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WPAG President's Message

Happy New Year, Friends!

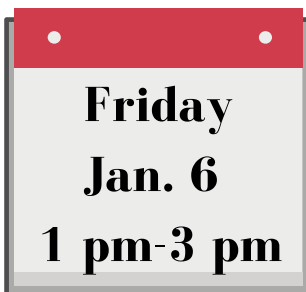
What are your art goals for 2023? Learn a new technique? Enter a show? Make more art? 2023 promises to be a very good year at the guild with many opportunities to learn and grow as an artist. Check out the upcoming classes and workshops. One - or more - could be just the thing to help you take the next step on your art journey!



Maybe one of your resolutions is to take a more active role in guild work. As you know, we are an all-volunteer organization. The only way that things get done is when someone volunteers to do them. Valerie Brandau and Darla Nolan have volunteered to serve as co-chairs of this year's Nominating Committee, and they are looking for a member to join their team. The role of this committee as defined in in the WPAG By-Laws is to "conduct the nomination and election of officers and directors in a fair, unbiased manner and to ensure the voting rights of all members." If you'd be willing to serve on this committee, please reach out to either Valerie (valerie@westpascoartguild.org) or Darla (darla@westpascoartguild.org).

In addition, March elections for the four officer positions and two of the director positions mean six opportunities to serve. If you're interested in running for an office, please contact the either Valerie or Darla. Nominations will close at the end of our General Membership Meeting on Feb. 4.

*Warm wishes for an artful 2023,
Marilyn*



Our Next Membership Meeting

Please plan to attend the Jan. General Membership Meeting on Friday, Jan. 6. After a brief business meeting, Guest speaker Linda Hansen will share the in's and out's of illustrating a book for publication. Hope to see you there!

Member Spotlight

This month the member spotlight is on Ashley Urban. Ashley's passion for making art was fostered at an early age when a kindergarten teacher noticed her excellent eye/hand coordination and her uncanny interest in color. While she has explored resin, polymer clay, and jewelry making, her first love is acrylic painting on canvas.



Ashley joined the West Pasco Art Guild as a result of a family friend who had been helping the Urbans find galleries in which Ashley's art could be exhibited and sold. "The Guild has helped me be more social, which can be a challenge for a person with autism, like myself. Participating in monthly Critique Club meetings has helped me improve as an artist. I want to be an inspiration for others with autism, showing them how it can be the connection to their talents - in my case, music and art."

It is members like Ashley who enrich our Guild, making it a special place to share in the joys of creating art.

Critique Club with Louanne Saturday, January 7 - 1 pm-3pm

WPAG member and FWS Signature Artist, Louanne Headrick will lead the next Critique Club meeting on January 7 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.

Artists are invited to bring work in progress or finished pieces - all mediums welcome. If you have nothing to share at this point in time, come and learn from the conversation. Open Studio fees apply - \$5 for WPAG members and \$6 for guests. Questions? Email marilyn@westpascoartguild.org or call 727-403-5744.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Poli Harrison-Williams and Marilyn Wescott for having paintings accepted to the 2023 Florida Watercolor Society Online Show. The 92 paintings selected by judge and juror, Bob Burrige will be available on January 15 for viewing on the FWS website - www.floridawatercolorsociety.org.

Our First Show of 2023!



Intake for our first show of 2023 is Monday, Jan. 9 from 10am - 1pm. Don't let the theme *Out with the Old...In with the New* get in your way of entering this show. You might think about art you have created within the past five years (and that has not won an award in a

previous WPAG show) in which you explored new techniques, ideas, tools, subjects...you get the idea! The WPAG Show Rules and Regulations are available on the guild website - www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org.

Lianna Tatman, Executive Director of the Pasco Fine Arts Council will be the judge for this show, and awards will presented at the reception on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2:30pm-4:30pm.

Wheel Throwing & Hand-Building with Kathleen Clarke



A 6-week series of wheel throwing classes begins Wednesday, January 4 from 6pm - 10pm - \$220 for WPAG members; \$240 for guests. A 6-week series of hand-building classes begins Thursday, January 5 from 6pm - 10pm - \$200 for WPAG members; \$220 for guests. For details on how to register, email kathleenc@westpascoartguild.org.

