



Wheat Ridge Art League

January 2021 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM SINA –

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Everyone!

May 2021 be full of joy, creativity, a sense of purpose, and whatever makes each of you happy.

We can all use a heartwarming story. This one is being shared by Theresa Joyce about a single tourist who buys out the entire Glenwood Springs Art Show. Imagine that!

<https://www.thedenverchannel.com/rebound/help-for-small-town-artists-comes-as-single-tourist-buys-out-entire-glenwood-springs-art-show>

In spite of COVID 19, the WRAL can have an exciting and productive year. We already have 2 great Zoom demonstrations lined up for this month and next. There are several potential demonstrations on hold and member artists waiting in the wings to fill in. Hopefully, the vaccines will help us all get back to a freer life.

The Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission is an active partner in spreading art throughout our community. In December we had the first annual Wheat Ridge Arts Drop. Several WRAL members participated to help make the debut effort a success. Another potential opportunity in the works is a virtual art show. We would partner with the Cultural Commission to make this happen and promote our artwork in the community. More information will be forthcoming.

I know it's difficult to forego meeting in person. It's important to communicate when we can and stick together. As president of the WRAL, I am committed to making this next year one of our most productive and exciting yet. We have a wonderful group of officers and coordinators dedicated to this same end.

HERE'S TO 2021 AND ALL THE POTENTIAL IT PROMISES!

sina

MEMBERSHIP

Friendly Reminder: The 2021 WRAL membership dues are coming up and will be collected by the new Treasurer, Paula Weisz. She will be sending an email to everyone soon with the details.

WRAL MEETING TUESDAY JAN 12, 2021 via ZOOM

Art Display at 6:30PM. Be sure to log in by 6:30 to enjoy the talent of these fellow members. January artists presenting their works:

Theresa Joyce
Shirley Nakamoto
Mona Taherynia
Diana Williams

Meeting begins at 7:00PM

Sina plans to address updates to the WRAL By Laws. Please review the copy sent to each of you in November and bring any input to the January meeting.

Artist Demonstration begins at 7:30PM

Until we can meet in person, the monthly meetings will continue to be held on Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month. Zoom Meeting Invitations will be sent via email on the second Monday of each month.

ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS FOR 2021 –

January 12 – Linden Kirby – Watercolor

See the description below submitted by Linden Kirby for his demo

February 9 – Amelia Furman -Mixed Media-Painting/Collage

We are contacting artists on an ongoing basis to fill the monthly programs:

Judy Kissinger has contacted some artists outside of our wonderful group that may be willing to provide a demo. Dates and mediums are yet to be determined.

Paul Weisz, Alex Hinst and Sina March have also volunteered to provide artistic demonstrations. These dates are yet to be finalized.



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ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS FOR 2021 continued

If anyone else would like to participate or if they know of an artist that would be interested in providing a demonstration, please contact Sina March.

REMINDER: No meetings will be held in August or December 2021.

JANUARY DEMO ARTIST – LINDEN KIRBY

Linden’s demo is titled “Bella Italia! The Stone Bench.” He will paint with Doc Martin’s hydrous watercolors using a credit card as a tool along with a few watercolor brushes, a spray bottle, and a drinking straw. Since this is an Italian scene, watch Linden demonstrate the technique the Italians call graffito. Linden likes to paint loosely, allowing colors to flow into each other. The stone wall, painted in part with credit card, has some hard lines and textures to balance the soft edges of the sky, trees, and shrubbery.

Here’s how Linden describes the meaning of this scene. “After a long hike up to Castello di Vezio in Varenna, Italy, this old stone bench was a welcome site for my wife and me. Everyone needs a place to rest when the road has been rough and the journey has made you weary. So during this long and difficult time of the pandemic, you can take a break. Imagine yourself in Italy and learn how to use some new art tools and materials.”

Linden’s style has been described as “fearless and courageous.” His demonstrations and workshops are always fun. Recently a longtime watercolorist said, “I’ve been painting for 40 years, and I just learned something new!”



ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, SALES

Michael Veltkamp - Awarded **Best in Show** in the Arapahoe Community College “This is Colorado” annual show in November.



“Freedom”

Paula Weisz – Awarded **Jurors Pick** award for “Ice Flow” at Arapahoe Community College “This is Colorado” annual show in November. This virtual show runs until January 30, 2021 and can be accessed via: www.arapahoe.edu, click on Campus Community, then Art Galleries, and in purple to the right “This is CO – Statewide Exhibition”.



“Ice Flow”

Paula also sold one piece in November.



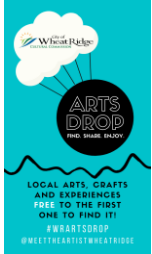
“Big Red Bouquet”



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ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, SALES continued



The First Annual Wheat Ridge Arts Drop was a great success! The following WRAL members participated in this event:

Shirley Nakamoto
Theresa Joyce
Mikki Johnson
Paula Weisz
Mary Ellen Young
Alex Hinst
Sina March

Wheat Ridge residents had fun trying to find the beautiful pieces of art. Participation was fun and rewarding.

EXHIBIT CHANGES 2021

NOTE: All exhibit changes will be suspended until the end of January, due to Covid-19! If you have any questions, please contact the responsible chairperson. Each site has a designated chairperson. That person and their contact number is underlined under each site.

Arvada Methodist Church **(TBD)**

10:00 am First Friday, every other month
6750 Carr St, Arvada
10% Sales Commission Required/Sale
Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

Wheat Ridge Visitor's Center **(TBD)**

7230 @. 38th Ave.
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
Chairpersons Sandra Davis 720-339-7197
And Carol Fezell 303-919-4280

EXHIBIT CHANGES 2021 continued

Arvada Motor Vehicle Dept **(TBD)**

8:30am Second Wednesday, every 3 months
6510 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada
Chairperson Carol Fezell 303-919-4280

Highlands Senior Center **(TBD)**

10:00am First Thursday, every 3 months
29th & Osceola, Denver
Chairperson Sherry Veltkamp 303-425-6582

Infinitus Pizza **(TBD)**

10:30am Second Friday, every 2 months
5807 W 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge
Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

Pietra's Pizza **(TBD)**

11:00am First Friday every other month.
9045 W 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge
Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center **(TBD)**

8:30am First Friday, Every other month
6363 W 35th Ave., Wheat Ridge
10% Sales Commission Required/Sale
Chairperson Ilona Hiebert 720-491-9124

Holy Cross Lutheran Church **(TBD)**

4500 Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge
Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197
Every painting must include Name, Phone #, Title, Price and Medium. 30-40 paintings will be accepted (regular sized).
Frame may include glass. Painting is to remain in place until last day of exhibit, even if it sells.



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Don't forget to check out all the new WRAL paintings on Social Media!

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

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/wheatridgeartleague/>

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2021 OFFICERS, CHAIRS, SUPPORT

President: Sina March

Vice President: Diana Williams

Secretary: Mikki Johnson

Treasurer: Paula Weisz

Program Chairpersons: TBD

Directory: Paula Weisz

Librarian: TBD – in person meetings

Refreshment Coord: Julie Midyett

Carnation Festival: Theresa Joyce

Newsletter/Emails: Heidi Reed

Facebook: Alex Hinst



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

Website: Mona Taherynia



<https://wralcolorado.weebly.com>

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