



April 2023

# APBC NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Is it me or is this season going by very fast?! Our annual p exhibit is about to be revealed and on deck is a Sizzling Summer exhibit - hopefully your submissions are in!

Our new website is up and running and will be used to process payments and streamline our submissions process. We will also make our calendar more informative. If you have any questions comments or ideas for our website or newsletters bring them forward through our email. There are opportunities to help us with these endeavors as well, so now is a wonderful time to share your skills.

Our monthly Art Salon has continued to be well attended and has been engaging and inspiring. Last month was informative on how to get your art out in the world. So much can be our attitudes and willingness to try for projects that seem unlikely and yet are successful. In upcoming salons bring your pieces and bring your ideas. There may be people willing to work together to make your ideas happen too! Volunteering and networking gets things done.

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## Tip of the month

It is a huge benefit to have a community or network of people who love you and your work and encourage you at every opportunity. It's also true that you are the one who cares the most about your art. It's possible to succeed without having a good support system, but it is a lot more painful. - Linda Tracey Brandon

## President's Message (Cont'd)

May 13 is the "Mad Science and Art Day" at the Lake Park Library. APBC will be sponsoring a Cyanotype project with the children that day by creating sun prints with pretreated sun-sensitive paper. We will need volunteers to help! It will be from approximately 10-3, but you do not have to be there the entire time. If you are interested please send an email with Mad Science and Art Day in the subject line so you can be included! It's going to be a fun day of experimenting and wonder!

We had a day of Plein Air sketching/watercolors and painting at the Villa where we held our annual Members exhibit this year. About 25 artists participated on Sunday April 23 and took over the gardens and fountains of the home. The generous owners once again welcomed all who wanted to spend time outside in their beautiful and inspiring landscape. They also provided fresh coffee and tea for all the artists, and APBC brought pastries and fruit.

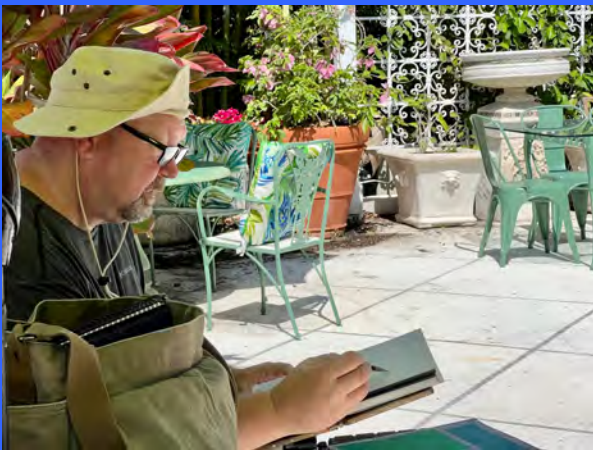
The group Urban Sketchers were invited along with any Plein Air painters from our contacts. Everyone is welcomed at our events. Karl from Urban Sketchers presented our hosts with his beautiful, completed watercolor sketch that he had created the last time we held this event. The owners were completely surprised and delighted by this very generous, moving gift. The event was an extended sketch day that was held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be repeated again when the weather cools off next fall.

Double openings to attend in May and a community project! Don't forget our Art Salon night too, and all are welcome!

