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## WAA Willingboro Art Alliance

### What's New...

- **Membership Dues!** Membership dues are \$35 annually for 2025. Your membership ensures you receive the Sketchbook directly to your inbox and keeps you current on events, member news, and local opportunities. Your membership grants you discounted access to classes, workshops, and art shows. Fill out the application on page 12 or pay online at <https://willingboroart.org/>. Please make sure to update any changes in your address, email, and telephone numbers on the application or website.
- **Bruce Garrity** will lead the **Wednesday Workshop** on February 5th at the JFK center room 301 from 9:45 am -12 pm. The workshop will focus on color's theoretical underpinnings. See page 9 for details.
- **Joan Becker** will be giving the **February Artist Presentation and Watercolor demonstration** on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> in person at the Burlington County Library and on Zoom from 10 am-12 pm. See page 9 for details.
- WAA/RVPAP Plein Air is on hiatus until Spring. Clothed Figure session on hiatus.
- The Kennedy Center will be closed on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.
- The next **WAA Board Meeting** will be on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please join us to hear what's going on. It is **OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**.
- **Handy feature**; click on any link/Url or email address in this pdf to automatically open the webpage or your email program.

<https://www>  **Click on any Link to go to that website or email**

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### The Willingboro Art Alliance The Oldest Art Organization in Burlington County

Founded in 1964—Incorporated 1965  
501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/willingboroartalliance](http://www.facebook.com/willingboroartalliance)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/willingboro\\_art\\_alliance](http://www.instagram.com/willingboro_art_alliance)

Website: [www.willingboroart.org](http://www.willingboroart.org) • Email: [info2019@willingboroart.org](mailto:info2019@willingboroart.org)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5665585928>



## Workshops/Open Studios

JFK Center Room 301

Wednesday Workshops 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

February 5th	<b>Bruce Garrity – Kennedy Center</b>
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Open Studio-No Instruction</b>
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Open Studio-No Instruction</b>
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Art Coaching – Kennedy Center</b>

### Mission Statement

Forming an organization, which would bring amateur and professional artists together in an effort to increase their skills through workshops and exhibits, and at the same time, to increase community awareness of the fine arts.

Address: John F. Kennedy Ctr,  
Room 300  
429 John F. Kennedy Way,  
Willingboro, NJ 08046

### Donations and Membership

Checks can be mailed to:

Diane Carrier  
WAA Membership Chairperson  
51 Dunstable Rd,  
Southampton, NJ 08088  
E-mail: info2019@willingboroart.org

Newsletter editor:

Mary Gromlowicz

E-Mail News for the March Sketchbook  
by February 15th

send emails to:  
marygrom622@gmail.com

The following are on **ZOOM** or in-person at the times listed

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5665585928>

– **No fee for online sessions**

#### Monday 10 AM – 12 PM Life Drawing

Every Monday morning **on Zoom**

Contact **Marcia Steinbock** for information at [marciasteinbock@gmail.com](mailto:marciasteinbock@gmail.com)

#### Tuesday 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Open Studio in Person

At the Kennedy Center, Room 301

Contact **Arleen Potter** at [arleen169@aol.com](mailto:arleen169@aol.com)

#### Thursday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Open Studio

Every Thursday morning **on Zoom**

Contact **Indira Mehta** at [inaservaia@gmail.com](mailto:inaservaia@gmail.com)

#### First and Third Saturday – 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM

**Life Figure Open Studio in Person**

At the Kennedy Center, Room 300

Contact **Jeff Chorney** or **Rob Cuff** for more information

Jeff: [docart2552@gmail.com](mailto:docart2552@gmail.com) – Rob: [robertcuff@yahoo.com](mailto:robertcuff@yahoo.com)

#### ~~Second and Fourth Saturdays – 12:00 pm-3:00 pm~~

~~Clothed/Portrait Open Studio, in Person at the Kennedy Center~~

~~Contact **David Aguilar**: [david.aguilar.cms@gmail.com](mailto:david.aguilar.cms@gmail.com)~~

~~or **Rob Cuff**: [robertcuff@yahoo.com](mailto:robertcuff@yahoo.com)~~

**Clothed/Portrait Open Studio on Break**

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# Did You Know?

