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# WCADC MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## A MONTH OF COMPASSION & CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

This month WCADC celebrates the theme of **compassion**. Compassion is often the subject matter and/or the inspiration of different art pieces and forms, as it encourages us to reach outside of our own experiences and move beyond ourselves to find a connection to the wider community. Compassion is found where suffering, creativity, and inclusivity meet. It is a powerful and healing feeling involving authenticity, love, and selflessness. As an organization, we celebrate compassion and the WCADC members that live it out everyday through their artistic expression.

March is **Women's History Month**, and as a women's art caucus, we celebrate the creative and brilliant artists who are part of our community, and who have made history in the art world. Female artists are often overlooked in art history and it is crucial that we create the space to celebrate them and the path they've paved for us and future artists. In this newsletter we will highlight some of our favorite female artists and our very own leadership team.



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# WHAT DOES COMPASSION MEAN TO YOU?

FEATURING WCADC'S WOMEN LEADERS

## Prudence Bonds - Exhibitions Chair

"To me, compassion is empathy plus action. Empathy makes me feel whereas compassion makes me act on that feeling by devoting time, resources, or changing policies pertaining to the particular cause or person in need."



## Jen Packard - Secretary

"Compassion is a major theme that I aim to communicate and elicit in my work as a fine art photographer. Much of my work focuses on the importance of conserving our natural environment and wildlife. This photo, "Flight Test", is part of a series I am working on about rehabilitation. I am working with a raptor. Compassion can have a ripple effect. With one act of compassion, the impact may be limitless."



## Barbara Joann Combs - President

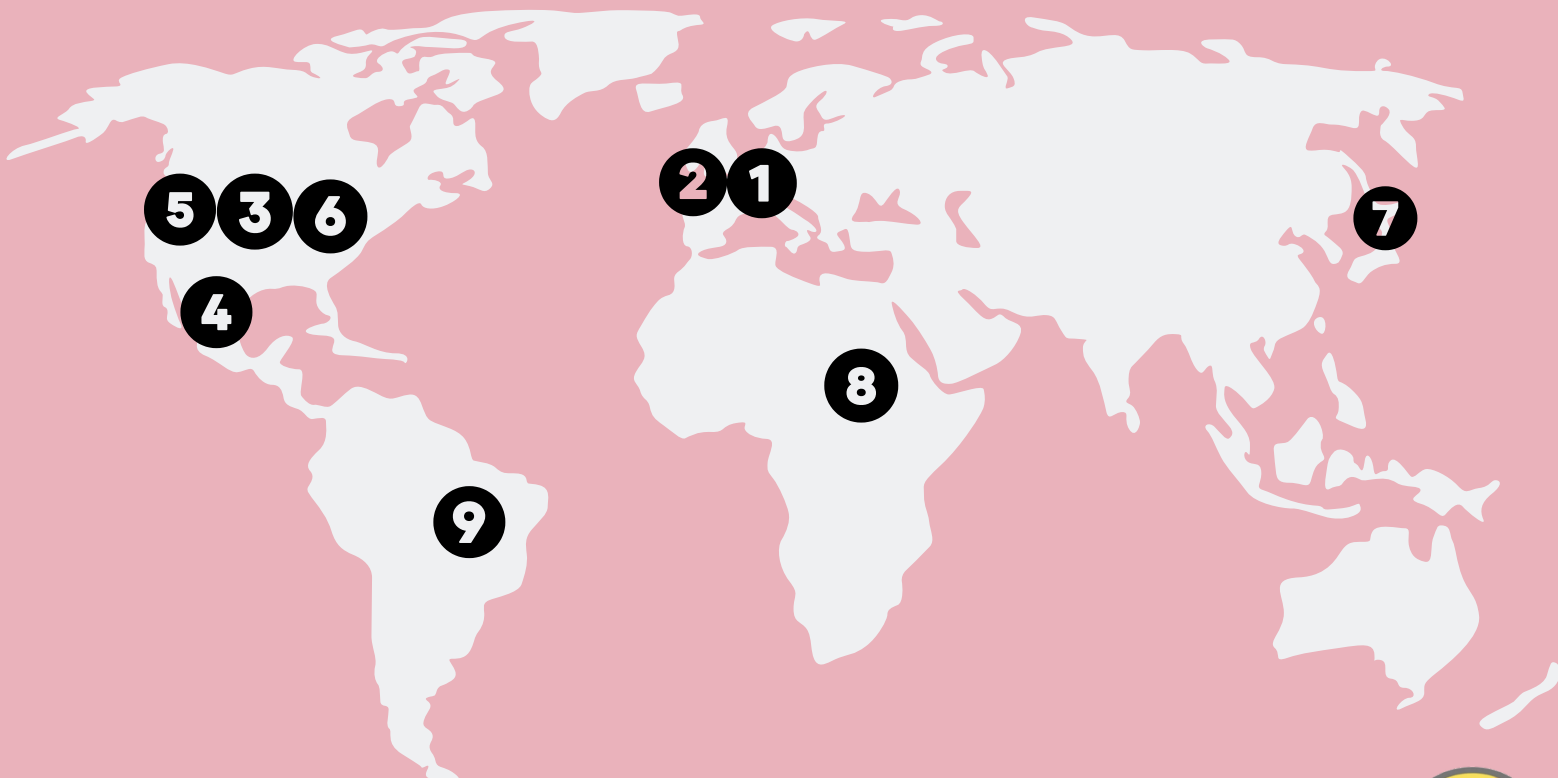
"Compassion is seeing people in their imperfections and loving them anyway in the hopes that they will learn to do the same."