Mary Jane Zapp  
President



# PHOTOS FROM PLEIN AIR EVENT



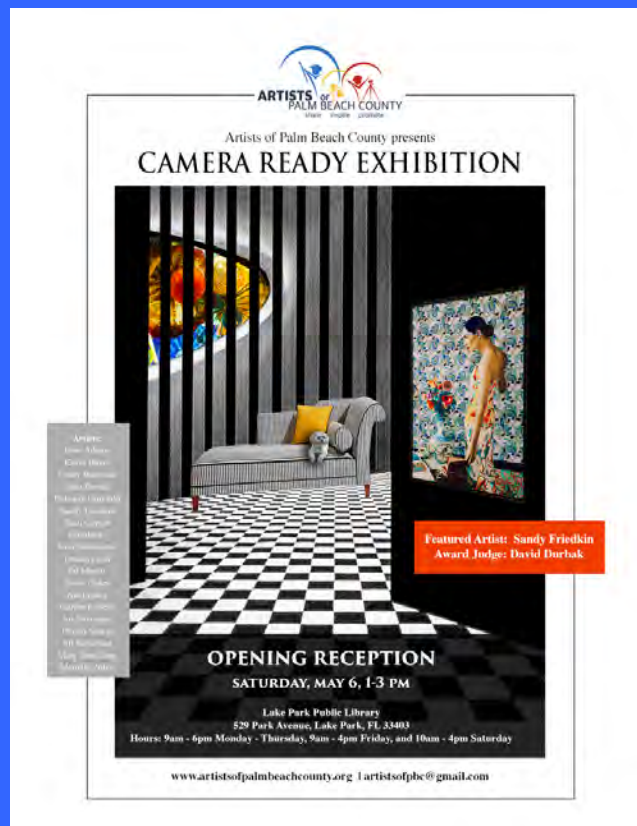
# CAMERA READY EXHIBITION

Artists of Palm Beach County, Inc. (APBC) is pleased to announce that it will be having a photography exhibition “Camera Ready” in the Lake Park Library Schuyler Gallery/Meeting Room May 1 - June 30, 2023 at 529 Park Avenue, Lake Park. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, May 6th at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments as they view the art.

Eighteen artists, both members and non-members of APBC, were juried into the exhibition and will be displaying all genres, subjects, capture types and photographic processes both historic and modern. From landscapes to cityscapes, nature and innovative images, the work is interesting and awe-inspiring.

APBC is pleased to announce that David Durbak, an award-winning photographer and art professor at Palm Beach State College, will be the Judge for Awards. In the 1990’s, he started exploring the fine art realm, experimenting with unique, one-of-a-kind alternative wet-lab photographic processes. His work is being exhibited in galleries ranging from South Florida to the Peoples Republic of China. Sandy Friedkin, also an award-winning photographer, was chosen as the featured artist and her photograph “Welcome to my World” is attached.

Please come to the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 6 2023, 1 - 3 pm. All the work is for sale, and in addition to the art, visitors will enjoy refreshments provided by Friends of the Library.



# EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2023

On April 8th the Town of Lake Park held its annual Easter egg hunt. Artists of Palm Beach County has participated in this event for several years by supplying crayons and art materials to the young children as they waited their turn for the egg hunt according to their age groups. Volunteers Heather Couch, Deborah Fairchild, Carole Pichney and Mary Jane Zapp helped over 125 youngsters and their parents color beautiful Easter and Passover scenes. More photos on the following pages >>>>>>



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# MEMBERSHIP

## Lifetime Members

Sharon Gregory  
Katherine Medina  
Carole Pichney

## VIP Members as of 4/18/2023

Ayesha DeLorenzo  
Judy Kirtley  
Dennis Leon  
Ed Munoz  
Susan Munoz  
Dan Pichney  
Monica Postell  
Barbara Powell  
Marilyn Samwick  
Bonnie Summer  
Carol Tasker  
Karen Karmazin  
Deborah Fairchild  
Astrid Mora  
Pamela Acheson Myers  
Phyllis Simon  
Felekae Wodajo  
Dick Yosinoff  
Kat Penley  
Jeannette Berndsen  
Joan Lipton  
Phoebe Perry  
Alida Thorpe  
Noelle McCarthy  
Lorrie Williamson  
Christina Vollstedt  
Donna DonFrancisco  
Maxine Schreiber  
Mansha Sharma  
Judith Smith  
Lydia Dardi  
Janet Schreiber  
Lula Sandra Gover  
Paul Champine  
Lou Mark  
Faith Schwack  
Carol Moon Frazier  
Ilene Adams



MEMBERSHIP

## Membership Levels

Lifetime Members \$500.00 contribution

VIP Members \$100.00

Signature Artists \$75.00  
(Includes page on website)

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership. All memberships were due in January. If you have not renewed, please renew through our website [artistsofpalmbeachcounty.org](http://artistsofpalmbeachcounty.org) or by sending a check to PO Box 32066, Palm Beach Gardens FL 33420. Membership rates are still \$50 for member, \$75 for Signature Membership which includes a page on our website, and \$100 for VIP Membership which includes early entry to exhibits with a glass of champagne and other benefits. Please also consider upgrading your membership to a higher level to help advance our work. If you have any questions about membership you can contact Membership Chair Carole Pichney at [cpichney@gmail.com](mailto:cpichney@gmail.com).

