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Bringing Artists
Together with
the Community

Blooming of the Vernal Equinox

A Virtual Exhibit

Curated by Linda Lessner
& Margo Mead
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Here's your special preview of WSAC's in-person exhibition, "Blooming of the Vernal Equinox," at the Bloomingdale Library, 150 West 100 St. On view from March 1st through the end of April. Join us for the Reception: March 2nd, 3-4:45pm.

Joseph Healy

Solar Inspiration

Paper collage on canvases
12" x 12" x 1.5"
\$150



Inspired by art, photos, and research in regards to the vernal equinox. 75% recycled paper from mail and packaging I received, or purchased.

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Margarita Ballester

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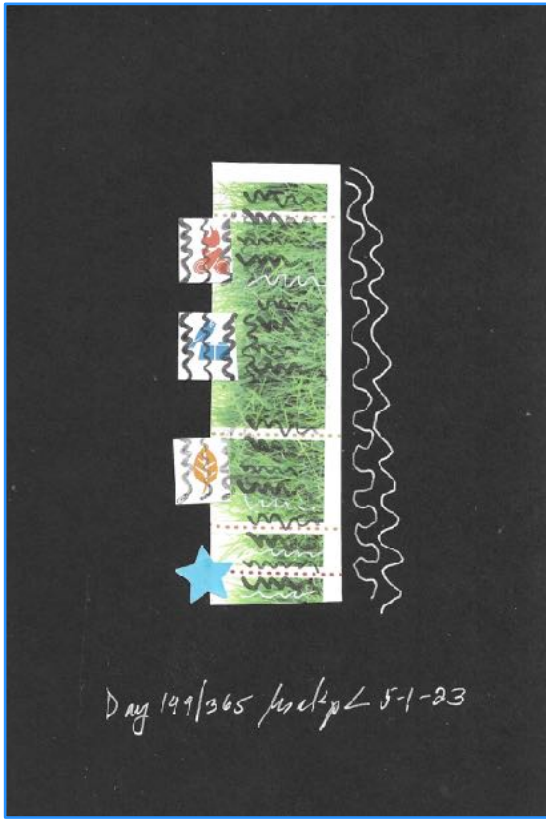
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Lisa Kaplan

Spring Grass!

Mixed media drawing

9" x 6"

\$150

Sideways image of long grass taken from magazine, plus stamp which means flowing water and blue star for blue star moms.

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Michal Nachmany

First Love Memories

Collage and mixed media

13.5" x 13.5"

\$600

The joy of blooming flowers in the Spring, the happiness of a new love.

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*(Continued from Previous Page)***Xenia Garamvolgyi***Flower Garden*

Oil on canvas
12" x 16"
\$250

This painting of flourishing flowers depicts the beauty and vitality of Spring.



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**Margaret Montgomery***Daffodils and Book*

Oil on canvas board
15" x 15"
\$250

The quintessential spring bloom, daffodils are a welcome and joyous harbinger of the season. Every spring they lift my mood and shake off the winter doldrums with their cheerful, sunshiny yellow. So, a while back I was inspired to try to capture something of their essence on canvas. I leave it up to the viewer to decide whether I've succeeded.

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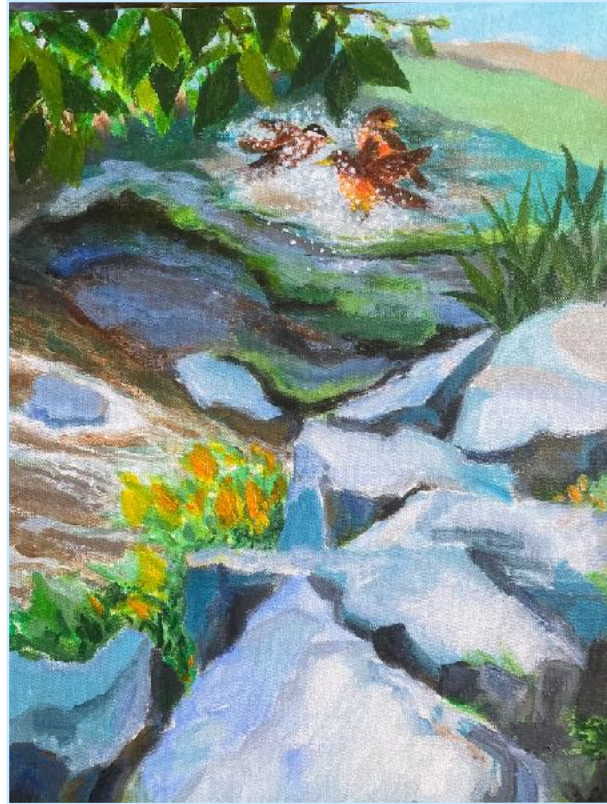
Margo Mead