Calling All Oil Painters!



WPAG Member Keith Blanton has volunteered to lead an oil painters' group on Wednesdays from 10 am - 1 pm. Bring your supplies and paint along with Keith. Open Studio fees apply - \$5 for WPAG members; \$6 for guests. Questions? Email oilpaintings@keithblanton.com.

Watercolor Tips and Techniques with Claudette Poirier



Join WPAG Member Instructor Claudette Poirier on Wednesday, Jan. 4 and Jan. 11 from 10 am - 1 pm for tips on painting landscape elements. Bring your own supplies - \$10 for WPAG members; \$15 for guests. Email sonncee@verizon.net to register and request a list of recommended supplies.

You're Invited to a Card Party!



Join your art buddies at the Guild on Monday, January 16 from 9:30am - 11:30pm to make a greeting card for the WPAG Sunshine Project. There's no charge! Just bring your favorite mark-making tools - watercolors, colored pencils, collage papers, etc. - and the guild will supply the cards for you to decorate. Your card may bring sunshine to a member in need. Questions? Contact marilyn@westpascoartguild.org.

Art FUNdamentals with Helen Hanley



Beginners who want to learn how to become a successful artist and intermediate artists who want a refresher of how to be effective in any medium are invited to join WPAG Member Instructor Helen Hanley on Saturday, January 21, 9 am - 3:30 pm - \$40 WPAG Members; \$45 guests. Handouts and basic supplies will be provided. To register, contact helen@westpascoartguild.org. The deadline for payment is January 13.

Colored Pencil 101 with Betty DeGregorio



Join WPAG Member Instructor Betty DeGregorio on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 from 10am - 1pm for more lessons in making art with colored pencils - \$10 per class for WPAG members; \$15 per class for guests. Email cadartist608@gmail.com to register and request a list of recommended supplies.

Watercolor Portraits with Marilyn Wescott



WPAG Instructor, Marilyn Wescott will teach a 4-week series of classes on watercolor portraits for advanced beginners and intermediate watercolorists who have mastered basic skills and are ready to take their work to the next level. Class dates are Feb. 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2 with a make-up and/or open studio practice day on Mar. 9. Email marilyn@westpascoartguild.org by Feb. 1 to register for this series of four classes.

Painting on Silk with Jean Metzenthin & Gillian Graffy



Saturday, Feb. 11 is the day to learn how to layout, draw, and use silk painting do's and don'ts to create a one-of-a-kind silk scarf. This workshop is appropriate for all levels of artists. \$40 for WPAG members plus the cost of the silk; \$50 for guests plus the cost of the silk. Email jmetz@verizon.net or gillian.graffy@yahoo.com for details on how to register and pre-order silk.



WPAG ART MARKET

Saturday, Feb. 4 - 9:30am-4:00pm

WPAG will hold its first Art Market of gently-used art supplies and art books on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

Here are four ways you can help:

1. Bring your donations of gently-used art supplies and art books to the guild on Thurs., Feb. 2 between 9am - 2pm or on Fri., Feb. 3 between 9am - 3pm. Please know that ALL donations must be in good condition and will be vetted before being accepted. PLEASE DO NOT DROP-OFF DONATIONS BEFORE FEB 2 OR WITHOUT APPROVAL!
2. Shop the Art Market on Saturday, Feb. 4 between 9:30am-4:00pm.
3. Spread the word in your community about this great opportunity to pick up gently-used art supplies and books for a bargain price.
4. Volunteer to help set-up, price items, handle sales, etc. Email carolo@westpascoartguild.org to choose the job that right for you!

**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**



Nominations are now open for all four officer positions - president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer - as well as for two director positions. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member, please contact Valerie Brandau

(valerie@westpascoartguild.org- 727-686-8585) or Darla Nolan (darla@westpascoartguild.org - 727-457-2682) by Tuesday, Jan. 31.

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Thank you, **Walmart!** WPAG Treasurer Helen Hanley accepted a check for \$500 donated to WPAG as part of the Walmart Giving program. These funds will be used for our Building and Maintenance Fund to ensure that we are able to deliver on our mission to create, foster, and sustain interest in the fine arts; to sponsor workshops, programs, displays, and exhibitions; and to increase the skills of our members.

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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