



CWCA Upcoming Events

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Chicago Department of Housing has invited CWCA to participate as a vendor in the 5th annual CREATIVE CHICAGO EXPO, Saturday April 12, 2008 from 10 am - 4 pm at the Chicago Cultural Center at 77 E. Washington. We need a few **volunteers** to join us at our table. We hope to get three pairs of volunteers in shifts from 10 AM to 4PM. The more the merrier so you can go around to the different vendors and performances that take place! To volunteer, contact: judithroth@sbcglobal.net

CWCA will have a booth at ARTROPOLIS at the Merchandise Mart, April 25-28. **We need volunteers** to work at the booth in shifts on Friday, Apr. 25, 11 - 3pm or 3 - 7pm, Saturday, April 26, 11 - 3pm or 3 - 7pm, Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Monday, Apr. 28, 11- 5 p.m.

Perks: Volunteers will get in to ARTROPOLIS for FREE. If you are interested, please call Dale Osterle at (815) 751-7647. Find additional info at <http://www.artropolischicago.com>

Art News

Remember the Three Arts Club, the venerable women's residency on the Gold Coast for almost 100 years? Well, it has been sold and will become a private club and hotel. The proceeds, \$11 million, will be used for grants to artists. It should be interesting, so keep your eyes and ears open to see how this plays out. For more information see Deanna Isaac's column in the March 20 Chicago Reader.

ARTS ADVOCACY: Keep writing to your Legislators!

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich committed to **restoring \$4 million** (from a \$15.2 million cut) for FY09 for the Arts & Foreign Language grant program through the Illinois State Board of Education in a meeting with the Illinois Arts Alliance on Thursday, March 6, 2008. **The Illinois Arts Alliance is now working with the Illinois General Assembly to increase this investment to \$8 million in FY09.** Please, take a moment to send the Governor a note of appreciation for his support in restoring the Arts & Foreign Language grant program. Visit www.arts4illinois.org to write the Governor.

While Governor Blagojevich has committed to restore funding for the ISBE Arts & Foreign Language grant program, continued pressure is needed on the Governor, House and Senate leadership, and the Illinois General Assembly to ensure funding for the Illinois Arts Council is also restored in FY09. The Governor proposed **\$15.2 million cut** in funding for the Illinois Arts Council for FY09, a cut that forced the Arts Council to reduce general operating support grants by nearly 30% and arts education funds by 24%. Through an online survey, IAA found reductions in financial support for the arts in Illinois are having a detrimental impact not only directly on artists and arts organizations, but also on children, families, and communities statewide.

Since the Illinois Arts Alliance issued a call to action on March 3, 2008 in response to FY09 funding for the Illinois Arts Council, **more than 3,400 letters have reached legislators throughout the state**, urging them to increase the state's appropriation to the Arts Council to \$24 million. It is not too late to **send a letter to the General Assembly asking for their support in restoring funding for the Illinois Arts Council**.

- Visit www.arts4illinois.org to write a letter.
- Visit www.artsalliance.org to download the full findings as well as statements from organizations impacted by the cuts.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

CWCA presents the WCA MIDWEST REGIONAL EXHIBITION 2008
ENTRY DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2008

September 3-27, 2008. Open to all artists in the Midwestern states of IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD and WI. Submit up to 3 works as slides or digital files on CD with an entry fee of \$25. It will be held at ARC gallery, 832 W. Superior Street, #204, Chicago IL 60622, to be curated by Beate Minkovski of Woman Made Gallery. See www.chicagowca.com for more details.

The American Society of Artists seek artists and crafters for the 18th annual AN ARTS & CRAFTS ADVENTURE, a juried show to be presented from 9 – 5pm, May 10, on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, in Park Ridge. For information, call (847) 991-4748, or visit www.americansocietyofartists.org.

Artists are sought for the SKOKIE ART GUILD'S 47th ANNUAL ART FAIR, to be held July 12 – 13 outdoors at the Skokie Village Green in downtown Skokie. For an application, email skokieart@aol.com or call (847) 677-8163.

Friends of the Wilmette Public Library seek artists for their 27TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW, May 16 – June 20, 2008. Works to be considered should be brought to the Wilmette Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., only on May 9, 4:30-8:00pm, and May 10, 9:30-11:00am. Three cash prizes and eight solo shows will be awarded.

