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December 2023

# APBC NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Hoping your December is creatively challenging and rewarding!

As we wrap up 2023, and look forward to 2024, we find our membership growing and expanding in diversity of materials and needs. Our search for a home may be coming up for a vote soon in the town of Lake Park. There was a meeting and many members on their CRA Board (Community Redevelopment Area) are expressing interest in returning us to the 800 building. The town manager is not in favor of us in that location, for whatever reason. We are still considering all options and will let you know by email as soon as we have a date set for a vote. The last meeting was for discussion only. The next one should include a vote and that is, of course, the one that will be important to attend, if you can, to show support for APBC. If you know anyone who lives in Lake Park, it is always impressive for Lake Park residents who support APBC to attend, if possible. We will most likely only have five days notice. Their meetings are generally the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

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## Tip of the month

If you learn to see everything for what it is, if you learn to see shapes and edges instead of objects, you will truly be able to draw anything!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

It was December of 2019 that we moved into a storage facility that Lake Park has been paying for, ever since. We have still been very active and managed to produce many shows and workshops, opportunities/fundraisers/pop-ups/children's activities/teenage opportunities/art salons and community engagements. We do feel that, with a home base, we can accomplish even more and take our work to another level. Our members will be integral to our direction and activities. We will be putting together a survey for our members so that you can supply us with your feedback. Thank you all for your participation that makes our group so strong. Artists of Palm Beach County are hugely talented and caring, dedicated to the arts and sharing their enthusiasm for expanding arts related opportunities for all ages and levels.

The challenges of 2024 are just about to reveal themselves to us, so stay tuned and contact us through our email. Your subject line will direct your query.

Thank you for all of your support and participation through 2023. We are eager to get busy with 2024!

Finally, our hearts are aching for peace in this time of strife for our friends and families. May this year bring peace and safety to all those who are in danger and turmoil this season.

Mary Jane Zapp  
President APBC



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## APBC ART SALON

### November Art Salon

Our featured guest speaker at the November 20 Art Salon was Carl Stroveland, artist, photographer and blogger. His presentation focused on his photography and highlighted how sketching can improve the practice of artists of all mediums. Carl provided a fabulous slideshow of his work and told us about his experience of spending one month at the Dry Tortuga Tortugas National Park. Being on an island without many “modern” conveniences made quite an impact on his life and work.

During the talk he asked several art trivia questions, and people in the audience who guessed the correct answer were given prizes. Carl manages Urban Sketchers of the Palm Beaches and offers hands-on tutoring in painting and photography. For more information go to Facebook, Carl Stoveland Photography.



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## APBC ART SALON



Stay tuned for an exciting January 22 art salon!

We are delighted to announce that our January speaker will be Kathleen Denis, Licensed Artist. Kathleen is known for capturing sun-drenched light in her paintings and is often inspired by scenes of island life and old, charming towns. Her contemporary impressionistic style begins with a process in either plein air or her studio, using oils or acrylics, sketches, studies and layers of paint. She is a featured artist in both Artist Magazine and Plein Air, and has a wonderful website with free instructional videos and blogs to help improve your painting. [www.kathleendenis.com](http://www.kathleendenis.com)

Come join us for an evening of learning and inspiration!

All Art Salons are free and open to enroll by emailing [Lemiller0124@gmail.com](mailto:Lemiller0124@gmail.com), subject: Art Salon. Please feel free to share this opportunity with friends!

## SPONSOR A STUDENT

Would you consider supporting a young artist's academic trip to Paris? I have put together a course abroad proposal for the students of Palm Beach Atlantic University to study art history once a week in the classroom here in West Palm, and then to travel for one week to Paris to visit the great works of art in person. We will visit some of the greatest museums in the world, such as The Louvre Museum, The Musée d'Orsay, the Centre Pompidou, and the Palace of Versailles, to name a few. They will write analysis papers, comparative essays, and keep a journal of their experiences. Upon return, they will choose one work of art or style to further study, and they will create a presentation on this work. While in Paris, we will also have the opportunity to meet with local artists, attend gallery openings, visit monuments, and experience the history and culture of the city. I believe this will be a life-changing experience for these young art students. Would you consider partnering with me in making this happen for them?

I kept the cost as low as I could, given the needs of the trip and safety perimeters of the university. It is \$3000 for each student. I have three art students that are very dedicated and talented that were on the fence about going because of the financial stress of taking this bill on. These three have each committed, having decided that it will be worth it to them no matter the cost. I would LOVE to be able to help them out.

