



Wheat Ridge Art League

October 2020 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM SINA –

Hello, Everyone,

I am so proud of the Wheat Ridge Art League. This organization is filled with fine people and talented artists. It has been an honor to be the president during 2020 even though COVID-19 has interrupted all of our activities. In spite of that, our members continue to create, display, and sell noteworthy pieces.

Congratulations to all members highlighted in this newsletter.

I convened an operational board meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020 in preparation for the nomination of officers and committee chairs. We have volunteers for all but 3 positions. However, if anyone is eager to take on a role, please let Diana Williams know. If more than one member would like a position, we can hold an anonymous vote by ballot. The positions that have no volunteers are:

- President
- Program Chairs (Hopefully, at least 2)
- Librarian-this position will be dormant until we reconvene at the grange.

We had a discussion about dues for 2021. There is an opportunity to change the amount as a result of COVID-19. Three options are possible:

- Eliminate the dues for all members because we cannot provide the full benefits of membership due to COVID-19. The downside is limiting funds that could be used to benefit everyone.
- Charge a reduced fee (i.e. \$15.00 or \$20.00)
- Keep it at \$35.00. Even members who don't attend the Zoom meetings still benefit from the newsletter, the Website, and the Facebook Page. All members have full opportunities to provide input or seek assistance in promoting their art.
- Waive dues for all working positions as an honorarium for voluntary services rendered.

We shall have a vote on this issue at our November meeting.

I am tabling the suggestion of making a charitable donation due to lack of interest.

Our mission is:

To pursue the study of the fine arts; to encourage each member in his/her creative work; to educate members in the organization and mechanics of art exhibition; to encourage originality by the members; and to provide League members the opportunity to obtain public recognition.

As a league, we are in a position to use our funds in ways that can help us all. I have received some viable options and encourage you all to think of steps we can take to reinforce the purpose of the League. We can grow within the community and promote our work.

Per the BY-LAWS, "At the regular meeting in October, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed. This committee shall present at least one nominee for each office at the November meeting."

2. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, nominations shall be invited from the floor.
3. Members in attendance shall be invited to vote.
4. Officers shall be elected at the November meeting and shall serve for one year. They shall assume their duties on the January following the election.

So...please consider being on the Nominating Committee AND consider being an officer. If you are a current officer or committee chairperson, and would like to keep your position, please let me know.

Thank you,
sina



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MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS, DONATIONS and SALES

LAC ARTISTS CHOICE 2020, A JURIED VIRTUAL SHOW

Congratulations Sina March, Michael Veltkamp and Sherry Veltkamp!



1st Place

Sina March

In Her Element



Sina March, *On the Move*, Oil, 18 x 36", \$1000

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS, DONATIONS and SALES

continued



Michael Veltkamp, *Wild Beauty*, Colored Pencil, 20 x 24", NFS



Michael Veltkamp, *Alpha 2*, Colored Pencil, 20 x 24", \$250



Michael Veltkamp, *Enchanted Jungle*, Colored Pencil & Pastel, 32 x 40", \$750



Sherry Veltkamp, *Snow Land*, Acrylic, 16 x 20", \$300



Sherry Veltkamp, *Blue Heron*, Oil, 14 x 16", NFS



Sherry Veltkamp, *Denver Statue*



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Congratulations to Julie Midyett who won the People's Choice award for the plein air event at Five Fridges Farm on Sunday, September 13th. Her prize was gift certificates from local merchants. The event was enjoyable. Please consider participating in 2021.



Paula Weisz – Personal Sales



Pickup Sticks



River Rocks - Pink



River Rocks - Mustard

PROGRAMS FOR 2020 –

October 13 – WRAL Facebook and Website Demos and announcement of nominating committee. Opportunity to volunteer for open positions.

Monthly display of Member Art- Join the meeting by 6:30pm to enjoy the talent of Maryann Cooper, Mikki Johnson, and Judy Kissinger.

Judy Kissinger is looking for volunteer(s) and ideas for the November WRAL meeting. If interested, please contact Judy at (303) 425-0435. There will not be a meeting in December.

Kevin Weckbach demonstrated the use of Acrylic Encaustic at our Zoom meeting on September 8, 2020. Acrylic Encaustic is a new water-based paint product.



Ceracolor Water-borne Wax Paint and Palette



Reference Photo

“Remember, you’re NOT painting a photograph, you’re painting a painting, after all” Kevin Weckbach



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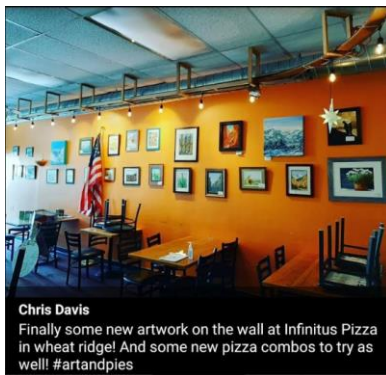
Painting at start of Kevin Weckbach demonstration
Use creativity, be brave, work outside your comfort zone.



Kevin added branches/twigs to draw the eye back into the center of the painting (arrows) plus, added bright leaves at base of tree, again, angling for attention.

EXHIBIT CHANGES 2020

HOORAY! An Exhibit Change did happen on September 11, 2020 at Infinitus Pizza.



Chris Davis
Finally some new artwork on the wall at Infinitus Pizza in wheat ridge! And some new pizza combos to try as well! #artandpies

NOTE: If you have any questions, please contact the responsible chairperson.

EXHIBIT CHANGES 2020 continued

Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center

7250 West 38th Avenue

Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Sandra Davis spear-headed the inaugural display at this venue on September 24th.

Chairpersons Carol Fezell 303-919-4280 and Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

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

Arvada Motor Vehicle Dept

(Friday, Oct 2, 2020)

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



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Wheat Ridge Municipal Building (TBD)

11:30am First Friday, every other month
29th & Wadsworth, Wheat Ridge
10% Sales Commission Required/Sale
Sue Weller 817-480-9692

EXHIBIT CHANGES 2020 continued

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (TBD)

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.
4500 Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge
Chairperson Sandra Davis 720-339-7197

2020 OFFICERS, CHAIRS, SUPPORT

President: Sina March
Vice President: Diana Williams
Secretary: Karen Olson
Treasurer: Mary Ellen Young
Program Chairpersons: Mikki Johnson/ Judy Kissinger
Directory: Paula Weisz
Librarian: Virginia Avery
Refreshment Coord: Julie Midyett
Carnation Festival: Theresa Joyce
Newsletter/Emails: Heidi Reed

Facebook: Alex Hinst



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

Website: Mona Taherynia



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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