

DSWPS NewsLetter

DETROIT SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS & SCULPTORS
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It was wonderful to see so many DSWPS members and their guests at the Valentine Tea. The valentines that were exchanged were very clever, colorful and creative. We may need to make this event an annual occurrence! Many thanks to Rose Rhodes for organizing the afternoon.

If you have not done so yet, there is still time to enter Here's to You, Detroit, the next DSWPS exhibition. Finish your artwork! It will be a blast! Exhibition VP Susan Munro has been working very hard on this DSWPS exhibition.

If you want to get to know a fabulous group of women, please answer Joan Smykowski's call to fill one of two Executive Board vacancies. I have so enjoyed my time on the Board working with these creative, dedicated artists and would like to work with you! If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. Wear your DSWPS button proudly! DSWPS artists are awesome!!!

MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT!



LORI ZURVALEC

2022 February Tea & Celebration of Sweet Creativity (hats encouraged)! Member event at The Royal Tea House in Fraser!



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING NEWSWORTHY?

Hello members! I am Amanda Koss, the Communications Secretary! Also, an abstract expressionist working in Detroit.

Katie McNamee and I have put together a web form to intake your news! Once submitted, the information goes into a database which is sent to Katie (website), Jess (Instagram) and myself (newsletter). All you need to do is share your current news, accomplishments, shows, awards, calls for art and more by filling out the form on the DSWPS website!

www.dswps.org

- Amanda Koss, Communications Secretary

CALL FOR ART!

3/14 HERE'S TO YOU, DETROIT!

DSWPS Member Exhibition at The Gallery at Brewery Park.

www.entrythingy.com

3/14 OUT OF THE DARKNESS!

Representing women who shine and overcame their darkness from trauma.

To apply, contact Debbie LaPratt at: (586) 604-3821

4/01 ART ON THE RIVER

Artists of fine art and fine craft are invited to apply to Art on the River, which returns to its original location at the historic Byers Homestead, situated along the Huron River in Commerce, MI. This lovely art fair will feature approximately 25 booths in a variety of mediums. Sponsored by Huron Valley Council for the Arts (HVCA).

Maggie@huronvalleyarts.org

4/03 SHARING SPACE

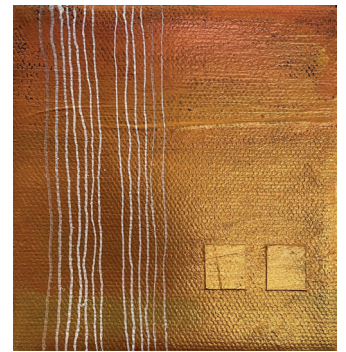
The Ann Arbor Art Center (A2AC) announces an OPEN CALL for artist submissions to Sharing Space, the inaugural exhibition of the A2AC Gallery 2022 Season.

exhibitions@annarborart-center.org

4/19 PUBLIC ART IN SOUTH HAVEN

South Haven VanBuren County Convention and Visitors Bureau, working together with the South Haven Center for the Arts, is seeking qualifications for an artist or artist teams to create proposals for a site-specific sculpture and public artwork.

Contact: info@southhavenarts.org



MONTHLY ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:

JES ZILLA!



Jes Zilla joined DSPWS in 2021 and is a largely self-taught artist who works primarily in 2 different types of media: traditional acrylic/mixed-media on canvas and digital art that frequently features her photography - both film and digital. The layered textures in her art are influenced by different facets of her life and travels.

Jes moved to Royal Oak in August 2020 after living her whole life in Texas. She lives with her husband and two step-daughters and adult son lives nearby. She is an emerging artist - her art awoke during the Covid pandemic after a 25+ year dormancy. She works full-time as a User Experience designer, but is now actively pursuing her art career as well.

Jes adds a storytelling element to all of her work. She invites her audience to find their own stories in the complex textures and data elements — it may be a mystery to solve or instant recognition. Hand-drawn lines act as conversation. Shapes act as snapshots of moments in time. The use of black represents an infinite, hopeful depth.

DSPWS profile - <https://www.dswps.org/artists-and-art#/jes-zilla>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/jeszilla.art/>

Website - <https://jeszilla.com/>

KIMBERLY SANTINI HONORED WITH SECOND PLACE!

at Starkweather Art Center in Romeo, Michigan. On exhibit until the end of February, 2022.
Visit in person:

219 N. Main Street.
Romeo, MI 48065



**BY HER HAND: ARTEMISIA
GENTILESCHI AND WOMEN
ARTISTS IN ITALY, 1500-1800
DSWPS OUTING!**



Join us for lunch and a special exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts!