Brickton Art Center, 147 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, is accepting submissions for solo exhibitions. Submit a letter of interest stating the type of exhibition proposed; 8-20 slides, digital files or prints with name, title of work, size of work medium and date of completion; a resume; an artist statement; self-addressed stamped envelope if slides/prints are to be returned; and \$15 non-refundable fee made payable to Brickton Art Center. Call (847) 823-6611.

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 Lincoln Ave., is seeking artists to exhibit their work. Call Shirley Engelstein at (847) 674-3806.

Other Opportunities:

Four people sought to join an Advisory Board for the art project, PORTRAITS OF GREAT AMERICAN WOMEN ACHIEVERS, Inc., or PGAWA. This nonprofit art project will last 5-7 years and divided into 3 phases. The Advisory Board will play several key roles in the project, the first being to select the honored women from a list of 75 recommended women. The women represent many fields of endeavor such as, fine arts, journalism, international women/children advocates, medicine, TV and movie talent, education, police and armed services, business executives, etc. The other key duty will of the 4 Advisory Board members will be to answer questions of funders after submissions of proposals have been sent and funders call for clarification of details of the projects. The director will also be involved. The positions are voluntary, but if funding is available, a stipend will be paid.

Qualifications: An Advisory Board member must have a background in the visual arts, primarily extensive whether it is as a fine artist, in arts education, curatorial or museum background or in some other way experienced and knowledgeable about the visual arts and about funders and grant makers.

Contact: Pamela Preciado at pamela188@sbcglobal.net or vince188@juno.com. Include a letter of introduction and resume. Submissions will be accepted until the end of April 2008. The project begins late 2008/early 2009.

Exhibitions/Events Around Town

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs present the **Chicago Creative Expo** at The Chicago Cultural Center at 77 E Randolph Street on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

Join thousands of Chicago "creatives" - individual artists and creators, nonprofit arts and culture organizations, for-profit creative industries in all disciplines - music, dance, theater, visual art, literary arts, film, fashion, design - at this free day-long event at the Chicago Cultural Center. Over 100 vendors and 20 workshops will focus on issues like affordable housing, tools and services, building community, finding space to create, rehearse, exhibit, sell and present, starting a business, getting health care, funding your practice, and maintaining creativity throughout!

Find out more: <http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org>

The **Field Museum** currently has an exhibition entitled **CELEBRATING WOMEN**, which will continue until Sunday, September 7, 2008. This exhibition features photographs by renowned photographer Paola Gianturco of festivals from around the world that honor women as historic heroines, goddesses, and important culture bearers in their communities. For more information, call 312.922.9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org

ARTROPOLIS: April 25-28 at the Merchandise Mart Chicago

Dates and Hours:

Thursday, April 24, Preview Opening 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for one day pass and \$25 for a multi-day pass, and may be purchased online or onsite during the show on the first floor of The Merchandise Mart. Tickets will provide entry to Art Chicago, NEXT, The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair, The Artist Project, Intuit and many additional events taking place as part of Artropolis, Chicago's celebration of art, antiques and culture. www.merchandisemart.com/artropolis.

Look for CWCA member artist Deirdre Fox in The Artist Project, showing paper constructions and drawings, at Booth 8-3123, 8th Floor

Member Announcements

Ruth Aizuss Migdal is exhibiting two bronze wall reliefs at the Women's Museum, as a part of this year's National WCA Conference in Dallas, Texas, with the Jewish Women's Artist Network, JWAN. It opened 2/21/08 and will continue until 4/27/08. Contact her at aizussmigdal@mac.com.

Emily Rapport now showing recent paintings of Chicago, at The Perfect Cup, 4700 N. Damen Ave. in the Ravenswood/Lincoln Square area, during the month of April. Stop into this clean, well-lighted cafe for a coffee or snack and enjoy urban realism in Emily's figurative oil paintings of Chicago El tracks and neighborhood scenes. For information call (773) 793-4487 or email eatpaint.chic@gmail.com. The artist's website: <http://www.eatpaintstudio.com>

Victoria Szilagyi and **Judith Roth** will be in the upcoming Artists Breakfast Group Exhibition, CAFFEINE II, at the Peter Jones Gallery, 1806 West Cuyler, 2nd Floor, April 19 to May 18. OPENING RECEPTION Saturday, April 19, 7–11pm, with a performance of “Black Birds and Vagabonds”, 8pm. Contact Alan Emerson Hicks at aladinart@aol.com or call (773) 501-7730.

