



WPAG President's Message

Hello Fellow Guilders!

September signals the start of the busy season for West Pasco Art Guild. The board spent time this summer finalizing plans for shows, receptions, meetings & demonstrations, classes, workshops, and community events that we hope will light your creative fires.



As you know, we are an all-volunteer organization. Nothing happens here unless someone gives of their personal time to unlock the building for open studio, coordinate a show, organize a reception, teach a class, pull weeds, serve on the board, sit the gallery and gift shop, take out the trash, send sympathy and get well cards, make member name tags, hang paintings at City Hall...you get the idea. I hope you will consider volunteering for one of the many tasks that make our guild an exciting place to make art. Sign-up at the guild or give me a call. I promise, your help will be much appreciated!

Warm regards,

Marilyn

Your Guild Needs You!

Helpers are needed for the following guild activities:

- Assist Sheryl Seelig in providing light refreshments for monthly meetings.
- Handle the nominations for the 2022 election held in March.
- Serve as committee co-chair or committee member for the January show-*The Space Between*.
- Serve as committee co-chair or committee member for the *March Invitational Art Show*.
- Assist Vice President Pamela Varricchio with building and grounds beautification.
- Assist Membership Chair, Carol O'Connor-Eisenberg with name tags and member signup.
- Assist Gift Shop Manager Doreen Davis in opening the gift shop for sales.
- Send sympathy and get well cards to members.

If you can help, please contact marilyn@westpascoartguild.org.

Member Spotlight

Meet Kathleen Clarke, WPAG director and clay class instructor. When asked how she got started with clay, Kathleen shared the following: "I was 5 years old watching Mr. Roger's Neighborhood when he took his TV audience on a visit to a pottery studio. I was hooked! I didn't know where it would lead, but I just knew at a young age that I wanted to play with clay." She was 27 years old when she took her first clay class. Spending some time in Asheville, NC gave her the opportunity for serious art learning in addition to clay work.



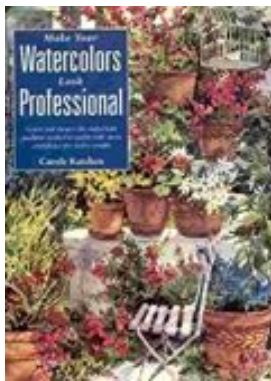
Kathleen feels that hearing about the guild through a "friend of a friend" was a fortunate stroke of serendipity. "Finding the guild was a gift. Coming here and joining WPAG brought me a tribe that I can relate to...a place to make art with others who want to make art."

Kathleen's passion for the guild and all it provides for area artists is contagious! Spend even a little bit of time with her, and like her, you'll be excited about all things WPAG.



Check out the new clay classes with Kathleen scheduled for October/November on page 4!

From the WPAG Library, by Jean Metzenthin



Make Your Watercolors Look Professional by Carole Katchen shares important information on how to paint from seventeen professional watercolor artists. They share their paintings, techniques and trade secrets. You will learn how to use a variety of watercolor techniques, lay down your painting's structure such as vivid contrast, interesting and harmonious shapes plus solutions to unexpected problems. It will help you create dramatic light, depth and atmosphere with successful arrangement of lights and dark. Find interesting subjects to create visual excitement.

This is not a typical how to paint book, but one that will guide you from the ordinary to a more professional painting. Great tips and easy reading.



CARES Chair-ity Festival@ SunWest Park

WPAG members are invited to design and paint an Adirondack chair for CARES (Community Aging and Retirement Services) Beach Chair-ity Festival at SunWest Park. CARES provides the chair, you provide the flair! Finished chairs will be auctioned off at the Chair-ity Festival on Oct. 16-17 with all proceeds benefiting CARES. The deadline for artists to have completed their chair is Tues., Sept. 28.

Chairs will be delivered to the guild the week of Sept. 7, and you can paint your chair in the guild parking lot on Sat. Sept. 11 and Sun. 12, 9:00-3. If you prefer, you can paint at the CARES facility in Hudson or in your own garage. Finished chairs will be stored in the WPAG gallery until pick-up by CARES. To reserve a chair, contact marilyn@westpascoartguild.org



Hope to See You There!

