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President's Message - December 2019

As we enter the second decade of the twenty-first century, I think we should reflect on the vision and determination of the women who founded the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors. I thank all the women who met with our founder, Lillian Burk Meeser, to create our Society. I hope we can continue their vision and determination in the next decade. I would also like to thank the hardest and best volunteers in the world: DSWPS volunteers. With their dedication and belief in the important role that women artists contribute to our region's creativity, thank you!

In the next months, we will be asking you to nominate a member of DSWPS or someone in the community for an Honorary Memberships. Last year, Carol LaChiusa and Bette Prudden were confirmed Honorary Status memberships. If there's someone that you feel has made DSWPS a better organization, please direct your questions to Kimberly Santini. The nomination form will be found in an upcoming newsletter

As usual, we have several volunteer positions available to our members. As with any position, whether paid or unpaid, interested individuals should be organized, flexible and have time to attend meetings. We have the following position vacant: Nominations Chair. At the end of this program year, we will have the following vital positions open: First Vice President-Program and Second Vice President-Exhibitions. All members of the Executive Board will be part of the new team of our President-Elect, Joya Rush-Keli.

We have a number of wonderful programs and exhibitions planned for 2020. I hope all members, new and existing, will continue to support, attend and volunteer for DSWPS.

December is a busy month for all of us. There are a multicultural array of religious holidays, which reflect the diversity and strength of our community. Happy holidays to all!

See you next year. Stay safe, healthy and creative to enjoy the next decade.

Joan Smykowski President



DSWPS Programs 2019-2020

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February 22, 2020

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20919 John R. St. Hazel Park

(block north of 8 mile road, east of Woodward, private off street parking)

Presenter: Eric Law

"Five Essentials for Great Images"

(see page 3 for more info)

New address for DSWPS member:

Madge Lawson

1149 Sugar Creek Dr.

Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

248-563-1271 -C

Corrected e-mail:

Cheryl Widener

cbgartistry@aol.com

Welcome Back:

Regina Dunne

Regret to report the passing of

2019 member

Gwen Girvin

10/6/2019

Members Accomplishments:

- Accepted in the **Grosse Pointe Art Assn.** exhibit 'A Personal Journey' were DSWPS members **Pat Duff, Kathleen McNamee** and **Nobuko Yamasaki** with **Nobuko** receiving an Honorable Mention. **10/8 - 12/8/19** 313-881-3454 grossepointeartcenter.org 32 Lakeshore Dr, Grosse Pointe Farms (at the War Memorial)

- Joya Rush-Keli** is a part of the new show 'Call and Response 3: Poets and Artists in Dialogue'. She will be showing 2 of her pieces. **Grosse Pte. Congregational Church** - Reception with live jazz will be on **Nov. 14, 7:00-9:00 pm.** The one-of-a-kind poetry reading, art slide show, and discussion forum will be on **Jan. 9, 2020, 7:00-9:00 pm.** Other members in the show are **Linda Allen, Deborah Benedic, Judy Bowman, Carol LaChiusa** and **Lori Zurvalec.** 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- DSWPS/GPAA member **Linda Allen's** solo show 'Electric Eclectic' runs thru Sunday, **Dec. 8,** in the **Manoogian Arts Wing at University Liggett School** 1045 Cook Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- Sue Mallick** has 3 pieces of art in the **Plymouth Community Art Council** member show during the month of **December.** Reception is 12/7 - 7 - 9 pm 774 Sheldon Rd, Plymouth



- The **Detroit Institute of Arts** features the '11th Annual Community Art Exhibition' works from various community groups including the **Hannan Center** with **Marguerite Carlton** and **Gayle Watson** in the **12/6 - 1/5/20.** Kresge reception for the artists Thursday **12/5** noon - 2 pm. Hours vary during the holidays best to call 313-833-7900. Admission free for residents of Wayne, Oakland & Macomb counties. 5200 Woodward, Detroit

- Warning** - Member **Debby Maiale** reports: don't order anything from **Prolific Painter** - it's a scam.



- REGARDING HOLIDAY TEA** Send in your checks to reserve your spot at the **Holiday High Tea at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.** They will be checking numbers Dec 1st which is coming up fast, even though the Deadline is Dec 9th. So far we only have 20 people. The hotel will give us a smaller room if this is the case. **Two years ago we had 45. It's a lovely space with valet service, but you hardly need it because the parking lot is very close - just across the street. Send your \$50 check to Chris Unwin, Make check out to DSWPS Send to 6850 Brookeshire Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322**

- Kim Santini** looking for someone with experience writing surveys to help with building a membership poll. If this is something you can help facilitate, please call or email: 810-908-9003 or ksantini@turtledovedesigns.com

