



WPAG President's Message

Hi Friends!

March seems to be coming in like a lamb instead of a lion! Hope you are able to enjoy this beautiful weather we're having. The conditions are perfect for taking your creative practice out of doors!

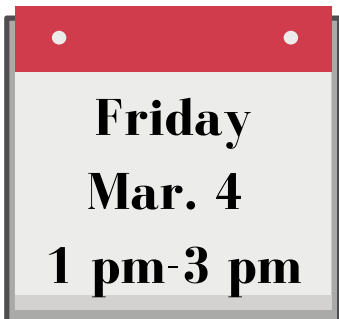


Speaking of which, you won't want to miss the demo at Friday's General Membership Meeting. Jana Withers, from Nature Coast Art League in Spring Hill, will be sharing her *"Tools, Tips and Treasures en Plein Air."* Jana is a very accomplished artist and passionate about making art in the great outdoors. Hope to see you on Friday!

We will be wrapping up this year's nominations and election process at our meeting on Friday. With only one position open and one candidate running unopposed, we'll make short work of electing Carol O'Connor-Eisenberg to a 3-year term as director. Carol currently serves as Membership Chair, and it will be great to have that very important role represented as a director on the board.

The board invites all members to attend the annual planning meeting on Tuesday, April 12 from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm. We will be setting direction for 2022-23 with regard to classes, workshops, shows, and special events. If you can't make the meeting but have thoughts or special requests, please email me. I'd love to hear from you!

Take care and make art!
Marilyn



Hope to See You There!

Please plan to attend the March General Membership Meeting on Friday, March 4. After a brief business meeting, Jana Withers from Nature Coast Art League in Spring Hill and member of the plein air group, *Shadow Chasers* will give us some tips and techniques on creating art in the great outdoors.

Member Spotlight

Meet Angel Brudnicki, a new member of WPAG and recently appointed WPAG Ambassador! Angel moved here from Chicago and immediately set about to involve herself in WPAG and New Port Richey's emerging art scene. She recently opened *Angel's Art Attic* on Main St. - a ceramics studio, art gallery and gift shop. Angel was anxious to run for office in the recent WPAG election, and didn't let the WPAG requirement of at least one year of membership deter her from finding a way to be actively involved in guild work. She volunteered to be WPAG's community ambassador!



With her ever-growing connections in Downtown New Port Richey, Angel is committed to spreading the word about the guild and all the great things that happen here. Thank you, Angel! And welcome to New Port Richey!

New Clay Classes Begin March 30 & 31!



WPAG clay instructor, Kathleen Clarke has announced the latest schedule of wheel and hand building classes.

- Wheel classes are offered on Wednesdays from 1:00-5:00 pm and from 6:00-10:00 pm beginning March 30 for 6 weeks of consecutive classes.
- Hand building classes are offered on Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 pm and from 6:00-10:00 pm beginning March 31 for 6 weeks of consecutive classes.

You may pay by cash (exact change, please) or check: \$220 members/\$240 non-members OR on the WPAG website: \$222 members/\$242 non-members. Prices for all classes include basic glazes and firings. Classes fill up quickly, and wheel space is limited so please register early!

Questions? Contact kathleenc@westpascoartguild.org or call 970-393-0199.

“Creativity is magic; feel it coursing through you, and run!”

— Laura Jaworski

English Tea Reception and Awards Ceremony

The English tea reception and awards ceremony for the *Heart and Soul* art show will be held Sunday, March 13 from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm. The show includes a special exhibit of quilts by members of the West Pasco Quilters' Guild.



Local artist and FWS Signature Member, Suzanne Natzke judged the artwork entered into this show, and awards will be presented following light refreshments. Please plan to attend.



Each spring, WPAG officers, directors, and members meet to set direction for the coming year. This important meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12 from 12:30-2:30. All members are invited to attend and give input into the schedule of shows, workshops, classes, demos, and events for Sept. 2022-May 2023.

If you are unable to attend but have thoughts and ideas you'd like the planning team to consider, please call Marilyn Wescott at 727-403-5744 or email marilyn@westpascoartguild.org before Tuesday, April 5. Let us know the types of classes and workshops you'd like to see offered, as well as other activities you feel support the WPAG mission.

WPAG Young Artists and Team Place 2nd!