DSWPS has reserved time slots for 50 people to see the Special Exhibition: "By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentileschi and Women Artists in Italy, 1500-1800" on April 21st.

If you are interested please submit your information within the form which is located on the main page of the DSWPS.org website.

Fran Seikaly's...

painting "Yve and Amy" has been chosen to hang at Farmington City Hall for two years.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

"WHEN THERE ARE NINE, 2"

We are proud to announce that in honor of Women's History Month, four DSWPS members will be participating in the exhibit "When There Are Nine 2". This is a reprise of the spectacular exhibit "When There Are Seven" that debuted at the Canton Village Theater just prior to the pandemic.

The exhibit will be at the Kayrod Gallery, 4750 Woodward, Detroit, from March 13 to April 8.

The opening will be on March 13, from 1 to 5 PM. Rochelle Riley, Director of Arts and Culture for the City of Detroit, will be the main speaker at the opening

- Janet Kondziela
- Martine MacDonald
- Alga Washington
- Sharlene Welton

Jes Zilla...

Is featuring five of her artworks at Crain Communications World Headquarters in Detroit until May 1st!

Amanda Koss is...

having a solo show at Boll YMCA from March 21st through April 21st!

Boll Family YMCA is located at:
1401 Broadway St, Detroit, MI 48226

Women's Wall: One for All and All for One!

Other DSWPS members will also be displaying their work simultaneously at the Kayrod Gallery as part of a Women's Wall: One for All and All for One!

- Patricia Baker
- Marta Carvajal
- Erica Chappuis

Lori Zurvalec's...

was awarded an Honorable Mention in the Michigan Annual XLIX Exhibition
Anton Art Center, Mt Clemens, January 29 - March 1, 2022



MEMBER NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT, JOAN SMYKOWSKI!

The Board of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors would like to thank you for your support during the past three years. I especially would like to thank the DSWPS Executive Board members and Committee Chairs who remained and worked as we plan for the future. We are finding that our membership is finally starting to rebound. It's a rewarding time, which we are relieved to be experiencing.

Yet, we need board level volunteers to continue our hard earned upward trajectory. We are currently seeking nominations for the following Executive Board positions.

- **Second Vice President Exhibitions**
- **Recording Secretary**

Specifics for the three positions may be found in our bylaws in the DSWPS Membership Directory. Please keep in mind, as a member of the Executive Board, you will be expected to participate in all board and general membership meetings. Presently, the 6-8 Executive Board meetings per year are held on Zoom. There is a growing future interest in meeting once again in person. Our Executive Board is a positive, productive and professional group, which supports and encourages each other, especially our new Board members.

We have a timeline for filling all Executive Board jobs. According to our by-laws, the slate of officers should be presented at the April 2022 General Meeting. The slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May 2022. The positions will start June 2022 and end May 2024.


We are very proud of our history at DSWPS. Keep in mind, two local arts organizations did not survive the pandemic; fortunately we have survived and are starting to think of endless possibilities for the future. The board is essential for the quality programs, riveting exhibitions and fiscal longevity of the society. We are asking you to consider the importance of DSWPS for exhibiting your art, networking with artists and friendships.

Please consider being part of the Executive Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Joan Smykowski, or our president Lori Zurvalec. We wish we could call each of you and ask you to join the Board, but at this time we can't. You can call or email or text to find out more.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

Joan Smykowski, Nomination Committee Chair
Email: joan.smykowski@gmail.com
Text or phone: 734-748-0078

Lori Zurvalec, President
Email: lorizurvalec@gmail.com
Text or phone: 313-881-7084



DSWPS MEMBER'S EXHIBITION
**HERE'S TO YOU
DETROIT**
THE GALLERY AT BREWERY PARK
APRIL 8 - JUNE 1
Opening Reception April 8, 5-7 pm

Global Pece Gallery

A letter from Katherine Josten (Global Peace Project):

"Hi Deborah,

Thank you for your registration and \$20 donation to participate in the 2022 Global Art Project for Peace exchange! It's great that your group is participating again.