- Pam Day, Barb Murphy** and **Kathleen McNamee** were accepted in the Northville Art House 'Small Works' **11/1 - 11/30** 248-344-0497 215 Cady St, Northville

- Free venue for any artist or crafters at Wayne County Community College District **Downriver Campus- Saturday December 7th.** Applications are on our Facebook page Downriverartscraftsguild or members could contact **Maureen Keast** at mkeast1@aol.com - text to 734-777-6109

GROANER:

Why do seagulls live by the sea?
Because if they lived by the bay, they'd be bagels

ENTRIES WANTED:

- Deadline: 11/20 -12/1/19** **Lawrence Street Gallery's** 'Think Small' an all-media juried exhibit featuring work that is 12 inches and smaller in any dimension. **12/ 4 - 12/20/19** (opening **12/6** from 6 - 9). 248-544-0394 22620 Woodward Ave, Suite A, Ferndale

- Deadline: 12/4/19.** 4" x 6" **Art of Custom Framing** invites participants to enter their '2020 Postcards for Patricia', a benefit event for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) **1/9 - 2/6 - 248-435-3726** or diana@framingart.net

- Deadline: 1/8/20** The **Anton Art Center** announces a Call for Entry for their '47th Statewide Fine Art Competition' - one of the few remaining statewide art r.org/artist-opportunities 125 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens

- Deadline: 12/1/19** **Lawrence St. Gallery** 'Best of the Best' **Jan 8 - 31** Opening 1/10 6 - 9 pm; Mid Month Sun. **1/ 19 - 2 -5 pm.** 248-544-0394 22620 Woodward Ave, Suite A, Ferndale

- Deadline: 1/13/20** **The Community House** 35th 'Our Town' Art Show & Sale. ONLINE: www.communityhouse.com/our-town-entries EMAIL IMAGES: callforentries@communityhouse.com jsmude@communityhousefoundation.org Opening Night Party 6 - 9 on 4/2 \$\$\$. Show opening **4/3** and **4/4/20** to all. 380 South Bates, Birmingham

- Deadline: 2/29/20** The **Global Art for Peace** project that many of our members have participated in previously - on paper, if on canvas - no stretchers - art is sent to a center location and weight is kept to an absolute minimum. If you're interested in entering:

- No deadline** - accepting submissions throughout the year. **Paint Creek Center for the Arts** is currently accepting exhibition proposals from emerging and established artists based in the Midwest region. 248-651-4110. 407 Pine St, Rochester

- No deadline** - accepting submissions throughout the year. **Downriver Council for the Arts** provides artists a unique retail space to sell one-of-a-kind, handmade

- Deadline: check out CaFe listings for shows in MI -** contactcafe@callforentry.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

• **Deadline: ASAP**

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• **Deb Benedic** from the **Loft Fine Art** reports: Enjoy 10% Off All Items until the 12th Day of Christmas (1/6/2020) at www.theloftfineart.com - sale began 11/11/19, To redeem the 10% off, contact them at 810-892-3056 or by e-mail: theloftfineart@gmail.com -Make an appointment to see our full inventory!

• **Century 21 Sakmar 'Home Town Art' 12/5 - 2/21**. Open House on **12/5**, Thursday, 7 - 9 pm Gala Event with wine, appetizers and artwork available for purchase. Features work by **Jan Filarski, Laura Host, Sue Kwolek, Cindy Parsons, Kathie Troshynski & Rebecca Hauschild**. 248-652-7700 129 E. University Dr, Rochester

• Thirty six artists tell their stories of where they came from and how it affects their art in the new exhibition: **'A Personal Journey'** at the **Grosse Pointe Art Association**. Show dates: **10/8 - 12/8**. 313-881-3454 grossepointeartcenter.org 32 Lakeshore Dr, Grosse Pointe Farms (at the War Memorial)

• **Clay Works Studio** presents their 7th Annual Holiday Pottery Sale **12/1 - 12/31**. 10 am - 6 pm. 734-604-7596 clayworkstudio.com 2763 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor

• **Ferndale Public Library** presents an exhibit by **Jud Conveyou** thru **December 15**. 248-546-2504 ferndalepubliclibrary.org 222 E. Nine Mile Rd, Ferndale

• **Potters Market** is being held at the **Southfield Pavilion 12/6 - 12/8/19** - opens at 10 am - check closing times thepottersmarket.com 26000 Evergreen Rd, Southfield

• You are invited to the **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association** for a special evening - Shop & Champagne 12/4, Support the BBAC with a patron ticket, \$150 - event tickets are \$85 in advance, \$100 at the door (partly tax deductible) bbac.org

• **January 2020 - Lawrence Street Gallery's 'Best of the Best'** Show Dates: **1/8 - 1/31/20**; Intake **Sat. Jan 4**; Hang Sun Jan 5; Opening Friday, Jan 10; Mid Month Sunday, Jan 19; Pick up Sat Feb 1 Group show of award winners in 2019 juried competitions.

