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Realize Bradenton, Inc., Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Sarasota County Arts Council.

## Madelaine Ginsburg Class

Madelaine Ginsberg will be leading a 6-week class titled "Art for Creative Growth" at the State College of Florida starting Thursday, Nov. 4 from 6-8 p.m. open to all skill levels and costing \$65.00 for the series. For further details....[maddy7528@msn.com](mailto:maddy7528@msn.com).

"From Zsa Zsa to GaGa" Contest Supports Ringling sARTee  
Beads, F.O.B., joins the Ringling International Arts Festival (RIAF), participating in Ringling's sARTee Festival" by offering a beading exhibit and contest called "From Zsa Zsa to Gaga." The Festival sARTee, Oct. 8-24, showcases the region's world-class arts and culture including theater, dance, music, visual art, and more in venues throughout Sarasota and Manatee counties. Beads, F.O.B. is calling for entries for a juried, vintage-to-modern theme exhibit to be held in the shop from Oct. 8-30, 2010. For full details on how to enter, come to the shop for an entry form.

Open house Friday, Oct. 8, 4-6 p.m. in the shop kicks off the Zsa Zsa to GaGa competition.  
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Hours: Tues-Sat 10-5 Closed Sunday & Monday

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### Museum News

Before going to Orlando last spring I researched art museums that I might like to visit. When my daughter attended UCF I went to the Orlando Museum of Art quite a few times and was impressed with their collection. I never knew that in the same park there was a smaller museum with a very surprising collection. It is called the Mennello Museum and is also in Loch Haven Park. The Mennello Museum of American Art showcases an outstanding permanent collection of paintings by Earl Cunningham (1893-1977) in addition to other great American artists. From the time you arrive on the grounds you see the sculpture garden and a Deborah Butterfield horse sculpture is near the door. Once inside, the museum is about the size of a large home and feels very intimate. I didn't know anything about Earl Cunningham. The museum was constructed just for this collection so the basis of the museum's collection is the work of Earl Cunningham, whose paintings were donated by collectors: Marilyn (1925-2006) and Michael Mennello. Here is a little information about Earl Cunningham.

A loner from an early age and self-taught as an artist, Earl Cunningham combines fact, fantasy and his own life experiences in paintings filled with vibrancy and confidence of life itself. His work reflects his own unique vision of the world and his naïve style speaks of joy and happiness. His glorious, vivid colors have given him the reputation of being an American Primitive Fauve.

If you visit a museum on your travels, I hope that we can make this a permanent part of our Newsletters. Write up a little story about what you see. Let us know what sparks your interest. Has anyone seen the new Chihuly Museum in St. Petersburg?

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