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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:
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For over 117 years, DSWPS has been a cultural institution in Southeastern Michigan. Our amazing organization was started because women could not show their work in public exhibitions. As we think of our past accomplishments and plans for the future, let us not forget that this is the second pandemic that DSWPS has survived. We survived and flourished after the 1918 Flu Pandemic (we had only been in existence 15 years). We are planning to do the same after the Covid 19 “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order is lifted. Our decision to meet and exhibit again will be based on scientific and medical guidelines. Though we are not had a general membership meeting since February, the Exhibition and Program Committees are planning for future exhibitions and meetings. I am urging you to renew your membership for the upcoming program year. DSWPS has two ways to renew, paper or electronic. Each system is fast and easy. It’s important to renew your membership today. If you choose to renew in a traditional way, please mail your membership renewal to Kim Santini. If you decide to renew on-line, please visit: www.dswps.org and click on “Click here to renew membership.”

Unfortunately, due to the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order, we are unable to conduct an Annual Meeting this year. An Ad-Hoc Committee and the Executive Board have been meeting on Zoom to make necessary changes to our Constitution and By-Laws during an emergency. Please read and approve the proposed language changes. A copy of the proposed changes are being sent out. Please approve and send your ballot to Kim Santini.

We are also sending a ballot for our upcoming officers. Last year, we voted on Joya Rush-Keli to be our president for the 2020-2021 program year. We are asking you to complete and return your ballot. Please send your ballot and registration form to Kim Santini.

Finally, we have three very important vacant volunteer positions: First Vice President-Program, Communications Secretary and Nominations Chair. If the positions are not filled, we have to make program, newsletter and committee changes. To volunteer, please contact Joya Rush- Keli.

For the past two years, I have enjoyed being the president of DSWPS. All of our members and community friends have made my time as the president positive and productive. I expect DSWPS to survive and thrive after this national emergency. I look forward to working as the Past-President with our new President Joya Rush-Keli. Thank you, for this opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely, Joan Smykowski, President

**Board Meeting:
T.B.A.**

**GENERAL
MEETING**

T.B.A.

“Your membership allows the DSWPS to continue to bring opportunities to women creators, a commitment we have honored since 1913. As we all know, the arts are a critical component to a healthy community, and while our communities may be in flux at the moment, the group’s reliance on your support remains constant. Please renew your membership and help carry us forward - renewals may be done online or via mail. A renewal form is included with this newsletter.”

“The Board is interested in a deeper understanding of what you would like your membership to provide. Please take a few minutes to answer this short, anonymous, 8 question survey. Your answers will help steer the direction of our group. Thank you so much. <https://tinyurl.com/ycdklut3>”

Update for Lily Dudgeon:
Lily, who celebrated her 100th birthday on 5/26 in Arizona with her family has moved to The Acacia Health Center in Phoenix, AZ 4555 E Mayo Blvd - Rm 230 Phoenix, AZ 85050 Phone: 480 384-5600

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

**NOTE: due to COVID-19, some changes in show dates.
(U/M '2020 Open Competition' cancelled completely)
Call to check events**

• **Glen Arbor Arts** exhibit 'New Views: Birdlandia' - is an exhibition of 2D and 3D work that explores birds in fresh, original ways; provides a new view of bird life. **5/15 - 7/16/20**



<https://glenarborart.org/events/exhibit-new-views-birdlandia/> It is a juried exhibition but alas it is virtual. 231-334-6112 6031 South Lake St, Glen Arbor

• **The National Watercolor Society**
Due to the complications of Covid 19. The show may still open in the NWS Gallery in San Pedro. 303-888-6828 NWSpublications@gmail

• **Michigan Water Color Society** is reaching out to MWCS members to share an image of their current work during this time of being shut in. So please share an image, title, possible thought process and if we have the space in the Spring newsletter, send it to David Giordan at giordan@msu.edu

• **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center** exhibit : 'The 2020 Michigan Fine Arts Competition' show **6/19 - 8/27/2020**. 248-644-0866 info@BBArtCenter.org 1516 S. Cranbrook Rd, Birmingham

• **Fenton Arts Council** event 'Arts Are The Heart' has been **rescheduled to 8/15 & 11/7** 10 am - 2 pm fentonartscouncil.com World of Wonder, 404 W Ellen St

• **Anton Art Center** reports receiving 518 people entering 1584 entries in their exhibition. All pieces that met the entry criteria, telling a story and having visual interest will be exhibited, going live on Anton Art Center's Social media pages and website on Friday for the virtual opening and will remain on virtual display through at least the remainder of 2020. theartcenter.org

• **Lawrence Street Gallery** upcoming exhibits:
June - Laura Host & Steve Rubin
July - Summer 'Invitational '20'
August- Sherry Adams & Carol Izant

• **Michigan Water Color Society:** May opening of the 73rd Annual Exhibition has been postponed to later in the year. Due to the world pandemic all galleries are closed. Janice Charach Gallery has assured that if possible, they will have a physical showing of the great work this year, juried by Carolyn Latanision.

