



Gallery 200 news

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- The September and October staffing schedules appear in this newsletter. There are many October dates to fill! **IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP TO STAFF, C'MON DOWN AND FILL IN A BLANK (or two)!**
- The next Member Business and Social meeting will be on Sunday, November 2, 2008 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Join us and help plan for Frosty Fest and the winter holidays!

Women's Wisdom and artXposium

Gallery 200 said "Farewell!" to summer and looked forward to Fall with two exciting events in our downtown area: our September Featured Artist, Women's Wisdom, features mixed media work by women from all walks of life, participating in the art program at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, IL. G200 member Cheryl Mahowald, a Women's Wisdom member, helped give us the opportunity to host this wonderful show! Mid-month saw the return of **artXposium**, with our first Artist in Residence, **Gudrun Hasle**, joining us from Denmark. High-



lights of the event included an opening night reception, a curator's tour, an artist salon and artist book reception, artists' talks, film screenings, and a bookbinding demo. All in all, it was a groundbreaking event !



Photos by **Joe Weibler**

Cheryl Mahowald (l) chats with Cheryl Weston (c) and Sister Kate of Women's Wisdom at the September 5 reception



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Gallery Outlook: New Awning, New Space(?)

The City of West Chicago has agreed to remove the wooden overhang at Gallery 200 and replace it with a fabric awning similar to those on many of our neighbors' storefronts. Bids have been reviewed and **LuAnn Bombard** hopes to see the finished banner in place by October 1. "We just need to select the colors," said **LuAnn**. "Black with thin vertical gold stripes looks to be a popular choice." The City is funding expenses for the project.

LuAnn also advises that the City is looking into refurbishing our basement, which will require that the facility be made ADA-compliant. If this is a "go," the Gallery could have access to the basement for studio space. Given the increasing popularity and variety of class of-

ferings, this would be helpful in increasing our visitor throughput. Remember the old saw about becoming an "overnight" sensation, but taking 20 years to get there? We persevere!

LuAnn has also been updating our member phone and e-mail address lists. The current lists are at the front desk; please check your listings and correct if necessary!

Lastly, in the July newsletter, we advised members that canvas shades for the upstairs windows has been procured, and invited members to submit designs to be juried. It has been decided to offer the shades to any interested member to design his/her own. Available banners can be found at the refreshments table.

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September Featured Artist

Our Featured Artist for the month of September is **Women's Wisdom**, a collection of multi-media art by women from all walks of life, who are artists from the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. The artists' opening reception was held on Friday, September

5, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, with entertainment and light refreshments served. The show will run through September 25. October will see the return of **Artoberfest**, featuring new works by members, with works by interested non-members as our "Featured Artist."

Up and Coming Up at the Gallery

Heide Morris asks all members to be sure to check the sign-up and information sheets she's left out for our review. This is our busy season coming up, with **Artoberfest** fast approaching. Please be sure to bring in new work and remove old work between September 25 and 28. Heide could use help hanging new work to be ready for the October 3 reception. While you are at the Gallery, don't forget to sign up for staffing! We need to start planning for the December craft sale and think of friends we can ask to join for the month (no commission on sales!). We'd like to ask for an artificial tree (like we had last year): it makes the Gallery really festive! If you are having trouble remembering Gallery procedures while staffing, check the desk notebook, where you can find procedures on opening/closing, how to record sales and handle funds, emergency notifications list, and the new Hazardous Materials notebook with copies of required waivers. New Featured Artist procedures have been developed, and we have a supply of Artoberfest applications for a one-month membership for \$5.00. October also begins a new six-month membership period, so get you dues paid ASAP!

Thanks to all the members who responded to our need for extra staffing, demonstrations, and classes. I hope everyone had the opportunity to visit artX-posium last weekend. The arts are alive and well in downtown West Chicago!



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Welcome New Member
 Joining us since the last newsletter is **Shari Schneider** (620 Oswego Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188). Shari is an instructor at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, IL. She specializes in multi-media.

We look forward to getting to know you and your work!

The Gallery “Seen”



Our Featured Artist for September, Women's Wisdom, featured a collection of art by women from all walks of life. Posing for us with some of their work are (counterclockwise, from above) **Cheryl Weston, Debbie McEllenborough, Mari Steerman, Sister Kate, and Shari Schneider.** Shari is our newest Gallery200 member, joining us during the show.



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Gallery Hours

Thursday 12pm-4pm

Friday 4pm-8pm

Saturday 12pm-4pm

Sunday 12pm-4pm

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You're Invited...

**To Gallery 200
For our bi-monthly Artists' Social
And
Business Meeting**

**Sunday, November 2, 2008
From 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

JOIN us for fellowship and refreshments

BRING your ideas, questions, and comments

HELP PLAN for The Holidays!

SUPPORT your downtown Gallery