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- 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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The Annual CWCA Member Exhibition at Peter Jones Gallery

CWCA MEMBER EXHIBITION

The exhibit will be held at The Peter Jones Gallery, 1806 W. Cuyler, October 4 through November 9, in conjunction with the 12th annual Chicago Artists' Month and in collaboration with its nonprofit arts partner, ArtWalkRavenswood, celebrating their 7th annual arts tour.

Delivery of works to The Peter Jones Gallery is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, from 3 - 6 p.m., or Monday, September 29, 1 - 5 p.m. The hanging fee is \$25 for up to two pieces. Open to all current members; you must be a current member or become a member to participate.

To be included in the show, complete the PDF registration form on our website, <http://www.chicagowca.com/programs.html>, and mail with your check



Located in the heart of the Ravenswood industrial corridor, the Peter Jones Gallery began its evolution in 1985 when Peter, and other local artists, set out to transform raw, abandoned factory space into a nurturing home for the arts.

for the \$25 hanging fee payable to CWCA. You can also bring the form, check, and your work to The Peter Jones Gallery on either designated delivery date to participate in the show!

Delivery of Art/Registration: September 28, 3 to 6pm
Alternate Delivery/Registration Date:

September 29, 1 to 5pm
Exhibition Dates: October 4 to November 9
Opening Reception: October 4, 4 to 6pm
Closing Reception/Pick-Up: November 9, 3 to 6pm
Location: Peter Jones Gallery, 1806 W, Cuyler Ave., Chicago 60613

THE ANNUAL TOUR OF ARTS & INDUSTRY

ArtWalkRavenswood presents its 7th Annual Arts Tour through Ravenswood Corridor open studios: October 4-5, 11 - 6pm. www.artwalkravenswood.org

Chicago Artists Month is an annual celebration of Chicago's vibrant visual arts community during the month of October. 2008 Chicago Artists Month theme is "Artists and Issues that Matter" and the slogan is "Vote Art!"

2010 NATIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Friday, September 5, 2008, Chicago chapter members attended a preliminary meeting with Midwest Regional Chapter members to review the plans for the 2010 CAA and WCA conference scheduled to be held in our fair city of Chicago.

In attendance: Jan Nesser, Brenda Oelbaum, Margaret Parker, Dale Osterle, Judith Roth, Andrea Harris, Helene Smith Rome, Arlene Rakoncay, and Margaret Lutze.

Chicago chapter members welcomed Jan, Brenda and Margaret, members of the Midwest Women's Caucus for Art, who along with other chapters will be helping to coordinate the upcoming conference. In conjunction with the conference, exhibitions are being planned: Madron Gallery has offered space, as has ARC Gallery and Woman Made Gallery. The Lifetime Achievement Awards event will be held at the Chicago Cultural Center. A \$6,000 grant from the Friends of the Chicago Cultural Center has already been received, this will go towards event expenses. The group discussed the national WCA awards and tentatively decided that there will be two award ceremonies on the same day. The Chicago WCA will present several awards to Chicago honorees, the WCA Lifetime Achievement Awards are scheduled to follow.

A discussion followed about the future of Chicago WCA. In recent years, the Chicago chapter has begun to suffer from a lack of member participation at both the volunteer and leadership level; attracting new membership is also a concern. Actions to reinvigorate the Chicago chapter might include a letter to members alerting them that without volunteers at all levels the organization is in serious jeopardy. Asking local feminist groups to partner and collaborate with CWCA is an additional measure. Helene offered to talk to a group at Oakton Community College where she teaches and others will make inquiries at universities. It is imperative that the current CWCA members and leaders work together to energize the organization.

CWCA MEMBER MEETING

There will be an important meeting of all members of CWCA on Friday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the home & studio of

Judith Roth, 1801 W. Larchmont Ave., Apt. 410, Chicago.

Members, we must decide the future of this organization. We need new blood, more input, more enthusiasm! Come with some good ideas and bring a friend.

A NEW LOOK

Our website and logo have been updated! Visit our new and improved website, www.chicagowca.com, to get the latest news about chapter programs and events; download CWCA e-news; check out the Regional Midwest chapter events and news; find volunteer opportunities; update your membership; and find out how to join our Member Blog and Member Gallery spaces.

The new website seeks to improve the visitor experience, make it easier and more enjoyable for members to access important information, and encourage participation in our Chicago artists' community.

Featured WCA Exhibition

The WCA Regional Exhibition is now on view at the ARC Gallery and Educational Foundation, located at 832 W. Superior St. #204, Chicago. The exhibition will run through September 27, 2008.

