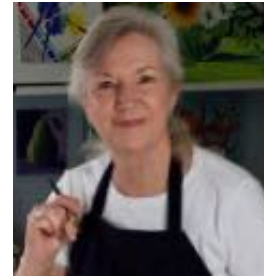




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WPAG President's Message

As I begin my second (and final) 2-year term as president, I'm excited about all the great things that we have going on at the guild. The fact that as an all-volunteer organization, good things happen at the guild is testament to you, the members. There are many opportunities to support the guild, and I hope you have found one that suits you.



We have a great series of art shows coming up where you'll be able to show your work - see page 3. And if you're needing some inspiration or want to fine-tune your skills, check out the schedule of workshops planned for 2023-24 - see page 6. In addition to all-day workshops, we continue to offer classes in a variety of mediums to help you grow as an artist - see pages 4-5. And don't forget Open Studio times when you can bring your own supplies to the guild and make art with like-minded artists!

Many of you have told me you'd be willing to co-chair an art show but have no idea what's involved. As a result, I've made it my goal to do whatever it takes to make sure that co-chairs and the members of their committee have what they need to run a successful event. I'll serve as Art Show & Reception Coordinator to provide support, advice, and guidance so that the task of launching a show is straight-forward and fun. As of today, co-chairs are needed for the Jan./Feb. show and the Mar./Apr. show, If you're interested and would like to know more about what it, email me at marilyn@westpascoartguild.org.

Happy art making!
Marilyn



Our Next Membership Meeting

Please plan to attend the September General Membership Meeting on Friday, Sept. 8 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. After a brief business meeting, Lionel Sanchez will demonstrate techniques for combining watercolor, pen and ink. Hope to see you there!

Member Spotlight

This month the member spotlight is on Cindy McNally. Cindy and her husband recently retired and moved to the area from Virginia. Like many of us, Cindy said she always had an interest in making art and then kids, work, moving for her husband's work meant more "dabbling" than regular artistic practice.



Cindy attributes moving to a new area with time on her hands and a need to meet others who like to make art as key factors that led her to an internet search for art organizations in the area. Finding the WPAG website and reading about what was offered brought her to the guild. As she likes to say, "WPAG membership was my gift to myself...my reward for making a big move with many unknowns." Cindy jumped right into guild life taking classes, joining the Tuesday Open Studio group, and entering shows. While she has tried her hand at a wide variety of mediums, watercolor is her preference. A collection of her work is currently on exhibit at the South Holiday Branch of the Pasco Library System.

"My favorite thing about being a WPAG member is the camaraderie of Open Studio days along with the challenge of learning, growing, and improving as an artist in the excellent classes and workshops offered at the guild." said Cindy.

Bonnie Martin, WPAG Volunteer Coordinator



Bonnie Martin has volunteered to serve as WPAG Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you, Bonnie! Given that we are an all-volunteer organization, her willingness to take on the task of recruiting and supporting those willing to lend a hand is much appreciated. Bonnie is former president of the Friends of the New Port Richey Library and brings a love of art and a passion for volunteering to the guild. Please say "YES" if she asks for your help.

“Don't think about making art, just get it done. Let everyone else decide if it's good or bad, whether they love it or hate it. While they are deciding, make even more art.” - Andy Warhol

2023-24 Art Show and Reception Schedule

The WPAG Art Show and Reception schedule for 2023-24 has been finalized, and members are encouraged to enter original artwork that meets the criteria defined in the ***WPAG Show Rules and Regulations***. A copy can be found under the **Shows** tab on the guild website - westpascoartguild.org.

Each show and reception is planned and coordinated by a committee of WPAG members. This year, Marilyn Wescott will serve as Art Show Coordinator to ensure that every committee has all they need to run a successful event. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for one of these important events. Sign-up at the guild or email marilyn@westpascoartguild.org.

