

said to have been -- "where there's a will, there's a way" or "I'd like to do that" -- as each speaker spoke of her personal and professional challenges and how they sought to find a balance in their lives through art and crafts.

The doctors spoke with wisdom and humor about the pressures of their careers and busyness in their family lives, and about how finding time to craft or make art enriches each of their lives and gives them a purpose and energy that is revitalizing and healing and constructive. Creative energies arise! Each woman mentioned that finding a "community" of crafters and artists and sensing belonging to those communities helped to sustain her in the professional world and in the world of family.

On display, through powerpoint photos and in an actual display on tables, were art pieces made by the speakers. Many audience members discussed the artistic pieces with the crafters/artists. Many people remarked that they hoped the meeting sparked new connections between the physician crafters and WiVLA members and with WiVLA itself. You can view photos of the evening, posted by host Debbie Blumberg, on the WiVLA Facebook page. Thank you to the three guest presenters for a wonderfully upbeat and practical discussion!

WiVLA NEWS



If you shop at **Randall's**, tie your account to WiVLA (#5341). You can do this at the customer service counter once, and from then on, WiVLA will benefit every time you shop!

If you shop through **AMAZON**, your shopping makes a difference. Do your regular Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0464450 and Amazon donates to Women in the Visual and Literary Arts. **Amazon Smile** provides your favorite nonprofit with a percentage of the purchase each time you go through Amazon Smile to get to Amazon.com.

- **FRESH ARTS SUMMIT:** Gain a fresh perspective on the business of art. [Registration is now open](#) for the [Fresh Arts Summit](#), July 19-20 at Silver Street Studios in the heart of Arts District Houston. The [Fresh Arts Summit](#) is a 2-day conference offering 20+ skill-building workshops, expert lectures, artist panels + round table discussions, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities. The Summit is ideal for emerging to established artists, makers, and creatives of all disciplines who seek to advance their entrepreneurial skills, expand the peer network, and tap into local resources. Topics will include goal setting, social media and marketing strategies, fundraising and financial management, legal resources, and other topics related to arts entrepreneurship. Sessions will be led by over two dozen organizational partners and field experts including practicing artists and other creative leaders working in the arts community. For more details on the Summit and on scholarships, please see <http://www.fresharts.org>
- **Google Photos and Facebook items by Regina Vitolo Mader.** Regina encourages everyone to share their WiVLA photos to a Google album. Click [here](#) to read her request and see more details. Regina says: "Hi, everyone, this is a link to WIVLA'S GOOGLE PHOTOS ALBUM. Please feel free to to upload any of your own WiVLA photos, or email them to me at clockbirdstar@gmail.com." Use this [link](#) to the album itself. And, finally, use this [one](#) for a how-to tutorial on Facebook.
- **The Announcements section has notices for upcoming events at VAA and ClayHouston.**
- **Special Request:** A WiVLA member in the South Post Oak/Bellaire area needs transportation to our meetings. If you can help, please email info@wivla.org.

MEMBER NEWS

Please send in your news by the 25th of each month - art

exhibits, literary works, news, etc. - for inclusion in the following month's news to newsletter@wivla.org.

- Join **Kay Kemp** at her Wild Heart Art Studio July 19 and 20, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm for a festive gathering featuring her insightful art and creations. The theme, "Flamingos & Flocks of Fun" tells you this won't be your ordinary art opening but instead, a lively celebration. Don't expect to see flamingos in her art (well, maybe one), but do expect an abundance of unique gift items and her latest art. It won't be the same without YOU. Bring your friends and mention, "WIVLA" to receive a special thank you gift. See you at 909 Harvard, the hottest COOL place to be! You can also go to <https://spiritworks4u.com> to see some of her favorite pieces. For more information or to make a personal appointment, call Kay on her cell at 713.806.3322.
- Member **Kathy Wood**, who is the artistic director of the dance company **Fly Dance Company - The Gentlemen of Hip Hop**, writes to tell us that the troupe will be perform at Miller Outdoor Theater on July 5 at 8:30 p.m.
Visit <https://www.flydancecompany.com/home>
- Check out the **WiVLA Facebook page**. Members are sharing photos, news, workshops, information regularly in Facebook posts.
- **Jane Chance**: Nine of Jane's poems will be included in a second anthology of medievalist poems, *Hail, Radiant Star: Nine Medievalist Poems*, ed. Jane Beal, likely published in 2020. She will be a speaker at the Tolkien 2019 (Tolkien Society Conference) at Birmingham, UK, August 9, 2019, the title of which is "Grendel's Mother and Tolkien's Women." Additionally, Jane is happy to announce that her second book of poems, "The Middle Ages," published by Finishing Line Press received a finalist award from the Eric Hoffer Award 2019.
- **Melody Locke**: One of her lumen prints, *Roses*

for Dad, was selected for Archway Gallery's Eleventh Annual Juried Exhibition, which was juried by Penny Cerling. The exhibition will be in place through August 1. More about Archway's

exhibition: <https://www.facebook.com/events/916226992063111/>

Another one of Melody's lumen prints, *Angel's Trumpet*, was selected for Visual Arts Alliance's 36th Annual Open Exhibition on display now at Silver Street Studios.