By William Ruspantine

**Dan Coe** is a professional artist and sign painter specializing in painted signs and fine art. Dan draws inspiration from the unparalleled Southern Kenai Peninsula off the coast of Southcentral Alaska.

<https://dancoeart.com/>



- **Ellen Barnett** created **Keep Moving**, an acrylic painting which is a continuation of her exploration of texture. It is 16x20 on canvas.

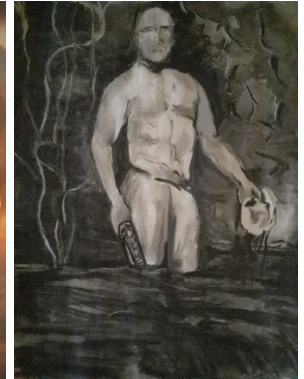
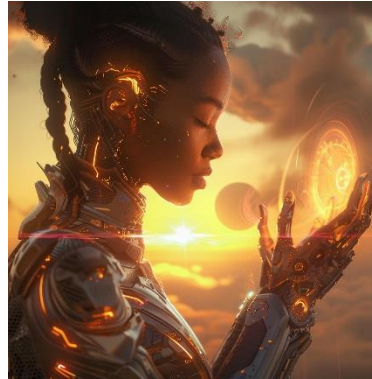


## Member News

- President **Carolyn Burke** kicked off 2025 by outlining her vision and goals for the year, promising an exciting journey ahead.

She also attended a figure drawing session, where she created the lower right charcoal piece.

Additionally, Carolyn shares two AI digital artworks.



- The schedule is set for the upcoming Life Figure Drawing Open Studios.

Six sessions are planned for Jan, Feb, Mar 2025

Dates are

**Feb 1 & 15**

**Mar 1 & 15**

All sessions are located at JFK Center in Willingboro and start at 9 am sharp so arrive early to get an easel and space

All sessions end at 12 noon.

Dry media and paints, solvents are not recommended.

## Member News (continued)



Northwest Triptych

- **Maria Morales** was awarded First Place in the Medford Arts 2025 Wild Things Show for “**Dancing With Leaves**”, a panel in her triptych based on her travels through the Northwestern U.S. The show is on display until February 6.

<https://www.medfordarts.com/2025-wild-things-juried.html>

Three of Maria’s pieces were accepted into Powell Lane Arts I SPY exhibition, on display from Feb 1 to March 23rd. Everyone is welcomed to the Opening Party on Feb 1st from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

<https://www.powelllanearts.com/2025-i-spy>

Maria has also signed a two-year international licensing deal. Some of her work is now available in numerous retail outlets such as Target, Macy’s, and Kirkland’s and online at various e-commerce sites including Wayfair.com and iCanvas.com as canvas art and fine art prints with various options and sizes.

<https://art.icanvas.com/maria-morales>

- **Mary Gromlowicz** sketched this portrait of her niece in the WAA sketchbook she was gifted during the WAA holiday luncheon.



- Artists **Kim Baker**, **Mary Gromlowicz**, and **Jim Militello** met at Historic Smithville to paint. Historic Smithville is a beautiful place, with lovely landscapes and interesting buildings. Everyone worked in a different media: Mary in watercolor, Jim in acrylic, Kim in pastels. It was a great time! The group enjoyed a visit to The Olde World Bakery and Café afterwards, which is also a beautiful South Jersey must stop. I definitely recommend the almond horn and coffee.

If interested in joining for plein air painting, visit the Facebook group South Jersey Plein Air Painters for dates and time information.

- **William Ruspantine** created this charcoal watercolor on toned paper.



### Art Tip:

Read! Explore your interests and delve into the lives of artists. By learning about their struggles and triumphs, you’ll find inspiration and possibly parallels to your own journey.

I recently enjoyed “Art is Life” by Jerry Saltz, a Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic who started writing critiques at forty. His book, which is a collection of his critiques and ideas, inspired me to believe it’s never too late or too soon to pursue your passions. Often, the only obstacle in your way is yourself.

