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

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women in the arts

providing women with leadership
opportunities and professional
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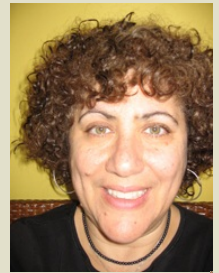
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WCA President's Update

from the desk of Janice Nesser-Chu



Live Space Wrap Up

The WCA 'Live Space' Conference is now a memory. It was a wonderful, non-stop, energy filled event from the 'Live Space' session on Thursday morning to the Lifetime Achievement Awards and 'Live Space' Gala on Saturday night to the Board meeting Monday.

WCA took New York by storm with members coming from all over the U.S. to take part.

In the spirit of collaboration and community building WCA planned a series of events that involved our members, the many caucuses of WCA, the College Art Association, Institute for Women & Art at Rutgers University, St. Francis College, Kraft Center for Jewish Life, Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions, The Feminist Art Project, The Feminist Tea Party, Brainstormers, Project Space and For the Birds Collective. We also worked with many New York Galleries and Museums: Raandesk Gallery, New Century Artists, A.I.R., Ceres, Elizabeth Sackler Center for Feminist Art, American Folk Art Museum, Zimmerli Museum and Mary H. Dana Women's Artist Series Gallery (Rutgers). We thank all the organizations and institutions who worked with WCA to make the conference a success.

I especially want to thank our members: those who came to the events; those who could not come but supported us financially or in spirit and to the hundred or so volunteers who worked tireless hours to make it happen. As I like to say, WCA is a team sport. Every member is important to its success and its future. WCA is not just me, or the

national board, it is every member, in every state, in every city, who gives of themselves to make the WCA mission statement come to life. Thank you for supporting WCA and this year's 'Live Space' Conference and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

CHANGES COMING TO THE WEBSITE

NEW LOGIN

WCA will be instituting a new login procedure for the members-only space on the website in April. You will receive a temporary password that will take you to the page where you will create your own personal password.

Watch your email for details in the next week!

MEMBERS ONLY CALENDAR SITE

WCA is working on creating a calendar site on the website that will afford members the opportunity to publicize their exhibitions, lectures, calls for arts, workshops and conferences. Only current members will have access to upload information but all posts will be visible to anyone visiting our webpage and will also go out on our blog and twitter sites. The goal is to have the site active by July. Watch subsequent updates for more details! In the meantime 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](#)

WCA NEEDS YOU

Interested in networking with other women artists while helping to grow your organization? Then join one of the national WCA committees or caucuses. Qualifications: Enthusiasm. Energy. Willingness to share ideas. Commitment to the mission of WCA. Desire to have Fun. Desire to Network.

To join or get more information click on any of the committees/caucuses listed below:

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RENEW

Currently WCA membership runs on a calendar year basis: January - December. Whether you join up in January or June your membership is only for that calendar year. If you have not renewed your membership for 2011 please do so today. In order to keep your benefits current and to have access to the members only section of the website, you must **renew by April 1**. For more information, to download an application or pay by paypal click on the link: [MEMBERSHIP](#).

Experience the NY Conference

If you could not be at the conference you can catch highlights of the events. All the events were either photographed or videotaped. Our Facebook page and Twitter accounts were updated daily during the conference. Due to some technical difficulties we were not able to get the videos from the conference up in real time. We are working on editing them now and should have them up within the month including a complete video of the Lifetime Achievement Awards. In the meantime you can check out a slide show of the events on our [webpage](#) and on [YouTube](#).

Conference Survey

Members who attended any of the conference events or the Lifetime Achievement Awards/Gala will be receiving an email survey next week. This survey will help us in planning future conferences. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions. Please do not forward the survey.

Welcome to new National Board members

VP for Development Avinger Nelson

Regional VP Northeast Alison Altergott

Board Appointed Director Kat Griefen

Chapters' Council Directors

1 year term Bonnie MacAllister, Helen Newman Poole

3 year term Niku Kashef, Barbara Melanik Carson, Helen Obermyer Simmons, Dale Osterle, Linda Gilbert-Schneider

Thank you to outgoing board members for their time, energy, commitment and service.

Laurie Carlock, Liz Dodson, Marsha Heck, Susan Kraft, Rona Lesser, Patricia Martini, Anne Swartz, Maureen Shanahan, Diana Talbot

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