

NewsLetter

DETROIT SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS & SCULPTORS
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It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the opening reception for Here's to You, Detroit! There were about 100 people in attendance to see some fantastic art. Thank you to Susan Munro, Rose Rhodes, and Amanda Koss for all the work they did to make it happen. Our next gathering will be on May 19 for the DSWPS Annual meeting. Info about that event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please think hard about what DSWPS means to you in your art practice, the exhibition opportunities, the friendships and networking that occurs when we connect. There are two vacancies on the Executive Board: Recording Secretary and Second Vice President - Exhibitions. The next two years' exhibition venues have already been secured. Our Board meetings are held on Zoom. Please stand up at the Annual meeting to volunteer! We need you and you will get to know some awesome artists who care very much about DSWPS. Contact me with any questions!

Happy painting,
Lori Zurvalec

MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT!



LORI ZURVALEC

April 21st: we gathered to visit the DIA Special Exhibition By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentileschi and Women Artists in Italy, 1500 - 1800



OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ARE IN ACTION!

Visit, follow, like, comment, share and submit your news! You can find DSWPS on:



Instagram at:
<https://www.instagram.com/dswps1903>



Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/dswps1903>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE SOCIALS!

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING NEWSWORTHY?

Hello members! I am Amanda Koss, the Communications Secretary! Also, an abstract expressionist working in Detroit.

Katie McNamee and I have put together a web form to intake your news! Once submitted, the information goes into a database which is sent to Katie (website), Jess (Instagram) and myself (newsletter). All you need to do is share your current news, accomplishments, shows, awards, calls for art and more by filling out the form on the DSWPS website!

How to navigate to the form:

- Visit www.dswps.org
- Click "NEWS" at the top of the webpage
- Select "RECENT MEMBER NEWS"
- Click the link provided in the first sentence on the page
- Follow the form prompts

- Amanda Koss, Communications Secretary

CALL FOR ART!

5/05 2022 BIENNIAL ALL MEDIA EXHIBITION

Detroit Artists Market invites DAM members and Michigan artists to submit works in all media formats to the 2022 Biennial All Media Exhibition, juried by Srimoyee Mitra, director of Stamps Gallery, Stamps School of Art and Design.

Visit: <https://detroit-artistsmarket.org/artist-opportunities/>

5/16 WORLDS COLLIDE

artists are challenged to combine two seemingly discordant ideas into one finished artwork.

Visit: <https://grosse-pointeartcenter.org/>

6/01 ART ON THE RIVER

Artists of fine art and fine craft are invited to apply to Art on the River, which returns to its original location at the historic Byers Homestead, situated along the Huron River in Commerce, MI. This lovely art fair will feature approximately 25 booths in a variety of mediums. Sponsored by Huron Valley Council for the Arts (HVCA).

Maggie@huronvalleyarts.org

6/10 2022 ART PRIZE!

Artists of all mediums are welcome to apply for this year's ArtPrize hosted in Grand Rapids!

Visit: www.artprize.org

6/15 U OF M CALL FOR EXHIBITIONS

Please visit: <https://www.med.umich.edu/goa/>



MONTHLY ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:

KIMBERLY SANTINI!

"My paintings speak to the reverence I hold for all life forms and the delicate balance of life."

The cells making up our bodies have previously existed in varied forms since the birth of our planet. This awareness fuels my connection with nature, the seasons, life cycles – this shared journey between all living things. I fill my subject matter – pulled from items/experiences that repeatedly show up in my own life - with sky, earth, water and fire. I work intuitively, channeling the rootedness I feel standing barefoot in the grass, and lace other elements throughout the composition, pulling from my own personal symbolic language and free association.

My paintings bring to life our physical, emotional and spiritual ties to the natural world."

REQUESTING ENTRIES FOR THE DSWPS RESUMÉ BOOK!

As our group continues to grow, we request our members to please submit a resumé for our resumé book. Please send your resumé along with 4"x6" photos to:

**Deborah Benedic
49551 Nautical Dr.
Chesterfield, MI 48047**

This resumé book is on display at all of our shows.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: Thursday, May 19, 2022, noon to 3 pm

WHERE: Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church
19950 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Kim Santini will lead an exercise to bring us out of the long drought of face-to-face meetings during COVID-19. Each participant should bring a small, meaningful object to be used as a prompt.

DSWPS will provide box lunches for members (and their guests) who **RSVP by May 15th to Jackie Rybinski (jackierybinski@comcast.net) or Jan Ducsay (hulajan@aol.com)**. Each boxed lunch includes the sandwich of your choice, a bag of chips and a cookie. Coffee, Tea and Lemonade will also be provided. Please RSVP with your sandwich selection before May 15 or there will not be a lunch box for you at the meeting.