Oct.-Nov. Art Show: MARINE LIFE

Intake/Set-Up at the Guild: Monday, Oct. 9

Reception: Sunday, Oct. 22

Co-Chairs: Helen Hanley and Darla Nolan

Nov.-Dec. Art Show: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND ARTS & CRAFT SALE

Intake/Set-Up at the Guild: Monday, Nov. 27

A&C Table Sales: Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10

Co-Chairs: Pat Malloy, Janet Kardas, Christine Cooke

Jan.-Feb. Art Show: IMAGINATION

Intake/Set-Up at the Guild: Monday, Jan. 8

Reception: Sunday, Jan. 21

Co-Chairs:

Mar.-Apr. Art Show: NATURE

Intake/Set-Up at the Guild: Monday, March 4

Reception: Sunday, March 17

Co-Chairs:

May-June Art Show: UP, UP, AND AWAY!

Intake/Set-Up at the Guild: Monday, May 6

Reception: Sunday, May 19

Co-Chairs: Claudette Poirier and Pamela Varricchio

July-Sept. Summer Gallery Art Expo

Intake/Set-Up at the Guild: Monday, July 1

Co-Chairs: Carol O'Connor-Eisenberg and Betty DeGregorio

Let's Play with Clay!

Interested in working with clay? Know someone who'd like to learn? WPAG offers 6-week sessions throughout the year in wheel and hand building. Contact WPAG instructor, Kathleen Clarke for details and to register - kathleenc@westpascoartguild.org. Pre-registration required!



Wednesday Throwing from 6:00pm-9:30pm

WPAG members-\$220; Guests-\$240

6-week series of classes begin June 14, Aug. 2, Sept. 20, Nov. 8, Jan. 3

Thursday Hand Building from 6:00pm-9:30pm

WPAG members-\$200; Guests-\$220

6-week series of classes begin June 15, Aug. 3, Sept. 21, Nov. 9, Jan. 4

Friday Hand Building from 10:00pm-1:30pm

WPAG members-\$200; Guests-\$220

6-week series of classes begin June 16, Aug. 4, Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Jan. 5

Friday Wheel Throwing from 2:00pm-5:30pm

WPAG members-\$220; Guests-\$240

6-week series of classes begin June 16, Aug. 4, Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Jan. 5

Acrylic and Oil Classes on Wednesdays with Pamela

Join WPAG Instructor, Pamela Varricchio, from 10am-1pm on Wednesdays for acrylic and oil projects - \$10 for WPAG members; \$15 for guests. Email Pamela at pamelav@westpascoartguild.org to register and request a supply list.

- July 5 - Acrylic Seascape
- July 12 - Oil Soft Rose
- July 19 - Acrylic Fruit Still Life (your design)
- July 26 - Oil Fruit Still Life (your design)

- August 9 - Acrylic Study in Glass
- August 16 - Oil Lovely Bird
- August 23 - Acrylic Beautiful Chickadees
- August 30 - Oil -Koi Fish

- September 6 - Acrylic Landscape
- September 13 - Oil Calla Lily
- September 20 - Acrylic Koi Fish
- September 27 - Oil Study in Glass



Open Studio is available during Pamela's classes - \$5 for WPAG members; \$6 for non-members.

Thursday Watercolor Classes with Marilyn Wescott

Looking to improve your watercolor skills and techniques? Join Marilyn and other advanced beginners and intermediate artists on Thursdays from 10am - 1pm. Each class in a series is \$10 for WPAG members and \$15 for guests, payable on the day of class with cash (correct change, please) or check made payable to WPAG. Email marilyn@westpascoartguild.org to register as space is limited. Upon registration, you will be emailed a list of the supplies required for the series. Artists are expected to provide their own paint, paper, brushes, etc.

