



Newsletter

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Bringing Artists
Together with
the Community

Message from Co-Presidents

Dear WSAC Members and Friends,
A new year brings hope for a bright, full future. We look ahead to the important creative work that awaits us in 2023.

Securing funding to repair and renovate a singular urban experience for the neighborhood, our little unique Beaux-Arts building, and to continue to explore new venues for in-person shows are topmost on our minds. We are working intensely to accomplish both these needs. We would so appreciate your assistance in accomplishing these very important endeavors. Anyone willing to join forces with either or both efforts please contact us at wsacnyc@gmail.com.

A very happy note: We will be having an in-person show April 22, 2023 through sometime in May at Goddard Riverside Arts Center at 647 Columbus Ave. We don't have the details yet. We will inform you as soon as we know more. The title of this show is Saving Nature-Saving Ourselves.

We will continue sharing our Virtual Shows each month in the WSAC Newsletter. This January issue, entitled New Perceptions, exhibits 13 outstanding WSAC members' interpretations of the theme. We hope you are as impressed as we are with this strong show of creative insight. The February Virtual Exhibit is entitled Wonder Awaits. We look forward to your participation with your personal wonder.

Wishing you and your family the very best of Holiday Cheer and a Wonderful Creative New Year!

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New Perceptions A Virtual Exhibit

Curated by Linda Lessner
& Margo Mead
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Lisa Kaplan
Day 107 of 365
Mixed media
12" x 9"
NFS



I am 3/4's through a mindfulness program a friend gave me. I would like to think it is guiding me to look at everything differently, including my artwork. Number 107 out of 365 is for my son Alex.

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Thank you!

We would like to extend a huge
thank you to:

Margo Mead
Jesse Robinson

for their generous contributions!

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(pictured left)
offers our
members a
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discount!

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members. We hope you will
patronize these gracious merchants.

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Color Poem #1

Now I can see the color
 see that it is such a substantial thing
 that greets me when I have time for it
 after the busybody day has done itself in
 and the catsfur is camouflaged on the hardwoodfloor
 orangey shellac shining
 she licks her paws waits for me
 and so I pause and see
 above her clouds that fluff and my eyes that puff
 puffy after the hard constitution of walls and pavements
 lead one to believe
 there is nothing but the man-made world
 and in his image too and...he didn't do
 such a very good job of it lately anyway
 what with the scaffoldings and cranes collapsing
 and the politicians' predicaments...predilections and posturings...

So when the clouds roll by and call my name
 softsaying "*All Blues*" and Miles of them too
 with accents of violets and salmonypinks
 I agree and promise to come to
 Cloud 9 or wherever

(cosmologically speaking...it is not cosmo-politan
 it is the cosmos *logician*...the cosmos *beautician*
 the breath of silence descended from *Cloud 9*...
 ancestor of *thunderclap*...second cousin to *lightningbolt*)
 ...yea...I agree and promise to come to...
 lick my paws and just keep purring...just keep purring...purring

By Anne Rudder

Sustenance

Marija's Goddess-
 Stream of Life-
 Spawns gelatinous.
 a
 Heel
 Crushing-
 garden snake.
 Light Shimmers-
 Over
 Waters-
 Netting of
 Divine Food.

"I shut my
 eyes in order
 to see."

~ Paul Gauguin

MEMBER NEWS

Janice Wood Wetzel had 6 honorable mentions for Series of Stairs in Julia Margaret Cameron's 19th annual international exhibition in November 2022. They will be exhibited in Barcelona in April 2023.

There is a reproduction of **Margaret Montgomery's** painting "Staple Street, the View from Duane Park" in "Below 14th Street" at the New Amsterdam Library, 9 Murray Street, NYC. The exhibition features reproductions of plein air artworks by members of the NYC chapter of Urban Sketchers. The show runs from January 10 - February 26, 2023 (Mon-Thurs: 10 - 7; Fri & Sat: 10 - 5).

Margo Mead will exhibit in Metamorphosis at El Barrio's Art Space, PS 109 @ 215 East 99th St. January 2-27, 2023. Reception Friday, January 6, 2023, 6pm-9pm.

