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**May 11 - 15, 2016 Theosis: Transformation from Word to Wood
 A Solo Exhibit by Joseph Paul Fox**

By Anne Rudder
 Photos © Bob Van-Lindt



Pictured Above: Valerie Thurab & Joseph Paul Fox



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"Rounding Out the Year"



Message from the President!

The West Side Arts Coalition experienced a year of exciting, intriguing exhibits, covering a broad range of topics. We sponsored two solo shows of wall sculpture, one site-specific and the other esoteric, along with an exquisite show at the light-filled Boricua College Gallery. Photographers covered territory from New York City's Broadway to the natural world of flora and fauna, and we were pleased to welcome many new members amid celebrating Black History and making ecological statements. We look forward to another innovative year and all of us on the WSAC Board wish you a well deserved summertime of refreshment with a dynamic September to follow.

Best,
Anne Rudder

May 15, 2016 Bloomingdale Family Days Street Fair

Photos © Jean Prytskacz



Pictured Above (Top to Bottom): Daniel & Silvia Boyer; Adam Phillips & Silvia Boyer; Daniel Boyer & Gloria Roig

Thank You & Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the WSAC:

Rene Barkett

April 20 - May 8, 2016

Broadway Regards A Photography Show

Curated & Photos © Jean Prytyskacz



(Pictured Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Ba Djibril Ngawa & Guest; Myrna Harrison Changar; Celia Cruzado; Penelope Maguffin (Photo © Carolyn Reus); Music Event (Photo © Carolyn Reus); William Hunt & Guest; Myrna Harrison Changar, Ram Changar & Guest; Reading by Mildred Speiser (Photo © Carolyn Reus); William Hunt & Ram Changar; William Hunt & Celia Cruzado; Harold Serban & Mildred Speiser; Gloriana Roig



Only When Young

By Peter Blaxill

They'll call me brave
to ride my bicycle
against this traffic
that doesn't expect me here,
to dare this highway
that must with the sun lead West
to big mountains.

I weave weave
through the whoosh of cars
that speed back by me honk-honking
wishing East.
Their rush gusts my hair.
Each strand dances.

I pedal pedal
coast downhill
feet on handlebars (just one hand)
pedal faster faster -

Stop -
Get off of there.
Come home.
Be wise, you foolish boy,
she'll cry out, if she saw me,

but I'll call back,
Only going where the sun goes, Ma,
Look -
No hands.

Forced Spring

By Patrick Hammer

O, breath of magnolia,
your season gone so soon;
your petal-fingers fallen
and stepped over,
so rough now, no sheer
nearness of your silkiness
against my skin.

O, forsythia, how I miss you,
your golden blaze, your daily
presence, thinking to rival the sun;
but now reduced to basic green,
where have your small, brave
trumpets gone?

Lilac, most of all, you came
courting too soon, coaxed
into flowering by a flirting
heat wave. You've been and gone —
purple and white—I mourn you.
Incredible that I missed
you bloom.

MEMBER NEWS

Margo Mead, Myrna Harrison-Changar, & Erin Butler are exhibiting works in the Citicorp Atrium, April 8 - June 30, at 1 Court Square, Long Island City, Queens. "Neighbors & Neighborhoods, Past and Present," sponsored by Women in Arts Foundation.

Meg Boe Birns has two paintings and a sculpture in the Theater for the New City Gallery, First Ave between 9th & 10th Streets, as part of the LES Festival of the Arts, May 20 - June 30.

Carole Richard Kaufmann, founding member and past president, has work displayed in a window at 209 West 38th St. between 7 & 8 Aves, from May 4 - June 4, with a review in Artdaily.

Petronia Paley is a new member and a self-taught painter/visual artist. In 2012, she had her first show as part of the Harlem Arts Alliance Strivers Arts Circuit and was named Harlem Arts Alliance Artist of the Month. She also extends special thanks to WSAC for this honor and privilege to join this art community.

Daniel C. and **Silvia Soares Boyer** have work in "Make Art Great Again | On Borders, Walls and duality" in The Resident Artists Gallery of Franklin Arts Center, Brainerd, MN (May 6-June 25), and will have work in "Mandalas," ETG Book Café, Staten Island (June 3-31) and "My Mailbox is a Cabinet of Curiosities" at Les Yper Yper, Thessaloniki, Greece on June 10 and "Weather" at Creative Arts of Shell Knob, Shell Knob, MO (August 1-21).

Silvia would like to inform that her mother, Maria Clara Pereira Ramos Soares, born in Oporto, Portugal on June 2nd, 1948, passed away on April 25th. "My dear mother, I love you and I will always miss you! I will never forget all your love and all your support through all my life. May you rest in heavenly peace, sweet angel!"



Theosis: Transformation from Word to Wood
A Solo Exhibit by Joseph Paul Fox

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In May, West Side Arts Coalition was fortunate to host a solo exhibit of esoteric sculpture by the artist, Joseph Paul Fox. His work is the culmination of a lifelong exploration – what he terms “sacred science,” encompassing mythology, antediluvian history, recondite archaeology and theology. The pieces in this exhibit transformed Fox’s research and thoughts into visual form, theomorphically, through the use of reclaimed and reconfigured wood, creating a comprehensive higher consciousness, the “theosis,” union of matter with the eternal energy.

Fox expresses the inner self in his work. He sees with his soul and that transcendent sense is evident in these pieces. He says, “each work is co-created with love, forming a new soul and containing supramaterial levels of cosmic energy... Truth, beauty and goodness are conveyed through (the work), bearing the divine fingerprint.” The sculptor unites his thoughts with the cosmos through what he calls “Theoneurology,” an alchemical combining of brain function with the eternal force.

