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Washington Studio School Announces Formation of Joan Burgess Shorey Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund will provide support for three program initiatives: scholarships, visiting artist programs and faculty professional development.

Washington, D.C. – Washington Studio School (WSS) is pleased to announce the creation of the *Joan Burgess Shorey Legacy Fund*. The Legacy Fund – established in honor of longtime WSS student, friend, and supporter, Joan Burgess Shorey – will serve as an umbrella partially supporting three initiatives that pay tribute to Joan’s interests and strengthen the mission of WSS going forward. The gift will primarily fund our scholarship program. Secondly, it will support our visiting artist and faculty professional development programs.

Scholarships

WSS announces the renaming of the *WSS General Scholarship* to the *WSS Joan Burgess Shorey Scholarship*. This donor-funded program provides tuition assistance to teenage and adult artists from the District and beyond who have limited financial resources. Since 2018, WSS has awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to D.C.-area teens and adults of varying backgrounds through the *WSS General* and *Alma Thomas Scholarship* programs. WSS intends to offer at least 12 full or partial scholarships annually to make arts education accessible to and inclusive of people who would otherwise not be able to afford it.

Visiting Artist Programs

WSS is committed to celebrating D.C.-area artists and visiting artists of diverse backgrounds whose artistic perspective supports and enriches our mission and community. WSS hosts at least four talks annually. Talks in 2020 will feature D.C. artists Rose Jaffe and Katherine Tzu-Lan Mann, Baltimore artist Katie Pumphrey and visiting artist Reem Bassous, among others.

Faculty Professional Development

WSS retains a diverse faculty of artists from the D.C.-area who teach classes and workshops in drawing, painting, sculpture and related topics. Additional financial support is required to develop a collection of books and other teaching resource materials that faculty can use to introduce and recognize the important contributions of diverse classical, modern and contemporary artists.

WSS intends to seek additional support for the *Joan Burgess Shorey Legacy Fund* to keep these initiatives going strong for years to come. WSS thanks the Shorey family for this generous gift that helps WSS serve more than 3,500 students and visitors annually from high school teens to retirees by teaching people the transformative power of the studio arts through our courses and accessible art engagement programs.



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About Joan Burgess Shorey

Joan Burgess Shorey was raised in Chicago and lived in Washington, D.C. from 1964 until her death in early 2018. She attended Vassar College and the Harvard School of Design after which she moved back to Chicago to a career in community planning work. In D.C., she co-founded a consumer organization, Concern, Inc., worked for Solar Lobby, helped organize Sun Day, and was an aide to Congressman Richard Ottinger. She embraced volunteer work throughout her life and became, along with her husband, Ev, a stalwart of the citizens association CAG, and was a leading supporter of the Georgetown Public Library. She was an active member of The Folger Library Poetry Board and student body at Washington Studio School, taking numerous classes and supporting the organization throughout her tenure in various capacities.

About Washington Studio School

Washington Studio School is a nonprofit arts organization in Washington, D.C. whose mission is to teach how to see and create through drawing, painting, and sculpture. We offer classes, workshops, exhibitions and programs to engage, connect and bring people together with a fresh approach to studio art. To learn more visit washingtonstudioschool.org.

For more information, or to make a gift in support of WSS and our programs, please contact Laila Abdul-Hadi Jadallah, Managing Director at laila@washingtonstudioschool.org.

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