Please plan to attend the Sept. General Membership Meeting on Friday, Sept. 10. The meeting will begin at 1:00 followed by a demonstration on acrylic paint pouring by Tricia Commons, Claudette Poirier, Kathleen Clarke, Tabitha Smreczynsky, and Pamela Varricchio.

Welcome Back, Young Artists!

After a year off because of COVID, the West Pasco Art Guild's Young Artists program will resume on Sat., Oct. 2, 2021 from 9:30-Noon at the guild. Young Artists meet on the first Saturday of the month from October through May - \$5 for children/grandchildren of a member;



\$10 for children of non-members. All materials are provided, and students are taught by accomplished WPAG members. Pre-registration is required in order to plan for supplies. Payment can be made the morning of class with cash - exact change, please - or a personal check made payable to WPAG, Inc.

If you have a child, grandchild or young neighbor you think would enjoy a once-a-month morning of learning and art making, please contact marilyn@westpascoartguild.org for further information.

New Clay Classes Starting in October!

Wednesday Afternoon Wheel Throwing Classes - 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

- 6 weeks of consecutive classes, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
- Payment by cash (exact change, please) or check: \$220 members/\$240 non-members
- Payment on the WPAG website: \$222 members/\$242 non-members

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Thursday Afternoon Hand Building Classes - 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

- 6 weeks of consecutive classes, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25*
 - **Class will decide on an alternate date for Thanksgiving.*
- Payment by cash (exact change, please) or check: \$200 members/\$220 non-members.
- Payment on the WPAG website: \$202 members/\$222 non-members.

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 - **Class will decide on an alternate date for Thanksgiving.*
- Payment by cash (exact change, please) or check: \$200 members/\$220 non-members.
- Payment on the WPAG website: \$202 members/\$222 non-members.

Prices for all classes include basic glazes and firings. Classes fill up quickly, and wheel space is limited so please register early!

Two Ways to Register and Pay for Clay Classes:

- On the westpascoartguild.org website via PayPal with your credit card.
- In person at the guild with cash (exact change, please) or a personal check made payable to WPAG.

Upon registration, please contact Instructor Kathleen Clarke at 970-393-0199 for information on orientation, class syllabus, and supplies.

Refund Policy for All 6-week Series of Clay Classes:

- Full refund minus \$12 processing fee will be granted if student cancels up to 7 days before start of class.
- 50% refund minus \$12 processing fee if student cancels after 7 days and up to start of class.
- No refund issued after class begins.
- Student MUST contact the instructor to cancel.

2021-2022 Workshops at the Guild

Sat., September 25 and Sun., September 26 - *Rockin' with Resin*

- Instructor: Krissy B.
- Description: Explore the wonderful world of resin as you create colorful and mesmerizing art! Choose between either the Saturday, 10 am-12 pm or the Sunday, 1 pm-3 pm workshop and learn the basics such as embedding small two- and three-dimensional objects into frames, tinting, and adding sparkle and iridescence. This workshop is appropriate for all levels of artists and all materials are included in the workshop fee.
- Cost-Cash or Check: \$40 for WPAG members; \$45 for non-members
- Cost-WPAG website/PayPal: \$42 for WPAG members; \$47 for non-members
- Deadline to Register/Pay: Saturday, Sept. 18.

October 9, 2021 - *Go with the Flow - Acrylic Pouring*

- Instructors: Tricia Commons, Claudette Poirier, Kathleen Clarke, Tabitha Smereczynsky, Pamela Varricchio
- Description: Artists of all levels will have fun creating two beautiful abstracts by pouring acrylic paint onto canvases.
- Time - Two sessions to chose from: 10:00 am-1:00 pm OR 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
- Cost-Cash or Check: \$30 for WPAG members; \$40 for non-members-includes all supplies.
- Cost-WPAG website/PayPal: \$32 for WPAG members; \$42 for non-members-includes all supplies.