# WOMEN IN ART

Celebrating Female Artists Who Shaped Art History

1. Angelica Kauffman
2. Élisabeth Loise Vigée Le Brun
3. Mary Cassatt
4. Frida Kahlo
5. Georgia O'Keeffe
6. Alma Thomas
7. Yayoi Kusama
8. Aida Muluneh
9. Tarsila do Amaral



# WHAT ARE WCADC MEMBERS UP TO?



Artist: **Prudence Bonds**

Title: "Spectrum"

Description: Science says black is the absence of color. In art, black is the presence of all colors. These theories remind me how perspective is everything and two things can be true at the same time.



Artist: **Pauline Siple**

Title: "Unfurled"

Description: Pauline was invited to be a part of the Art in Embassies Program, Department of State, beginning April, 2023. Her painting was selected to be hung in the American Embassy in San Salvador, El Salvador for Ambassador William Duncan. It will be there from two to three years. More information about the program can be found on [art.state.gov](http://art.state.gov).

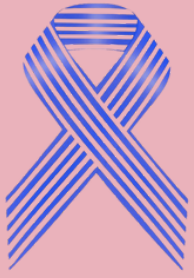


Artist: **Sofia Alpizar**

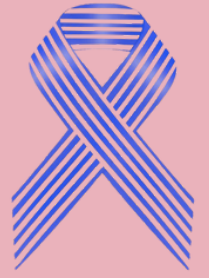
Title: "The Bull"

Description: This abstract piece features a bull composed of different streaks of paint in diverse colors. Sofia grew up in her grandfather's farm and learned to love animals from a young age. She loves to feature them and their beauty in her work.





# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CHERIE M. REDLINGER



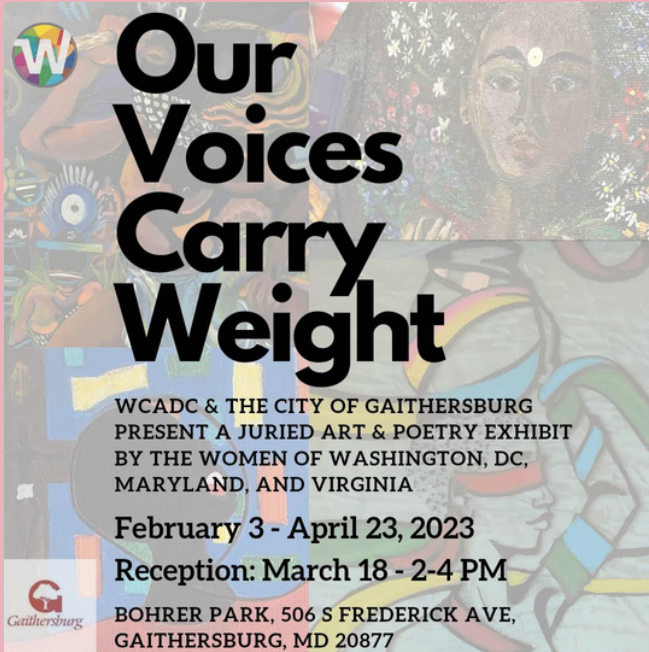
On the morning of February 6th, our beloved WCA member, Cherie M. Redlinger, passed peacefully after fighting ALS for four years. Cherie was a creative and talented artist that touched the heart of many with her kind personality and insightful art. Cherie created artwork through her travels and in different cities and counties she lived in. Through her talent and compassion, she took powerful photographs and produced beautiful pieces. Above all, she was a refreshing and positive member of our community and a friend of many. We will truly miss her.



<http://www.cheriemredlinger.com/>



# EVENTS



**Our  
Voices  
Carry  
Weight**

WCADC & THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG  
PRESENT A JURIED ART & POETRY EXHIBIT  
BY THE WOMEN OF WASHINGTON, DC,  
MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA

February 3 - April 23, 2023  
Reception: March 18 - 2-4 PM

**GAITHERSBURG**  
BOHRER PARK, 506 S FREDERICK AVE,  
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

WHAT DO YOU SEE  
WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME?  
— WCADC CALL FOR ART —

**Exhibit**  
July 7 - 30, 2023

**Popcorn Gallery  
Glen Echo Park**  
7300 MacArthur Blvd  
Glen Echo, MD 20812

**Juror**  
Fabiola R. Delgado

**Entry Deadline**  
April 30, 2023  
Members: \$20  
Non-Members: \$30

**Selection  
Announcement**  
May 14, 2023



Artwork by Tonja Anglin


Self-portraits have been used to exhibit the beauty of life; tell a story of a particular place and time, and shed light on political, social, and ecological issues. WCADC invites local women artists from MD, DC, and VA to create figurative and representational self-portraits using their choice of medium and style in portraying what they want the viewer to comprehend about them. All 2-dimensional artworks will be unframed 24" height x 18" width gallery wrap canvas drawing, painting, mounted photography, and/or mixed media, with ready-to-be-hung wire hardware.

[www.wcadc.org](http://www.wcadc.org)