Twenty-one works by this artist were exhibited in our gallery, delighting and transporting so many viewers to the higher realms.



POETRY CORNER

Riverside Poets' Open Poetry Readings take place the first Saturday of each month at the NYPL Riverside Branch, 127 Amsterdam Avenue (between 65th and 66th Streets) from 3-5 pm. Poetry Workshops are held on the remaining Saturdays of each month. To RSVP or for more information, please call 212.870.1810 or email riversidepoets@live.com.

Riverside Poets published their 15th Volume of Riverside Poets Anthology which is available for purchase. Flabbergasted Press, 142 West End Ave. #27L, NY, NY 10023, nlevynyc@aol.com or riversidepoetrygroup@gmail.com.

Parkside Poets holds Poetry Workshops on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. If interested in participating, please call David Elsasser at 917-892-3988 or email elsasserdavid@gmail.com.

Helpful Resources

Estate and legacy planning for artists:

www.elderartistslegalresource.org

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts serves

the community and with programs, classes and workshops:
www.volunteerlawyersforthearts.org

SPRING
By Amy Rosenfeld

Where oh where is spring?
 The groundhog said it was around the corner.
 Which corner is it around?
 Where oh where can Spring be found?
 It is neither here nor there,
 it just cannot be found.
 Which corner can it be found?
 where oh where is Spring?
 Is it on Spring Street?

2015-2016 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

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

September 12 - 27, 2015 (F)

Fall for Art

Linda Lessner & Carole Barlowe

September 30 - October 18, 2015 (F)

Artists & Poetry

Women in the Arts, Sponsored by the WSAC

October 21 - November 1, 2015 (F)

Autumn Thoughts

Anne Rudder

November 4 - 22, 2015 (P)

Open 2015

Carolyn Reus

November 25 - December 13, 2015 (F)

Free Expression 2015

Sonia Barnett

December 16, 2015 - January 9, 2016 (F)

A Gift of Art 2015

Linda Lessner

January 13 - 24, 2016 (F - Solo)

Keith Mendak's Art

January 27 - February 14, 2016 (P)

Crossroad

Xavier Figueroa

February 17 - March 6, 2016 (F)

Black Renaissance 2016

Sonia Barnett

March 9 - 27, 2016 (P)

Flora

Carolyn Reus

March 30 - April 17, 2016 (F)

Dreams & Reflections 2016

Daniel & Silvia Soares Boyer

April 20 - May 8, 2016 (P)

Broadway Regards

Jean Prytyskacz

May 11 - 15, 2016 (F - Solo)

Joseph Paul Fox's Art

June 1 - 19, 2016 (F)

Inspirations

Clare Stokolosa

June 22 - July 10, 2016 (F / P / M)

Salon Show 2016

Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

Do you have a special art related skill, product, or service that you would like to advertise?

We have launched a new page on the WSAC Website called "Members' Marketplace." For more information, please email meadart@gmail.com with the subject:

Members' Marketplace

OPPORTUNITIES

SOLO SHOW OPPORTUNITY

For information about a possible two week solo or dual exhibition of your work at the Broadway Mall Gallery, please contact Anne Rudder: rudderanne@gmail.com.

WSAC Website Gallery

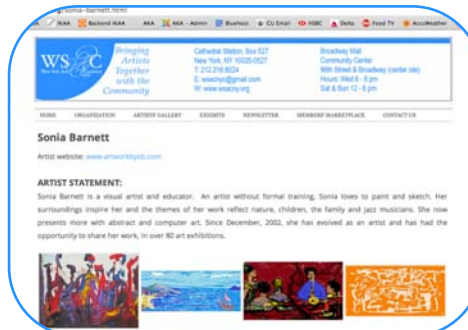


Exhibit Your Artwork on the WSAC Website!

Please visit the Artists' Gallery Page on the WSAC Website (www.wsacny.org/artists-gallery.html) for the complete Artists' Gallery Guidelines and submission information.

Share Your News with the WSAC Community!

If you would like to submit "Member News," Short Poems (20 lines or less), or art related quotes to be shared with our community in future Newsletters, please send **PLAIN TEXT ONLY** (no images or flyers), including your name, in an email to wsacnews@gmail.com.

Please note that Newsletters are sent out at the beginning of each month, so **make sure to submit your news by the 13th of the month** for the following month's Newsletter. News should be current; please **DO NOT** send news about exhibitions that took place more than 1 month prior (not current) or more than 2 months in advance, as it is difficult to keep track of the future news for each of our many members.

We will try to be as inclusive as possible, but please keep in mind that there are space and time limitations, and submissions may be edited for clarity, brevity, and space.

OUTSIDE SHOWS

Hostelling International
891 Amsterdam Ave (103-104 St)
Photoetry: A Photography Exhibit

December 1, 2015 - January 1, 2016
Theme: Photography & Poetry
Reception: December 5, 2015
Curated by: Jean Prytyskacz

La Galeria at Boricua College
3755 Broadway (155-156 St), 4th Fl.

April 5 - 25, 2016
Art Bloom: A Fine Arts Exhibit
Curated by: Linda Lessner & Margo Mead
Reception: April 8, 6-8 pm

FRIENDS OF THE WSAC



West Side Arts Coalition gives a big shout out to **Fairway** (above) for its continued support of our Artists' Receptions.

These "Friends of the WSAC" extend discounts to WSAC members. We hope you will patronize these gracious merchants.

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Gelabert Studios 255 W 86th St
Global Copy 2578 Broadway
Ivy League Stationers 2955 Broadway
Ivy League Stationers 1201 Amsterdam
Lee's Art Shop 220 W 57th St
Metro Grand Hardware 2554 Broadway
Quad Right 242 W 36th St