

Bringing Artists
Together with
the Community

April Bloom A Virtual Exhibit

Curated by Linda Lessner
& Margo Mead
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Barry Friedfertig
With Love

Acrylic on linen canvas, 2022
18" x 14" x 1"
\$500



This painting came about after someone commented on another painting that had no flower in it and yet she saw one. I thought I can do a work with flowers. Voila!

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In Memoriam

Marie Robison

We are saddened to announce that Marie Robison passed away on February 9. Marie was a long-time and valued member of WSAC, exhibiting in many shows and helping out as she could. She was an artist from childhood throughout her long life.

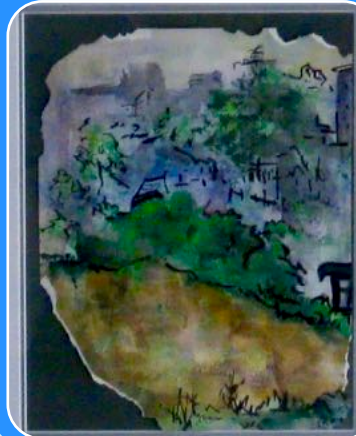
Marie traced her practice and love of art in these words: "My first box of crayons brought me into the magic world of making pictures. Art at NYU, the New School, workshops in New York, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, et al gave me the training and interest in



various media. This brought me in contact with professional teachers and fellow artists who showed me the way to love and enjoy all media."

Marie's son, Craig, has advised us that a memorial service will be held for her on May 1 at 11:30 am at Riverside Memorial Chapel, 180 W. 76 Street, Manhattan.

Marie and her talent will be sorely missed.



*"Our sorrows and wounds are healed
only when we touch them with
compassion."
~ Buddha*

Thank you!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to:
Sondra Weiner
for her generous contribution!

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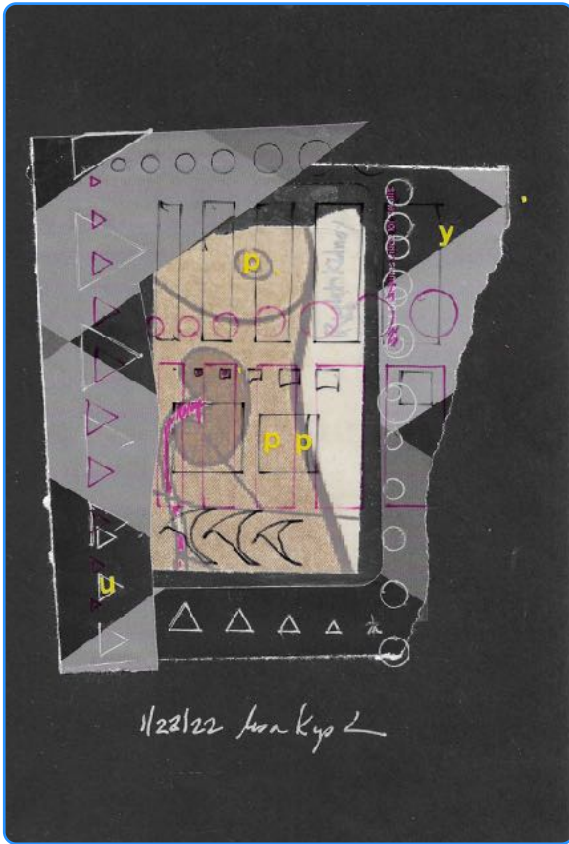
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(pictured left)
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Lisa Kaplan

Kidney shot

Collage
9" x 6"
NFS

I took an image of a right kidney from one of my many informational packets from Mskcc and collaged and drew on it. When I had a hysterectomy I created "uterine drawings" so this is one of my first "kidney works".

Meg Boe Birns

Tell Me Your Answer True

Pencil on paper
14" x 11"
\$125

I went through a phase of drawing with pencil on paper, and this is one of the pictures from that phase. Recently, I added a mat frame that I covered with leaves-- also pencil on paper.