# WOMEN OF THE YEAR

In honor of Women's History Month celebrated in March, our Co-Vice Presidents, Carole Pichney and Maxine Schreiber, received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition for their support and dedication to the Lake Park community. Maxine and Carole have been Steering Committee members of the Lake Park Diversity & Inclusion Council for several years. They have volunteered for many Lake Park events such as the Back Pack Extravaganza, Christmas Tree Lighting celebration, and the Easter Egg Extravaganza. In addition, they submitted the 2022 City Cultural Diversity Award Application to the National League of Cities and won First Place in the small town category. The beautiful glass award now sits in Lake Park Town Hall.

On April 12th at a luncheon in the Lake Park mirrored ballroom, Commissioner John Linden, the leader of the Diversity & Inclusion Council, presented Carole and Maxine with their Woman of the Year certificates. They were pleased that a number of Artists of Palm Beach County members were present to congratulate them. Among them were Joe Friedman (past APBC President) and Irma Friedman (past Art on Park Gallery co-manager), who attended on Zoom. Carole and Maxine are both honored to have received their certificates and proud to represent the Artists of Palm Beach County on the D & I Council.



## ART SALON – APRIL 17, 2023

The April 17 art salon featuring Mary Jane Zapp was a huge success! Mary Jane shared a video trailer of the book of poems written by orphan girls of Our Little Roses of Honduras, “Counting Time Like People Count Stars”. She also shared slides from the photos she had taken while visiting the orphanage. Her photos were used throughout the book - a surprise bonus that wasn’t planned. The celebrated book and documentary film “Voices Beyond The Wall” gained worldwide attention and remains available on Amazon.

Mary Jane’s presentation focused on getting your art out in the world and how you can make it happen! Getting involved and volunteering with organizations can open new doors that you might not have considered.

Her work has continued to be used in poetry festivals, fundraising: calendars, notecards, and mugs- magnets- just about anything!

The message is, say YES ! There are opportunities that may seem unlikely, as this poetry project looked- but the photos from it went around the world!

Save the date! The next Art Salon will be held May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Palm Beach Gardens Library. Please bring along your masterpieces to share with the group.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Artists of Palm Beach County has been asked by the RISE community organization in West Palm Beach to co-sponsor a photography show for middle and high school students in the Coleman Park, Northend, and Pleasant City neighborhoods of West Palm Beach.

This is part of the RISE through Art Series sponsored by APBC. Two art classes in this series led by Lupe Lawrence were held at the center over the past year.

To encourage pride in their community, The Place Where I Live Photography Challenge begins with a workshop for interested students and will culminate with an exhibition on July 8th, 2023, which will take place in the RISE Community Resource Center, 723 39th Street in West Palm Beach. All are welcome to attend.

As of this time, we do not know exactly how much of a financial commitment will be needed, but both organizations are asking for sponsors in the following categories: Cash Prizes, Printing, Framing, and Reception Expenses.

Some of the money will come from the fund raising photography auction sponsored by Ed Munoz on April 14th.

Please contact Carole Pichney at [cpichney@gmail.com](mailto:cpichney@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to participate in the sponsorship of this event.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for "The Art Of Reading" book club at The Cornell Museum in Delray in the Spotlight Gallery at 11:30 AM on April 26th.

