

## A Review of the 2024 COMMUNITY OF FINE ART SHOW (COFA)

Entire month of August 2024

A delightful art show with Amateur & Professional Divisions and 8 categories, 43 artists, 106 pieces of art at Westlake Porter Public Library. Hundreds of art lovers visited the show during the month of August. A wonderful "Meet the Artists Reception and Awards Ceremony" was held at the end of the show. Many THANKS to the people who helped in putting this show together including, Robert Pearl & Jean Smith, co-chairpersons & advertising. Jeff Darner, computer and design. WAC Board Members for decisions and support. Bob Parry, photographing winning pieces and Jean Smith for overhead presentation. Our talented Judges: Gail Crum, Bernie D'Ettore, & Judy Keane. Registration and installing the show: Tom Hemsath, Patt Long, Bert Sanchez, Tom Baracscai, Jeff Darner, Liz Hoffman, Paula Mealey, Robert Pearl, Jean & Roger Smith, Dave & Kelly Berkheimer.

## OUR FOURTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEETING, RECEPTION, AND ART SALE

was a fun and exciting event at the recently renovated, handicap accessible, Huntington Playhouse at BAYarts, on Saturday October 28, 2024. Over 60 members and friends attended the event. Many long-time members, former board members, prospective members and friends enjoyed an afternoon of friendship, and meeting new people. Many engaged in the on-site art show by our current members, and purchasing over 4 pieces of artwork on display. These sales provided WAC with 20% commission on the sales that will be used to further our endeavors to promote the Arts in the Westshore area.

WAC wishes to thank our Members, the Artists, and friends for making our reception a success. We also would like to thank BAYarts for the generous donation of the spacious meeting room, complete with table & chair set up and help during the reception. A special thank you goes out to Kristin and Marissa at BAYarts for their help and suggestions before and during the event.

## WAC LAUCHES ONLINE ART GALLERY

### *Our first "Featured Artist"*

on our Web Site [www.westshoreac.org](http://www.westshoreac.org)

**NEIL DOREN**, an award winning photographer, and longtime friend and member of WAC has graciously DONATED NUMEROUS pieces of his beautiful photography to our organization. Visit our website to view the artwork and purchase the pieces. All proceeds will be used towards WAC programing. Thank you Neil, for the generous donations.

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If you are interested in being a "Featured Artist" in the future, contact Robert Pearl for details. "Camera Ready Artwork" needed, 2 months show, 10 - 30 pieces required, 30% commission to WAC for all sales. All sales will be conducted by WAC. More details will be available in the future on this new program.

**If you are signed up but not receiving your Art Scene or other WAC correspondence via email, please check your SPAM account to see if they are going there instead of your INCOMING emails. Please update your new or current contact info so we can keep in touch. If you would like a printed copy mailed to your home please let us know, we will be glad to mail the Art Scene to your home or business. You may not receive the reminders or other ideas as they are sent through the email accounts.**

NEW BOARD MEMBER ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE TO BRING OUR PROGRAMS AND IDEAS TO THE PUBLIC, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NO ARTISIC ABILITIES NEEDED...ONLY A LOVE OF THE ARTS AND PASSION TO SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY  
CONTACT ROBERT PEARL, 440-554-7522.

### 2024 WAC OFFICERS

Robert Pearl – President  
Liz Hoffman – Vice Pres.-Ways & Means,  
Jeff Darner – Treasurer  
Patt Long – Corresponding Secretary

### BOARD MEMBERS

Robert Pearl – COFA Art Show, Co-Chairperson. Programming.  
Jean Smith – COFA Art Show, Co-Chairperson. Publicity.  
Jeff Darner – Web Site. Event Flyers. Computer.  
Patt Long – Art Scene. Computer.  
Chris Young – Programming.  
Tom Baracscai – New Member  
Bert Sanchez – New Member

### FRIENDS OF WAC

Andrea Tarolli – Porter Library Representative, Recording Secretary  
Paula Mealey – Programing.