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# **Artists & Poetry**

## A Fine Arts Exhibit by the Women in the Arts Foundation Sponsored by the WSAC

By Silvia Soares Bover Curated by Women in the Arts Photos © Herb Fogelson

It was a great surprise when I had the opportunity of seeing and interpreting the second show of the season, "Artists & Poetry," a show of the Women in the Arts Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the West Side Arts Coalition. The talent of twenty women, each one with her own unique style of art combined with amazing poetry, was amazingly displayed!

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**ArtweAll** is a self-taught artist and the streets of New York City serve as my preferred canvas of choice. My Art is for All. Follow the latest on instagram @artweallone.

Carole Richard Kaufmann is traveling the silk road. Her website is www.carolerichardkaufmann.com

First Step Exhibit by **Georgiana Grantham**, the New York Public Library Aguilar Branch, 174 East 110th St, 1st Floor Mezzanine, from October 31 - November 28.

**Janice Wood Wetzel** has an image in a Professional Women Photographer's Primarily Color small works exhibit at Atlantic Gallery from December 1-15.

Daniel C. and Sílvia Soares Boyer have work included in "Member Artists

Daniel C. and Silvia Soares Boyer have work included in "Wember Artists Showcase," Mills Pond House Gallery, St. James, NY (October 10, 2015 - January 8, 2016), and will have work in the 4th edition of "Art in Loco" (November 15 - December 31) on the New York Boyer Foundation.

Daniel will also have work in "ZineFestPt" at Cedofeito Shopping Center in Oporto, Portugal (November 28 - December 11) and "Snap to Grid," Los Angeles Center for Digital Art (December 10 - January 2, 2016), and had works included in the collections of Fitchburg State University in MA.



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

Dennis Wunderlin

And a huge thank you to Celia Cruzado for her generous contribution!



Join the WSAC on Facebook by "Liking" our new Page, and get up-to-date information on shows, receptions, and special events! It's a great way to stay connected to all the organization has to offer!

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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.

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.

The Riverside Poetry Group is working on an anthology for the 2015 season, scheduled for release in early December, just in time for the holidays. We are planning to celebrate on December 5th at the NYPL Riverside Branch.

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Lore Behrendt presented to us "Colors of New York," a multiple- and colorful-exposure photograph reflecting some of the most iconic buildings in New York City, the World Trade Center.

Marcia Bernstein brought to the gallery a mixed-media sculpture entitled "War." With the chosen materials, this artwork interpreted, with accuracy, the theme-every feeling of cold and drama are so well represented.

By contrast came the painting of Linda Butti, "Sunset Woods." From this mixed media with a touch of oil on paper arose the romantic scene of seasons that have power to sweeten the mind and calm the senses.

With the willingness of toasting the gallery with a reference to music, came Mary Carter. Her "Cellist," a pen and ink and watercolor on paper, is beautifully represented in warm and fall season colors with the musician and some spectators assisting her performance.

The acrylic and paper on canvas entitled "Orange/Yellow/Purple" of Florence Cohen transported the spectator to the emanated world of flowers. It is a fresh vision of living with a taste of roses, anemones and even birds-of-paradise that, no doubt, will scent each alive garden!

Natasha Guruleva surprised me with quite a sui generis artwork! Her artist book "The Gardener" is an authentic homage to nature. Made with paper, fibers, beads, herbs and flowers, it is due admiration with its eighty pages with seventy two photographs and thirty poems, most of them being hand-written!

Going forth to the next artist, Pamela Hawkins also amazingly brought to us "The City." This mixedmedia relief artwork with the present textures reminds me of how each evocative nocturne should be romantic in cold colors and with its buildings and stars represented in perfect harmony, taking us to a world of mystery and fascination!

With the presence of the artist Marilyn Herbst, came also her "Villas." This acrylic inspires with accuracy what we can consider architectural elements. With a sky in blue, the presence of hot colors combined with stylized shapes and composition show us, with no doubt, pure abstractions and objective forms.

Sandee Johnson is represented in this show by her artwork "Alien Growth." The pen and ink drawing has a rounded and curvilinear base with ten small tentacles and eleven holes. From those same holes erupts a plant with wavy stems. This, definitely, the viewer can consider has the alien material.

