



CWCA May 2009 News

We need your support and participation to continue our work...

There will be a **CWCA member meeting** at the home of Arlene Rakoncaj, 7615 N. Kildare, Skokie, this coming **Monday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.** Bring a snack or something to drink. On the

agenda: the future and focus of CWCA; bringing in new energetic members and volunteers; a newsletter editor; an organizer or curator for the Membership Exhibit and where can it be held, plus other topics.

Our Chicago WCA chapter needs **Officers and Directors**. Enthusiastic, new leaders requested to grow and continue our work! Broaden your existing skills or explore new interest areas, develop leadership skills, and take on new challenges. Volunteer to generate programs and exhibitions that reflect the Chicago arts community you are a part of.

If you wish this organization to continue, we urge you to come to the meeting, join a committee, and get involved!

Questions or more info: Contact Arlene at 847.674-0321.

Opportunities

CWCA needs volunteers to sit at **Art Chicago** May 1 - 4, hours: May 1 & May 2, 11 - 7, May 3, 11 - 6, May 4, 11 - 4. There will be two shifts a day. Contact Arlene at 847.674-0321 or arlenarakoncaj@aol.com with your availability. *Free admission for volunteers!*

CWCA wants you to volunteer, Immediate Opportunities: Lifetime Achievement Awards, Event Chair & Committee, **Volunteers for the 2010 Conference Committee in Chicago.** Contact Arlene for information about current volunteer opportunities at: 847.674.0321, arlenarakoncaj@aol.com

The Illinois State Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts

(ILNMWA) is Seeking Nominations for Board Members. We are in the process of growing out our organization. As state representatives of the National Museum in Washington, D.C., we hope to develop a committee for the twenty-first century that supports and promotes all Illinois women artists. Visit our website to find out more: <http://www.ilnmwa.org/> Please send a word document of your Resume along with a Bio statement; affiliations; and a brief description of your interest in ilnmwa and the area(s) of the organization which you are interested in supporting. E-mail address: godzilla.girl@yahoo.com

The Peter Jones Gallery in Ravenswood is closing! After over 20+ years of sustaining its vibrant arts community and theater incubation projects, the Peter Jones Gallery we will be packing it in. The good news is, this June they will host one *last big event*, the *grand finale*. This includes an inclusive alumni exhibition:

Any artist who has shown work with us before is invited to submit up to three pieces of art for the final gallery exhibition in June. Submissions will be accepted by Peter on a case by case basis. Our hope is to create an exhibition that reflects the diversity and talent of the artists whose paths have crossed ours.

Please e-mail Rebecca at rmj_2@hotmail.com with images of the work (with dimensions) and list the name of the show(s) you exhibited in previously at 1806 W. Cuyler. Pass the word on to other artists you know. The June show is going to be a big one!

North Country Children's Clinic and North Country Access Cycling Call for Entries:

An art exhibition and sale that will help to "open the doors" to a better quality of life for north country children. Our project will exhibit hundreds, perhaps thousands, of original works of art, made and donated by national and local artists, celebrities, designers, college students, kids . . . and YOU! Each artwork will be 6x6 inches square and signed only on the back. The works will be exhibited anonymously in October 2009 and offered for sale to collectors for the single, affordable price of \$20. We welcome artwork of all types - but only one shape and size: 6" x 6" square. More information, art collection sites, answers to FAQ, and official entry forms are available on our website: www.childrens-clinic.org. Or, call 315.782.9450 and we'll be happy to mail you a packet. *Submission Deadline: **September 30, 2009***

Events

Red Tape Theatre Presents:

Ibsen's Women Sunday, May 10, 2009, following the matinee performance. Hedda Gabler, Nora Helmer, Helene Alving. As Red Tape reimagines Ibsen's Dr. Stockman as a woman, we invite a panel of guests to discuss Ibsen's groundbreaking heroines.

Green Night of Theatre Sunday, May 24, 2009, following the matinee performance. Ibsen's play examines the fallout from an environmental disaster. Join our guests from Chicago Open Lands and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum as they show us how to be greener in our homes and our community.

Location: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 621 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. IL 60657. More information and to purchase tickets: <http://www.redtapetheatre.org/>

The Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago is proud to present the premiere of *Our City Dreams*, showing from April 25-30.