~Mary Gromlowicz



## Opp-ART-unities

- **Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts** Open Call for **Small Masterpieces**. This call for art is for art in all mediums, any subject, under 10" in height, width, and perimeter. **Drop off March 15 and 17th**. For more information visit: <https://www.rrcarts.com/>
- There is an open call for the **Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival**. The festival kicks off on May 4, 2025, with the arrival of 32 juried, nationally recognized, and emerging artists who have ventured to Wayne, Pennsylvania to capture the exceptional beauty of the Delaware Valley. For more information visit <https://waynepleinair.org/call-for-entries/> **Entry Deadline: 2/20/25**
- **Medford Arts Center** has a call for art for their **2025 Works on Paper Juried Exhibition**. Only works on paper will be accepted. **Submission Deadline Monday February 3rd**. Exhibit runs February 7- March 6th. For full prospectus visit: <https://www.medfordarts.com/2025-works-paper.html>



wayne art center 2025  
**Plein Air Festival**  
17th Annual

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

ONLINE ENTRIES:  
**November 13, 2024-  
February 20, 2025**

[waynepleinair.org](https://waynepleinair.org)

Juror: Larry Moore  
Festival: May 4-10, 2025  
Collectors' Preview: Saturday, May 10, 2025  
Exhibition: May 11- June 21, 2025  
Awards: \$25,000+ in cash awards

Neal Hughes, Phillipsburgh Street East in Show 2024

- **Art Fluent** invites artists worldwide to submit artwork to the online exhibit, **BARING IT ALL**. Artists have always been obsessed with the naked figure, and for good reason. It's raw, real, and beautifully human. Whether it's bold, vulnerable, awkward, or all of the above, nakedness forces us to stop and really see what's underneath. Show us BARING IT ALL from your perspective. **JPEGs due by Friday, April 4, 2025 at midnight MST**. For more details visit: <https://art-fluent.com/calls-for-art/baring-it-all-prospectus/>

- **The Wayne Art Center** has an open call for their **2025 Regional Juried Spring Exhibition**. **Entry Deadline February 17, 2025**. For more information visit <https://wayneart.org/exhibitions/regional-juried-spring-open-2025/>



REGIONAL JURIED **SPRING OPEN**  
**EXHIBITION**  
MARCH 31-APRIL 26  
**2025**

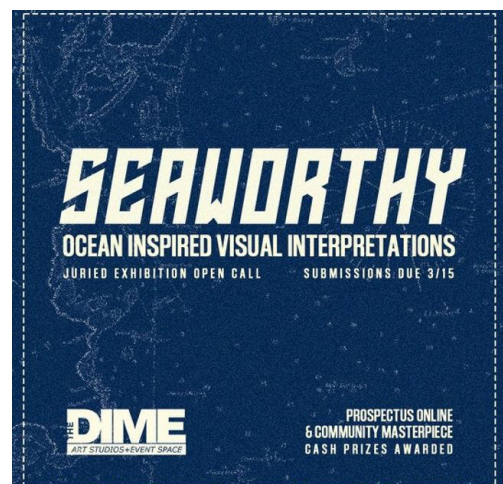
Enter thru  
February 17, 2025

**CALL FOR ENTRY**

Artists from PA, NJ, NY, DE, MD, DC, VA  
Work in all mediums  
Juror Christine Lafuente  
\$3,000 in awards

wayne art center

- **The Dime Art Studio and Events Space** has an open call for their exhibition **"SEAWORTHY" Ocean Inspired Visual Interpretations Juried Exhibition**. This exhibit is open to original works in all medium except photography, completed within the last 3 years. **Submissions deadline March 15th**. For more information visit: <https://www.thedimeart.com/exhibitions-1>