Congratulations to participating artists:

ATYL, Barbara Aubin, Wanrudee Buranakorn, Pritika Chowdry, Patricia Delker, Ellen Roth Deutsch, Teresa Dick, Janet Gerske, Magdalene Gorecki, Susan Grace, Judy Gregurich, Jodie Hardy, Leslie Hirshfield, Sara Holwerda, Cydney M. Lewis, Lily Mayfield, Monika Meler, Sheila Oettinger, Marivi Ortiz, Corinne D. Peterson, Judith Roth, Maura Schaffer, Victoria Senn, S. Gayle Stevens, and Rena Zaid.

Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Saturday: 12 to 6; Sunday: 12 to 4.

Online! Details and a preview of the exhibition is now available online on the CWCA website.

UPCOMING REGIONAL SHOWS

RAISING OUR VOICES: A Traveling All-Inclusive Mail Art Members' Exhibition to benefit the Differently Minded Art Studio

at the Urban Art Retreat. Sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the National Women's Caucus for Art. This exhibition is open to any and all members of the St. Louis and Chicago chapters of the Women's Caucus for Art. Visit the CWCA website and click on "Midwest Regional WCA News" for the prospectus and more information.

IN LOCAL ART NEWS

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago has opened a new gallery at the former Carson Pirie Scott's State Street store. The building was designed by Louis Sullivan and the 32,000 sq. foot gallery will be called Sullivan Galleries. The school has leased the space out until 2018. Also included in the lease is the fashion program and the design and architecture departments. There will be free admission and Professor Mary Jane Jacobs will head up the exhibition programs. The opening exhibition is called, "*Ahh...Decadence!*", and features 122 works by 42 Chicago artists. The exhibition is curated by Lisa Wainwright. Address: 33 S. State Street, 7th floor, opened Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Long-time SAIC president, Tony Jones, has retired and the new president, Wellington "Duke" Reiter, hails from Arizona State University.

WANT MORE ART NEWS?

<http://www.artnet.com>

<http://www.artsjournal.com>

<http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org>

<http://www.artfaircalendar.com>

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Brickton Art Center, 147 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068, is now accepting submissions for solo exhibitions. Send a letter of interest stating the type of exhibition proposed, a slide sheet of 8 to 20 slides, digital files or prints. Label each item with your full name, title of work, size and medium, and the completion date of work. Also include your résumé, artist's statement, a S.A.S.E. for the return of slides or prints, and a \$15 non-refundable check made payable to Brickton Art Center. Submissions will be held until reviewed. Information: 847.823-6611.

Jackson Junge Gallery in Bucktown, invites submissions in all media for potential exhibition. Send resume, 10 - 15 images, slides or a CD, a S.A.S.E. for return of materials, to Jackson Junge Gallery, 3039 W. Carroll Ave., Chicago 600612. More info: chris@J2gallery.com.

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 Lincoln Ave., seeks artists to exhibit their works. Call Shirley Englestein for details: 847.674-3806.

Open to Chicago Area Artists. Send slides or CD of 5 - 10 images of 2D work, resume, and S.A.S.E. to be considered for a juried solo or group month-long show in 2009. *Deadline:* October 15. Mail to: Old Town Art Center, 1763 N. North Park Ave., Chicago 60614. More information: 312.337-1938.

UICA seeking artists to submit entries to "UP" a National Juried Exhibition of sculpture to be held September through November at their Monroe Ave. Gallery in conjunction with the 2008 International Sculpture Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, MI. Details: www.uica.org.

"Life's Unique Journey" 2008 Juried International Visual Art and Poetry Exhibition, November 18 - December 30, 2008. Seeking art in all media reflecting the artist's impression of life's unique journey. \$25 jury fee. Cash awards. *Deadline:* September 30. Send #10 SASE for prospectus: NWCC Corporate Gallery, 500 North Hicks, Suite 120, Palatine, IL 60067, www.northwestculturalcouncil.org.

The Alliance of Fine Arts announces a juried exhibition, "Restoration" to be held at Mayslake Peabody Estate. For entry form, www.allianceoffineart.com. Details: Kim Wilcox, 630.971-2689.

North Shore Art League, Second annual juried 2D 12"x12" show, "Inchworks." *Deadline:* October 10. \$25 entry fee for 1 to 2 artworks. For more information call: 847.446-2870 or visit our website: www.northshoreartleague.com.