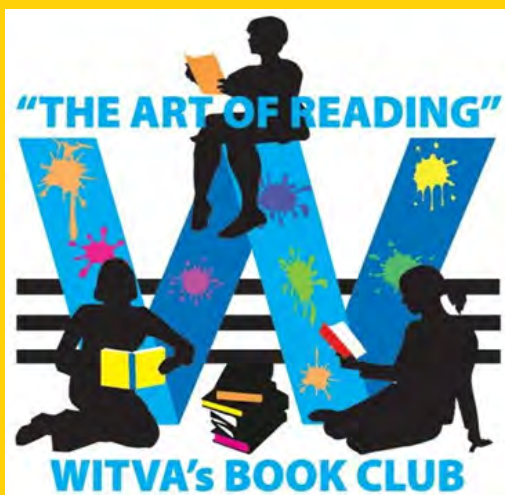
We will discuss the novel, Horse by Geraldine Brooks- a historical novel about art, black trainers and jockeys at the Civil War times, horse racing, racism, and the storage rooms of the Smithsonian Museum.

The Cornell Museum is located on 51 North Swinton Avenue in Delray.

After our book discussion,

We have lunch reservations at Elisabettas 32 E. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach at 12:30.

RSVP &/or questions to Marla Friedman at [Marlaann1115@gmail.com](mailto:Marlaann1115@gmail.com)



# ED MUNOZ

Ed and Susan Muñoz created a show and fundraiser in Ed's space at The New Studio for the Visual Arts in Jupiter that had an opening reception and live auction April 14th to run through May. The show, titled "Water Stories", includes photographers Ed Muñoz, Dennis León, Mary Jane Zapp and David Durbak. The proceeds from the show and auction and donations will benefit local children's art projects and instructions through The New Studio for the Visual Arts and the Artists of Palm Beach County.

The Studio is located at 1615 s Cypress Dr Suite 2 Jupiter Fl 33469.

Stay tuned for a closing reception date! Meanwhile you can check out this snazzy video



# DAN PICHNEY

Dan Pichney, along with 3 other artists including Ralph Papa, were commissioned by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County to provide work for an exhibition hosting members of the 2023 World Congress on Art Deco taking place in Miami, April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Congress participants will be visiting the Cultural Council gallery in Lake Worth Beach on the morning of April 29. People attending the Council's Biennial exhibition opening on April 20<sup>th</sup> will be able to view the deco works in a separate gallery. Dan chose for his subjects a modest deco style residence on Peruvian Ave in West Palm Beach, and other interestingly designed building the Northwest section of West Palm Beach. Both paintings incorporated art deco painting tropes of exaggerated or flattened perspective, color fields and child-like renderings of the sun and trees.





# LUPE LAWRENCE

Lupe Lawrence is happy to announce that three of her oil paintings were accepted into the 2023 Biennial Exhibition at the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. "Will Fly a Kite" was chosen to be the image on all of the Biennial marketing pieces. It received a Third Place Award and was sold at the opening on April 20th.



# ELIZABETH KUECHENMEISTER

## '2001: A Space Odyssey' Bedroom Installation

For the the recent photography competition "Camera Ready" I submitted a photograph of my daughter, Britt Kuechenmeister, standing in the installation of the bedroom from '2001: A Space Odyssey.'



I was struck by the simple composition of a young woman — hands clasped, legs entwined, almost all in black, pink hair — against the profound calm and eerie vibration of the installation. The illuminated floor was a challenge for the best exposure. Britt is squinting against the illumination beneath her feet.

The installation was featured at the 14th Street Factory multi-media art space in Los Angeles.

The title of the installation is "A Barmecide Feast," and was created by artist Simon Birch and architect Paul Kember. A fully realized replica of the Louis XVI bedroom from 2001, the installation includes every detail — from the softly illuminated floor and Renaissance paintings to the black object d'art on the night table. The upholstered bench at the end of the bed is pushed too tightly into the mustard yellow bedspread, another perfect capture of one of the world's most famous bedrooms.

More than 50 years later, 2001 still has us asking questions. And now that as a society we are facing the reality of AI - artificial intelligence- the sentient, controlling computer HAL 9000 is part of our collective conscience.

Before Alexa and Siri, there was HAL:  
"I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do  
that."



Elizabeth Kuechenmeister



**APBC wishes everyone a beautiful spring season!**

## **We Need Your Articles, Suggestions & Ideas**

Please email your articles, suggestions, and ideas to Bonnie Summer  
[besb007@gmail.com](mailto:besb007@gmail.com), and you could be in the next APBC Newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from  
you.