• To honor veterans, the **BBAC** is offering complimentary Individual and Household Memberships. All that's asked is to see a valid Veteran ID card or discharge papers. For more info: Contact us in person or call (248.644.0866). BBArtCenter.org

• **Cause & Affect**, Annie Anglim's fabulous art gallery in downtown Fenton hosts an Open Studio every Tuesday, 4 - 7 pm, in the gallery's studio space. All are welcome and there is no charge. Come and Commune with Fellow Artists - Inspire Each Other - Feel the Artistic Vibes and Let Your Muse Fly. (bring your own materials)

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"Five Essentials for Great Images" Whether you use a **traditional digital camera or the camera in a phone or tablet** to photograph your artwork. Topics include the important camera settings, lighting basics, and how to get the how to get the correct exposure, along with how to quickly edit the images and the easiest way to format them for show entries. (bring your camera, tablet or cellphone)

Thursday, April 23, 2020
at College for Creative Studies.
Walter B. Ford II building room 217
(free parking in CCS parking structure)

Presenter: Virginia Naegeli (Chris Unwin, host) Naegeli "loves art, but loves to teach art more." You won't want to miss her talk and demonstration of painting watercolor on silk.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



Words of Wisdom:

**Despite the Forecast,
Live like it's Spring!**

What's Happening (cont'd)

- The meeting on December 21 at the **Scarab Club** was well attended - things moved along at a good pace and we were treated to an interesting talk and video presentation by **Carole Morisseau**. She spoke of her meetings with different groups and showed a great deal of art from them, expressed their beliefs and various habits of the different groups. Carole is a recent recipient of the Fulbright Hays Fellowship Group Project to Brazil. morisseauart.com (special



thanks for **Julie Sabit** for arrangements!).

- The **Loft Fine Art** has a new auction on **Jasper52** for you to browse for holiday shopping called '20th Century Fine Art, Prints and Posters'. Auction ends on **Dec. 2** at 7:30 pm. www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/154925
- Julie Sabit** and seven artists have a short show at the **333 Annex Gallery**. - **11/28 - 12/1/19**. "Thanksgiving luncheon for friends, family and orphan artists **Nov 28 12 to 3 pm** (bring a favorite dish to pass) Black Friday Nov 29th chill with classic guitar music of **Samad Ansari** from 7 to 8 pm. Sat Nov 30th meet the artists and help us raise funds for the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen**. Three pieces will be raffled off and proceeds go to the **Kitchen**." Contact Erica @ 313-608-6584 -C. erica.chappius@gmail.com 333 Midland, Highland Park.

Local artist **Barbara Caponigro** of Bloomfield Hills passed away — 87 years old — her art displayed at various sites in Michigan including Troy, including local restaurants.



WORK SHOPS/ART FAIRS:

Franciscan Life Process Center:

February 17 & 18 - Kathleen Mooney - 'Great FINISHES and Acrylics!'
 March 6 - Kathleen Mooney - Abstractions and Acrylics!
 March 9-14 - Dmitrii and Tatiana Berestova-Icon - - 'Prosopeon School Of Iconology'
 Please find all the workshops at www.lifeprocesscenter.org
 616-897-7842 x 352

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:

Jan. 18 - Janice Degen - 'Jewelry/Metalsmithing: Tapered Ring'-10 - 1 (note: many more classes of this type, contact BBAC for list
 Jan. 18 - Laura Beyer - 'Book Arts & Printmaking' - 10 - 4 pm
 Mar. 31, April 1 & 3 - Autumn Bildson - 'Drywall Compound Relief Carving & Painting' - 9 - 3:30
 April 2, 3 - Barbara Holmer - 'Drawing Botanical Art w/Colored Pencil' 10 - 3 3:30
 248-644-0866 - long list of more upcoming workshops
bbartcenter.org

- Grosse Pointe Art Association**
 Dec. 7 - Al Sonnenberg - 'Acrylic Foundations through Landscapes' - 9:30 - 3:30



713-881-3454 gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org

- Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL)**

Note: check time change for Sunday classes.
 734-838-1204 vaalart@yahoo.com

- Northville Art House - For upcoming workshops**
store@northvillearthouse.org campscui.active.com



Detroit Society of Women Painters & Sculptors

General Membership Meeting – November 21, 2019 - The Scarab Club, Detroit

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Smykowski at 10:00 am.

Minutes: A motion to waive the reading, to accept and file the minutes of the September 19, 2019 General Membership meeting was made by Vasu Tolia, seconded by Jan Ducsay, motion carried.

