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## Artists' League Speakers Committee

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## Programs and Speakers for 2016-2017

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- September 7, 2016: *Priority Picks* for 2016-2017 Season.

Facilitator: Viki D. Thompson Wylder

- September 29, 2016 (changed from the October timeslot):

### *Changing Perspectives: Judy Chicago's Birth Project*

Panel Presentation for the *Birth Project* exhibition which begins on September 23. Panelists: Fiber Artist – Tenee Hart; Art Historian – Dr. Karen Bearor; Sociologist – Dr. Miranda Waggoner; Sociologist and Dir of the Claude Pepper Institute on Aging & Public Policy – Dr. Anne Barrett; and Certified Nurse Midwife – Carol McNutt. The panelists will relate to the artwork from the perspectives of their various disciplines.

Program only, no business. However, *A&A Fair* applications can be turned in at this meeting.

Facilitator: Viki D. Thompson Wylder

- November 1, 2016: *Rowe, Rowe, Rowe Your ---- Art Nouveau*

The Art Nouveau Print Collection of Patrick Rowe: Dr. Patrick Rowe, an art historian and professor from the University of West Florida (1990-2010), counts the collection of the prints of Alphonse Mucha, a prime artist of the sinuous or sensual Art Nouveau style of the early 1900s, among his several important collections. His Art Nouveau collection will be on display at the Museum of Fine Arts. He will walk through the exhibition as he gives his talk. Program only, no business.

Facilitator: Viki D. Thompson Wylder

- November 29, 30 & December 1: *Set up for Art & Antiques Fair* (no meeting)

Tuesday, Nov 29: 7-9

Wednesday, Nov 30, 9-4 & 7-9

Thursday, Dec 1, 9-4

- December 2 and 3: *Art & Antiques Fair*

Friday, Dec 4: 10-6

Saturday, Dec 5: 10-4

- January 17, 2017 (*third Tuesday* of January):

### *Expose! Going Behind the Scenes of the Tallahassee International*

Speakers: Jean Young – Coordinator of the Tallahassee International and Wayne Vonada, Preparator, both of the FSU Museum of Fine Arts.

Jean Young will speak about the processes and protocol used when artwork is submitted for the Tallahassee International. She will show slides of entries, slides of those works which were accepted for the show, and the “dos and don’ts” of the application process.

Wayne Vonada will speak about the decisions made during the lay out of the exhibition (or any exhibition) once the artwork is in the door.

Facilitator: Viki D. Thompson Wylder

- February 7, 2017:

*Bragging Rites: Professional Development Award Winners*

Speakers: Maria Balingit (drawing) and Mary Liz Moody (watercolor, acrylic, illustration, and soft sculpture). These recipients of the Professional Development Award will discuss their work and explain the projects for which they received their awards.

Facilitator: Mark Fletcher

Member Spotlight: Sara Caruso. Winner of the Emerging Artist Award at the Summer Annual; media: drawing, painting.

- March 7, 2017:

*Kneeling Before Alice Neel: A Film Homage to the Artist*

This movie, a documentary by Alice Neel's grandson, Andrew, explores Neel's life as an artist and the factors which influenced her work. Her paintings were bold. When she was in her 80s she painted a nude self-portrait (which, by the way, was "artful.") The film includes interviews with family and surviving friends. Interviews include the artists Chuck Close and Alex Katz.

Special location and time: Room 249, small auditorium accessed from hallway next to Museum; movie only, no business. Doors open at 7:00; movie begins at 7:10.

Facilitator: Sara Chang

- April 4, 2017: *Can You See It?*

This 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Artist's Life Series focuses on communication. Do artists visually speak to an audience through their art, communicate a message? What is your message? What drew you to your message/content – or lack thereof? Can you see it?

Facilitator: Mariann Bernice Kearsley

- May 2, 2017: Ted Talks Art

Two Ted Talks featuring artists will be followed by League discussion.

Ted Talk #1: *Janet Echelman: Taking Imagination Seriously* (9 min, 19 sec)

Janet Echelman (born February 19, 1966) is an American sculptor and artist. She builds living, breathing sculpture environments that respond to the forces of nature — wind, water and light — and become inviting focal points for civic life. Exploring the potential of unlikely materials, from fishing net to atomized water particles, Echelman combines ancient craft with cutting-edge technology to create her permanent sculpture at the scale of buildings. Experiential in nature, the result is sculpture that shifts from being an object you look at, to something you can get lost in.

Ted Talk #2: *Beatrice Coron: Stories Cut from Paper* (18 min, 15 sec)

Béatrice Coron tells stories informed by life. Her own life colors her work: after briefly studying art at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts of Lyon, and Mandarin Chinese at the Université of Lyon III, Coron experienced life with a series of odd jobs. She has been, among others, a shepherdess, truck driver, factory worker, cleaning lady and New York City tour guide. She has lived in France (her native country), Egypt and Mexico for one year each, and China for two years. She moved to New York in 1985, where she reinvented herself as an artist. Coron's oeuvre includes illustration, book arts, fine art and public art. She cuts her characteristic silhouette designs in paper and Tyvek.

Facilitator: Sara Chang and Viki D. Thompson Wylder

Member Spotlight: Allison Finn: Juror's Mention at the Summer Annual; medium: digital.

- June 6 (& 7), 2017: *Artists' League Summer Annual Drop Off:*

Tuesday, June 6: 7-9

Wednesday, June 7: noon-4

- June 23 - July 28, 2017: (no theme)

## *The 31st Summer Annual!*

Friday, June 23, 6-8

- July 11, 2017: *Who Durnit?*

A mysterious twist on the traditional **Walk and Talk**, the talking tour of of the Artists' League Exhibition by members.

Facilitator: Mariann Bernice Kearsley

- August 1, 2017: *Grande Finale in Celebration of our Season*

Potluck. Host: Susan Campbell

Facilitator: Mariann Kearsley