If you can spare some funds for these students, please send a check with a note clearly saying "Friends of Art" and that this is for the "Paris Art Travel Scholarship." Checks can be sent to:

Palm Beach Atlantic University **Development Office** P.O. Box 24708 West Palm Beach, FL 33416-9893

Or you can donate with a credit card online at <https://www.pba.edu/give/how-to-give/> and click on the "Give Now" button. Again, please designate "Friends of Art" and "Paris Art Travel Scholarship" in the box.

The school will send a letter noting the tax-deductible donation if you would like that. Our sincerest thanks to each of you!

Heather Couch,  
Assistant Professor of Art



# LIFETIME & VIP MEMBERS

## Lifetime Members

Carole Pichney  
Katherine Medina  
Sharon Gregory  
Victoria Albrecht

## VIP Members as of December 21, 2023

Alida Thorpe  
Ayesha DeLorenzo  
Barbara Powell  
Bonnie Summer  
Carol Moon Frazier  
Carol Tasker  
Christina Vollstedt  
Dan Pichney  
Deborah Fairchild  
Dennis Leon  
Dick Yosinoff  
Donna DonFrancisco  
Ed Munoz  
Faith Schwack  
Felekae Wodajo  
Ilene Adams  
Janet Schreiber  
Joan Lipton  
Judith Smith  
Judy Gargerro  
Karen Karmazin  
Karla Walter  
Kat Penley  
Leszek Kot  
Lisa Perlman  
Lorrie Williamson  
Lou Mark  
Lula Sandra Gover  
Lydia Dardi  
Mansha Sharma  
Marion Roberts  
Maxine Schreiber  
Monica Postell  
Noelle McCarthy  
Patrick Williams  
Paul Shampine  
Phyllis Simon  
Ruth Berman  
SandyFriedkin  
Thomas Seditto  
Lisa Pearlman  
Barbara Bailey  
Barbara Ziev  
Robin Babitt

## APBC HOLIDAY PARTY

Our APBC Holiday Party was a jewel of an evening thanks to Carole Pichney who organized and kept on top of all of the details. Also, a big thanks to our hosts Ed and Susan Muñoz who generously provided the venue and a cocktail, as well as the live and lively piano accompaniment by Bob Hagelstein. The prospective members of our future Advisory Council had a chance to meet and greet our members in a true to our style event that also included a fundraiser toy drive. Many invitees have accepted their seat on the committee after the party. We look forward to their input! Santa's appearance was special for us kids of all ages! Santa handed out special awards acknowledging our generous benefactors and ended with a drawing for the centerpieces; half blue and white/half red and green that were created by our own in house floral team ☺. We had a fabulous evening and look back at our very productive and creative year! Thanks to all who participated in making it a great party and memorable year with APBC!



## APBC DONATES TO RISE TOY DRIVE

Artist members and friends, who attended our holiday party, brought toys to be donated to the RISE Community Center toy Drive.





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Give Yourself a Gift! Volunteer Very Little Time Commitment Necessary

Research has shown that the giver often receives more joy and benefit than the receiver. This was certainly true of the two holiday outreach programs that volunteers from Artists of Palm Beach gave this season.

### National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Card Making Workshop, Lake Worth

On December 10, APBC volunteers Cyndi George and Sharon Gregory led a holiday card making workshop for members of NAMI, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill at their drop in center in Lake Worth.

Sixteen people shared pizza, holiday music, and art for a glitter filled party. Ages ranged from late teens to 80 years old. Cyndi and Sharon planned the event and shopped for stickers, cotton balls, stencils, canvas covered boards, and lots and lots of glitter. People came early and stayed late and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the celebration of both Christmas and Chanukah. One person said she was happy to lose track of time through her creativity and art. One gentleman drew a reindeer in perfect perspective next to a Santa Clause that was not in perspective. Cyndi said she learned much through watching him draw.

All of the participants wanted to take home card stock and other materials so that they could continue making cards and gifts of art for their families and friends. They were also very proud to take something home that they had created.

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A great time was had by all, including the volunteers who enjoyed sharing their artistic gifts with others and glitter was everywhere. People asked for the artists to come back again as they just loved the experience. If we can get more volunteers to give 2 hours of their time once or twice a year, we can make a firm commitment to NAMI. We would love to provide a workshop once a month to this group.



Levine Residence, Palm Beach Gardens

On November 24, APBC members Sharon Gregory and Dan and Carole Pichney assisted artist Sandra Thompson in a program she does every year on Fellowship Friday, the Friday after Thanksgiving, for the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

Instead of shopping on Black Friday, volunteers are given the opportunity for a day of service to work with not for profit organizations in the community. One of these groups was the Levine Residence in Palm Beach Gardens.

