



“Words Matter”

Art Will Show Us How

The Capitol Hill Art League (CHAL) sponsors a members’ only Juried Art Exhibit October 23 – December 4, 2021 at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) at 545 7th Street, SE, Washington, DC. 20003.

Members were asked to interpret “Words Matter.” Words have the power and energy to excite, deflate, nourish, enrage and everything in between. This exhibit’s theme is an invitation to explore how “words” inform the artist’s work, deepen it, expand expression, and move a narrative realistically, abstractly, or both. The resulting show features nineteen artists who expressed themselves in a variety of media.

The show will open with a reception at CHAW from 5:30-7:30 pm on Saturday, October 23, where Juror, Ellen Cornett, will discuss the art she selected and present awards.



Ms. Cornett is originally from Kensington, MD, and has a BA in Studio Art from University of Maryland in College Park. In 2000, after more than 25 years as a graphic designer, she returned to fine art. Inspired by the work of Wolf Kahn and Paula Rego, she began telling stories in pastel, charcoal, and carbon pencil, and had her first solo show in 2008. Ellen has exhibited extensively in local and national shows and teaches drawing and painting at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop. In 2019 Ellen was invited to be part of a team of artists creating charcoal drawings on the walls of the Hirshhorn Museum for the exhibit “Who’s Afraid of Red, Yellow, Green”. In 2021 she received a Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist grant for her body of work.

Twenty-six works will be on display in the show. The following artists are featured:

Anne Albright, Nancy Arbuthnot, Kenneth Bachman, Julie Byrne, Sally Canzoneri, Karen Cohen, Martin de Alteriis, Tamora Ilasat, Steve Kunin, JoAnn Laboy, Bennett Lowenthal, Jane Mann, Meera Rao, Nan Raphael, Iryna Smitchkova, Rifat Taher, KarenVan Allen, Rosa Ines Vera and Karen Zens.

The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop continues to host activities in compliance with the District of Columbia’s Coronavirus directives. The “Words Matter” show may be viewed online at: <https://www.caphillartleague.org/2021-words-matter/>

The Capitol Hill Art League is a visual arts program of The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW). For more information about the Art League, visit the website at www.caphillartleague.org



Steve Kunin



Rosa Ines Vera



Meera Rao

Three of the featured works on display.