

The Gift of Art A Virtual Exhibit

Curated by Linda Lessner & Margo Mead
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Robert Scott
Predators and Prey
Mixed Media on Paper
14" x 8 1/2"
\$350
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The theme of this piece is survival. The reality of survival depends partly on who you are and where you live. This work evolved from a class I taught with the technical goal being to harmoniously integrate collage materials into a mixed media painting.

Message from co-Presidents

Dear WSAC Members and Friends

We are pleased to report that the solo show, "Fathers Afloat," by Brian Anderson and curated by Calder Zwicky was received very successfully on November 11 - 22, 2020.

Unfortunately the exhibit "Art from Quarantine" scheduled for November 29 - December 13 has been canceled. As it stands now, the Mall Gallery will be closed for the month of December as COVID-19 is once again surging in our country as well as in New York City. We are still hopeful we will be able to open for 2021, starting the new year with "January Jewels," for all to renew their creative spirit and enjoy the artwork in-person once again.

We want to wish everyone much happiness and safety for the holidays and a hopeful, bright and strong new year.

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By David Elsasser

Ho, Ho, Ho

Young enough to still believe
in merry Yuletide charity
sledding from kindnesses' North Pole
Mom brings me to Macy's -
Santa's wish-list way station for New York.
Soon ensconced on St. Nick's lap, I launch
unbidden into my many wants, when his
vertical finger pauses me: What church
do you go to, he asks? And Santa's smile,
wide as Christendom, parses my answer.
You're not Jewish then, David, are you?
And since I'm not, and smile wide-eyed
assurance flies on holy reindeer hooves
in that high temple of commercial acquisition
that come Christmas morn, true faith
will be rewarded.

Welcome & Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge
welcome and thank you to

Bayan Kalysbekova

as the newest member of WSAC
and for the generous donation!

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Linda Lessner

Spider Flowers (Cleome)

Pastel on paper
7-1/2" X 5-1/4"
\$150

I have continued to find creativity and peace at the W. 89 Street Community Garden, capturing these magnificent flowers before the fall cold took over.

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Meg Boe Birns

The Leaves Are Full of Children

Mixed media on wood
30" round
\$300

This is a painting I did during quarantine, based on a line from T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets: "Go, said the bird, for the leaves are full of children." Also inspired by the material I found--a big, heavy wooden tabletop, abandoned on the street, which cried out for transformation into this picture.

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Barry Friedfertig**X**

Acrylic on Canvas
7" x 10" x 7/8", 2018
\$375

The X is subject to your
interpretation.

So....enjoy the endless
possibilities!