Sandra drew a vase and had the residents draw flowers coming from it. This was a great opportunity for people to show their creativity and every drawing was totally different. In spite of their disabilities each person was totally engaged in their project. They used colored pencils, crayons, and markers to make their designs beautiful.

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We volunteers engaged the residents in conversation and helped them to find the materials they needed. Just the attention seemed so mean so much. When asked when we were coming back, Sandra said next year on Fellowship Friday.

The residents asked for more than once a year and I told their activities director, Ralph, if I could get volunteers to lead a project, the Artists of Palm Beach County would be happy to come back. At the end of the session, Ralph retrieved a huge mural that Sandy had guided the residents in painting several years ago. I urged Ralph to hang it in the their beautiful new space that had a perfect wall just calling out for art.

So it is all up to you! Please volunteer. The commitment is only for two hours once or twice a year to lead an art workshop. Please contact me to share your skills and ideas. Your kindness can mean so much to people who need and appreciate it so much.

Carole Pichney [cpichney@gmail.com](mailto:cpichney@gmail.com)



# PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

## Attention Photographers

The Society of the Four Arts announces a photography exhibition, *Flora Imaginaria: The Flower in Contemporary Photography* along with two lectures that are open to the public and free of charge, but reservations are required.

“You can look at *Flora Imaginaria* as a show about flowers and may not know much about photography, or you can be a photography nut and not that interested in flowers but are intrigued to see how photographers handle the subject, or both.” My hope is you gain understanding that, in the hands of really fine photographers, you can do amazing things visually.” William Ewing, Foundation for the Exhibition of Photography.

Lectures:

Robert Walker, *Flowers: From Paint Brush to Camera Lens*. A conversation with William Ewing. Wednesday, January 24 at 3p.m. No charge. Reservations Required. Dixon Education Building.

William Ewing, *Foundation for the Exhibition of Photography*, Wednesday, January 31 at 11 a.m. No Charge. Reservations Required. Dixon Education Building.

Workshop: 4 sessions in January and February. See website for details.

Exhibition in the Philip Hultar Sculpture Garden from December 2, 2023 through April 28, 2024 at Four Arts, Palm Beach. The photos are printed on aluminum interspersed throughout the sculpture Garden.

You can get further information and make reservations at the website [fourarts.org](http://fourarts.org).

This is a very special opportunity and I hope our photographers can take advantage of it.



# NOELLE MCCARTHY

These were Noelle's three painting submissions for this year's Art4Apes Endangered Online Exhibition and "New Beginnings" highlighting the Monarch Butterflies and Fire on the Mountain blooms were successful. ENDANGERED Online! 2023 runs until December 23rd and features the top 25% scored entries to the ENDANGERED Fine Art & Photography Contest 2023. Entering brings awareness to the plight of endangered species around the world and entry donations go directly to the Center for Great Apes to help support the 70 apes living out their lives in safe, healthy, and happy retirement.