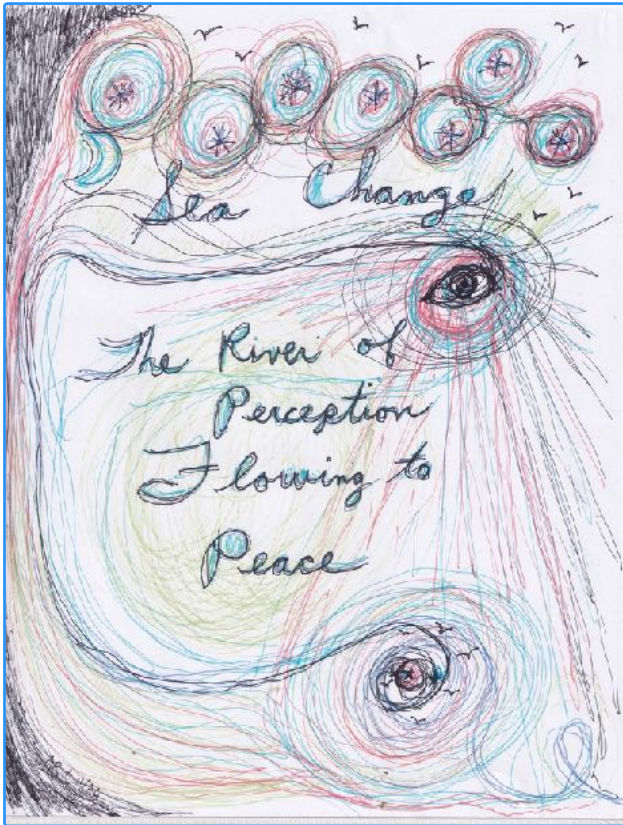
Daniel C. & Silvia Soares Boyer had work in "Open Call Salon Show," The Greenpoint Gallery in Brooklyn (November 18, 2022); and have work in "The KAC Member Show 2022," Kirkland Art Center, Clinton, NY (December 10, 2022 - January 14).

Daniel also had work in "Esserci Senza Esserci ('Being There Without Being There') 2022, (XV Edition)," Spazio G43, Prato, Italy (December 10-31, 2022); has work in "Beginning," White Sanctum Art Gallery, Bengaluru, India (January 1-31); will have work in "Water," White Sanctum Art Gallery, Bengaluru, India (March 1-31); the "1st FPA's Mail Art Exhibition," Faculdade Paulista de Artes, São Paulo, Brazil (January 11 - February 11); and "In the Sign of Women: battles, hopes and dreams," Aula Consiliare del Comune di Roncello, Italy (March 11 - April 30); and will have a drawing published in Italy's *Psyche Out Fanzine*.

Silvia will give a Cabaret concert at ABSW Citizens Center on January 31st, at 1:30 pm, in New York.

New Perceptions

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**Anne Rudder***Healing Waters*

Poetagraph, colored pencils on paper
11" x 8.5"
NFS

Our lives flow from liquids
returning to cosmic oceans.

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Amy Rosenfeld-Kass*Winter and The seasons-
It's a New year?!*

Poem with drawing on Word for Mac-drawing
11" X 8.5"
\$75

I wrote the poem because I have been thinking about winter coming up, and the new year, and how the seasons and the winter go around and around. I also used word for mac to draw images after I wrote the poem. I like creating pictures and drawings with Word for Mac with my poems and writings.

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New Perceptions

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Carol Rickey*Yosemite*

Oil on canvas
30" x 30", framed
\$275

I grew up in Modesto, California.
Whenever I had a chance I would
head for the mountains; Yosemite was
my favorite memory with its
unsurpassed beauty.

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**Margaret Montgomery***Shepard Hall,
City College*

Gouache on illustration board
7" x 11"
\$50

I recently went to City
College's East Harlem
campus with a sketching
group. I was taken with how
attractive the place is. So, I
decided to try to capture the
general look of it in this small
painting.