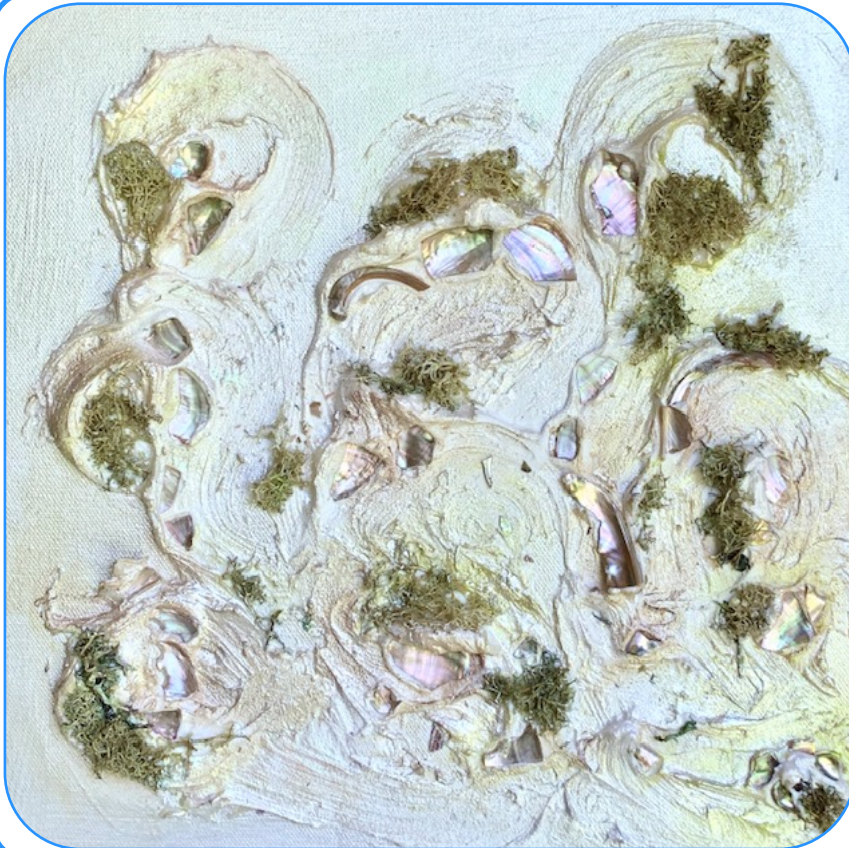


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Farhana Akhter

*Nova Vita Series, Gold
Halotis IIz*

Mixed media with acrylic on canvas
12" X 12"
\$300



I was inspired to find comfort and
solace in nature and found objects
that bring me joy and solace. We
are connected to nature and it has
the power to protect and heal us in
mind, body and spirit.

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Carole Barlowe*Leaves on the Vine*

Watercolor on paper
12" X 9"
NFS

Leaves on the vine...

Color and style emerge in my mind

Visually interpreted any time

Color and style
emerge in my mind

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**Joe Giordano***Original Drawing, #013110*

Color Pencils on Paper
18" x 12", Framed, 24" X 18"
\$200

One of the more decorative pieces
from the MUTATIONS series.

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**Timothy Eckersley***The Portals of West End Avenue*

Photography on high gloss photo paper
55" X 25"
\$150

This project is the result of an enforced new way of looking at the neighborhood during the pandemic lockdown.

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Lisa Kaplan*Stamp 1 Marcel Janco (Israeli - Romanian, 1895-1984)*

Collage on paper
9" X 6"
\$100

Marcel Janco (Israeli - Romanian, 1895-1984) was a Dadaist from Romania who moved to Israel in 1941. I received a package from Romania and it had two stamps with his portrait on them. It was difficult to read the name on the stamp but when I did, it confirmed what I had already decided, to put this collage in the December show, "A Gift of Art."

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**Marzena Lizurej***Sunshine*

Oil impasto on canvas
10" X 8"
\$180

See the beauty in small things
and enjoy them.

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Zoe Brown-Weissmann*Ballet Postponed*

Mixed Media: acrylics, cardboard, string,
quilting pieces, fabric, party decorations,
foam rubber and fibers
24" X 18" X .5"
\$288

Ballet Postponed is my reaction to the closing of live ballet performances due to the pandemic. There is nothing like the experience of orchestral music, gorgeous costumes, breathtaking scenery and lighting and the incomparable beauty, skill and athleticism of the dancers.

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Robin Goodstein*Mixed Emotions*

Acrylic on canvas
14" X 11"
\$125

I'm using my time to continue to find ways to express myself. Currently revisiting more organic brush work on canvas. But exploring color is a constant.

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**Amy Rosenfeld-Kass***Shapes*

Acrylic on canvas
16" X 14"
\$100

Shapes are all around us.
Where ever you look, there are shapes.
The pandemic has given
me a chance to slow down and
see all the shapes and colors around.