Sandwich choices from Lunch Box Deli Grosse Pointe

- Classic Veggie Sandwich: Provolone and feta cheeses, marinated artichoke, roasted red bell pepper, tomato and pesto on ciabatta
- Portabello Sandwich (vegan): Balsamic marinated Portabello mushrooms, roasted red bell pepper, caramelized onions, and baby spinach leaves on baked Naan bread.
- The Cuban Sandwich: Honey maple ham, shredded pork, Swiss cheese, pickles and mustard on a rustic roll
- Chicken Caesar Sandwich: Chicken, Asiago cheese, lettuce, tomato and Caesar dressing rolled in a wrap
- Turkey Club: Turkey, bacon, Provolone, tomato on sourdough
- Roast Beef: Roast Beef, Cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato on an onion roll

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MAY IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH!

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE OR TABLET'S CAMERA TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE WEBSITE. SHARE THE QR CODE WITH THOSE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN JOINING!



MEMBER NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT, JOAN SMYKOWSKI!

The Board of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors would like to thank you for your support during the past three years. I especially would like to thank the DSWPS Executive Board members and Committee Chairs who remained and worked as we plan for the future. We are finding that our membership is finally starting to rebound. It's a rewarding time, which we are relieved to be experiencing.

Yet, we need board level volunteers to continue our hard earned upward trajectory. We are currently seeking nominations for the following Executive Board positions.

- **Second Vice President Exhibitions**
- **Recording Secretary**

Specifics for the three positions may be found in our bylaws in the DSWPS Membership Directory. Please keep in mind, as a member of the Executive Board, you will be expected to participate in all board and general membership meetings. Presently, the 6-8 Executive Board meetings per year are held on Zoom. There is a growing future interest in meeting once again in person. Our Executive Board is a positive, productive and professional group, which supports and encourages each other, especially our new Board members.

We have a timeline for filling all Executive Board jobs. According to our by-laws, the slate of officers should be presented at the April 2022 General Meeting. The slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May 2022. The positions will start June 2022 and end May 2024.

We are very proud of our history at DSWPS. Keep in mind, two local arts organizations did not survive the pandemic; fortunately we have survived and are starting to think of endless possibilities for the future. The board is essential for the quality programs, riveting exhibitions and fiscal longevity of the society. We are asking you to consider the importance of DSWPS for exhibiting your art, networking with artists and friendships.

Please consider being part of the Executive Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Joan Smykowski, or our president Lori Zurvalec. We wish we could call each of you and ask you to join the Board, but at this time we can't. You can call or email or text to find out more.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

Joan Smykowski, Nomination Committee Chair
Email: joan.smykowski@gmail.com
Text or phone: 734-748-0078

Lori Zurvalec, President
Email: lorizurvalec@gmail.com
Text or phone: 313-881-7084

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, Julianna Sanroman Rojas!

Julianna Sanroman Rojas is the recipient of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors \$1,000 scholarship award. She is a Southwest Detroit native raised in Metro Detroit and Jalisco, Mexico. Julianna is a multi-media student artist and educator who will receive her BFA and teaching certificate from College for Creative Studies. Through her work, she interrogates the idea of recognizing former aspects of our lives as we enter and exit our old selves like homes. Using traditional narrative to challenge her past and reimagine her future - expanding on her experiences with immigration, heartbreak, and transitions.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

"Spring Break" at Grosse Pointe Art Center

Loretta Markell has two pieces in the exhibit, which is up until June 3rd. 32 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

Kim Santini...

Is a finalist in AcrylicWorks 9; The Best of Acrylic competition! "Queen Anne" will be published in AcrylicWorks 9, a special issue edited by Artists Magazine, to hit newsstands in August 2022

DSWPS MEMBER'S EXHIBITION

HERE'S TO YOU DETROIT

THE GALLERY AT BREWERY PARK
APRIL 8 - JUNE 1
Opening Reception April 8, 5-7 pm



Thank you to everyone who came out to the opening reception of "Here's to You, Detroit!" Don't forget to visit the exhibit which is ongoing through the end of May at The Gallery at Brewery Park located within the Crain Communications Building.

1155 Gratiot Ave., Detroit 48044. Open to the public Monday through Friday 9 am - 7pm.

Award winners:

Marilyn Thomas, 1st place

Linda Allen, 2nd place

Sarah Kasper, 3rd place

Ellen Doyle, honorable mention



REMINDER:

Participating artist pickup will be:

Wednesday June 2nd, 2022
11-2pm.

If you cannot make it, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your work.

An email reminder will be sent out.