President's Report: President Smykowski welcomed the membership and guest Donna Kraft. Thanks to Rose Rhodes and her committee for the food and beverages provided for the meeting.

Vacancies: Thank you to Marilyn Bomarito for chairing the Scholarship Committee for many years. As she has now stepped down, a new chair is needed. A chair is also needed for the Nominations Committee. In 2020 we will need a new 1st Vice President – Programs as Jackie Rybinski will be stepping down, and a 2nd Vice President- Exhibitions as Erica Chappuis will be stepping down. These latter two are Board positions and are at the heart of our organization. Please consider filling these vacancies.

Holiday Tea will be December 14, noon – 2 pm, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, check for \$50 per person are to be sent to Chris Unwin. Deadline Dec 7. Instagram images from our website are being posted on the DSWPS account. If you do not want your image on Instagram, please contact President Smykowski.

Communications: Joyce Manke reported that she is working on the December newsletter. Please note that Think Small intake at Lawrence Street Gallery will occur before the newsletter is distributed. Downriver Arts & Craft Holiday sale is coming up. Send newsletter info to Joyce as soon as you can. Also, please consider receiving the newsletter electronically to save postage and copy costs.

Webmaster: Katy McNamee's written report was read by Joya Rush-Keli. Check the website for activities and links, news on current and upcoming shows. It was acknowledged that Katy does a phenomenal job on the website.

Treasurer: Jan Ducsay reported that on Nov 14, the Board approved the operating budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Income & expenses are each budgeted at ~~DSWPS~~ It is hoped to spend only what is brought in. An additional year's worth in reserve in case of emergency is considered prudent. Thus the Board hopes to keep ~~DSWPS~~ in reserve. Ending balance as of Sept 21, 2019: ~~DSWPS~~ Income from Sept 21-Nov 21, 2019: ~~DSWP~~ Expenses for that period were ~~DSWPS~~, leaving a balance on Nov 21 of ~~DSWPS~~ Linda Boyle moved to accept and file the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ruth Harvey, motion carried. Jan will be processing the paperwork with Entry Thingie for the call for entry for the next DWSPS show, Women's Work, very soon.

Programs: Jackie Rybinski reported the following upcoming meetings for 2020: Feb 22 at Color/Ink Studio in Hazel Park, 5 Essentials for Great Images presentation by Eric Law; March – Gallery Talk at Black Box in conjunction with Women's Work; May 30 - Annual Meeting with Artist to Artist Silent Auction.

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Exhibitions: Jackie Rybinski reported for Erica Chappuis: the next DSWPS exhibition will be called Women's Work, to be held March 6-28 at Black Box Gallery in Dearborn, no theme, juror Kris Scaedia. Jackie Rybinski and Nancy Kozlowski will be coordinators, entries to be submitted to Entry Thingie by Jan 25. An exhibition is planned for the Anton Art Center in 2021. A number of other possible venues are under consideration, please keep your eyes open for show opportunities and share that info with the exhibitions chair.

Membership: Thank you to Kim Santini for creating name tags on lanyards for members to wear for the first time at this meeting. Remember to return your tag to Kim after the meeting. Kim Santini reported that there are 134 members to date. The members section of the DSWPS has the most up to date info. Kim needs a member to help her write a member poll, please contact her if interested.

Parliamentarian: no report

Historian: Julie Sabit reminded the membership that DSWPS has an archive in the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library Main Branch. She will be adding documents on Nov 22. Deborah Benedic is taking over custodianship of the DSWPS Resume Book. Update your bio, add images if you are already represented in the book, if you aren't, please consider adding your info. The book has two volumes and is displayed wherever DSWPS has an exhibition. Julie has a resume form, contact her to obtain a copy.

Standing Committees

Social/Memorial: Rose Rhodes reported that she is working on the Artist to Artist Silent Auction details for the Annual Meeting to be held May 30. Size limit 12" x 12", original work, starting bid of \$10. \$500 was raised at the 2018 auction and sent to Rosa Parks Art Therapy Program at Capuchins in Detroit. Volunteers are needed to help with this project, contact Rose if interested.

Old Business:

Global Art Project: Deborah Benedic reported that the 2020 Global Art Project for Peace has a deadline of Feb 29, 2020. Carol LaChiusa commented on her experience chairing the last Global Art Project exchange. It was not positive. Others recalled an earlier, better experience. About ten members indicated they would enter. Joya Rush-Keli moved that DSWPS participate in the 2020 project, seconded by Vasu Tolia, motion carried. Deborah Benedic agreed to take the lead on DSWPS's involvement.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Zurvalec, Recording Secretary

The meeting was followed by a presentation by DSWPS member Carole Morisseau on her experiences in Brazil as a Fulbright Hays Fellowship Group Project Abroad participant in 2018, and the art inspired by her trip.