- July 6 Open Studio
- July 13 Watercolor Pouring-Week 1
- July 20 Watercolor Pouring-Week 2
- July 27 Watercolor Pouring-Week 3
- August 3 Watercolor Pouring-Week 4
- August 10 Open Studio
- August 17 Watercolor Landscapes-Week 1
- August 24 Watercolor Landscapes-Week 2
- August 31 Watercolor Landscapes-Week 3
- Sept. 7 Watercolor Landscapes-Week 4
- Sept. 14 Open Studio
- Sept. 21 Open Studio
- Sept. 28 Open Studio



Open Studio space is available during Marilyn's classes - \$5 for WPAG members; \$6 for non-members.

Gallery and Gift Shop News



The WPAG Gallery and Gift Shop are worth a visit this summer! Our members have gone all out to fill the gallery walls with outstanding art in all mediums, most of which are for sale. Don't miss the opportunity to see this vibrant display by WPAG artists. Impress your visitors from out of town - as well as relatives, friends, and neighbors - with private tours of our guild.

Come in to the gift shop to see the works of Ashley Urban, the gift shop's *Summer Featured Artist* and the recent new arrivals by Suzanne Marisa, Deb Grenert, and Kathleen Clarke, along with a wide variety of paintings, glassware, stitchery, jewelry and much more.





2023-24 Workshop Schedule

Check out the 2023-24 schedule of workshops! For information on how to register and pay, visit the guild website (westpascoartguild.org) or email workshops@westpascoartguild.org. Space is limited, so register today!

Art FUNDamentals with Helen Hanley

July 15, 2023 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Member-\$40; Guests \$45

Meditative Doodling (& Loosening up) with Sarah Hanson

August 19, 2023 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$40; Guests-\$50

Pen & Ink with Watercolor Wash with Lionel Sanchez

September 9, 2023 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$60; Guests-\$70

Still Life with Acrylics with Darla Nolan

September 23, 2023 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$40; Guests-\$50

Mixed Media Exploration with Miki Kline

October 14, 2023 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$40; Guests-\$50

Watercolor on Yupo with Deb Grenert

November 18, 2023 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$40; Guests-\$50

Foundational Drawing for the Serious Beginner with Frank Zampardi

December 2, 2023 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$75; Guests-\$85

Art FUNDamentals with Helen Hanley

January 27, 2024 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$40; Guests-\$50

Silk Creations with Gillian Craffy & Jean Metzenthin

Feb. 17, 2024 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Member-\$40; Guests-\$50 - Fee does not include the cost of the silk.

Capturing the Light (Watercolor) with Lynn Ferris

March 9, 2024 - 9:00am-3:30pm

WPAG Members-\$90; Guests-\$100



WPAG art shows and receptions play an important part in fulfilling our mission. Please contact marilyn@westpascoart.org - if you're willing to lend a hand with any of the following:

- Two members to co-chair the Jan./Feb. Art Show & Reception and people to serve on the committee.
- Two members to co-chair the Mar./Apr. Art Show & Reception and people to serve on the committee.
- Two members to co-chair the Dec. 1 Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon and people to serve on the committee.

Thank You

Thanks to the following members who participated in the June exhibit at New Port Richey City Hall:

Betty DeGregorio
 Deb Diaz
 Betty Gessler
 Deb Grenert
 Helen Hanley
 Sally Hanlon

Linda Kaufman
 Cindy McNally
 Ro Marin
 Darla Nolan
 Dan Nolan
 Carol O'Connor-Eisenberg

Janis Reyher
 Jodi Schuster
 Sheryl Seelig
 Ashley Urban
 Pamela Varricchio
 Marilyn Wescott



- Oct. 14 - Gil Dawg Hippy Fest; WPAG will have a table at this event.
- Oct. 28 - Davis Hanley Fishing Tournament to benefit West Pasco Art Guild.
- Nov. 27 - Set up for Holiday Boutique
- Dec. 9-10 - Holiday Arts & Crafts Table Sales

New and Improved Website!

WPAG member and volunteer webmaster, Lyn Rodger has been hard at work creating and continually improving the guild website. Check it out - westpascoartguild.org. You'll find almost everything you need as a member to enjoy the full guild experience!



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