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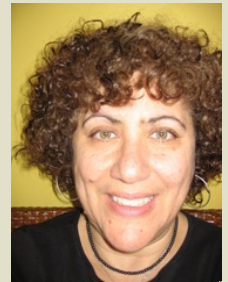
- recognizing the contribution of women in the arts
- providing women with leadership opportunities and professional development
- expanding networking and exhibition opportunities for women
- supporting local, national and global art activism
- advocating for equity in the arts for all

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September/October President's Update

from the desk of Janice Nesser-Chu



Active Participation

In my first address to all of you, as the President of WCA, in the Spring newsletter, I stated that 2010-2011 would be a CALL to ACTION for all WCA members. WCA is a membership organization that is dependent on every members' participation to be viable. While the board is working on your behalf, the board is not WCA, you are. In my subsequent emails, I have asked all of you to be active participants in this organization, whether it is on a local or national level, engaging in dialogues, working on committees and helping to build the future of WCA.

In order for us to continue to grow, to keep this momentum, we need your participation, your ideas and your passion. There are many ways to become involved on both the local and national levels. We can not move WCA forward without you. Now is the time to participate.

A CALL to PARTICIPATE

COMPLETE the WCA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

All members should have received the WCA membership survey by email last week. WCA needs all our members to take a few minutes to fill out the survey. The purpose of the survey is three fold: 1. To identify our membership, 2. To identify which services our members use or are aware of, and 3. To collect demographic data to use when applying for

aware of, and 3. To collect demographical data to use when applying for funding or grants.

If you did not receive a survey in your email box please check your junk mail or spam folders. Many times group emails will end up in one of those folders. If you still did not receive one, please contact me at president@nationalwca.org.

ATTEND the NEW YORK EAST COAST FORUM

The WCA is planning an OPEN FORUM for members and anyone who may be interested in WCA on Sunday, October 24, 2-4 p.m. at the American Folk Art Museum, 45 West 53rd Street. The Forum will allow members and non-members to:

- Network with other WCA-NY and East Coast members
- Find out about WCA and the activism happening across the country
- Hear about the exciting WCA NY 2011 conference - live space: women + art + activism
- meet the WCA president, Janice Nesser-Chu
- meet members of the WCA executive board

This is the second in a series of regional WCA open forums. The first forum was held on the West Coast, Saturday June 26 during the Summer Regional conference and Board meeting In San Francisco. During that meeting we held a visioning session. All chapter presidents have received a copy of the visioning session exercises and the results.

The 3rd WCA OPEN FORUM will be held in the Midwest in St. Louis, MO during the Board meeting/Midwest Regional conference July 21- 24. Watch for updates coming in March.

JOIN A COMMITTEE or CAUCUS

Be active on the national level. Join a committee or caucus. Help to do the work to grow your organization. For a complete listing click on the link [committee/caucuses](#)

DONATE to the 2010 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

In the last email update, I explained the 5-5-5-5 campaign to raise funds to provide more services to our chapters.

The purpose of the campaign is to raise \$50,000 using the Lifetime Achievement Awards as the vehicle to procure the funds. Any funding received over the cost of the LAA would be used to provide additional services to our chapters. These services, while still in discussion and

dependent on procuring additional funding, could include: free use of exhibition entry portal on the national site, increase in the number and amount of matching funds when chapters collaborate not only with other chapters but with other non profit organizations and professional development programs/workshops offered on the local level but sponsored/funded by the national organization.

For those of you who have donated, thank you so very much. For those of you who have not, I again implore you to help create the future of WCA. Of the \$5000 I committed to raising, I have been able to bring in, so far, \$3400. Now I am asking you to do your part by donating \$5 to help build the future of WCA.

Click on the word [DONATE](#) to donate today!

**ATTEND the 2011 WCA NATIONAL CONFERENCE and
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2011 national conference *live space - women art activism* in New York, February 10-14.

The concept of *live space* is two-fold: (1) it describes art that is happening in the moment, and (2) art that is energetic, stimulating, and electric. *live space* will be happening not only all over New York City but also in cities across the U.S. through the use of social networking, blogging, YouTube, Twitter and live feeds.

WCA plans to incorporate the concept of *live space* not only into its exhibitions, panels, and bus tours, but into in every aspect of the conference. From live feeds for the Lifetime Achievement Awards and *live space* gala, to performance art on YouTube, to live art happenings in front of the Hilton, the WCA conference will be in the moment, exciting, and electric. It will be an event not to be missed.

The WCA conference home base will be Hilton New York, 1335 Avenue of the Americas. Register early because space is limited. Please use the code "Women's Caucus for Art" when making your reservations. The rate is \$202 single bed/\$222 double beds.

Conference plans are still be finalized. Look for an updated schedule and conference fee package online beginning October 15.

2011 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Lifetime Achievement Awards recognize women in the arts professions who have made significant contributions to art. For many awardees, the WCA honor is the most significant recognition of their life's work

The 2011 recipients are: Beverly Buchanan, Diane Burko, Ofelia Garcia, Joan Marter, Carolee Schneemann and Sylvia Sleigh. The President's Art & Activism Awardee is Maria Torres.

Help WCA to continue our tradition of honoring women and their work. Support the Awards by purchasing a ticket to the gala, purchasing tickets for the raffle or donating items to the silent auction. To purchase tickets click on [tickets/raffle](#). For more information on donating items to the silent auction contact president@nationalwca.org

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