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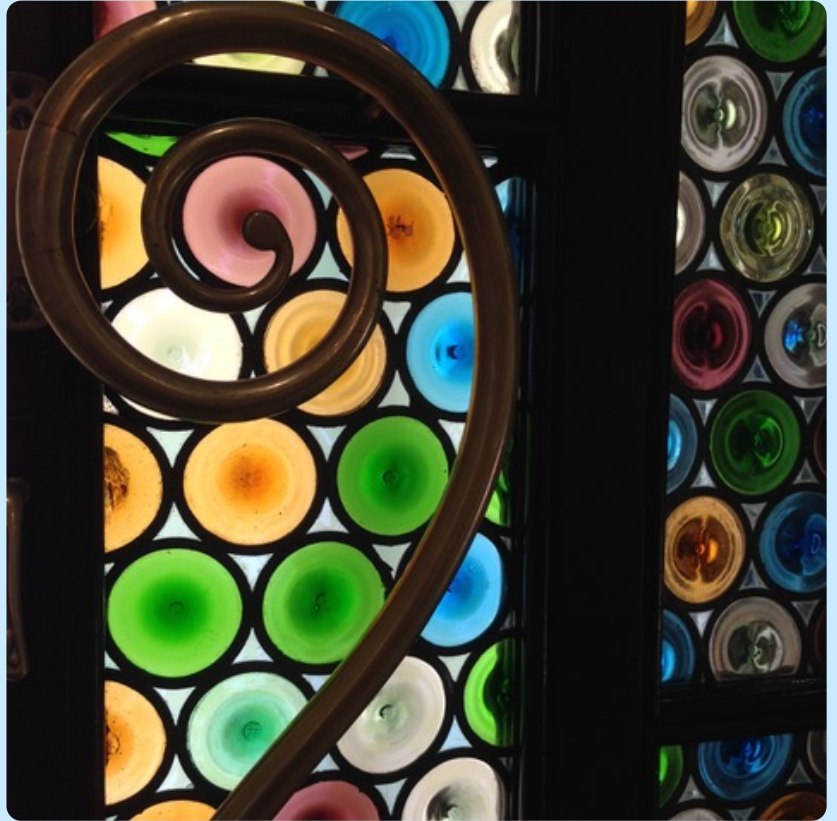
Nancy Campbell*Casa Amatller,
Barcelona, Foyer Interior*

Digital photography
 7.75" x 7.75" inkjet image on
 8.5" x 11" Hahnemohle Fineart
 Inkjet Paper
 \$75

I've visited the cafe at Casa Amatller
 several times and have always
 marveled at this building's
 modernista design.

This time I decided to take a small
 piece of it home with me. Love the
 soft luster of the door handle and
 the glow of the light through the
 glass.

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**Surat Rizoiev***Green Eye*

Handcrafted gold and natural stones
 Pendant
 NFS

Surat Rizoiev is a jeweler, born in
 1972 in Bukhara City,
 Uzbekistan.

He has been a member of the
 "HUNARMAND" Folk Art Craft
 Association since 2007. He
 graduated from Bukhara Art
 College in 1998 and sometime
 after founding his original brand
 "Surat Jewelry World".

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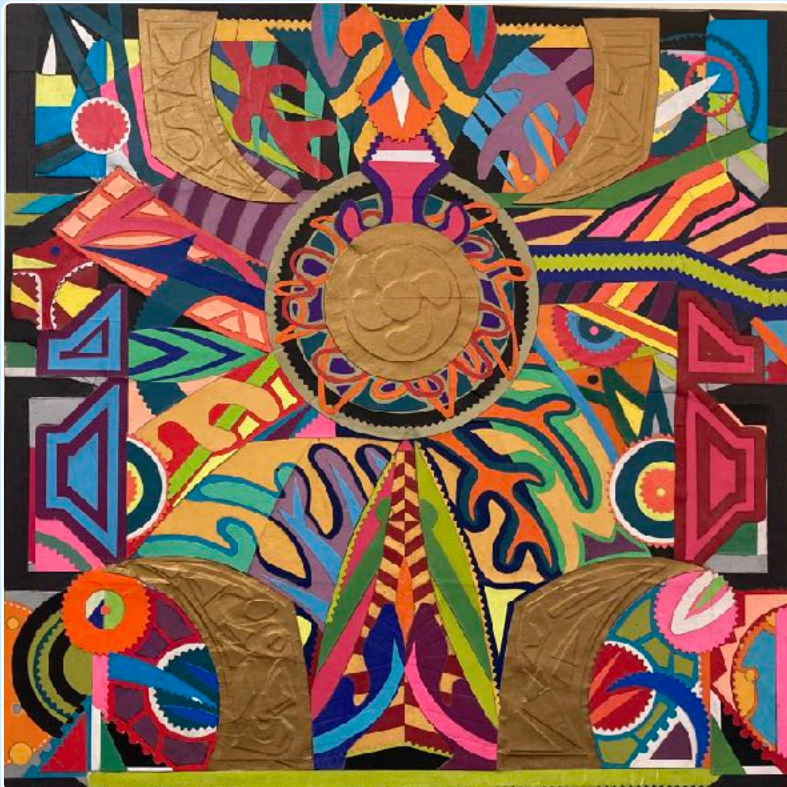
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Janice Wood Wetzel*At the Museum*