Hats off to WPAG Young Artists Jack and Ryan and their Dayspring Academy team members, as the 2nd place finalists in the Odyssey of the Mind 2022 district competition. They had to solve a problem and develop a script, costumes and set designs as well as props from primarily recycled items.

The team's creative problem solving was demonstrated in their use of items as well as a variety of art mediums from pencil, pen, paint, to vinyl. Well done, Jack and Ryan!

April Art Show and Reception

Ready, set, create! Members and the public are encouraged to participate in the April art show - ***Emerging Artists***. Intake of artwork will take place on Monday, April 4 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. For a copy of WPAG Show Rules and Regulations and the Show Entry Form, visit <https://westpascoartguildandgallery.org/exhibits-show-openings/>.



The reception for the ***Emerging Artists*** show will take place on Sunday, April 10 from 2:30 pm-4:30 pm and will honor the children who have participated in the WPAG Young Artists program this year. Please plan to attend!



Mixed Media Meet-Up

Mixed Media is defined as the technique of combining two or more artistic media in a single composition. Think ink and pastel or paint and collage or marker, watercolor, and colored pencil...the combinations are endless!

Several members have expressed an interest in meeting once a week for a couple of hours beginning the week of May 2 to explore the possibilities of mixed media. This will be a self-directed group of artists sharing ideas and materials. If you would like to be a part of this group, contact marilyn@westpascoartguild.org. The specific day and time to meet will be decided by the members of the group.

Three Easy, Cost-Free Ways to Support Your Guild...

The West Pasco Art Guild Facebook page is one of our most important strategies for keeping members and the community up-to-date on guild happenings. It costs the guild nothing and has the potential to reach thousands of people. If you are on Facebook, there are three ways you can help spread the word:



1. Click the blue "Follow" button at the top of the guild's page to have the latest info delivered to your newsfeed.
2. Click the "thumbs up" icon to show you like posts about guild events and activities.
3. Click the "share" icon to let your Facebook friends know that good things happen at the guild.



WPAG Calendar at a Glance...

Fri., Mar. 5 - Board Meeting, 10:30-Noon

Fri. Mar. 5 - New Member Orientation, 12:15 pm-1:00 pm

Fri., Mar. 5 - General Membership Meeting and Demo, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Sat., Mar. 6 - Young Artists Workshop, 9:30 am-Noon

Sun., Mar. 13 - English Tea Reception for Heart and Soul Art Show, 2:30-4:30

Sat., Mar. 19 - West Coast Polymer Clay, 9 am-3:30 pm

Sat. Mar. 26 - Ron Malone Watercolor Portrait Painting Simplified, 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Fri., Apr. 1- Board Meeting, Time TBD

Fri., Apr. 1 - General Membership Meeting and Demo, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Sat., Apr. 2 - Young Artists Workshop, 9:30 am-Noon

Mon., Apr. 4 - Intake for *Emerging Artists* Art Show - 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Sun., Apr. 10 - Reception for *Emerging Artists* Art Show, 2:30-4:30

Tues., Apr. 12 - Annual Planning Meeting, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Sat., Apr. 16 - West Coast Polymer Clay, 9 am-3:30 pm

Fri., May 6 - Board Meeting, Time TBD

Fri., May 6 - General Membership Meeting and Demo, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Sat., May 7 - Young Artists Workshop, 9:30 am-Noon

Sat., May - West Coast Polymer Clay, 9 am-3:30 pm

Just a reminder, that the guild offers Open Studio every Tuesday from 9 am - Noon, and on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10 am - 1 pm. Bring your own supplies and make art with your friends. \$5 for members; \$6 for non-members

In addition, each Wednesday from 10 am - 1 pm, Claudette Poirier and Pamela Varricchio offer a Beginner Demo and Practice Class during which participants explore a variety of media - watercolor, acrylics, water-soluble oils, etc. Cost is \$8 for members; \$10 for non-members includes basic supplies.

For the latest schedule of hand building and wheel clay classes, contact Kathleen Clarke at kathleenc@westpascoartguild.org or 970-393-0199.

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It's Not Too Late!

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2022, it's not too late! Dues are \$40 for the period Jan. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022. You can renew online with a credit card at www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org or with cash or check at the guild. Contact Membership Chair, Carol O'Connor-Eisenberg at carolo@westpascoartguild.org for more information.

WPAG Board of Directors

Questions? Concerns? Kudos? Ideas for events, classes and/or workshops?
Your board members are just an email or phone call away!

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