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NEW BEGINNINGS

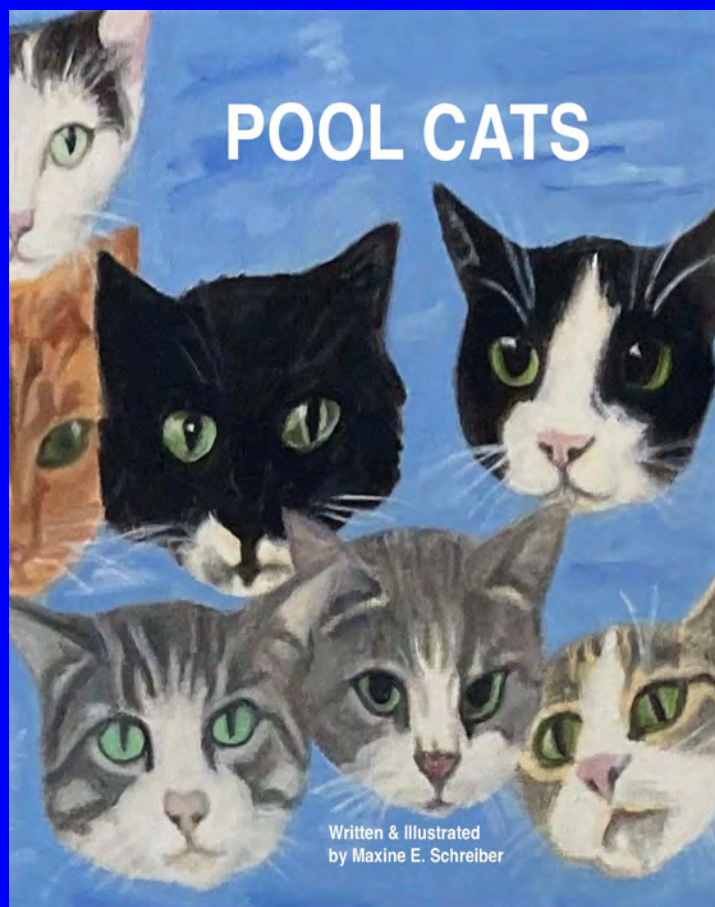


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## MAXINE SCHREIBER

Maxine Schreiber is thrilled to announce that *POOL CATS*, her new children's picture book, was launched on amazon.com Monday, December 11th in time for the holidays! Inspired by the real live cats at her residence, *POOL CATS* tells the adventures of ten endearing community cats who live in harmony at a condo pool. There they enjoy stretching out on the lounge chairs, climbing the waterfall, and hiding in the bushes. While some of the residents love them, they are merely tolerated by others. So, what will happen when their caretaker is gone? Cat lovers will enjoy the illustrations in oils and the whimsical rhymes of this story about the true nature of felines - highly independent, self reliant but affectionate and lovable.

Whether it's a late Hanukah gift or early Christmas gift for children or grandchildren, friends who adore cats, or a gift to yourself, if you purchase the book before December 18th and send a copy of your receipt to [maxine@schreiberstudio.com](mailto:maxine@schreiberstudio.com) you will receive 3 free coloring book pages in addition to your Amazon purchase. Please spread the word, and if you are kind enough to leave a review on Amazon, Maxine will be extremely appreciative.



# JUDY KIRTLEY

## You are in the Right Place

A Poem by Judy Kirtley

You are in the right place at all times  
If you would but trust yourself.  
A Voice so humble speaks whenever you ask;  
A Force pours forth Its Power in your need.

Do not go against the advice of this Power;  
It is higher than anything you can know.  
You will not win if you struggle with It;  
It's Will is greater than you can imagine.

This Voice, this Power, this Force is within you.  
Believe in It for It will never wrong you.  
Our greatest lesson is to learn to trust,  
and Love will lead us toward our goal.

Be still and hear,  
For It speaks even now.  
Listen and heed Its Wisdom;  
You cannot go astray.

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# SUSAN OAKES

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## HEATHER COUCH



HEATHER COUCH  
ACCUMULATIONS  
August 21 – October 7, 2023

Heather Couch was a featured artist at the Coral Springs Museum of Art with her exhibition titled “Accumulations,” showcasing selected work from the past 10 years together with her newest pieces and a site-specific installation of precarious structures built of wood, supporting fragile ceramic sculptures and soft wool to create an environment of warm and peaceful instability.

### Artist Statement:

A soft and fragile knowing leads us to exploration, uncertainty, and open-ended creativity. My work routinely celebrates that uncertainty, with a warmth and spontaneity that embraces process and moving through. Precarious, fragile, and standing still for a moment, these pieces are composed and revised at each step of their making. Structures bend or dance in fragile tension with the material, while closed forms hold layers of texture that crack and crawl with their physical properties. Chance is here often given the pedestal. Repeated marks of the artist’s thumb pressing into soft clay revisit the intensely personal nature of the work, the process, and the labor of making. These abstract forms are derived from narratives of the artist’s experience, reflecting on psychology and emotion, through progression from one piece to the next, and from observation of the larger environment. Informed by landscapes and cultures, they are reflections on the tensions of juggling multiple systems at once. Juxtapositions of material, color, personality and form provide an ongoing series of investigation. With overlaps of discrepancy and a playful use of material, this work explores resiliency in the moving through.

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## HEATHER COUCH

### Artist Bio:

Heather Couch is an Assistant Professor of Art at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. Heather received an MFA in Fine Art / Ceramics in 2015 from Arizona State University. She works in sculptural ceramics and mixed media installation, composing with material language to form pieces that reflect on tensions of uncertainty. Heather earned a B.A. in Sculpture at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, followed by continued study in ceramics at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Alfred University, Chautauqua School of Art in New York, and Hong Ik University in Seoul, South Korea. Recent exhibitions include “On This Day” at CRETA Rome in Rome, Italy, "Static/Not Static" at The Peach Arts District in West Palm Beach, and “Composing Texture” at the University of Dallas in Texas. Heather has been a resident artist at CRETA Rome in Rome Italy, the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach Florida, the International Ceramics Studio in Kecskemet Hungary, and the Mesa Arts Center in Mesa Arizona. Her work can be found in private and public collection including Florida Gulf Coast University, Union University, and the Mesa Contemporary Art Museum (MCA).



