

# Council Notes



FOUNDED IN 1955 TO ENHANCE THE ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS LIFE FOR RIT WOMEN

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*Dear Membership...*

I hope you all made it to this year's Glass Pumpkin Sale. I would like to ask for a big round of applause for Marianne Goff!! Thank you Marianne for once again bringing together not only a flawless and smooth running sale but the most profitable Glass Pumpkin Sale in our history. It was a fabulous day and we had a record-breaking crowd this year. Also a big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that worked so hard on the day of the sale to make this special day happen.

November is here and I am reaching for my sweaters and pulling out the soup recipes! The biggest decision to be made this month is always "What will I be bringing to Thanksgiving dinner?"

Please make sure you get your reservation in on time for this month's luncheon planned for Wednesday,

November 14th at Oak Hill Country Club. You won't want to miss the RIT Women Filmmakers of SOFA! Just as a reminder, we ask that you make a phone call to Maxine Morse if you need to respond late. Also, please remember to drop your nametag off at the reception desk when you leave the luncheon!

I would like to give a loud shout out to all of our new members, "Welcome!" I would also like for you all to consider becoming more involved with the Council, new ideas are always welcome.

Please make a plan to bring a friend to our next meeting and support our efforts with RIT. And remember, be the difference you would like to see in the world.

Warmly, *Cindy Cooper*



NOVEMBER 14, 2018

RIT Women Filmmakers  
of SOFA

Location: Oak Hill  
Country Club

10:30am Coffee/Tea  
11:00am Speaker  
12:15pm - Luncheon

MISSION: The Women's Council has an impressive history of supporting RIT since 1955. Through its programs, the members of the Women's Council will learn about RIT and be ambassadors for RIT in the larger community. The Women's Council will raise funds to provide scholarships to RIT's women students. The Women's Council will actively seek to enhance the academic and campus life of RIT.

## NOVEMBER 14th MEETING — THE WOMEN OF SOFA



Who could forget the screening of last year's film *Communist in the Summer House*? The title is a euphemism for "that time of the month." Interviews that included Dr. Rebecca Johnson and Darcy Lane-Williams and young women students gave

a delightful & insightful look at women's views on "becoming a woman" and "the change of life."

So, for the third year, the November tradition is back. (Please note November 14th is a week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving.) This is a wonderful opportunity to see talented women filmmakers and how well RIT prepares them for careers in directing, cinematography, editing, and all the other processes related to animation & filmmaking.

RIT women filmmakers have a longstanding relationship with the High Falls Film Festival: Celebrating Women.

"A tradition since the festival began in 2001, High Falls proudly presents a shorts program showcasing work by the female students of the School of Film and Animation (SOFA) at Rochester Institute of

Technology. This year we feature both live action and animated films. Women of SOFA Shorts – with Q&A on Saturday, November 3 at 12:30 PM in the Little Theatre #5." (As the filmmakers are chosen from this group of screeners, Nita Genova will be attending this, if you would like to join her.)

New this year, the student filmmakers will be accompanied by Assistant Professor, mari jaye blanchard because Professor Cat Ashworth isn't available. While Cat will be missed, mari jaye is an independent animator who hails from New England but landed in Rochester by way of Brooklyn, NY.

An extremely accomplished filmmaker in her own right, whose shorts have been screened in festivals world-wide, including Annecy, Melbourne, Amsterdam and Israel, she has independently created and produced animations for Sesame Workshop, MTV, Comedy Central, Cartuna and the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA). She is a NYFA Fellow, an Urban Artist Initiative Fellow, and a co-founder of the NYC animation collective Family Camp. mari jaye has been working with RIT animators and their entries to the High Falls Film Festival: Celebrating Women, for the last four years.

Students are required to screen their films to 50 people or more. Be sure to invite a friend so that WCRIT can help these young women.

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## ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE PUMPKIN SALE

Well, we did it again! The 2018 Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale was a huge success and we were sold out in less than two hours. Customers anxiously lined the lobby of the Gene Polisseni Center hours before the sale opened. The students from the School of Art and Design had created hundreds of beautiful pumpkins waiting to be picked from the Patch. They also stayed to chat with customers about their glass making education at RIT.

Thank you to our volunteers and those who supported this sale.



## NOTES FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

- We covered a lot of topics during our October Board meeting. This year's Pumpkin Sale was our most successful in terms of attendance and for the highest gross sales. Gross sales this year \$43,400.00
- Marianne Goff will collaborate with RIT's Glass Program to determine the feasibility of offering an on-line auction for the board of trustees in 2019 so they can purchase pumpkins.
- It was decided that a survey will be mailed out to the membership. We are naming it a Member Luncheon Survey.
- We will be meeting in the next few months with the RIT catering department and the new Loboazzo Alumni House management to discuss the possibility of hosting our 2019-2020 monthly luncheon programs. The newly built Loboazzo Alumni House offers beautiful and spacious rooms with ample parking. We will share more information on this as soon as we can determine the costs associated with moving the meetings to this venue.
- Because increasing membership is a priority this year, the board approved hosting a reception at the Loboazzo Alumni House. Invitations were emailed to a mix of staff and faculty for the October 24 event and attracted new members to join the Women's Council. We also hope to hear new ideas and opinions on how the Women's Council can be more effective on campus.
- We are working on changing our tri-fold Women's Council brochure. Two board members are working on updating the script and finding new photos to bring it up to date.
- Mark your calendars for the Holiday Tea at the Chatterbox Club as it is scheduled early this year. Be ready with fancy hats and gloves on December 5th from 2-4.

