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SOLA Expands Support for Women Artists in 2022

We are excited to share a big milestone. We are now our very own 501c3 nonprofit status with the IRS! After 5 years working under fiscal sponsors to support women artists with the SOLA Award, we can now accept donations from partners and friends for tax deductible amounts. Our website's [Get Involved](#) section has a few ideas for how you can become a friend of SOLA.

Since its inception, SOLA founder and artist, Ginny Ruffner asked, "What else can we do to recognize and support women for their persistence and dedication?" To answer that she started 2022 determined to do more and established a small, but mighty team of experienced women professionals in the arts to explore and shape SOLA's growth alongside her. We welcome two new staff including Executive Director, Nichole DeMent, and Development Director, Marge Levy to work with Ginny and elevate mature Washington State women in the arts.



Nichole
DeMent

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Marge Levy

DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR, VICE
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



Ginny
Ruffner

ARTIST, FOUNDER &
BOARD PRESIDENT

Help Us Help Women Artists & Fill Out Our Survey

“From lectures and workshops on archiving and legacy planning, to the general idea of increasing one’s visibility, we have discussed lots of ideas and are eager to find new ways to support and recognize the many talented mature women visual artists in Washington. That still includes cash awards.” -SOLA Founder and Artist, Ginny Ruffner

Click that pink button below and take our survey to help us understand your unique career in the arts. All information gained will be used for the expansion of our services and any published results will remain anonymous. Plus, completed forms will include participants’ email addresses for artsy thank-you gifts from our cultural partners including Seattle Art Museum, Chihuly Garden & Glass, and more! Participants should simply identify as female and be age 30 and over.

Our website’s **[SOLA Resources](#)** section (midway down the page) also has a PDF link to the survey and our mailing address should you prefer to print and mail it to us instead.

Thanks for sharing your valuable information by May 27, 2022.

[Take the Women Artists Now Career Survey](#)

2022 SOLA Award Guidelines & Application Available Soon

The SOLA Award seeks to encourage and celebrate womens’ achievements in the arts. Ginny and friends’ generous contributions to this award seek to honor, encourage and celebrate the lifetime contributions of women whose artwork has not been sufficiently or widely recognized. We have done that through unrestricted cash grants since 2017 and we are all set to provide three unrestricted \$3,000 grants per year through 2024.

The application officially becomes live at Artist Trust’s website on May 19. Their handy guidelines for 2022 provide lots of helpful tips and will be up on April 19, 2022. [Check out their page with all the SOLA info, applications plus important dates here.](#)



SOLA Awards

Application: Closed

Amount Awarded: \$3,000

Number of Awards: 3

Eligible Disciplines: Visual ●

Eligible Counties: All

Deadline: June 20, 2022 at 11:59pm

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RECOGNIZING MATURE FEMALE ARTISTS IN WA

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