Sandy Spring Museum

**Beyond Traditions**

January 9 - March 20, 2023



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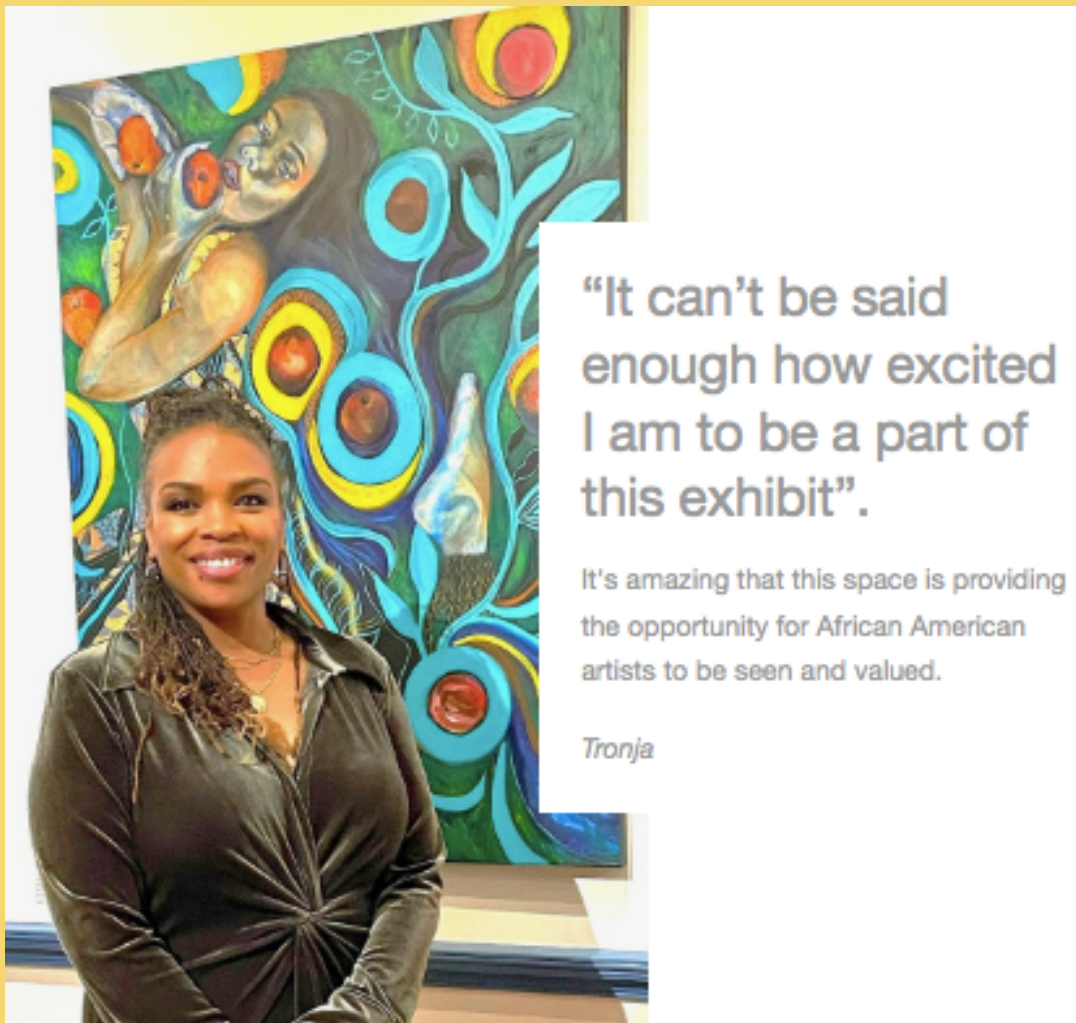


# A Special Highlight

## **Seen: Viewing the work of African American Artists of Fredericksburg, VA Tronja - March 5th, 2023**

The exhibit features 100 years of African American Artists with deep connections to the Fredericksburg region. Ten bodies of work focus on themes of women's empowerment, educational equity, and public art. Featured artists include famed Fredericksburg humanitarian Johnny Johnson and Harlem Renaissance painter Palmer Hayden.

**Exhibit Opened March 2nd and runs till December 2023**





# Announcements

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR NETWORKS



## VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Apply Now !!!!



Up to 5,000

**DEADLINE**  
**APRIL 1, 2023**

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scholarship details](#)

### REQUIREMENTS

Twelfth-grade students (enrolled in a public or private school in Washington, DC, Maryland, or Virginia for the last 2 years) and plans to attend a two or four-year college or university to study Fine Arts, the opportunity to apply for a scholarship as well as encourages and recognizes artistic excellence among DC, MD, and VA BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color) women students. WCA members and/or their family members or previous winners are ineligible.

**IMPORTANT!**



# Announcements

The following leadership positions are still available in our WCADC leadership team:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Membership Chair

If you're interested, email [wcadc@wcadc.org](mailto:wcadc@wcadc.org)

## Why Volunteer?

Good  
experience

Good for  
Resume

You're in  
charge

You have an  
amazing  
team

**IMPORTANT!**