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## OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

Dr. Josh Owen, design professor and Chair of Industrial Design at RIT, was our last month's speaker.

Josh described his early life experiences that led him to select Industrial Design as his choice of study and profession. These include wanting to be a mechanic early on so he could "fix things," and working for his father on archeological digs where he learned about the design and function of objects and developed a strong interest in drawing, fine arts and the humanities.

Professor Owens came to RIT about nine years ago. What led him to select RIT over other opportunities was the unique situation of a design school within a larger university setting rather than a stand alone design school. This allowed him, as well as the students, to take advantage of and work with staff and students from many disciplines.

Professor Owen spoke about the equal importance of his dual careers as an educator and as a practitioner where, working with a variety of businesses, he maintains clients and designs commercially viable

products and solutions. He travels world-wide to present and participate in design lectures and forums/fairs.

Dr. Owen has designed the program at RIT to provide students with excellent academics as well as with experiences and opportunities to invent, enhance, and solve design problems that can be put into production. Students have been able to work directly with clients to develop commercially viable design solutions. These opportunities are referred to as Meta Projects (like a Senior thesis). Projects 01 through 07 included working with companies such as Corning on sustainable designs in glass, Wilsonart on designs in furniture to meet today's needs, storage for college students, wooden toys, etc. Meta Project 08 was working to design a dining experience for the Good Luck restaurant which sold out at \$200/plate. Meta Project 09 will involve RIT students working with Sesame Street. For information on these Meta Projects, see this website: <http://metaproject.rit.edu/> Project.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual Dues are \$35. If you are interested in joining, contact: Brenda Beal, 2470 East Avenue #403, Rochester, NY 14610. Email: bealb1849@gmail.com

Dues help support the Council Notes and operating expenses, Margaret's House, the Outstanding Female Senior Student Award, and the RIT Ambulance Corps.

Additional gifts are tax deductible and may be directed to the Women's Council Endowed Scholarship of RIT or you may direct your gift where it is most needed to support the Women's Council of RIT.

If you wish to send a gift to the Endowed Scholarship, please contact Marisa Psaila, Executive Director of the Fund for RIT, at mxpdar@rit.edu or 585.475.4932.

## VISION

The Women's Council will support the mission of RIT by supporting the success of RIT women students, faculty, and staff.

## 2018-2019 Meeting Calendar

<p>SEPTEMBER 19, 2018</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Professor Christye Sisson</p> <p>Topic: Fake News &amp; Cybersecurity</p> <p>Location: Oak Hill Country Club</p>	<p>OCTOBER 13, 2018</p> <p>Time: 10 AM to 2PM</p> <p>Event: Annual Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale</p> <p>Place:</p> <p>Gene Polisseni Center South side of the RIT campus</p>	<p>OCTOBER 17, 2018</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. Josh Owen</p> <p>Topic: Industrial Design &amp; Metaproject</p> <p>Location: Oak Hill Country Club</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 14, 2018</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Assistant Professor, mari jaye blanchard and students</p> <p>Topic: Women of SOFA (School of Film and Animation)</p> <p>Location: Oak Hill Country Club</p>
<p>DECEMBER 5, 2018</p> <p>Event: Holiday Tea</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Chatterbox Club</p> <p>Introducing an exciting new "Smooth Jazz" quartet with holiday music selections</p>	<p>JANUARY 16, 2019</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. John Klofas</p> <p>Topic: Center for Public Safety Initiatives</p> <p>Location: Oak Hill Country Club</p>	<p>February, 2019</p> <p>No Meeting</p>	<p>MARCH 20, 2019</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. Kathleen Lamkin-Kennard and students</p> <p>Topic: Women Engineers of Hot Wheels</p> <p>Location: Oak Hill Country Club</p>
<p>APRIL 17, 2019</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. David Munson RIT President</p> <p>WCRIT Scholarship Award Presentation</p> <p>Location: Liberty Hill</p>	<p>MAY 15, 2019</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. Rebecca Johnson</p> <p>Topic: A Look at Racial Issues in America</p> <p>Location: Oak Hill Country Club</p>		<p>2018-2019</p> <p>Program Chair:</p> <p>Nita Genova PH 585-261-3970 Email: nmgolly@aol.com</p> <p>Hospitality Co-Chairs:</p> <p>Maxine Morse PH: 585-388-9463 Email: esrommm@hotmail.com and Mary Jane Thomas (mjbt40@jt-mj.net)</p>