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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
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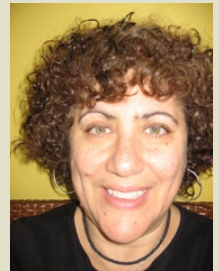
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WCA President's Update

from the desk of Janice Nesser-Chu



Spring and WCA

I hope this update finds you all well. Mother nature has come in like a lion this Spring with tornadoes and flooding all over the Midwest and Southeast of the country. There has been much destruction and loss of life. My home town of St. Louis, MO was hit hard on Good Friday...over 750 homes and businesses were leveled. The airport was hit and closed for 4 days. St. Louis was lucky in that there was no loss of life. Other parts of the country have not fared so well. The devastation for the survivors is unimaginable. The cleanup of these areas will take years. People are in need of food, clothing and shelter.

Many of our members who live in the areas have been helping out with cleanup and donations of food and clothing. I encourage all our members to be active participants in the clean up efforts.

To help, contact any of the organizations listed below:

American Red Cross:

The Red Cross is providing relief to people across the hardest-hit states, providing shelter, and relief to survivors. To make a donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief, visit its [online donation page](#). You can also call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services is responding to the deadly tornado activity throughout the South, mobilizing feeding units and providing

support to the victims. To donate to the Salvation Army's tornado disaster response, visit www.salvationarmyusa.org, click on their donation page and designate "April 2011 Tornado Outbreak."

Feeding America

Feeding America helps food banks provide food to communities affected by the recent tornadoes. To make a donation to Feeding America, visit its [online donation page](#).

CALL for NOMINATIONS

The nominations committee, under the leadership of Chair Yuriko Takata, is in the process of preparing a call for nominations for the next WCA President-Elect. The individual elected will serve a 6 year term on the Board as President-Elect 2012-13, President 2014-15 and Past President 2016-17. The job description, as well as, the procedure for nominations will be sent out to all members via email next week. I encourage you all to look over the qualifications and job description very closely and consider possible nominations for the next president of WCA.

SUMMER BOARD MEETING

The summer board meeting will be held in St. Louis MO the week of July 22-24. Please make plans now to attend.

The schedule includes

Thur July 21- WCA executive committee meeting

Fri July 22 - Art & Social Justice Conference/ opening of the Midwest region national exhibition 'Themis'

Sat July 23 - Open forum with the WCA board/Bus tour/STL hosted dinner.

Sun July 24 WCA board meeting 8-4 pm (Board members, please plan accordingly so that you are able to attend the entire meeting).

The WCA hotel is the Moonrise Hotel, 6177 Delmar in The Loop. The rate is \$119 a night and is available 3 days prior and after. To make a reservation call: 314-685-3405. Use the code: Women's Caucus for Art when registering. The rate includes complimentary self parking, access to the business and fitness center and complimentary high speed internet access. The hotel is located conveniently across the street from the Regional Arts Commission where the Art & Social Justice Conference, the WCA open forum and WCA board will be held. Spaces are limited so reserve your room today! We will also have a small amount of in house stays available.

CHANGES TO THE WEBSITE

As I mentioned in the last update, there are quite a few changes coming to

the website in the next few months. In the last month, we have implemented three changes.

New Login Procedure

The new log in procedure allows you to use your email and set up your own password. If you have not changed your log in yet please do so today.

Procedure:

1. fill in your email address into the oval email field on the homepage at: www.nationalwca.org Top right corner.
2. window pops up asking you to give your Member ID number
3. a system-generated password will be emailed to you.
4. Once you receive it, go back to homepage, fill in again your email address and the system-generated password
5. Go to the member database, under the MY MEMBERSHIP link, locate your record in the list, then click on "view."

If it is your own record, you will be able to edit your password.

Passwords MUST BE between 6 and 16 characters or they will not work.

If you forget your password, log in with just your email, enter your member id, and click the "send password" button to receive an email with your password.

Any problems, email karin@nationalwca.org

Update your Membership Information

Members can now update their own contact information. Once you log in go to the member database, under the MY MEMBERSHIP link, locate your record in the list, then click on "view." You now can make updates to your name, address, email address, website,..etc..

Lifetime Achievement Nominee Database

As many of you know, the LTA database has only been accessible to the President, Honor Selection Chair and the Selection committee. The database is now accessible to all members to view, to add possible nominees and to update information on the nominees. This change is being made in order to make the LTA process more transparent for our membership and to allow our members a more visible role in the process.

The next change that will take place to the website before the summer board meeting is an addition of a **members' calendar**. This will allow members to post exhibitions, workshop, lectures, book signings,... The calendar will be accessible for viewing to anyone who is on our public site. It will be similar to the TFAP and Art Table calendar.

Welcome to National Board members

Welcome to three new members of the national WCA Board:

Honors Award Chair Amy Galpin

Eco Art Caucus Co-Chairs Deborah Thomas & Anu Sud Hittle

WCA is looking for two members of the New Media Caucus to serve as

interim Chairs and to work on the Task Force Committee on Caucuses. If you are interested please contact president@nationalwca.org

CONFERENCE SURVEY

Members who attended any of the 2011 Conference events or the Lifetime Achievement Awards/Gala should have received a survey. This survey will help us in planning future conferences. If you have not filled in the survey yet, please take a few minutes today to answer the questions. Please do not forward the survey.

If you attended but did not receive a survey please click here: [SURVEY](#)

STAY CONNECTED

Stay connected with WCA and publicize your news by utilizing the WCA [blog](#), [FACEBOOK](#) page and [TWITTER](#) account. These portals allow members to post anything from calls for art to announcements for their exhibitions. All WCA blog entries also now go directly to our Twitter account. A new benefit for chapters is that WCA will link your chapter blog to our national Twitter account. To do this please click on [LINK BLOG](#)

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