

All meetings will be via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

### 2021 Calendar

#### Board Meeting

First Wednesday of the month  
10:00 am

#### General Meeting and Program

Second Wednesday of the Month  
11:00 -11:15 am, Login/Social Time  
11:15 am, Meeting  
12:00 pm, Program

#### March 10, 2021

Via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/wpwmeeting>  
Speaker: Karla Matzke, Founder of Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park on Camano Island, Washington. Karla will speak with the group about gallery curation.

#### April 14, 2021

Via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/wpwmeeting>  
Event: "Reflection" awards presented by David Martin. David will speak about the importance of women in the arts. New members will be introduced.  
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#### EASTERN WASHINGTON MEETINGS

TBD  
Clymer Museum, 416 North Pearl St.,  
Ellensburg, WA, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

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## March 10, Meeting

**Karla Matzke**

**Artist and Gallery Owner/Director  
Matzke Fine Art Gallery**

March 10, 2021 at 12:00 pm via Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/wpwmeetings>

11:00 -11:15 am, Login/Social Time , 11:15 am, General Meeting



Karla Matzke



Our March program speaker is Karla Matzke, owner and director of Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park on Camano Island, Washington. An artist in her own right, Karla earned her MFA from the University of New York at Albany. In 1999, she was named Artist of the Year for Snohomish County and is best known for her singular work in soft pastels using a stunning hard-edged realism. Her 3,000 square foot Gallery features prominent and emerging American and international artists and a 10-acre park filled with world class, site specific sculptures, in bronze, steel, glass, stone and installation pieces.

Matzke Gallery is committed to representing the best and the brightest talent from the Pacific Northwest, the United States and Japan. Phillip Levine, Hiroshi Yamano, Tracy Powell, Kevin Pettelle, Betty and Russell Frost are among over 85 emerging, mid-career, and established artists exhibiting at the Gallery and Sculpture Park. Their goal is connecting artists and collectors through our special events, exhibits, art production, and art education programs.

We are honored that Karla will be speaking to the Women Painters of Washington on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

*If you have questions about using Zoom, please email Sarah at [Sarah@ArtistGu3.com](mailto:Sarah@ArtistGu3.com)*

# President's Letter



We last met on the eve of a snowstorm! Mercury was in retrograde and I think many of us ordered take out for Valentine's day. And so it goes with the COVID challenge! Spring is fast approaching and many new and exciting things are on the horizon. The cat is out of the bag! The new membership committee has approved six new members out of eight applicants to join Women Painters of Washington. This happened a little earlier than usual in our calendar year. We will still be formally announcing the new members in the April news letter and officially welcoming them in May with a virtual presentation of each artist and their work.

I am looking forward to our March program speaker, Karla Matzke. She will come to us via zoom from "Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park" on Camano Island amidst 10 acres of enchanted forest.

The spring show "Reflection" is currently in the jury process and we will soon find out which paintings have been accepted. This was to be the third in our trifecta of 2020 90th anniversary shows, but was moved into 2021 for obvious reasons. So happy 91st anniversary to us!

We will be "broadcasting" the April meeting from the WPW Gallery with juror, David Martin, on hand to announce his award choices. He will also stay and be our guest speaker for this meeting. He plans to talk about the importance of women in the arts and the history of women artists in the Pacific Northwest.

From time to time I have tried to include some suggestions for "art outings" in my monthly letter. Many museums are still closed but a lot of galleries and art centers are open and offer a socially distanced experience. Schack Art Center in Everett currently has a juried exhibit entitled "Sheltered: Artists respond to COVID 19" in it's main gallery featuring several Northwest artists. One of the artists is Kelly Lyles who was our December program speaker. The exhibit runs through March 20th.

SAM (Seattle Art Museum) is scheduled to reopen to the public March 5, and is featuring an exhibition of work by Jacob Lawrence. Tickets must be purchased online in advance. The Museum's retail store and sales gallery, on the street level, are currently open.

The Bellevue Arts Museum has re-opened and has several interesting offerings. Check online for days and hours that they are open. I always find it helpful to get out for a breath of fresh air and get an art fix to stir the creative energies.

The nominating committee and volunteer coordinator are at work filling positions and jobs for next year. We thrive on all of the efforts that all of you put into this organization...so please, just say yes and show up!