Digital Alternative Process
14" X 11"
\$150

I was enthralled by this woman at the museum and the way her outfit coordinated with the room.

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**Joseph Healy***Higher Power*

Collage, paper on stretch canvas
20" x 20" x 1 1/2"
\$500

My art has become brighter and softer since the first Covid lock down.

This collage is created with the paper that I get from my mail and package deliveries.

I do not plan the piece before I start the process, It evolves with my connection with a Higher power.

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Margaret Montgomery
*Daffodils in a Green Vase and
Caterpillars*

Oil on canvas
14" x 14"
NFS

The sunny yellow of daffodils is
a joyous sight: A welcome
harbinger of spring that I look
forward to every year!

Myrna Harrison-Changar

Sunshine on a Stem

Digital image
NFS

Flowers Lighten and
brighten dull gray days.



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**Zoe Brown-Weissmann***The Woman In The Blue Hat*

Acrylics, glue, fabrics, plastic, Gel
Beads and Horsehair and Gloss

30" X 30" X 1.5"

\$1,500

There is something very elegant about a hat. Unfortunately, they have gone out of style. I made my own hats as a teenager and ended up creating opera, ballet and theater millinery and headpieces when I came to NYC.

I have always loved the line from the musical Company — "Does anyone still wear a hat??"

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Margo Mead*Quiet Moment with Ducks*

Watercolor and ink on mounted
Shuen paper

16" x 21 1/2"

\$350

Central Park at the pond is a special place to find peace of mind and beauty. Just recently I saw a male Wood Duck. This painting is of the resident Mallards.



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Linda Lessner*Pristalline*

Oil on canvas
24" X 12"
\$300

Now that spring is here, I hope
that these snowy, beautiful but
cold, scenes will give us a
break.

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Her Coat

A radiant night
near the peak.
Snowy cap
above the pines.
Feathered cotton
on bough hanging.
Angel dancing for
His Joy.
Within the mists,
She glides
before
Him.
Moistened eye
recalling dream.

Anne Rudder 1/22/22

**Anne Rudder***Her Coat*

Poetagraph
11" x 8 1/2"
\$100

Inspiration for this poetagraph
was William Butler Yeats'
interpretation of Noh plays and
a presentation on a Japanese
myth seen at the Nippon Club.

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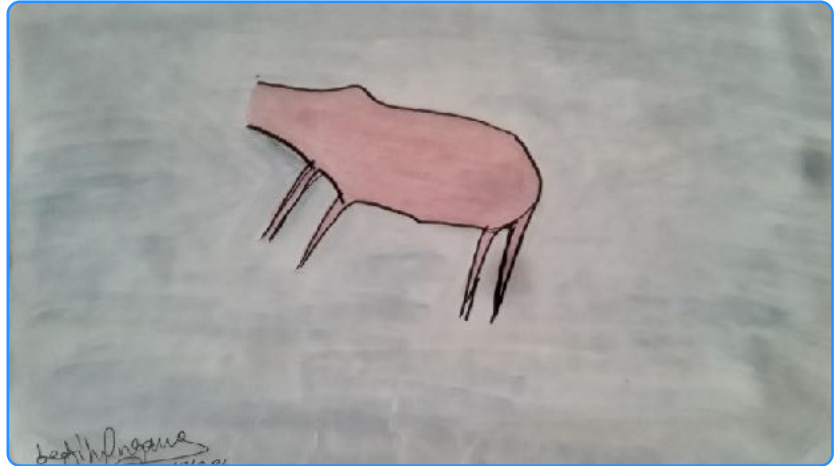
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Ba Djibril Ngawa*Wammbalde (recreation of a dead calf)*