Central Park Splash II

Acrylic on canvas
16" x 12" x 1 1/2"
\$250

Spring, when everything
comes alive, bright and
clean to smile at the
refreshed world.

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Linda Lessner

Tall Grasses at Edge of Lake

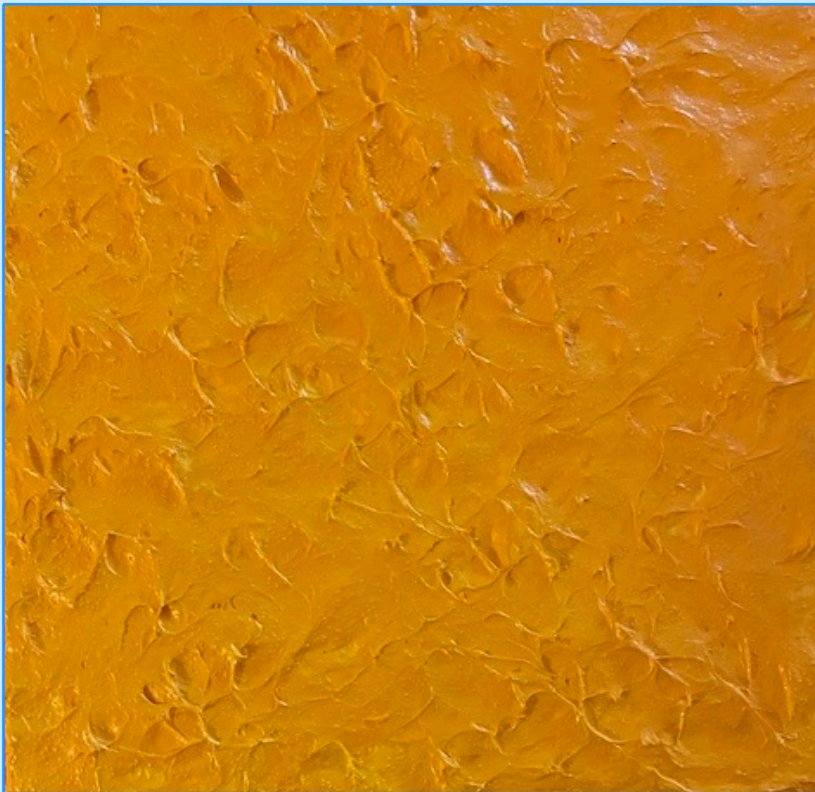
Pastel on paper
11" x 9", 15" x 12" framed
\$200

Ice has melted on the lake;
grasses, reeds and trees are
leafy again. Welcome
springtime.

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Barry Friedfertig

Spring

Acrylic on linen canvas
12" x 12" x 7/8"
\$990

Spring is the season of new beginnings and new growth. It adds sparkle to our lives and hope for us to move on and flourish.