Thank you all for everything that you do. May the luck of the Irish be with you this month.

Cheers!

*Judith Heim*

# Women Painters of Washington



<b>\$5,585</b>	<b>\$443</b>	<b>\$4,228</b>
22 Paintings	63 Cards	Total Sales



Kathy Oman takes 3D photos of the gallery exhibit for the online virtual tour.

## Gallery Notes

We are excited that the Gallery is now open by appointment only. I am making appointments to visit the gallery and have a few set up already. The email to use to set up an appointment or to inquire about availability is [wpwgallery@gmail.com](mailto:wpwgallery@gmail.com).

Julie Fisco

March 2021

## Gallery News

The building is still pretty quiet, but I've been able to complete the sales of a few paintings. Our sales have come from at least three ways including artist posts on Facebook, the WPW website and me grabbing a guy in the lobby!

▶ **Critters and Creatures.** Photos of all of the work can be seen on the WPW website, [womenpainters.com](http://womenpainters.com). The 3D tour has also been added. Please check it out because you will be inspired to get painting. If you are in the show, please post a photo of your work on Facebook or any other social media site. The email to schedule a visit is [wpwgallery@gmail.com](mailto:wpwgallery@gmail.com)



Magali Lenarczak, *Hug A Bee*



Sarah Guthrie, *Sweet Little Scenes*



Carol Ross, *Corvid During Covid On The Fenceline*

**Excited to see the new exhibit? [Click here](#) for a 3D tour. Enjoy!**

## Gallery News (continued)

*I used to think I was the strangest person in the world but then I thought there are so many people in the world, there must be someone just like me who feels bizarre and flawed in the same ways I do. I would imagine her, and imagine that she must be out there thinking of me too. Well, I hope that if you are out there and read this and know that, yes, it's true I'm here, and I'm just as strange as you.*

*Frida Kahlo*



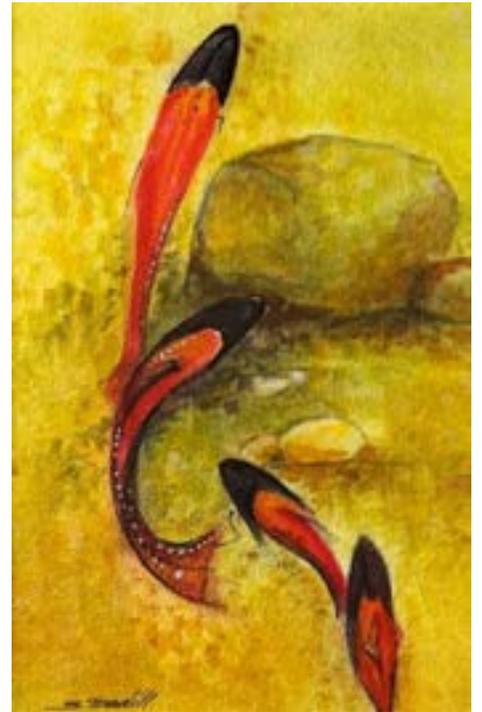
Sandra Kahler, *Red Crowned Crane at the WPZoo*



Amy Ferron, *Aptenodytes Forsteri*



Marsha Lippert, *Soft Landing (Rock fish)*



Sue Madil, *Reaching for Home*

► **Reflection.** Selected work will be announced on March 10th. Drop-off day is April 10th. Hanging day is April 12th and the opening is April 13th. David Martin will come in the morning of April 14th to jury for awards and he will announce the winning paintings at our general meeting that day. I really need someone to volunteer to chair the hanging committee. The duties of the chair is to remind the members to make sure we have enough women to hang the show and help organize how the paintings are hung. Hanging takes about two hours for each show and we normally have four shows a year. Please let me know if you are interested or just want to be on the committee.

*Julie Fisco*

## Exhibit News

### ► 2020 Fall Juried Show, "The Legacy Continues: Empowering Women"

Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center

This innovative and relevant show closed on February 6th. The show received rave reviews from patrons that were able to view it either in person or virtually. Two paintings were sold during the show: Judith Heim's, *They Did The Math* and Jonlee Nunn's, *Not For Sissies*. Congratulations Judith and Jonlee.