November 13, 2021 - *Fun with Impressionism - Learning from Monet*

- Instructor: Darla Nolan
- Description: Artists will learn by copying the style of Impressionist Edouard Monet's *Lady with the Umbrella*. Beginners and experienced artists will enjoy the challenge of duplicating colors, imitating brush strokes, and capturing the movement of the windy sky and windswept landscape in the medium of their choice.
- Time: 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Cost-Cash or Check: \$40 for WPAG members; \$50 for non-members-includes all supplies.
- Cost-WPAG website/PayPal: \$42 for WPAG members; \$52 for non-members-includes all supplies.

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2021-22 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE continued

January 12-13, 2022 - Pouring with Watercolor for Intermediate & Advanced

Watercolorists

- Instructor: Joye Moon
- Description: Artists will learn tips and techniques for creating art by pouring watercolors including composition, color selection, and masking. Supply list provided upon receipt of registration and payment.
- Time: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Cost-Cash or Check: \$135 for WPAG members; \$145 for non-members
- Cost-WPAG website/PayPal: \$137 for WPAG members; \$147 for non-members

February 12, 2022 - Fractured Art

- Instructor: Karen Jaenichen
- Description: Artists of all levels will learn tips and techniques for creating art with layers of collage and watercolor and leave the workshop with two paintings.
- Time: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members- includes all supplies.
- Cost-Cash or Check: \$35 for WPAG members; \$45 for non-members-includes all supplies
- Cost-WPAG website/PayPal: \$37for WPAG members; \$47 for non-members-includes all supplies

March 12, 2022 - Silk Scarf Painting

- Instructor: Jean Metzenthin
- Description: Artists will learn tips and techniques for creating art with dyes on silk.
- Time: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$40 for members + cost of silk, \$50 for non-members
- Cost-Cash or Check: \$40 for WPAG members; \$50 for non-members + cost of silk
- Cost-WPAG website/PayPal: \$42 for WPAG members; \$52 for non-members + cost of silk

Three Ways to Register and Pay for WPAG Workshops

By credit card:

Register for a workshop and pay via PayPal on the WPAG website, westpascoartguildandgallery.org, by using your own device or by utilizing the laptop at the guild. If at the guild, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the applicable workshop folder on the workshop bulletin board.

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By credit card:

Register for a workshop and pay via PayPal on the WPAG website, westpascoartguildandgallery.org, by using your own device or by utilizing the laptop at the guild. If at the guild, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the applicable workshop folder on the workshop bulletin board.

With a personal check:

Email workshops@westpascoartguild.org and include the name of the workshop for which you are registering along with your name, phone number and email address, then mail your personal check made payable to West Pasco Art Guild, Inc. to Helen Hanley, WPAG Treasurer, 7513 Turkey Roost, Hudson, FL 34667.

OR

Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the applicable workshop folder at the guild. Give your check to the instructor for the day or any WPAG officer. You will be provided with a receipt at that time that indicates the workshop(s) you are registering for and the total amount received.

By cash (exact currency only) at the guild:

Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the applicable workshop folder at the guild. Put your cash (exact currency only) in the envelope provided. Please indicate the workshop for which you are paying on the front of the envelope, as well as your name and phone number. Give your envelope to the instructor for the day or any WPAG officer. You will be provided with a receipt at that time.

You are not registered for a WPAG workshop until payment has been received by the treasurer!

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2022 Membership Drive

With 2021 guild memberships expiring on December 31st, the 2022 Membership Drive begins on Sept. 1. You have three ways to join or renew:

- By credit card:
 - Renew or join via PayPal on the WPAG website, westpascoartguildandgallery.org, by using your own device or by utilizing the laptop at the guild in the amount of \$42 (\$40 dues plus \$2 service fee).
- By mail with a personal check:
 - Pick up a membership form at the guild or request one by email from carolo@westpascoartguild.org. Send your completed membership form along with your personal check made payable to West Pasco Art Guild, Inc. to Helen Hanley, WPAG Treasurer, 7513 Turkey Roost, Hudson, FL 34667.
- At the guild with a personal check:
 - Complete a membership form at the guild and give it to the instructor or an officer or director along with your personal check in the amount of \$40 - no service charge.
- By cash (exact change only) at the guild:
 - Complete a membership form at the guild and give it to the instructor or an officer or director along with cash in the amount of \$40 - no service charge.