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New Perceptions

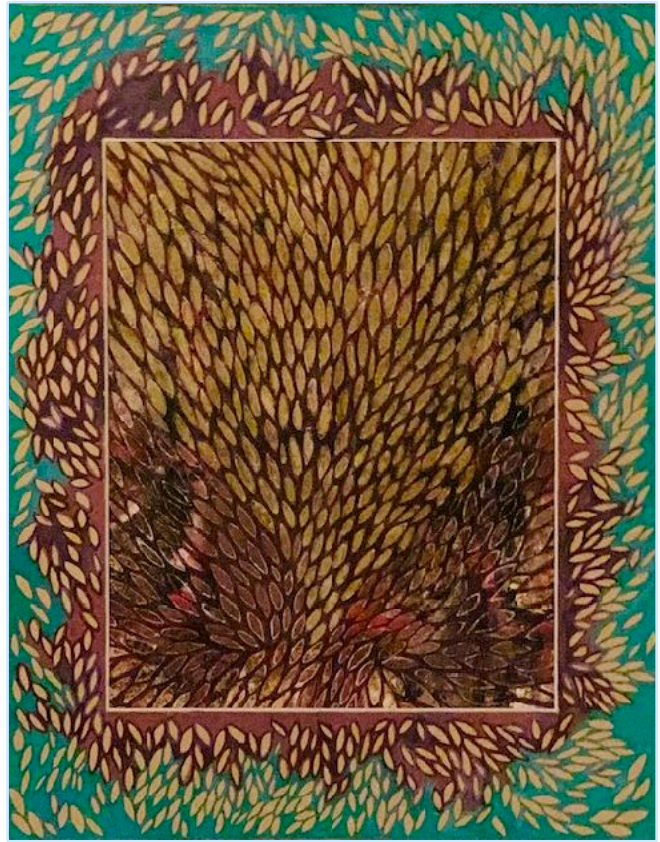
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Meg Boe Birns*Frondescence*

Pen & ink, acrylic, paint pen on paper
 14" x 11"
 \$200

I like to draw leaves and to design paintings with lots of leaves in them. I think the experimentation with the image of leaves pushes me towards an ambiguous figure-ground relationship that affects perception.

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**Mildred Borrás***Recortes*

Acrylic on canvas
 20" x 16"
 \$250

Memories of childhood when
 we created cutouts to play with.

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New Perceptions

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Janice Wood Wetzel

Grand Canyon Aerial View 7

Digital Color photo
16" x 20"
\$150

One of a series of aerial views
of the Grand Canyon.

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Margo Mead

Woman Relaxing

Watercolor & oil crayon on Shwen
rice paper
16.5" x 22", unframed
\$400

I love drawing from a live
model; there is something
very freeing about the
experience.



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New Perceptions

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**Timothy Eckersley***Renaissance Man*

Oil on canvas
18" x 14"
NFS

This portrait was done in a class. The instructor was myopic, so I had solidarity with the sitter.

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Elton Tucker*Faith in the Sun*

Mixed media on canvas
20" x 10"
\$500

Faith in the Sun was created from the early morning energy of the Sun that fills my Art Studio and my life, and to tell the Creator how Grateful I am for another day of life.

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New Perceptions

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Monique Serres*Mace's mini rose*

Oil on linen
12" x 11"
NFS

This miniature rose was offered to me.

My friend's gesture was so spontaneous — I happened to pass by him and he offered it to me; he said something about my artworks painted from life and “immortalized,” so this thought triggered in me a deep desire to paint this miniature rose.

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**Linda Lessner***Summer Will Come Again*

Photo Collage
Can be printed any size
\$100

Now that a new year is here, I look forward to a new summer, hopefully better than the last in every way.

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EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

(F) = Fine Arts
(P) = Photography
(M) = Craft / MultiMedia

2022

2023

VIRTUAL SHOWS

(Co-Curated by Linda Lessner & Margo Mead)

September 1-30, 2022
Nature Calls Out

October 1-31, 2022
Finding New Life

November 1-30, 2022
Uniting All

December 1-31, 2022
**A Better World is in
Our Hands**

January 1-31, 2023
New Perceptions

February 1-28, 2023
Wonder Awaits

March 1-31, 2023
Heaven & Earth

April 1-30, 2023
Mystery & Vision

IN-PERSON SHOW

April 22 - through May
**Saving Nature - Saving
Ourselves**

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OPPORTUNITIES VIRTUAL SHOWS

February 1-28, 2023
Wonder Awaits

March 1-31, 2023
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Wonder Awaits is our sixth Virtual Exhibit of this season. Let's show our viewers we can truly make a difference through our creative expression. Please consider participating in our Virtual Shows with your most outstanding works as we hope to use these exhibits to find new venues for in-person shows. All spaces ask for a proposal and jpegs to consider a request.

A Virtual Fine Arts, Photography, and Craft / Multimedia Exhibit

You must be a current member in order to participate in this virtual exhibit.

Please email a JPG to Margo Mead (meadart@gmail.com) with Your Name, the Title, Medium, Size of work, Price (or NFS), and a few sentences commenting on your creative endeavor. Make sure it's a good photo so it will print well.

If you have any questions, please contact Margo at 212.663.1355. The exhibit fee for all virtual shows will be \$10. Please send your check made out to WSAC to:

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We are waiting for further information.

"A true
masterpiece
does not tell
everything.."

~ Albert Camus