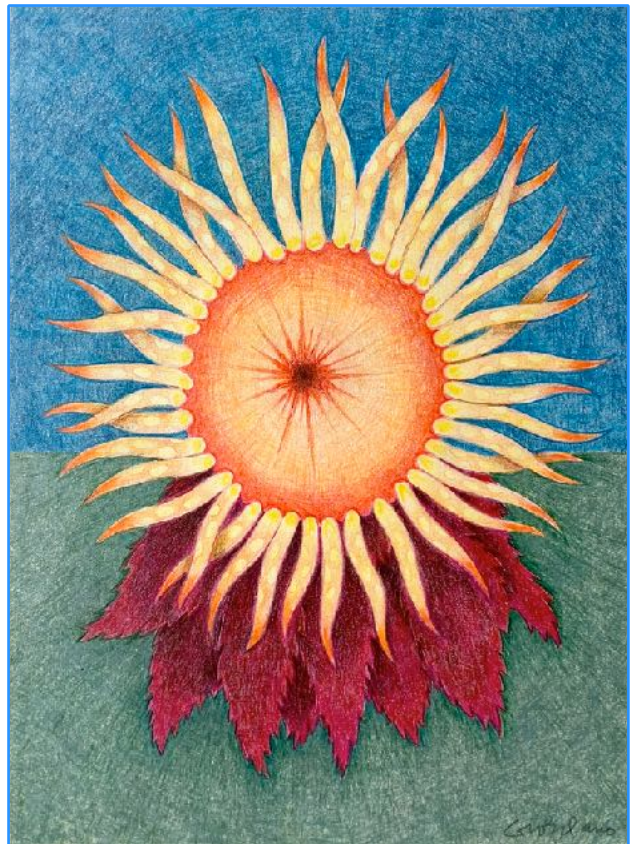
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Joe Giordano
SUN/FLOWER,

Color pencils on paper
12" x 9"
\$175

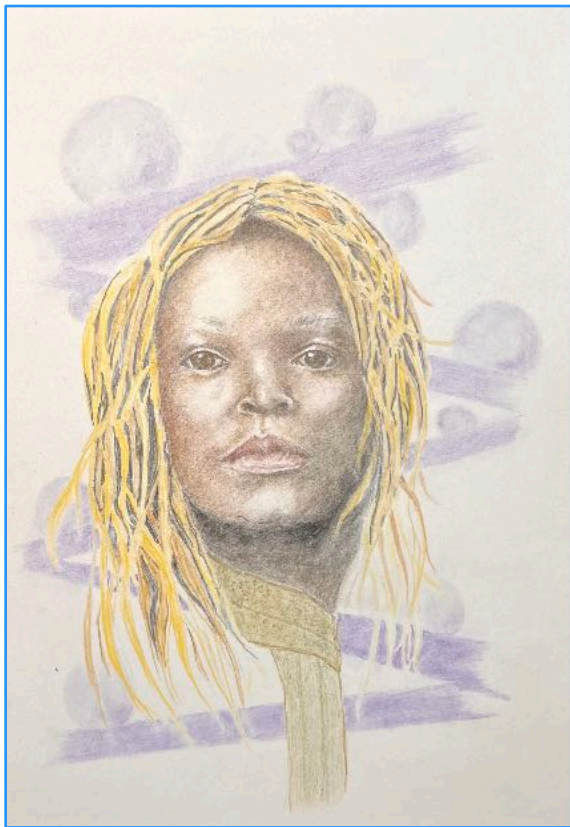
The warmth of the sun,
The reaching out of new growth.
Life begins again.

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**Margaret Mendel***Equinox Rising*

Colored Pencil on paper

12" x 9"

\$250

This is my depiction of golden-haired Demeter, the Greek Goddess of Grain, as she is reunited each Spring with her daughter, Persephone, Goddess of Spring.

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Monoprint

14" x 11"

\$235

This monoprint celebrates the arrival of spring as seeds awaken, insects emerge, and leaves unfurl, all under the bursting sunlight.

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*(Continued from Previous Page)***Mildred Borrás***The Harvest Painting*

Painting, Watercolor on Paper
6" x 9"
\$85 framed

The harvest of the things that bloom and the benefits that we obtained. The give and take from nature.