**It's
Showtime!**



October marks the first time since COVID that we've been able to have an art show in the WPAG Gallery. *Treasures of New Port Richey* is the theme of the October show, and viewers of the art will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites. People's Choice awards will be announced at the reception on Sunday, October 24 from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Paint some of your favorite places in and around New Port Richey. With publicity, maybe business owners will stop by to see if their place is featured. Maybe we can generate a few extra sales?

Bring your artwork to the guild on Monday, Oct. 4 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to complete paperwork and pay your entry fee. All artists must follow the WPAG Show Rules and Regulations, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org. For more information, contact show chairs Darla Nolan darla@westpascoartguild.org or Helen Hanley helen@westpascoartguild.org.

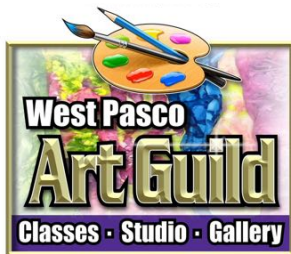
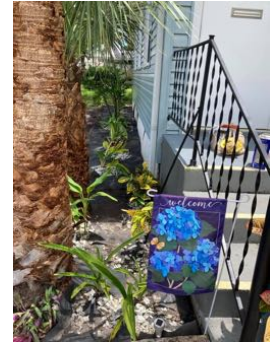


Congratulations!

Florida Watercolor Society, the largest state society in the United States with almost one thousand members recognized three of our fellow members in 2021. Congratulations to Suzanne Natzke and Lionel Sanchez whose paintings were accepted into FWS 2021 Exhibition. Hats off to Marilyn Wescott and Chuck Simmons whose paintings were accepted into the FWS 2021 Online Show, And again to Chuck for having a painting included in the FWS Creative Confinement Challenge. Well done, Guilders!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Special thanks to WPAG Vice President Pamela Varricchio for planning and coordinating the much-needed clean-up and beautification of landscaping at the guild. And kudos to the members and spouses who pitched in to pull weeds, spread mulch, and plant shrubs. Valerie Brandau, Bob Brandau, Penny Haugli, Darla Nolan, Barbara and Rich Pifko, Claudette Poirier, Bob Shumski, Pamela Varricchio and Marilyn Wescott get extra kudos for tackling this job in the August heat!



And thanks to Nancy Arcara, Valerie Brandau, Karen Jaenichen, and Pamela Varricchio whose generous donations allowed the purchase of a new sign for the northwest corner of our property. Thanks as well to Tom Pape, of *Brush and Pen Designs* for his beautiful work.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to Karen Jaenichen for her service as a director on the WPAG board. Karen is stepping down as director to take care of her health, and Lexi Kust has been appointed as interim director until the elections in March. Karen hopes to be back in action real soon as a member and plans to teach her much requested Fractured Art workshop on Feb. 12.



“The chief enemy of creativity is good sense.”-- *Pablo Picasso*

Show Your Work!

The City of New Port Richey is offering members of the West Pasco Art Guild the opportunity to exhibit original artwork at City Hall in October. Spaces are limited! If you are interested in showing your artwork, please contact Marilyn Wescott at marilyn@westpascoartguild.org or call 727-403-5744.



Guidelines for New Port Richey City Hall exhibits:

- The opportunity to exhibit in October is open to WPAG members only.
- Artwork for the October exhibit must be taken to the guild on Thursday, Sept. 30 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Artists will be asked to sign a form releasing West Pasco Art Guild and City Hall from any responsibility for loss, theft, and/or damages that may occur from the time the artwork is dropped off at the guild to when it is picked up from the guild by the artist.
- Artists will be asked to complete a label indicating artist's name, phone number, title of the work, medium, and price.
- All artwork must be properly framed and securely wired for hanging. Saw-tooth hangers will not be accepted.
- Any sales of artwork are to be handled between the artist and the purchaser. Neither City Hall or WPAG will handle sales.

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!

- Marilyn Wescott, Pres. - marilyn@westpascoartguild.org - 727-403-5744
- Pamela Varrichio, Vice Pres. - pamelav@westpascoartguild.org - 631-413-4248
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