You'll receive a letter at the end of March or beginning of April giving you your match for the exchange. I hope you'll email me photos of the art that was created and of the participants here with their art...to possibly include in the 2022 Gallery on our website. I assume you've seen your art that's posted in our 2020 Gallery at <http://www.globalartproject.org/galleries/gallery.php?id=425>.

It's nice to share some of the art for peace that's created around the world.

Sending peace, love...And much gratitude,
- Katherine"

Deborah Benedic will be giving more details and collecting small art (no larger than 5x7) to exchange at a later meeting to be announced soon. Members also have the option of mailing their art directly to Deborah Benedic:

49551 Nautical Drive
Chesterfield, MI 48047

Carol Cook-Reid has suggested that we display copies of our art along with the art that we receive in the Global Peace Project exchange at the Ploughshares Gallery in the late spring of 2022. Stay tuned! Get Global!



REQUESTING ENTRIES FOR THE DSWPS RESUMÉ BOOK!

As our group continues to grow, we request our members to please submit a resumé for our resumé book. Please send your resumé along with 4"x6" photos to:

Deborah Benedic
49551 Nautical Dr.
Chesterfield, MI 48047

This resumé book is on display at all of our shows.

DANAHAN ARTS PRESENTS

Out of the Darkness

CELEBRATING WOMEN WHO SHINE

8711 Grandriver Detroit
Saturday April 2nd
1p-7p

Arts, Fashion, & Literature

- Art Exhibit
- Fashion Show
- Silent Auction

DanahanArts@gmail.com

DETROIT SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS & SCULPTORS

DETROIT SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS & SCULPTORS ONLINE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Present: Jan Ducsay, Kathleen McNamee, Joan Smykowski, and Lori Zurvalec

I. Call to Order by President Lori Zurvalec via Zoom at 10:03 am.

II. Reading of the Minutes of the Executive Board online meeting held January 13, 2022 was waived.

Kathleen McNamee moved to accept and file the minutes as submitted, seconded by Jan Ducsay. Motion carried.

III. President's Report:

Membership trip to the DIA – to be reported under Program Received email about a deceased member – to be reported under Historian
Lori thanked everyone for keeping her in the loop, she will assist as much as she can.

IV. Communications Secretary:

Amanda Koss submitted a written report indicating that she is collecting news for the upcoming newsletter which will be sent out in the beginning of March. The deadline for that newsletter is Sunday, February 13, 2022 so we should have coverage of the Tea. There was discussion about communications decisions. It was agreed that everything needs to funnel through Amanda Koss as Communications Secretary.

V. Treasurer's Report:

Jan Ducsay submitted a Treasurer's Report as follows:

Checking account balance as of January 13, 2022 was \$ 11,859.76. Following deposits and expenditures, the balance was \$12,424.76 as of February 10, 2022. Fifty tokens were purchased from EntryThingy to cover entries for the upcoming exhibition at the cost of \$100. Lori Zurvalec moved to accept and file the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Joan Smykowski. Motion carried.

Jan Ducsay stated that she will be submitting a request for reimbursement of \$1080 paid to the Royal Tea Room with her credit card for the Tea at the next Board meeting where there is a quorum.

VI. First Vice President - Programs:

No report. The count for the Valentine Tea on February 13 is up to 36. There will be a brief official meeting and a program of poetry and valentine distribution. We will make an effort to introduce board members present and make a plea for members to fill the board vacancies.

Future meetings:

Member trip to the DIA to see By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentileschi and Women Artists of Italy 1500-1800, February 6 – May 29, 2022.

Lori Zurvalec contacted Karen Cazabon, a member who has volunteered at the DIA as a docent. Karen recommending contacting the DIA Group Reservations department. Lori spoke to Rebecca Tubbs, supervisor of that department, who indicated that there are no docent-led activities at this time. One option is a reservation for a self-guided tour of up to 30 members. The cafeteria is now open so members could eat there before or afterward. There is also Virtual Behind the Scenes Video Tour which is free but we would need a venue with projection capability and screen. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that we should pursue the self-guided tour option at this time. The tour should be scheduled for April on the traditional DSWPS third Thursday, which would be April 21, 2022.

VII. Second Vice President - Exhibitions:

Susan Munro submitted a written report. She indicated that she would not be continuing as Second VP – Exhibitions beyond the end of her term. She will continue her work on the Here's to You Detroit exhibition at the Gallery at Brewery Park, Detroit.