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A message from our incoming President.

"Sometimes the harshest Winter yields the most glorious Spring." I read this yesterday and felt that it expresses my hope and intention for next Fall. Creativity has its seasons, and as we leave a time of withdrawal and reflection, we enter a time of looking at life clearly, with renewed energy. We will find new ways to join as group, to make art, and to show our work. These have always been the goals of DSWPS, and they will continue to be our goals.

DSWPS is a community of Women Artists, who listen to one another, support one another, and provide a platform in which to show our greatness.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the Fall. As women, we have an important place in the arts in the Metro area. We need you to help DSWPS by continuing to be a member of this very special group of women. So renew your membership, now.

Joya Rush-Keli
President Elect

MEMBER NEWS:

• **Denise Dunn** has been juried into the **Glen Arbor Arts** exhibit 'New Views: Birdlandia' <https://glenarborart.org/events/exhibit-new-views-birdlandia/> It is a juried exhibition but it is virtual **5/15 - 7/16/20** 231-334-6112 6031 South Lake St, Glen Arbor

• **Fall workshop Cancelled due to COVID 19**

Laura Whitesides Host
Highland Painting Workshop.

Words of Wisdom:

Life is not the amount of breaths you take, it's the moments that take your breath away!
...A. Hitchens

ENTRIES WANTED:

• **Deadline: 5/20/20**
Fenton Arts Council Deadline changed. Show dates 7/10 - 8/8/2020. 810-354-5659 Cause & Affect Gallery. 126 N. Lero St, Fenton

• **Deadline: 6/1/2020**
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center has extended the entry for the '2020 Michigan Fine Arts Competition'. Show dates: **7/10 - 8/27/2020**. bbartcenter.org

WORKSHOPS/ART FAIRS

• Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:

We want to challenge everyone to create art in your own surroundings with materials you have at home. Our Art Challenge 1 is inspired by artist *Andy Goldsworthy*, a sculptor, photographer & environmentalist
 Spring Class book, *checkout on their site!*
 long list of more upcoming workshops 248-644-0866
bbartcenter.org



• Franciscan Life Process Center

July 8-10 - Derek Penix-Loosen Up!
 July 15-18 - Henry Yan-Figure Drawing and Figure Painting
 July 15 & 16 - Melissa Mancuso-Custom Sketchbooks
 July 17 & 18 - William Mancuso-Work Small, Work Often Workshop
 July 29-Aug 1 - David R. Smith-Fresh and Exciting Watercolors
 July 30-Aug 1 - Jon Redmond-Light and It's Relationship In The Landscape
 Aug 10 - Kathleen Mooney-Great Shapes and Acrylics!
 Aug 13-15 - Charlie Hunter-Plein Air Intensive
 Aug 13-15 - Kyle Ma-Creating Florals
 Aug 20-22 - Zhaoming Wu-Painting the Clothed Figure With Zhaoming Wu
 Aug 26-29 - Kathleen Conover-Chaos To Order: Watermedia Workshop
 Sept 9-12 - William Schneider-Painting Evocative Heads and Hands
 Sept 10-12 - David Shevlino-Painting From Life and From Photos
 Sept 15-17 - Margo Burian-Observation-Interpretation-Bringing the Outdoors In
 Sept 15-17 - Stan Kurth-Mix It Up on Canvas-Mixed Media and Collage
 Sept 21-23 - Kathleen Mooney-Your Own Collage Papers and Acrylics!
 Franciscan Life Process Center. (616) 897-7842. kbechtel@lifeprocesscenter.org

Note:

EXTRA pages included with newsletter — one (printed 1 side) is Membership Renewal
 — Second page (printed 2 sides) DSWPS QUESTIONNAIRE

• Grosse Pointe Art Association

June 13 - Amy Foster - Drawing Hands and Feet - 10 - 4:30 pm
 July 20 - 24 - Summer Art Camp: Drawing & Shading - 1 - 4 pm - Ages 10-15
 Aug -3 - 7 - Summer Art Camp - Acrylic Painting - 1 - 4 pm - Ages 12 - 15
 713-881-3454 gpa@grossepointeartcenter.org

• Northville Art House

For upcoming workshops store@northvillearthouse.org campscui.active.com

• Paint Creek Center for the Arts (PCCA)

Classes & Workshops - 248-651-4110 pccart.org/art-school/

• Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL)

New Five Plaza, 37653 Five Mile Rd, in Village Shopping Center

• Dillman's Bay Resort & Workshop Update

As a result of COVID-19, May and June 2020 workshops have been rescheduled for 2021. However, at this time, two workshops at the end are still planning to run.

June 21 - Tom Lynch

June 28 - David R. Becker

These workshops will be run a bit differently this year, with limited seating in each studio and protocols in place that satisfy the current global directives to sign up for these workshops please email art@dillmans.com.



of June