Judith Heim, *They Did The Math*



Jonlee Nunn, *Not For Sissies*

### ► 2021 Spring Juried Show, "Reflection"

April 13, 2021 – July 9, 2021

Women Painters of Washington Gallery

The theme of the show is how as artists our internal environment including emotions, world perspective and the essence of who we are, is manifest in our paintings. The entry period for the show ended on February 10th. 133 paintings were submitted to the show by 48 artists. Well done WPW artists! David Martin, Curator of the Cascadia Art Museum is the juror for the show. Acceptance notifications will be emailed on March 10th. The show Awards Ceremony will be presented by David Martin during the April 14th WPW Member's Meeting. He will also be the speaker for the meeting and present a program titled "Yesterday and Today: The Vital Role of Women Artists in Our Regional Culture."

**Notice of Acceptance: March 10, 2021**

### ► 2021 Fall Juried Show "The Is Me"

September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Red Sky Gallery

The "This Is Me" show will open September 1st, and close September 30th. The juror for the show is Laura Michaelson, owner of the Red Sky Gallery.

Entry Deadline: To be announced at a later date

*Women Painters of Washington empowers professional women artists to create, exhibit and market their work while fostering art appreciation within their communities and beyond.*

## Executive Board

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# Programs for 2020-2021

Given the challenges with in-person meetings in Washington state this year, and to increase participation and access for our members state-wide, all WPW meetings in 2020-2021 will be fully on Zoom or a hybrid in-person/via Zoom meeting. If we are able to resume in-person meetings, the location will be the WPW Gallery in Seattle, unless otherwise noted or communicated. Please look for the monthly emails to confirm if there will be an in-person meeting. If you need support to use Zoom, please email program chair, Sarah C.B. Guthrie at [sarah@artistgu3.com](mailto:sarah@artistgu3.com) at least one week before the meeting itself.

## April 14, 2021

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## May 12, 2021

To Be Announced

# Member News

## ▶ Mentor Volunteers Needed for 2021 New Members

We look forward inviting women artists to join WPW following our April meeting. Mentors serve an essential role towards making our new members feel welcome and are even more important while we are unable to gather in person. A mentor should contact the new member by phone to welcome her to WPW and invite her to the May luncheon and/or Zoom meeting, where our new members will be introduced. There are very few responsibilities, other than introducing her at Zoom meetings, to committee volunteer opportunities and to be available to answer questions regarding exhibition requirements. If you know someone applying to WPW and would like to mentor her (should she be accepted), please let me know. I will pair new members with mentors following acceptance into WPW and prior to the May 12th meeting. Though not always possible, I attempt to match mentor/mentee by location. Mentoring a new member constitutes serving on a committee for one year, though the new friendship may continue for years to come.

Thank you!

*Julie Creighton, Mentoring Committee Chair*

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## Member News (continued)



### Nancy Rothwell



The 1920's

*Years ago, a painting mentor said to me "Paint what you think about a lot." This was perfect advice for me because I was always intrigued by paintings with content or a "message"—something to engage the viewer intellectually. Because I often think about the changing US healthcare system, entitlement programs, and aging in general, I have gravitated towards social commentary paintings on these subjects.*

*Using symbols as a way to get across a message has been my challenge. I am always searching for symbols, questioning, for example: what symbol might work to show a fractured healthcare system? Perhaps a broken plate? Perhaps a very long bed?*

*And now with the Affordable Care Act, I have even more creative food for thought. One concept: as aging Baby Boomers retire and need more services and support, and as more previously uninsured people receive health insurance, the question is: can our terribly complex and expensive healthcare system be redesigned to become more efficient and less expensive? Can I use symbols and words in my paintings to capture these complex concepts and still engage the viewer?*

## Member News (continued)

- **Molly Preston** is showing her work at the Ann Bedrick Fine Art Gallery in Cathedral City, CA.



**Molly Preston**  
March 2-March 27



**Meet the Artist March 5, from 5-8pm**

68895 Perez Road (Building I), Unit 26, Cathedral City, CA 92234

- **Jacqui Beck** has just finished a new video called Creating a Better Relationship with Your Imperfection. Here's a link: <https://youtu.be/xw99Z1pJ0ss>

### ► Member Support

#### REMINDER:

We try to contact members with cards of support during times of illnesses and loss. Please send your requests for cards of well wishes and condolences to:

Gayle Scholl [bbcstudios1@gmail.com](mailto:bbcstudios1@gmail.com)

Please include the following:

- Name of recipient member,
- Reason for card and
- Any other information that will help personalize our correspondence.
- If you are aware of a change of address from the current year-book, please make that note.