Our next artist brought to the gallery an amazing mixed media on paper that she entitled "Light Effects." Sari Menna's artwork is enriched by an inspired gradation of colors between magentas, oranges and even blue turquoises and elegantly finished with pure defined lines in squares and oblique angles.

With Nancy Quin came also a delightful collage, "Going Down." An artwork symbolic by nature meets harmony between shapes and visual creations. Minimalism can reach a nirvana level when the viewer combines the present ideograms with daily thoughts.

Mary Alice Ramsey celebrated this exhibit with her mixed media "Women of Steel." This impressive artwork composed with three feminine figures in the center is also enriched with a very strong message in the form of poetry: «Throwing sparks/Liquid lava women ... Growing, flowing/Can't stop us from/ Glowing ... Primal screaming/Forged and burning ... Dance the fire dance».

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Marilyn Herbst



Sandee Johnson



Sari Menna





Mary Alice Ramsey

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**Beatrice Rubel** 



Marie Schepis



Helaine Soller



Peggy Sprung

The following artist, **Beatrice Rubel**, presented us with "Gentle Rain from Heaven." This colored pencil and graphite on paper lives through a soft gradation of colors with the touch of gentle rain. It brings the gift of transporting us into a universe of serenity.

**Marie Schepis** marked her presence with the mixed media "A View from the Bridge." A city with its river on the horizon brings a new meaning when a bridge, on the first plane, is represented with a found object that consists of a wine box with separated inserts. Due to this idea, both painting and bridge gain a new life in structure and presentation. A singular artwork showing where imagination can lead you!

Continuing on a path through nature comes our next artist, **Helaine Soller**, with "Canyon Formations II." This astonishing acrylic on canvas brings a message of how powerful Mother Nature can be, changing forms, creating and destroying others but always like a rhythmical endless venue!

**Peggy Sprung's** multimedia artwork entitled "Duo" brings to us a perfect symbiosis between represented forms and shapes. Soft colors combined with golden patterns bring an interesting rhythm to the composition, letting the drawing breathe in calmness.

Bringing her love for animals came our next artist, **Judith Van Camp**, with an irreverent "KITTENZZZ." This ink and acrylic on paper represents a trio of kittens. The spectator can admire three newborns leaning on each other and in a pose that produces a perfect balance in the portrait itself.

Giving emphasis to School Lunch painting series was **Lisa DeLoria Weinblatt**. Her graphite on paper entitled "Derek" shows us a drawing of a student, created at the Satellite Academy of Manhattan. This strong portrait with inspiring words such as "Believe/Create/Forgive/Motivate" was chosen to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism for Black History Month.

Our penultimate artist **Miriam Wills** dazzled my soul with her "Tinsel Trove." This acrylic and collage on canvas, represented in an abstract surrealistic style, unreels insinuated forms laced with ultramarine blue, passionate reds and golden colors that, among others, could be reminiscent of a fantastic, ethereal tale!

The show reached its finale with a pleasurable "Peacock In Spring" of the artist **Celeste Wiseblood**. This majestic acrylic demonstrated with intense and brightened colors not only the freedom of the brush strokes but also the beauty of this creation.

"Artists & Poetry" was a fantastic way of giving the opportunity to twenty talented artists! A truly genuine exhibition that ended with what I like to call "a golden key!" Congratulations to all who captivated my spirit with your art!

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Judith Van Camp



Lisa DeLoria Weinblatt



Miriam Wills



Celeste Wiseblood

On September 20th, a "Gala Benefit" was held at the Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium honoring Judith Davidoff, a "Pioneer of the Viol in America". She was presented with the Gemini Award by Gotham Music Scene, -"GEMS", a not-forprofit organization supporting early music – the music of the medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and early classical periods. Jeff Spurgeon of WQXR Radio was master of ceremonies.

Judith Davidoff was a pioneer and significant presence in the American early music movement. After musical studies and her public debut as a cellist at the age of 12 in her native Boston, she was a founding member of the Helikon Quartet, which performed many concerts sponsored by Young Audiences. She taught at the New England Conservatory and at the Longy School of Music, where she won a Soloist Diploma in cello. As a viola da gambist, she was a member of the Boston Camerata. She came to New York at the invitation of Noah Greenberg to join the famed New York Pro Musica, with whom she toured throughout the United States, Europe, and South America.