### *She.Her.Hers.*

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County  
January 26, 2024 - April 6, 2024

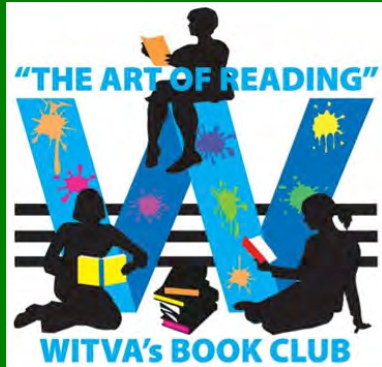
Heather has been invited to create a site-specific installation for the exhibition *She.Her.Hers.* at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County in January. The exhibition will be open January 26, 2024 – April 6, 2024. The VIP opening reception will be January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for members. An artist panel discussion with curator Veronique Chagnon-Burke will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4:00 pm. Please visit <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/council-events/council-gallery-exhibitions/> for more information. Hope you can make it!

## OPEN HOUSE

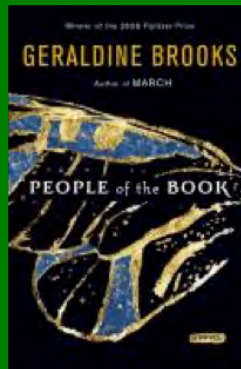
### JOHN SUROVEK GALLERY

Dan and Carole Pichney invite APBC members and friends to an open house to take place at the John Surovek Gallery on 349 Worth Avenue, #8 Via Parigi, Palm Beach, on Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 4pm. The name of this annual show is Insights VI and is sponsored by the Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation. This show features 22 established artists from all over the United States that identify as having bipolar disorder. Dan is the featured artist and is showing two B&W photographic works of children at rest and at play from a series taken in France from the mid 70s to the mid 90s.

# BOOK CLUB



**Discussion With Yummy \$18 Buffet Lunch**  
**When: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Where: Stonebridge Country Club**  
10343 Stonebridge Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33498



**Novel: People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks**

A fictionalized account of the turbulent history of the Sarajevo Haggadah, an illuminated manuscript which has survived into the twentieth century thanks to people of various faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it. Hanna Heath, a manuscript conservator hired to restore the manuscript in 1996 Sarajevo, finds and pursues clues to crucial moments in the book's history.

**Questions: Beth at [bethloves@gmail.com](mailto:bethloves@gmail.com) 561-684-3166**  
**Plan To Attend? Be quick. Only 23 spots for lunch.**  
**Send your RSVP to Marla at [Marlaann1115@gmail.com](mailto:Marlaann1115@gmail.com)**

## BOOK CLUB

**JOIN OUR MONTHLY BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION on ZOOM!**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024  
3PM TO 4PM**

Put on by Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, the Book Club discussion is held the last Wednesday of each month. This audiobook can be found on BARD. Copies of the book are being mailed out on JANUARY 3, 2024 to anyone who does not use BARD and requests a copy from Jason Goldfield at FOCB. Copies are being mailed in a clear or gray case with a title label saying FOCB Book Discussion. The cartridge says FOCB.

### **Warrior Dog: The True Story of a Navy SEAL and His Fearless Canine**

**Partner (DB114541)**

**By Will Chesney**

**Reading time: 4 hours, 50 minutes GENRES: Biography; War and the Military; Animals and Wildlife**

"When Will Chesney became a Navy SEAL, he never imagined working with dogs. But when he was introduced to Cairo, a Belgian Malinois, they became close immediately. Will and Cairo started working together, side by side, depending on each other for survival in hundreds of critical operations. Soon their bond went beyond military service to true friendship. As Will moved on to other assignments, he saw Cairo less and less. Then, in 2011, the call came: Pick up your dog and get back to Virginia. Now, Cairo and Will trained for weeks, but it soon became clear that this was no ordinary mission. Cairo was among the first members of the US military on the ground in Pakistan as part of Operation Neptune Spear, which resulted in the successful elimination of Osama bin Laden. After the mission, Will went back to his job, until 2013, when a grenade blast left him severely injured. Now it was up to Cairo to save Will's life once more -- and then up to Will to be there when Cairo needed him the most."

-- Provided by publisher. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6

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**APBC wishes you a Happy and Safe Holiday 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.