## Member News (continued)

- ▶ **Patsy Surh O'Connell** is having a one woman show during February 16–March 19 at the Tacoma Community College in Tacoma.

Since this will be a virtual show, I will be showing my paintings in chronologic sequence with interview. Here is the link [www.tacomacc.edu/thegallery](http://www.tacomacc.edu/thegallery)



- ▶ **How Artists are Surviving this Pandemic: Victoria Foster Harrison** an Interview by Lone Hanson for Currents, Bainbridge Island Arts & Culture. Here is the link.

<https://www.bainbridgecurrents.com/how-artists-are-surviving-this-pandemic-victoria-foster-harrison/>

## *In Remembrance*

- ▶ **Lois Lord**



Lois Lord as program presenter at Seattle Co-Arts, 2014

With a heavy heart, we announce that Lois Lord passed away on February 18, 2021, after a long struggle with lung cancer. Lois has been a member of WPW since 2015. She was instrumental in working with Judith Perry to establish the Eastern Washington Division of WPW. She also was the show chair for our 2018 Spring show "Fusion" at Allied Arts "Gallery In the Park" in Richland, Washington. Prior to moving to Eastern Washington, Lois was active in several Western Washington arts organizations including Seattle Co-Arts and Northwest Water Color Society. Lois was a colorful and vibrant personality, an award winning mixed media artist and always a pleasure to work with. She will be greatly missed.

## Name Tags

Women Painters is offering a new, professional-looking name tag design that includes our logo. The design easily identifies the wearer as a member of Women Painters of Washington and can be worn to all art related meetings and functions, not just our own, and will look impressive to WPW Gallery clientele!

The new name tag has a white background made from sturdy 1/16" plastic in the shape of a painters palette, complete with paint dabs. Our logo and member's name are printed in black. It measures approximately 2 3/4" wide by 2 1/4" high. You can choose either a regular pin clasp or a magnetic back. The name tag is for you to keep and wear wherever your artistic travels may take you!

To order send a check made payable to Women Painters of Washington, along with how you want your name to appear and your pin/magnetic backing preference, to:

Nancy Grigsby  
7981 Sawgrass Way  
Blaine, WA 98230

Questions? Call Nancy at  
360-371-9042  
\$10 for a pin-back  
\$12 for a magnetic-back  
Optional \$3.50 for mailing



## Member Information

### ► Confused about Zoom?

Sarah Guthrie, our program chair, is available to help guide you through the process. Please email her at [sarah@artistgu3.com](mailto:sarah@artistgu3.com) at least one week before the meeting.

### ► Write an article or submit information to the monthly newsletter.

Contact me at [sharon.grader@comcast.net](mailto:sharon.grader@comcast.net)

Submissions for the March 2021 newsletter are due **February 15, 2021**. Please check submission guidelines below.



## Newsletter Submission Guidelines for 2020 and 2021

- Please meet submission due dates. (15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication)
- Please make certain that your submittals are COMPLETE.
- I can take most text file types (doc, docx, pages, odt, rtf, and txt) and image file types (.ai, gif, jpeg or jpg, ps, psd and tif or tiff)
- I can take PDFs and zip files
- File naming conventions:
  - Text Files: month\_section\_yourname, Example: November\_MemberNews\_SharonGrader.
  - Images: Month\_Section\_.jpg, Example: November\_MemberNews\_SharonGrader.jpg
  - Images of Paintings: Month\_Title\_ArtistName.jpg, Example: November\_FlowersInRed\_JaneDoe.jpg
- Because I use a styled template in Adobe InDesign, I will be reformatting all submitted material. As a result, please don't spend your time formatting what you send. I will remove all of your hard work.
- Please keep your images separate, DO NOT embed them in the doc file.
- Please email your submissions to [sharon.grader@comcast.net](mailto:sharon.grader@comcast.net). IMPORTANT, the email subject line must say WPW Newsletter

If you have any questions, please contact me at [sharon.grader@comcast.net](mailto:sharon.grader@comcast.net)