**SEAWORTHY**  
OCEAN INSPIRED VISUAL INTERPRETATIONS  
JURIED EXHIBITION OPEN CALL SUBMISSIONS DUE 3/15

THE DIME  
ART STUDIOS + EVENT SPACE

PROSPECTUS ONLINE  
& COMMUNITY MASTERPIECE  
CASH PRIZES AWARDED

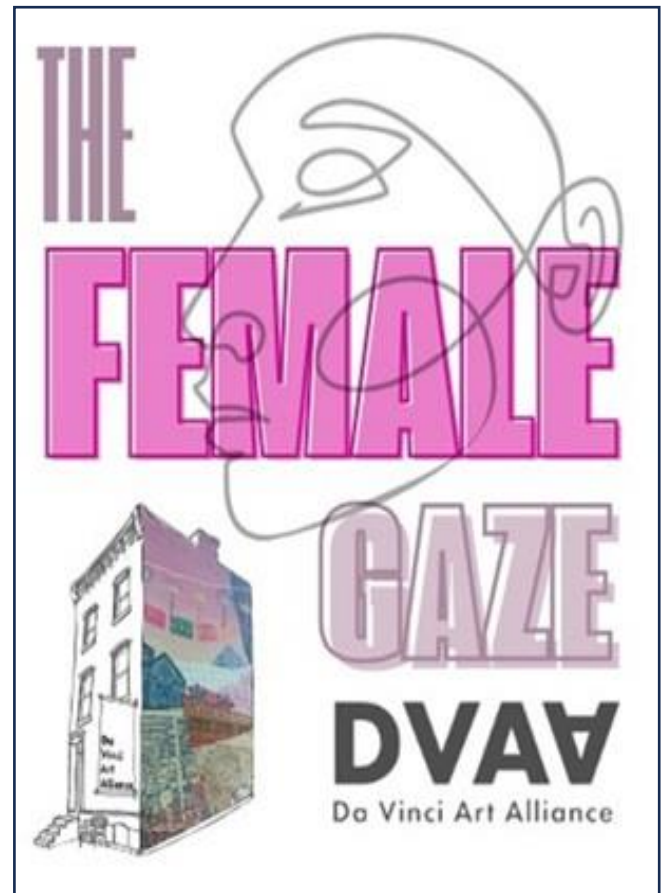
## Opp-ART-unities (continued)

- **The Center for Emerging Visual Artists (CFEVA)** is delighted to present an open call for art submissions for the upcoming juried exhibition, **Future Continuous**. Artists working in all visual media are welcome to apply. The exhibition will be on view at CFEVA's Felicity R. "Bebe" Benoliel Gallery from May-July 2025. This call is an invitation to daydream and speculate, to disrupt and reveal, to contemplate and amend the ways we are shaped by the world around us, and the ways in which our work can offer a future continuous. **Deadline to submit: March 31, 2025**. For more details visit: <https://www.cfeva.org/callforart>
- **Continuing Education Opportunity: Studio Incamminati** will offer **Still-Life Narratives: Painting with Light and Shadow For all levels**. This class focuses on using light and shadow not only as compositional tools but as key elements to evoke mood, depth, and meaning in your work. Class is March 15-16, Sat.-Sun. Tuition \$399. The studio offers many other workshops and class opportunities. For more information visit: <https://studioincamminati.edu/continuing-education-kat-haverkamp/>
- **Continuing Education Opportunity: Lana Privitera**, who presented with BCAG and WAA, will be hosting a live online workshop February 12<sup>th</sup>. For more details and information on how to register visit: <https://www.lanaprivitera.com/page/29915/online-workshops-live>  
To watch a replay of her artist presentation visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6SyxmVQB0>  
She really is an incredible watercolor artist!
- **Art Fluent** invites artists worldwide to submit artwork to the online exhibit, **IMPERMANENCE**. Let's celebrate the beauty in the here-today-gone-tomorrow moments. Artists are invited to capture what it means to embrace the temporary and find beauty in what is destined to fade. **JPEGs due by Friday, February 21, 2025 at midnight MST**. For more details visit: <https://art-fluent.com/calls-for-art/impermanence-prospectus/>
- **Peddler's Village** will host **Best of the Nest: Birdhouse Competition and Display**. Join Peddler's Village and partners AIA Bucks County and the Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow for the 2nd Annual Best of the Nest: Birdhouse Competition & Display – celebrating nature, habitats, feathered friends, and human creativity.  
The Best of the Nest: Birdhouse Competition & Display runs from April 28 through June 8, 2025 and showcases unique birdhouses designed and built by members of the public. **Deadline to register is April 16, 2025**.



