



The mission of the Women's Caucus for Art is to create community through art, education and social activism

We are committed to

recognizing the contribution of women in the arts

providing women with leadership opportunities and professional development

expanding networking and exhibition opportunities for women

supporting local, national and global art activism

advocating for equity in the arts

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## WCA President's Update

from the desk of Janice Nesser-Chu



### 40th Anniversary Celebration

In less than a month, WCA members from across the country will be descending on sunny Los Angeles for the WCA's 40th Anniversary Celebration *Momentum*.

It will be a time for gathering, networking, sharing, remembering, celebrating and building community. In 40 years, WCA has gone through many changes and growing pains but has weathered the storm, and like any woman of 40 is standing taller, stronger than ever, more confident in its mission and beliefs. We understand that objects at rest stay at rest, but that objects in motion not only stay in motion, but, affect everything that they come in contact with. The WCA is a moving object that is driven by the sheer passion, force and belief of over 1600 members. Our mission is to ensure the legacy of women in the arts, to promote women in the arts and to be an activist force that creates positive and long lasting change in our communities.

I hope you will join us in Los Angeles to remember, to celebrate and...to renew your commitment to building the next 40 years!

### BE THERE

#### WCA 40th Anniversary Celebration *Momentum*, Conference and Lifetime Achievement Awards

**The 40th Anniversary Celebration is less than four weeks away!**

If you plan on attending and haven't registered, please do so today.

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES FRIDAY FEB 17.**

There will be no onsite registration or ticket sales for any events.

The 'WCA members only value package' is \$175 and includes the registration fee, WCA 40th anniversary tote and button, Thursday morning '40th anniversary' opening session, Media Award and screening of the Lynn Hershman film, *!Women Art Revolution*, 2 panels at CAA at the Convention Center, Friday bus tour, reserved seating at the Lifetime Achievement Awards and the 40th Anniversary Gala at the Japanese American National

Museum. To purchase the package click on the link:

<http://nationalwca.org/applicants/raffle.php>

*Please note that the WCA Pacific Standard Time bus tour on Sunday, February 26 is an additional cost.*

The WCA conference home base will be the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens, a fabulous boutique hotel located in the heart of Little Tokyo. The address is 120 South Los Angeles Street Los Angeles, CA 90012. To register, call 213-629-1200 Please note that the WCA room block with a special WCA rate of \$129/night is almost **completely sold out. Saturday is no longer available at this price.** The regular rate of \$209 will apply.

**For the most updated information visit**

<http://nationalwca.org/conference/currentconfer.php>

## **BE an ACTIVE PARTICIPANT**

### **VOLUNTEER at the Conference**

*Are you attending the Conference and LTA Awards in Los Angeles or do you live in the Los Angeles area?*

*Then we need you!*

Many volunteers have been working tirelessly for the last 12 months getting ready for what is to be a wonderful 40th anniversary celebration, annual conference and LTA awards experience, but the work is not finished. We need your help! We need help at the registration tables, the CAA book table, the LTA ceremony, the 'Momentum' Gala and at the national exhibition. This is your celebration and we need everyone to give a little time so everyone can have a wonderful experience. If you are attending please consider committing a few hours of your time. To volunteer for any of the events go to

[VOLUNTEER SPOT](#)

### **SERVE on the National WCA Board**

The Chapters Council will be holding elections on Saturday February 25 in Los Angeles for Directors for the national board. We will be filling 2 positions. If you know of someone you think would be interested in serving on the national board or someone you would like to nominate please contact Ulla Barr at [ullaebarr@gmail.com](mailto:ullaebarr@gmail.com) Directors serve a 3 year term. Duties include serving on the national Board, attending national board meetings in February and July, serving on or chairing a national committee or caucus and other duties as assigned by the President.

*Please note: There are two meet-ups being planned for chapters during the conference. **All chapters are encouraged to send at least one representative.***

Thursday Feb 23 8-9:00am **Chapters' Council Meet & Greet** Santa Anita C, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 404 S Figueroa S

Saturday Feb 25, 7:45-10:15am **Chapters' Council Forum**, Japanese American National Museum, 369 East First St

7:45-8:00am Coffee and bagels

8:00-9:00am Elections

9:00-10:15am Building Stronger Chapters

### **EXHIBIT your artwork in the Video Exhibit at the 40th Anniversary Gala**

In honor of the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Women's Caucus for Art, all WCA 2012 members are invited to submit images of their work to be exhibited during the 40th Anniversary Gala at the Japanese American National Museum on Saturday February 25 in Los Angeles, CA.

The main room at the Gala will have two large screens: one displaying the artwork of our current members and the other displaying photos from 40

years of WCA.

Be a part of this celebration by submitting one or two jpegs of your work, 300 dpi no larger than 8" in any directions to: [nationalwca@gmail.com](mailto:nationalwca@gmail.com) In the body of the email please include your name, your chapter, the title and medium.

**Deadline to submit extended to this Sunday January 29 11pm PST.**

### **PROMOTE your books or publications**

WCA is looking for members who have recently written, edited or published books on art, artists or art history to be part of the WCA book table in the College Art Association Book and Exhibition room. Members can have their books for sale or even possibly schedule a book signing. For more information on participating contact Brenda Oelbaum at [boelbaum@yahoo.com](mailto:boelbaum@yahoo.com)

### **JOIN a Caucus**

The WCA internal caucuses will be holding their annual meetings at the conference in Los Angeles on Thursday February 23. All interested members are invited to attend. All caucus meetings will take place at the Kyoto Hotel, 120 South Los Angeles St.

- 1-2pm Jewish Women Artists Network (JWAN), suite 1916, for more info contact [ronales@wt.net](mailto:ronales@wt.net)
- 2-3pm Young Women's Caucus (YWC), suite 1907 for more info contact [jamicucci@mica.edu](mailto:jamicucci@mica.edu)
- 3-4pm Eco-Arts Caucus, suite 1916 for more info contact [artanu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artanu@sbcglobal.net)
- 4-5pm International Caucus, suite 1907 for more info [sherricornett@gmail.com](mailto:sherricornett@gmail.com)

### **BE A PILLAR of SUPPORT**

There are many ways to support the mission and be a part of the momentum of WCA.

You can give of your time and energy.

You can mentor young women in your community.

You can serve on your local or on the national board.

This organization is only as strong as its volunteers. But beyond all of our time, WCA also needs our financial support to keep the organization growing and to fund new programs such as the Chapter Development Fund. There are many ways you can do this:

- [RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP](#)
- [PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS](#) for the annual LTA Awards Raffle  
This year, we are especially pleased to have three exceptional pieces for the raffle: a wonderful drawing by Eleanor Dickinson and two beautiful intimate flower paintings by the late Sylvia Sleigh.
- [DONATE](#)

I encourage you to support WCA any way you can, together we will build the future.

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