



Wheat Ridge Art League

December 2019 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM SINA:

As I sit here on this melancholy Thanksgiving night, I try to think of something profound and inspirational to share with all of you. Instead, I am missing my husband. He died just over a year ago and my heart is heavy.

We all know that life is full of ups and downs, joys and sorrows, births and deaths.

We all know that feeling pain makes the happy times even sweeter.

We all know that life goes in cycles. Each of us experiences them. These cycles of life make me think of a poem I came across decades ago. It touched me then, and I share it here:

LISTEN TO THE TREES

You shall ask
What good are dead leaves?
And I shall tell you
 they nourish the sore earth.
You shall ask
What reason is there for winter?
And I will tell you
 to bring about new leaves.
You shall ask
Why are the leaves so green?
And I will tell you
 Because they are rich with life.
You shall ask
Why must summer end?
And I will tell you
 So that the leaves can die.

-Nancy Wood

Tonight, let me be melancholy, for tomorrow I shall smile again.

Dead leaves will nourish the earth and new leaves will spring forth rich with life. The cycle of life touches us all. Let's celebrate it!

I wish you all peace, and joy, and creativity as you embrace each moment of this approaching Holiday month. We are on the threshold of a new year with great potential. I'm eager to work along with you as we discover the rewards in store for the Wheat Ridge Art League.

Sina ☺



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NEXT MEETING TUESDAY January 14, 2020

Social time at 6:45PM/Meeting begins at 7:00PM
Demonstration begins at 7:30PM
Refreshments – Alex Hinst
Monthly meetings - 2nd Tuesday of each month at:
The Wheat Ridge Grange
3850 High Court, Wheat Ridge, CO
No meetings in August or December 2020.

MEETING REFRESHMENTS 2020 –

We need more volunteers for refreshments. If able, please submit your name and the month you would like to contribute to Karen Olson, WRAL Secretary.

January 14 – Alex Hinst/Heidi Reed
February 11 – Shirley Nakamoto/Doris Sale
March 10 – Gloria Hisamoto
April 14 – Cam Williams
May 12 – Carol Feazell/Jan VanSkoyk
June 9 – Judy Kissinger/Maryann Cooper
July 14 –
August – No Meeting
September 8 – Paula Weisz/Mikki Johnson
October 13 – Sina March
November 10 – Mona Taherynia
December – No Meeting

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS and SALES

Judy Kissinger -

Private Sale
“Turtle” Watercolor

Janet Van Scoyk –

Private Sale
“Freshness”
“Emerald City”
“Secret Power of Green”

PROGRAMS FOR 2020 –

January 14 – James Pyott - Pastels
February 11 – Alena Carr – Colored Pencil
March 10 – Judy J Gardner – 3D Printing
April 14 – Ivy Delon - Oils
May 12 – Mark Nelson - Oils
June 9 – Richard Cooper - Oils
July 14 – Linden Kirby - Watercolors
August 7, 8, 9 – Carnation Festival Art Show/Social and Festival Awards
September 8 – Trish Stephen – Fiber Art
October 13 – James Boling - Acrylics
November 10 – Rita Bhasin - Pastels

Thank you, Judy, Julie and Shirley, for pictures of the ostrich eggs you painted!



Judy Kissinger-Bear



Shirley Nakamoto-Tiger



Julie Midyett-Tiger



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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

There may be a hanging venue opportunity soon. More will be discussed at the January meeting. In addition, the Wheat Ridge Cultural Events group has invited a WRAL member to participate with them, on a monthly basis. Theresa Joyce will provide us more information in January.

2020 Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival will include a plate competition. At this time, there is no theme. Theresa Joyce wants you all to be thinking of ideas!!

Theresa is also looking for a new judge for the Carnation Festival Art Show. Please submit suggestions to her for a male, oil painter that would make a good judge.

The Wheat Ridge Art League is looking for a new Historian. Shirley Nakamoto has done an amazing job of keeping our demonstrations documented and the history of the club intact. Thank you so much Shirley! She has resigned her position and we really need someone with the same passion to keep this going. If you are interested, please contact Sina or Karen.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If you missed the full message from Alex, she would like us all to check out the leagues' contributions to the art world by visiting the Wheat Ridge Art League Facebook page. I want to send special thanks to Alex for her time and dedication to this group!

From Alex Hinst:

"The Wheat Ridge Art League was founded in 1974 to pursue the study of fine art, encourage originality and provide members with the opportunity to obtain public recognition. I want to personally thank everyone who has had a part in creating, maintaining, and supporting this wonderful organization that gives so many of us so much pleasure and inspiration. You know who you are!

I feel blown away and uplifted by the fine art demos I observe every month, top artists in their field! And I am absolutely thrilled to see so many of our newer members stepping up to take on leadership roles to move our organization forward in new and exciting ways.

I thank all of you for your dedication, commitment, passion and hard work and I look forward to an exciting 2020 under our new leadership!

As a way to celebrate another year in the life of WRAL, I invite you all to browse our 5 years history on Facebook. You will see many familiar faces and many wonderful pieces of art. You will be amazed at how amazing we are!"

<https://www.facebook.com/WheatRidgeArtLeagueDenver/>

EXHIBIT CHANGES 2020

If interested in exhibiting, please contact the responsible chairperson. There are some openings!

Please note: There have been some changes and additions!

Arvada Methodist Church

(Feb 7, Apr 3, Jun 5)

9:00 am First Friday, every other month

6750 Carr St, Arvada

Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

Arvada Motor Vehicle Dept

(Mar 11, Jun 10)

8:30am Second Wednesday, every 3 months

6510 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada

Chairperson Carol Feazell 303-424-2984

Highlands Senior Center

(Mar 5, Jun 4)

10:00am First Thursday, every 3 months

29th & Osceola, Denver

Chairperson Sherry Veltkamp 303-425-6582

Infinitus Pizza

(Feb 14, Apr 10, Jun 12)

10:30am Second Friday, every 2 months

5807 W 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge

Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

Pietra's Pizza

(Feb 7, Apr 3, Jun 5)

11:00am First Friday every other month.

9045 W 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge

Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center

(Jan 3, Mar 6, May 1)

8:30am First Friday, Every other month

6363 W 35th Ave., Wheat Ridge

Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197



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EXHIBIT CHANGES 2020 continued

Wheat Ridge Municipal Building (Dec 13th, Feb 14, 2020)

8:30am Second Friday, every other month
29th & Wadsworth, Wheat Ridge
Chairperson Ilona Hiebert 720-491-9124

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Jan 10, Mar 6, May 8)
9am

Call Marilyn 1 week ahead of scheduled hanging. Shirley Nakamoto is the backup for this exhibit. Every painting

must include Name, Phone #, Title, Price and Medium. 30-40 paintings will be accepted (regular sized). Frame should not include glass. Painting is to remain in place until last day of exhibit, even if it sells.

4500 Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge
Please contact: Marilyn Roll 303- 421-2606

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Many thanks to Maryanne Cooper and Judy Kissinger for heading up the nomination process for the 2020 Wheat Ridge Art League Board of Directors, Chairs and Support positions. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

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If you have news to share or artistic achievements, please let Heidi Reed know by end of each month at hreed1211@yahoo.com.