## Shows to See

- **Perkins Center for the Arts** has a show **Photography 44: "ACTION!"** in their Moorestown Gallery running from January 13th – February 28th, 2025. For more information visit: <https://perkinsarts.org/event/moorestown-photography-44/>
- **Medford Arts Center Wild Things Anything Wild People, Places, Plants, Creatures Exhibition.** Exhibition will run Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For more information visit: <https://www.medfordarts.com/2025-wild-things-justiced.html>
- **Powell Lane Arts** presents **I Spy. A Show about Perception, Perspective, and maybe even a Secret.** Show to run Saturday Feb 1st to Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Opening Party Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 3 pm – 6 pm. **Maria Morales** has works in this show! For more information visit: <https://www.powelllanearts.com/2025-i-spy>
- **The Female Gaze** is an exhibition dedicated to self-portraits by women and femme artists from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and ages. It presents a compelling narrative that challenges traditional representations of women and redefines the concept of the gaze in art. By focusing on self-portraits, the exhibition highlights how female artists navigate, interrogate, and reclaim their identities through their own artistic perspectives. The exhibition will be on view at Da Vinci Art Alliance March 1st- March 23, located at 704 Catharine Street in Philadelphia. WAA member **Lisa Hendrickson** is part of the exhibition! For more information visit: <https://davinciartalliance.org/>





# Willingboro Art Alliance 2024 Holiday Luncheon

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Burlington Country Club

In honor of the 60th year anniversary, WAA reached out to thank the original founders, Jim Hanna and Philip Arabia.

Jim Hanna wrote this special message of thanks:

As an original founder, I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks to all the members for the wonderful tribute that you sent to me (and Philip) thanking us for our having founded the Alliance 60 years ago. I never dreamed that it would last, and even flourish like it has. I also wanted to recognize Ellen Miller for her selfless efforts during these years to help keep it growing.

*Jim Hanna*







# Willingboro Art Alliance

**Color Theory & Mixing - Wednesday Workshop**

**Feb 5, 2025 — 9:45 am - 12 pm**

**Instructor: Bruce Garrity**

**The Kennedy Center, Room 301  
429 John F. Kennedy Way, Willingboro NJ, 08046**

Please join the Willingboro Art Alliance for an in person workshop on color led by artist **Bruce Garrity**, focusing on color theory and mixing. Supplies will be provided. Open to All, Members: \$5, non-members: \$10

**Bruce Garrity** is a successful NJ based artist who has been an instructor at many local universities. Color is an important element of his bold landscape and still life paintings.

This workshop will focus on Color's theoretical underpinnings —how it works and why it works— through the practice of color mixing and relation. Students will create color studies and scales as a route to a working vocabulary of color ideas.

This workshop is designed for beginners to intermediate level artists who are looking to gain a greater understanding of color and the color mixing process.

Covered in the workshop are key elements in understanding and using color effectively, how to mix a value scale & chromatic greys, and creating alternative color palettes.

For info email  
[info2019@willingboroart.org](mailto:info2019@willingboroart.org).

**View Bruce's work at:**  
<https://brucegarrityart.com>





**Please join the Burlington County Art Guild and Willingboro Art Alliance for a Free Artist Presentation**

**Featured Artist:**

**Joan Becker**

Watercolor Demonstration

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**In person and on Zoom at**

**Burlington County Library**

**5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton, NJ 08060**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89202008261>**

**Meeting ID: 892 0200 8261 — Passcode: 829217**

**Joan Becker** will talk about her background, art practice and inspirations. She will also give a live demo showing her watercolor process.