Emerging Artists 2009 is the 17th annual competition for gallery exhibition and awards. The exhibition will be held in March 2009 at the Limner Gallery and is open to all artists working in any media. There will be a \$1000 cash award and \$2600 in publication awards. Request a prospectus via e-mail: slowart@aol.com, or print one from the website at <http://www.slowart.com/prospectus/ea2009.htm> You can also mail your request (please include a S.A.S.E.) to: SlowArt Productions, 123 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534. Contact: 518-828-2343

OPPORTUNITIES

The CAR website is looking for an artist who has a good story about bartering or trading art. Have you ever traded art for a product or service - like rent, dental work, a haircut, etc.? How did it work out? Do you have any advice for other artists interested in trades? What about swapping art with other artists? *Deadline:* October 15, 2008. For more information or to submit your story write to *Artist Stories Coordinator* at: carartiststories@gmail.com

EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Fakature and Art Speaks, Continuing through October 26th at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th Street. Information: 773.445.3838, www.beverlyartcenter.org

Two stimulating exhibitions and projects engage the Beverly community in dialogue about nature and issues facing society. In *Fakature* (fake nature), co-curators Audrey Peiper and Gabriel Akagawa work with communities and artists in the *Fakature Consortium of Artists* to reinterpret their relationships to nature and environment. In the *Art Speaks* exhibition, curated by Jennifer O'Connor, Chicago artists create works to stimulate dialogue within the community about contemporary issues. Reception: October 25, 6-8pm; *Fakature Film Festival*, October 25, 8pm.

Altered Photography Workshop
Saturday, September 20, 2:30 - 4:30pm

In conjunction with Intuit's exhibition, *Finding Beauty: The Art of Lee Godie*, Intuit will offer an exciting hands-on workshop with a vintage photo booth onsite. Lee Godie was a Chicago self-taught artist, who often used photography as a way to explore identity. Using the photo booth and Godie as inspiration, participants will create their own altered self-portraits. The workshop will be instructed by artist, Amy Mayfield. Mayfield received her MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and has had her work exhibited widely, including the Museum of Contemporary Art, Threewalls, and Hyde Park Art Center. Intuit: The Center for Intuitive & Outsider Art is located at 756 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. Information: amanda@art.org

Hurricane Season: the hidden messages in water is a two woman show (by the nationally acclaimed and award winning performance duo - Climbing PoeTree) about unnatural disaster and a great shift in universal consciousness. Through a tapestry of spoken-word poetry, theater, video projection, dance, shadow art, and a sound collage of personal testimonies, *Hurricane Season* connects the issues that surfaced in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to the "unnatural disasters" disenfranchised communities are experiencing nationwide on a daily basis. The post-show "solutions-cipher" is to address the issues surfaced in Hurricane Season on a local level, to cross-pollinate creative strategies for self-determination, and to turn the passion generated in the show into action manifested in the community.

September 18 and September 19, show begins at 7:30pm. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 for Students with Valid ID - available at the door). Location: Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60613.

For more opportunities and events visit the Chicago Women's Caucus for Art Blog!

CWCA MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS

The new membership cycle starts October 1 and ends December 31 of the following year. Renew your membership or join as a new member with the National WCA PayPal account. Don't forget to check the box for Chicago, IL Chapter (ILC) membership. Please note: National dues for 2009 will increase to \$40. Renew before December 31, 2008 and save \$10! Renew online or download the application at: www.chicagowca.com/membership.html

MEMBER BENEFITS

When you become a member of the national Women's Caucus you are helping to support an organization that has worked to support women in the arts since 1972. By joining your local chapter, you gain access to unique opportunities to connect with fellow artists and participate directly in your local arts community.

Your membership includes benefits such as: Access to the

National Membership Directory and arts opportunities listed in the MATRIX database. As a member you can also submit your website listing to the National Members' Gallery page as well as submit work for the Featured Artist section of the National WCA homepage.

All this and *more* (visit the national site for the full list), plus the knowledge that you are engaged in a vital, artistic community.

As a Chicago chapter member, you can join our Member Gallery for free! Some nonprofit art organizations charge up to \$100 a year plus their annual membership fee to showcase your work on their website.

CWCA believes that all of our members should have access to a web presence without paying any additional fees.

BLOG THIS!

Join the CWCA Member community 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 Emily, CWCA Web-Mistress, at eatpaint.chic@gmail.com and she will send you a Blog Invite.

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.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Volunteering is a great way to share your particular skills and interests and help build the future WCA. Our accomplishments at the national and chapter levels are the result of committed members like you.

IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- **Lifetime Achievement Awards, Event Chair & Committee**
- **National WCA needs Artlines Editor and Team Members**
- **Chicago WCA chapter desperately needs Officers and Volunteers:** 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!

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Contact **Arlene** for information about current volunteer opportunities at: 847.674.0321, arlenarakonca@aol.com

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