Colored pencil + acrylic marker
8 1/4" x 11 3/4", 2022
NFS

The passing of my dad a couple of years ago coincided with the completion of the cycle of my artistic research after a decade in NYC USA. I was back to the first sculpture he created. Wammbalde represents our new born calf who died, but the calf had to be recreated to heal the mother cow and save the udder from infection. It is the only sculpture I helped my dad to make when I was very little. It was beautiful and meaningful to me. A dead calf that is still alive and will never die. I did it for the memory of my dad Ngawa Sankoule Maleede Ba, the great pastoralist.
Rest in Peace.



Message from Co-Presidents

Dear WSAC Members and Friends,
We still haven't heard about the Peoples' Budget officially, but it seems we most likely didn't make the ballot. We have heard that they picked projects for schools and neighborhood safety. We haven't given up hope and efforts to find financial help to repair the 96 Street building. We are currently in contact with an official for Council District 7; we have no idea if this will lead anywhere but we are hopeful. We are also looking for other venues for WSAC members to exhibit at. If you are aware of possibilities please let us know. Meanwhile, we extend our best wishes to everyone. Always stay creative and enjoy the spring weather to come.

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MEMBER NEWS

Zoe Brown-Weissmann, Aiko Cascio, and Joe Giordano were all selected to participate in the Art on the Corner Exhibition at the NE corner of Broadway and 107th St. The show is from February 26th - April 28th.

Joyce Weidenaar is exhibiting at Pleiades Gallery, "Coloratura," March 29 - April 16, Tuesday - Saturday 12-6pm. Open reception, March 31st and Ballroom Dancing, April 17th, 3 - 6pm.

Margo Mead is exhibiting in the 23rd Annual WAH Salon Show at Williamsburg Art & Historical Gallery, 135 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY. Show dates: Saturday, April 9 - Sunday, May 1, 2022, Opening Reception: Saturday, April 9, 3-5pm

Join **Clare Stokolosa** on a trip to Sicily for a Watercolor Workshop Adventure (June 18-26, 2022) to learn the basics of watercolor painting for beginner and intermediate levels and paint at some of Sicily's beautiful sites. Participants will stay at seaside apartments and experience Italian style living. For more information: www.ClareStokolosa.com. Clare is presently the artist in Resident A.I. R. for COPE NYC (www.copenyc.org), and her NYC FACES are on display at 630 Flushing, Avenue Brooklyn.

Daniel C. & Silvia Soares Boyer will have work in "6x6x2022," Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY (June 4 - July 17).

Daniel also had work in "Letters," Letters Bookshop, Durham, NC (March 15-30); and will have work in "Cloister," Klostergeralerie Zehdenick, Germany (June 10 - July 24).

Silvia also participated in the NYC Open Mic at the Center at West Park on March 18th, and at the Women's month Music Concert at ABSW Senior Citizens Center on March 31st, in NYC.



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EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

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

2021

2022

VIRTUAL SHOWS

(Co-Curated by Linda Lessner & Margo Mead)

September 1-30, 2021
Singing September

February 1-28, 2022
Spunky February

March 1-31, 2022
March Glow

April 1-30, 2022
April Bloom

OPPORTUNITIES

May 1-31, 2022
May Magic

June 1-30, 2022
June Splendor

May Magic (May) OR June Splendor (June)

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

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

Please email a JPG to Margo Mead at meadart@gmail.com with Your Name, the Title, Medium, Size of work, and a few sentences commenting on your creative endeavor. If you would like, also include your email address and work price. 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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By Anne Rudder

Beautiful Home

Home is where sleep
softens in feathered down.
Nuttly richness wafts
from oven doors; the soldiers
crave yeasty tastes,
the bread of life,
slathered by sweet butter.
Upon first bite,
a new world sings
and quietly flows the river.
Light cracks the heavy door.
teary pillowed bodies
cuddle at the soft quilts.
Closed eyes and rhythmic breaths,
the former fighters rest.

"Art is standing with one
hand extended into the
universe and one hand
extended into the world, and
letting ourselves be a
conduit for passing
energy."

~ Albert Einstein