Exhibition duration:

April 4 – June 1, 2022

Call opened on EntryThingy on Feb 1, last day to enter is March 14.

Intake March 29

Installation April 1

Reception April 8, in person, 5-7 pm with a gallery talk by the juror at 6 pm. Will need refreshments.

Take down June 2

Juror: Gil Ashby, head of the Illustration Department at CCS.

As of this meeting only one entry had been received. Also, someone entered who is not a member. That person has not yet responded to multiple emails about their status. It was agreed that there are no refunds as it is clear on EntryThingy that it is a member only show.

Lori Zurvalec volunteered to create a flyer that we can hand out about the exhibition at the Tea. Joan Smykowski reported that the Gallery at Brewery Park has no capacity for display of 3D work so she is not sure about entering her pottery. Maybe we need to consider that issue

for future venues. There was discussion about whether pedestals could be borrowed. Susan Munro reported receipt of a letter from the Northville Art Center rejecting our request for consideration of a DSWPS exhibition. The letter from NAC indicated that DSWPS does not meet their criteria/fit their needs.

VIII. Third Vice President - Directory & Membership:

Kimberly Santini submitted a written report. New member Sarah Kaspar joined, bringing membership to 126. Updated directory info was posted to the website and will be included in the newsletter. Kim is working with Jan Ducsay to monitor entries coming in for the Here's to You Detroit exhibition. Any nonmember who inadvertently enters will be offered the opportunity to become a member.

Social Media: Both the Facebook and Instagram accounts are up and running. Thank you to Susan Eatmon and Jes Zilla for running these accounts.

IX. Webmaster:

Kathleen McNamee submitted a written report. She stated that she has posted a reminder about the Member Tea on the website, along with postings about the Global Peace project and member info. She worked on the Recent Member News form with Amanda which needed tweaking. She is working on expanding the information on the history of DSWPS using resources assembled by Jackie Rybinski.

X. Parliamentarian, By-laws & Policy: No report.

XI. Historian:

No report. Lori Zurvalec stated that she received an email from Linda Denomme of Oak Park, MI, about deceased DSWPS member Virginia Steele Shepperd. Ms. Denomme was seeking information about Shepperd and wondered if we knew anyone who might want Shepperd's work. Lori said there was a small amount of info in the History of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors 1903 – 1953 that she would send to Denomme. She will forward the email to Deborah Benedic as well. Joan Smykowski said that when she was President, people were constantly asking about works of former members as if we had a warehouse to store all that work. We cannot accept any work.

XII. Standing Committees

A. Nominations: Open positions: Recording Secretary and 1 st VP-Programs. After the Annual meeting, 2 nd VP-Exhibitions. Joan Smykowski pointed out that VAAL in Livonia is disbanding and the Great Lakes Pastel Society is threatening to dissolve. We have tried questionnaires, begging. What can we do? Celebrate being on the Board: screen shots of the Board meeting on Zoom, photos of Board members on the website/newsletter. We need to communicate why we love being on the Board. Our new young members connect through social media. Membership meetings are important. We need to explore costs/possibilities of places like Bas Bleu on Ferry Street in Detroit. We can do a push at the Valentine Tea.

B. Scholarship:

Jan Ducsay reported that she has been in touch with Theresa Moore. The submission deadline is March 15, notification of awards April 4. No submissions have been received yet but recommendations from instructors for potential candidates have come in. Reminders will be sent out as the deadline approaches

C. Social & Memorials Committee:

Social: see Program

Memorial: No report. Jan Ducsay has not yet been contacted by Jean Thomas for a check for the Detroit Public Library to be used to purchase an art book in memory of Richie Campbell

XIII. Old Business:

A. DSWPS Pins: No report

B. Global Art Project for Peace: No report.

C. Empowering Women Artists Collaboration: No report. It was suggested that we remove this item from the agenda. Our focus needs to be on Detroit-based art groups.

D. Advocates: No report.

XIV. New Business:

DSWPS Letterhead: Jan Ducsay and Jean Thomas have a need for letterhead. Jan agreed to print some on her home printer and forward a packet to Jean.

XV. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Zurvalec,

Recording Secretary & President

Next Executive Board Meetings, on Zoom, 10:00 am: Thurs. March 10, Thurs. April 14, 2022