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through art, education and
social activism

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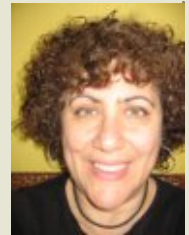
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July President's Update

from the desk of Janice Nesser-Chu



Change is in the Air

As you can see from the new format of this email, WCA is instituting some much-needed visible changes. In the next month, look for an updated front page on the website followed by a more permanent overhaul of the entire website. New brochures are also in the works courtesy of a generous gift by Priscilla Otani.

While much work will be happening on our public face, there is even more work going on behind the scenes. At the June members and board meetings, we began the first stages of developing a strategic plan for WCA. On Saturday, we held a visioning session where we looked at what brought us to WCA, what keeps us here and what we hope for the future. In the next week, I will be continuing this process as I speak to chapter presidents to hear their thoughts, concerns and hopes for WCA. This will be followed up by survey of all our members so that every voice is heard; and concerns and needs are addressed. I encourage all of you to take 10 minutes out of your day to answer the survey. We are in the midst of great change and renewal that will require all of us to be active participants. It is an exciting time for WCA. I hope you will join me.

Lifetime Achievement Awards/ New York Conference

Planning for the 2011 WCA conference, *LIVE SPACE: women –art –activism*, and the Lifetime Achievement Awards are well under way.

This year's [Lifetime Achievement Awardees](#): Beverly Buchanan, Diane Burko, Ofelia Garcia, Joan Marter, Carolee Schneemann and Sylvia Steigh will be honored in New York City on **Saturday, February 12, 2011**. The award ceremony, that is free and open to the public. will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at the [Hilton New York](#) on Avenue of the Americas. LIVE SPACE, at the

[American Folk Art Museum](#) will follow the ceremony from 8-10 p.m. This gala event will include a walk-around dinner with 3 food stations, open bar, the ability to meet the awardees, networking and tours of the museum. More information and ticket prices for LIVE SPACE will be on the website in the next few weeks and in the fall newsletter.

The New York conference is going to offer a variety of activities for our members from exhibitions to live performances to panels to bus tours. The yearly WCA conference is an opportunity for our members across the country to come together, to network, to build community, to participate in panels and exhibitions, and to CELEBRATE! A tentative schedule of all events will be in the August update and the fall newsletter.

Mark you calendars for Feb 10 - 14 and plan to attend!

WCA sponsored national exhibition opportunities

In conjunction with the 2011 Conference, WCA will be offering 3 opportunities for exhibition: the national WCA exhibition at New Century Artists Gallery in Chelsea and 2 exhibitions sponsored by WCA Caucuses: Jewish Women Artist Network (JWAN) and New Media.

The JWAN exhibition, [Sanctuaries in Time](#), will be presented at the Columbia/Barnard University - Kraft Center for Jewish Life, 606 West 115th Street, New York, NY 10025 from January 18 – March 1, 2011. A 'Meet the Artists' reception will be held February 10, 2011, 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

Deadline for entries is Thursday, November 4th at 5p.m. For more information or to download the prospectus visit the website at: nationalwca.org

Look for updates on the National exhibition and the Video art competition in the August update. Prospectuses should be online by mid August.

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