- **Editor's Note: We know a lot of you are showing your work and getting published, so we ask you to send the information to newsletter@WiVLA.org by the 25th of each month. We want to support you. Thank you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ The Ross Lynn Charitable Foundation in Ruston LA sent an interesting opportunity, **an open call to photographers**. Please see the notice at this [link](#).

WOW! Lots of good information, call for submissions, and events are available. Check out ***Gulf Coast - A Journal of Literature and Fine Arts*** **very excellent website** for news of current issue and events. Right now there is a SHORT PROSE submission request with an August 15th deadline. (There is a submission fee for this competition.) The link for **Gulf Coast** is [here](http://www.gulfcoastmag.org). (www.gulfcoastmag.org)

~ **ClayHouston** Please check out the website for all the events and activities. <https://www.clayhouston.org/> and www.houstonheights.org for information on the exhibit along Heights Boulevard. Save the date for later in the fall when ClayHouston offers their Clay Bodies Symposium. When: 19 Oct 2019 9:00 AM, Where: Glassell Studio School 5101 Montrose St Houston Tx 77006, Auditorium and Ceramics Studio Rm 106

~ Double WOW! See this [link](#) to **Visual Arts Alliance** VAA special program with muralist Anat Ronen on Wednesday July 10. The **Visual Arts Alliance (VAA)** website is a great resource for all news and events

scheduled by the organization. Click <http://visualartsalliance.org/> VAA's site contains great information with upcoming events along with their usual events such as 3rd Monday Critique Groups, etc. See the link.

~ Literary readings are held on the third Thursday of the month at **Archway Gallery**. Gather from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with light refreshments. An eclectic group of writers share 3-5 minutes of their most recent works. Come and hear or join the inspiring readings!

~ **PrintMatters**, a local group that promotes traditional and non-traditional print-making and print collecting, is focused on PrintHouston 2019. Please check out the website at www.printmattershouston.org for full details and to meet Houston's print makers.

~ **Houston Metal Arts Guild** has a great website at www.new.hmag.org that displays the group's activities, member info, upcoming events, and more. Of particular note is workshop and grant information. Please check out the guild at the [link](#) and learn more about the members and activities.

~ **The Glassell School of Art** For more information on schedule, contact glassell@mfa.org or 713.639.7500.

~ **Houston Writers Guild (HWG)**. The Guild has a great website at www.houstonwritersguild.org that gives the schedule of activities and classes.

~ **Public Poetry has a great deal of information** on its website this month including [Public Poetry](#) monthly events and call for submissions and contests. Click the link for PP's great colorful and informative web page. <http://www.publicpoetry.net>

~ Have you heard that there is music at **Archway Gallery too?** The gallery has a great website: Click [here](#) to go to the website. Monthly exhibits and special events including the popular Figure Drawing Sessions, Latenight Pie, Wine and Art Dinners and great monthly exhibits.

~**Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (TALA)**
 has a good website at www.talarts.org and it lists the events and workshops that they sponsor. Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts was formed in 1979 to meet the legal and accounting needs of artists and art nonprofit organizations across the State of Texas. TALA volunteers throughout Texas handle more than 250 matters per year. In 2016, TALA began serving inventors in the Patent Pro Bono Program. Click [here](#) for the website.

~ **Houston Art Alliance**
 site <http://houstonartsalliance.com/>

~ **Wordsmyth Theater** at www.wordsmyththeater.org is a "Houston-based playwright's theater dedicated to the development of new theatrical works from formative stages through full production." Find them at the link above.

~ **Brazos Bookstore** has a great website that highlights its many literary events. <http://www.brazosbookstore.com>

~ **Inprint** opens its doors at 1520 West Main on the first Friday of every month from 9 am to 12 noon for a writing cafe. Any and all writers looking for a pleasant morning space in which to write are welcome. For information, click [here](#).

Literary Events -- Call for Entries

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Introducing, a new online literary magazine, is open to short fiction submissions from writers who have never been published or only self-published. <http://www.introducingmag.com>

Visual Events -- Call for Entries

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FreshArts, of which we are members, has many opportunities for artists listed on their [website here](#). Their motto is "Where Art Meets Opportunity" -- a cousin or sibling of WiVLA's mission.



The editor says, "Thank you to pixabay for free art and to Mohamed Hassan for an image."