Our City Dreams profiles five artists who are wildly diverse in their ages, cultural backgrounds, and artistic styles, but they share a common commitment to creativity forged in what one of them calls "the biggest, loudest, dirtiest, most intense city that we have." Florida native Swoon, the youngest of the group, pastes life-size cut-out figures on walls and subways; Cairo-born Ghada Amer's hand-embroidered erotic canvases challenge puritanical preconceptions of Islam and feminism; New Jersey-raised Kiki Smith prepares for a massive retrospective of her body-oriented work; former Yugoslavian Marina Abramovic's fearless performance art encompasses self-mutilation and outrageous Biblical conceits; and octogenarian ex-Clevelander Nancy Spero maintains the activist flame that was ignited during the Vietnam War. The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 N. State Street. Our phone number is 312-846-2800. For more information, visit our website: www.siskelfilmcenter.org

Street Fair Season

Wells Street Art Fair, June 13 - 14, application due April 17
Belmont Arts & Music Festival, June 20 - 21, due May 8
Chicago Pride Fest, June 26 - 27, due May 8
Fountain Square Art Festival (Evanston) June 27 - 28, due May 29
North Halsted Market Days, Aug. 1 - 2, due May 8

Details: www.chicgoevents.com , 773.584-6642, exhibitors@chicgoevents.com

CWCA Member News & Announcements

For more information, *Member of the Month* profile on the CWCA website:
<http://chicagowca.com/gallery.html>

Michele Williams announces her watercolor paintings and pins are now for sale on an ongoing basis at the Andersonville Galleria 5247 N. Clark and at Flourish Studios 3020 N. Lincoln Avenue in Lakeview. Michelle will be in a group Art Show at August House Gallery 2113 W. Roscoe in Roscoe Village May 3-17. A wine and cheese reception will be held from 1-5 pm on May 3 and 17. She will also be participating in the Art of the Library Show in the Columbia College Library at 624 S. Michigan 3rd floor through May 15th.

Michele Williams invites you to the following musical performances of her Woodstock Ensemble Class from the Old Town School of Folk Music:
Sunday, May 3rd at 5pm our graduation concert at 909 W. Armitage
Saturday, May 30 we will be singing at the Old Town School's Bob Dylan birthday bash.
Saturday, July 11th at 5pm we will be singing at the Gazebo one block south of the OTS during their two day Folk and Roots Festival.
Friday and Saturday, August 14 and 15 we will be singing at the Woodstock Festival concert at the OTS, additional performers at these events as well.
Please contact me for more information about these events: happygirlmichele@earthlink.net

Ruth Migdal's "La diva" has been chosen for the Lakefront sculpture Exhibit in Lincoln Park for one year. It is being fabricated in steel and will be 8' tall. Oakton College's Koehnline Museum has placed "Juno" a 7 1/2 foot tall bronze sculpture in an atrium at a new art section at their Skokie campus campus. Ruth will also have a a small bronze sculpture in an exhibit at Woman Made Gallery opening May 1st from 6 to 9 P.M.
Visit Ruth's new web site, RUTHAIZUSSMIGDAL.com and/or RUTHSCULPTURE.com. Ruth invites your feedback!

Blog This!

Join the CWCA Member community at <http://chicagowca.wordpress.com> and share your exhibits and news with fellow artists. Our member blog features the latest Calls for Entry, member events and exhibitions, and news. Post your own exhibitions and art news and connect with members! It's easy. Just E-mail us at: chicagowca@gmail.com

In other cyber-trivia, the Chicago Women's Caucus for Art is now on **MySpace**. Add us as a friend: <http://myspace.com/chicagowca>

While traversing the blog-osphere, don't forget to visit and join the National WCA Blog, at www.nationalwca.org. Login with your member ID and password.

The mission of the Women's Caucus for Art is to expand opportunities and recognition for women in the arts.

- Education about the contributions of women artists
- Opportunities for the exhibition of women's work
- Publication of women's writing about art
- Inclusion of women in the history of art
- Professional equity for all
- Respect for all individuals without discrimination
- Supporting legislation relevant to our goals

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Send your E-News Submissions (Due the 15th of the Month), any other questions or e-correspondence to:

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