Judith Roth and **Dale Osterle** are included in an exhibit sponsored by the American Jewish Artists' Club, 80th Annual Exhibit, "Insights Into a Culture," March 28 – May 4 in the Renaissance Court Gallery, Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph.

Tamara Wasserman and **Beth Shadur** will have their work on display at the Atrium Gallery at the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley in South Bend, Indiana, 3202 Shalom Way. On Exhibit April 6 through May 11.

Liz Duffy, CWCA's Intern, is hosting a fundraising event for her school's SAIC arts administration department at Piece, 1927 W. North Ave. in Wicker Park, Thursday, April 24, beginning at 9pm. Stop by after the opening of Artropolis for the in-house brewed beer special, pizza, karaoke, silent art auction and raffle! Contact Liz at (312) 608-1449 or eduffy@saic.edu.

FOR SALE:

4 - 12" kiln shelves, kiln furniture, Cone 6 cones. \$65. FREE: old Paragon kiln, yours for the taking. Call Arlene, 847.674-0321

RENEW or BECOME a MEMBER today!

Renew your CWCA membership or join as a new member ONLINE. Just visit the National WCA site at <http://www.nationalwca.org/> and click on the "membership" link.

If you prefer to mail your membership form, download and print the PDF application at <http://www.chicagowca.com/membership.html>. Checks should be made payable to "CWCA" and mailed with your completed application to: CWCA c/o ARC Gallery, 832 W. Superior Street, #204, Chicago IL 60622.

Any way you do it, do RENEW your WCA membership at www.nationalwca.org!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WCA was founded to help fight for women's rights in the art world and to educate the public about the contributions of women. Now more than ever we feel we must keep women's art organizations going. Therefore, we are appealing to all of our members to make CWCA as viable, helpful, and useful as possible. We need you to volunteer and participate in our programs and events.

The Chicago Women's Caucus for Art is currently looking for a new Chapter President, Vice-President, Exhibitions Committee, Programming Co-Chair, and Membership Director. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact our CWCA Treasurer, Margaret Lutze at m-lutze@northwestern.edu.

Join the effort, CWCA wants you!

Volunteer for one of the following committees:

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE: Help plan, organize and implement future exhibits. Two upcoming exhibits: WCA Midwest Regional, Sept. 3-27 at ARC Gallery and a members' show in October. Help is very much needed here in publicity and woman-power.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Help plan interesting and stimulating programs that serve our community of artists! Join the planning for our film series called "Women Empowered". If you have ideas on programs and can help to coordinate them, then you are the person we are looking for!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Seek new members and get the word out about CWCA.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: We will need people to help plan the 2010 CWCA conference events.

In 2010, the WCA/CAA (The College Art Association) NATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held in Chicago. This is an opportunity for our Chapter to host artists from all over the nation and help to highlight their accomplishments. During this conference, Women's Caucus for Art will present several Lifetime Achievement Awards and one WCA President's Award to an exemplary woman who, through her career, has made a contribution to the field of visual arts. CWCA needs volunteers to make it an enriching experience for those who are visiting our city by assisting with additional tours, programs, exhibitions, etc. Please contact Liz Duffy at eduffy@saic.edu if you are interested in participating.

CWCA is looking into matching gifts for our fundraising efforts for the 2010 conference. If any members have connections with a company that does matching gifts for such events, we would be interested in hearing from you.

Email: eduffy@saic.edu

To all members and potential volunteers:

We need your involvement to be successful. Attend meetings, call us, write to us - give us input on what we can do to further the organization and – get involved!

Submissions:

Thanks for keeping in contact with us!

If you have anything that you would like to announce, a show, a lecture you are giving, something for sale, or anything that you would like to share with other members, please e-mail Liz Duffy at eduffy@saic.edu.

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