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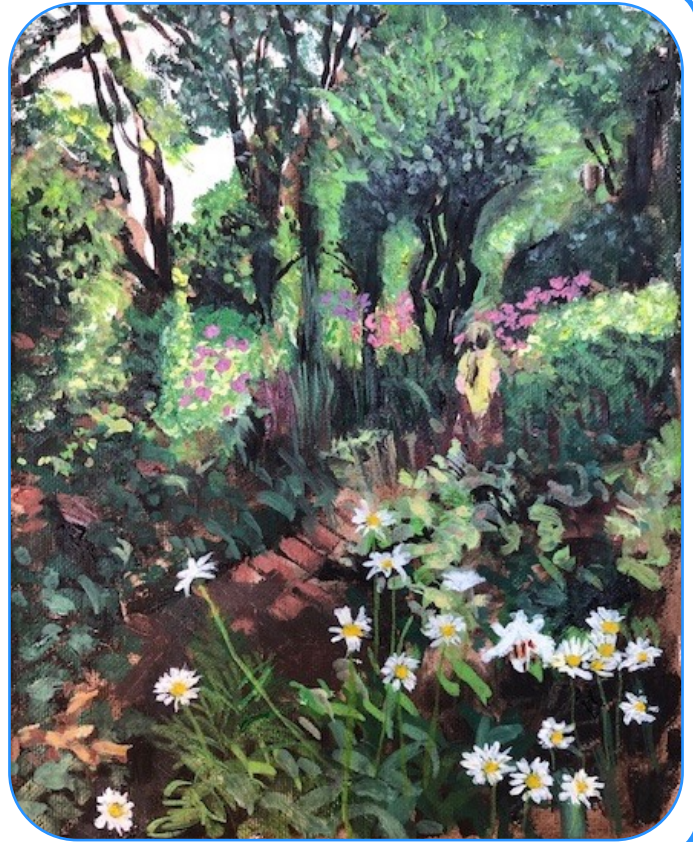
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Dara Tesse*Spring Glory*

Oil on canvas
10" X 8"
\$300

I painted Spring Glory during
Lockdown.

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**Margo Mead***Central Park Splash*

Watercolor, graphite on multimedia paper
8" X 6", unframed
\$150

Central Park, Saturday, November
7th. Sitting on a rock watching birds
bathe; splashing away some of my
country's anxiety. At least now we
have a chance, with courage and will.

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**Margaret Montgomery**
Central Park Gothic Bridge

Oil on canvas
8" X 8"
\$100

I like the spontaneity and immediacy of plein air painting. Working quickly forces me to simplify my compositions and palette and the result is sometimes stronger than some of the studio paintings I've labored over. "Gothic Bridge" is my most recent on site effort: It was a particularly gorgeous fall day, and I had a lovely time of it!

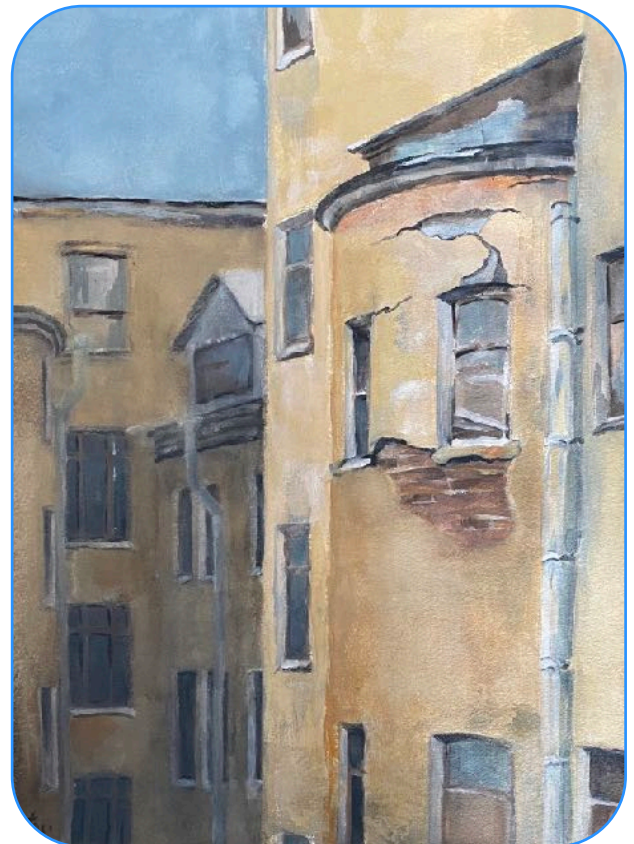
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Aiko Cascio*From Window*

Watercolor
24" X 18"
\$200

Covid affects the economy.