Fluent on a number of historical string instruments, she is widely known for her teaching and performances on the viola da gamba, including performances with the New York Philharmonic under both Kurt Masur and Zubin Mehta. She has been on the music faculties of Columbia Teachers College and Sarah Lawrence College and also teaches privately.

Ms. Davidoff has been the artistic director of the New York Consort of Viols and the cellist of the Arioso Trio. Her recitals, workshops, lectures, and research have taken her throughout North America, Brazil, Israel, Sweden, Taiwan, and Turkey, where she lived three years doing research on Turkish folk music, and receiving private instruction on the saz and the Black Sea kemenche. Her doctoral dissertation includes a catalogue of 20th-century music for the viol, snd her recorded performances cover the 13th through 21st centuries, reflecting a wide range of repertoire and styles.

All of us who love early music are directly or indirectly indebted to Judith Davidoff.

#### **Half Harvest Moon**

Sunken heavy, you breath October earth reflect blush autumn burnt orange mist I understand how — weary of holding yourself aloft — you let the weight of you drop to almost touch the earth. Now, you straddle the horizon, recline with laconic grace, an invitation to swing the dark ether or, perhaps, mount the boat of you to drive the echoing sea never to return

#### **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.

## 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** 

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ARTISTS:

Celia Cruzado Jessica Nooney Thom Taylor ArtweAllone JD Morrison

Jean Prytyskacz Carolyn Reus Adoniiah Rahsan Jessica Nooney David Reibman

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)

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February 17 - March 6, 2016 (F)

**Black Renaissance 2016** 

Sonia Barnett

March 9 - 27, 2016 (P)

**TBA** 

**TBA** 

March 30 - April 17, 2016 (F)

**Dreams & Reflections 2016** 

Daniel & Silvia Soares Boyer



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Members' Marketplace

# EXHIBIT 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.

November 25 - December 13, 2015 Free Expression 2015

A Fine Arts Exhibit

Hanging: November 22, 6:45 pm Reception: November 28, 2:30 - 5:30 pm Removal: December 13, 6 pm

Curator:

Sonia Barnett 301 Cathedral Parkway, #8A New York, NY 10026 917.257.5874 renisseb1@msn.com

\*\*To participate in these shows, please submit the emailed Exhibit Entry Form, Image Samples, and a \$60 check (unless otherwise noted) to the appropriate Curator, whose contact information is listed.

December 16, 2015 - January 9, 2016

A Gift of Art 2016 A Fine Arts Exhibit Deadline: November 2

Hanging: December 13, 6:45 pm Reception: December 19, 2:30 - 5:30 pm Removal: January 9, 2016, 6 pm

Curator:

Linda Lessner 210 West 101 St., #8K New York, NY 10025 212.666.8135 herb101@verizon.net

\*This show will run almost a week longer than usual, at no extra cost.

February 17 - March 6, 2016 Black Renaissance 2016

A Fine Arts Exhibit

Hanging: February 14, 6:45 pm Reception: February 20, 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Removal: March 6, 6 pm

Curator:

Sonia Barnett 301 Cathedral Parkway, #8A New York, NY 10026 917.257.5874 renisseb1@msn.com

## **OUTSIDE SHOW OPPORTUNITIES**

**Hostelling International** 891 Amsterdam Ave (103-104 St)

December 1, 2015 - January 1, 2016 **Photoetry** 

A Photography Exhibit
Theme: Photography & Poetry Hanging: November 30, 2015 Reception: December 5, 2015 Removal: January 2, 2016 Curator:

Jean Prytyskacz jeanlynn5@hotmail.com

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

April 5 - 25, 2016 **Art Bloom** A Fine Arts Exhibit Delivery: April 4, 11am - 12 pm Hanging: April 4, 1-5 pm Reception: April 8, 6-8 pm Removal: April 26, 4-5:30 pm Curators Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

Margo Mead 41 West 96 Street, #13C New York, NY 10025 212.663.1355 meadart@gmail.com

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