Becker is a Philadelphia based artist who studied at Moore College of Art and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Working primarily in watercolor and gouache, she creates imaginative works which feature dynamic scenes of people and wildlife set in bold, color-filled backgrounds. In January 2025, her work will be featured in a solo show at Gross McCleaf Gallery in Manayunk, PA. Talking about her process Joan says, "The work begins – the original idea changes and grows. Before my eyes an image forms as pencil and paint are applied to support. This application of materials is very exciting. Often, new decisions and revisions re-form the painting. A struggle may ensue between the painting and me giving the image a life of its own that has nothing in common with the original idea. A painting is successful if it expresses my point of view and, at the same time, has broader appeal."

For more info, contact: [info2019@willingboroart.org](mailto:info2019@willingboroart.org)

View Joan's work at: [www.joanbecker.com](http://www.joanbecker.com)





## Please join the Burlington County Art Guild and Willingboro Art Alliance for a Free Artist Presentation

Featured Presenter:

**Plamen Penev**

Sat., March 22, 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm

In person and on Zoom at  
**Burlington County Library**  
5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton, NJ 08060

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86513683501>

Passcode: 878103

Plamen Penev will discuss his painting process beginning a piece en plein air then finishing it in the studio using multiple references including on site photos & sketches and field notes.

Plamen is an award-winning New Jersey based artist, who paints in oils and pastels to express his fascination with the light we live in. Plamen was born and grew up in Sofia, Bulgaria and was attracted to art at an early age after seeing his older brother draw and sketch. While he was always the class artist, after graduating from high school he followed in the footsteps of his parents to pursue a career in medical research which later brought him to the US.

Plamen now combines a full-time career with painting in his spare time. Dramatic light, soulful subjects and regular travels offer abundant inspiration for his work. He enjoys starting his paintings in plein air and completing the work using multiple reference sources in his home studio.

For more info, contact: [info2019@willingboroart.org](mailto:info2019@willingboroart.org)

View Plamen's work at:

[www.instagram.com/squarepifineart](http://www.instagram.com/squarepifineart)



## 2025 WAA Membership Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the WAA committee(s) on which you would consider serving:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter    | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitions          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Publicity          | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership    | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Support/Programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating a class |

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To pay online:** <https://willingboroart.org/waa-membership-application-form/>  
**or send the above application with a check payable to: Willingboro Art Alliance**

Mail Payment to:

**Diane Carrier**

**WAA Membership Chairperson**

**51 Dunstable Road**

**Southampton, NJ 08088**

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31

Membership \$35 (spouse is free)



Full time student \$10





# February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Life Figure Open Studio JFK 9am-12pm
2	3 Life Drawing on ZOOM 10am-12pm Marcia Steinbock	4 Open Studio in Person 10:30 – 12:30 pm JFK Center 301 Arleen Potter	5 Bruce Garrity JFK 301 9:45 am – 12 pm	6 Open Studio on Zoom 10 am – 1 pm Indira Mehta	7	8
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## WAA Officers/Coordinators

WAA OFFICERS - 2025		WAA COORDINATORS	
President	Carolyn Burke	Monday Life Class	Marcia Steinbock
Vice President	Diane Carrier	Tuesday Open Studio	Arleen Potter
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Secretary	Maggie Rose	Thursday morning- Zoom – Open Studio	Indira Mehta
Treasurer	Jeff Schaeffer	Saturday Morning - Life Open Studio	Jeff Chorney Rob Cuff
WAA CHAIRPERSONS		Clothed Model Studio	David Aguilar, Rob Cuff
Membership	Diane Carrier	Annual Juried show	Vacancy
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		Librarian	William Ruspantine
		Historian	William Ruspantine

If you have news, email **Mary Gromlowicz at [marygrom622@gmail.com](mailto:marygrom622@gmail.com)**  
or call (908) 627-3462 text / leave a message

### Willingboro Kennedy – Building Closures

Art rooms can be used by asking security to unlock them.

Mon, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2025..... President's Day

Monday, May 26 2025.....Memorial Day

- The next **WAA Board Meeting** will be on Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please join us to hear what's going on or feel free to discuss any issues.

**OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.**