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**Dara Tesse***Bird Dish*

Terracotta with Majolica Glazes
9.25" in diameter
\$60

Colorful butterflies, birds, and flowers are recurring motifs in my work. Here, two birds in a meadow bear witness to the emergence of the vernal equinox. This piece is terracotta, with painted Majolica glazes.

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Clare Stokolosa*Lilies*

Watercolor on paper
8" x 6" framed 10" x 8"
\$150

Lilies which I painted this January has a composition that bursts upwards which is so fitting for the Blooming of the Vernal Equinox exhibit. We wait for the first signs of spring with thoughts of hope and lumination.

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**Margarita Ballester***Rebirth Phases*

Watercolor on paper
11 1/2" x 9 1/2"
\$125

I have been mesmerized by the Vernal Equinox since I was young because I lived at the Equator in South America

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**Farhana Akhter***Blossoming Orchid*

Dried Flowers, glass and acrylic
on paper
14" x 6"
\$200

Beauty exists in all phases,
the balance of light and
darkness, blossoming orchids
and dying petals, a cycle of
life and death.

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MEMBER NEWS **Zoe Brown-Weissmann** is now being represented by Viridian Artists, 548 West 28th St. Gallery #632, and had 2 pieces in an exhibit "UN-TRASHED" (Art from Detritus), January 23 - February 17.

Meg Boe Birns has two pictures in the exhibit "Home" at the St. Francis college gallery, February - May. She also was one of the winners of an online t-shirt design contest, and you can buy the t-shirt with her design on it at personaland.com

Carole Kaufmann moved to studio 600 in 315 W 39th St. by appt 212-737-3777
www.carolerichardkaufmann.com

Jesse Robinson is displaying a painting at a pop up exhibit on March 2, at The Chapel at West Park Presbyterian Church, 165 W 86th St., at 6pm.

Daniel C. & Silvia Soares Boyer had work in "16th Annual Juried Members Competition & Exhibition," Blue Door Art Center, Yonkers, NY (January 20 - February 24) and will have work in "Postcards & Pint-Sized Art," ART 321, Casper, WY (March 8-16) and "Four by Four for Education," The Brush Art Gallery & Studios, Lowell, MA (March 20-23).

Daniel also had work in "Hearts," Scrap Exchange Gallery, Durham, NC (February 14-29); and "When the River Flows," San José Bridge over Río Ceballos, Argentina (February 15); and had a basketball hoop pens and rhinorrhea drawing included in the collections of the Budapest Stamp Museum in Hungary.

Silvia Soares Boyer also sold her acrylic on paper, "Pandora In Love," at Berry Campbell Gallery in Chelsea, NYC.



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

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VIRTUAL SHOWS

(Co-Curated by Linda Lessner & Margo Mead)

September 1-30, 2023 **Visions Changing** February 1-29, 2024 **Seasonal Palette**

October 1-31, 2023 **Strength in Color** March 1-31, 2024 **Sampling of the In-Person Show**
November 1-30, 2023 **Stories Through Line** **Blooming of the Vernal Equinox**
December 1-31, 2023 **Gifts of Life**

January 1-31, 2024 **What's New!** April 1-30, 2024 **The Wonder of Change**

IN-PERSON SHOW

March 1 - April 30, 2024
Blooming of the Vernal Equinox
A Fine Arts Exhibit

Bloomingdale Library
New York Public Library
150 West 100th St, NYC 10025
212-222-8030

Curators: Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

OPPORTUNITIES

VIRTUAL SHOWS

April 1-30, 2024
The Wonder of Change

A sampling of the in-person show **Blooming of the Vernal Equinox** is our seventh Virtual Exhibit of this season. This will be followed by **The Wonder of Change**. Begin now thinking about what you might send for this theme. 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 and is cropped so only the art work is shown.

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 Patrick Hammer, Jr.

Loose Knot

The gash unattended
certainly will fester

into an illness
flesh or incorporeal

like a loose knot holding
man's weight unraveling

and if then a broken bone
one must tighten the knot

for the cure to flourish
to feel no infirmity

"I hate flowers. I paint them because they're cheaper than models and they don't move."

Georgia O'Keeffe