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**Xenia Garamvolgyi***Surf Shack*

Oil on canvas
10" X 10"
\$100

Vintage Surf Shack in East Hampton. A special place I spent summer weekends.

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Carolyn Reus*Colorful Van*

Digital photography
Any size (unprinted)
\$100

The van, or bus was parked on the street on my way home from River Plaza on 117 Street. It had some religious themes, Adam and Eve, King Solomon, an image of a black boxer, like a big collage on the side. It could be the name of a school or an organization. I never saw it before!



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Elizabeth K. Hill*Cassandra, the Trojan Prophetess*

Paper mache, Leather, Mixed Media
14" high
NFS

Here's Cassandra, the Trojan prophetess (and princess) whom no one believed. I've long been interested in the languages, art and culture of classical antiquity and have also long been a doll maker, aiming for character rather than "prettiness." Quite often I identify with Cassandra.

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**Ba Djibril Ngawa***Lady on my wall*

Pencil on the wall
18" X 12", 2020
\$25 prints on paper with poem

A sketch of a lady I drew on the wall of my room. It was not meant intentionally to be a piece of art. Interacting with the image, I realized she was looking at me wherever I stood in the room, it inspired me to write a poem.

Inside my room
You are the blossom
From another land.
Wherever I stand
On the surface of the room
It becomes clear
You are looking at me.
You are peaceful
You are beautiful
You are joyful.
Looking at you sincerely
I find that you are
the most beautiful.

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Carol Rickey*Happy Family*

Oil on canvas
24" X 24"
\$275

I painted this picture because I like the bright, cheerful colors. The title derives from a Chinese dish that combines various unexpected flavors to make a harmonious delight.

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**Ava Schonberg***Flowers # One*

Acrylic on canvas
14" X 18"
\$200

This was my first first flower painting. After that I painted a few more, and really enjoyed painting flowers.

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EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

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

2020

2021

We continue to have wonderful participation in WSAC's virtual shows. The creativity of our membership is both moving and impressive. The next online show is in January "Fresh Possibilities." This issue will have prices and your email address listed with your jpeg if you wish, making it possible for contact from an interested viewer. The January Newsletter's art pages will also be posted to the WSAC's Facebook Page.

VIRTUAL SHOWS

September 1 - 30, 2020
September Virtual Show
Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

December 1 - 31, 2020
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October 1 - 31, 2020
October Offerings
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January 1 - 31, 2021
Fresh Possibilities
Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

November 1 - 30, 2020
Notable November
Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

February 1 - 28, 2021
February Smiling
Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

IN-PERSON EXHIBITS

November 11 - 22, 2020
Brian Anderson: Fathers Afloat
Solo Exhibit
Calder Zwicky

November 29 - December 13, 2020
Art from Quarantine
Solo Exhibit
Calder Zwicky

****Cancelled because of the recent Covid-19 surge****

November 28 - 29, 2020
Bayan Kalystekova: Save Corals on Our Planet
Solo Exhibit
Berik Kulmamirov

January 6 - 24, 2021
January Jewels
Group Exhibit
Anne Rudder & Georgianna Grantham

OPPORTUNITIES

January 6 - 24, 2021
January Jewels
A Fine Arts Exhibition
Installation: Sunday, January 3, 6:30pm
Possible Reception: January 9, 2:30-5:30pm
Removal: Sunday, January 24, 6pm
Fee: \$50
Co-Curators: Georgianna Grantham & Anne Rudder
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Fresh Possibilities (January) OR February Smiling (February)

A Virtual Fine Arts, Photography, and Craft / Multimedia Exhibit
Co-Curators: Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

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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OUTSIDE SHOW

Imagine This II...

A Fine Arts Exhibit
(including sculpture)

April 2021

Show Fee: \$40

Boricua College Gallery

3755 Broadway
4th Fl. (155-156 Sts)
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*"Artists are here to disturb
the peace."*

— James Baldwin