



SOLA Awardees Announced

Hello from SOLA in Ballard,

It's one of our favorite times of year! Yes, the sun is shining in the Pacific NW, but also we get to recognize 4 new SOLA Awardees in our growing list of talented and accomplished women artists across Washington!

It is our great pleasure to recognize and further introduce the 2023 SOLA Awardees [Ann Chadwick Reid](#), [Blanca Santander](#), [Rene Westbrook](#) and [Linda Wolf](#). Each of those links takes you to a very special moment in a video where the awardee shared the true impact of a \$5,000 award and received well-deserved recognition at Bellevue Arts Museum in a recent award celebration. Plus — there were t-shirts!

This year's SOLA Awards brings us to a grand total of \$77,000 in unrestricted grants to 21 women visual artists across Washington. Some of which are seen in the picture below with SOLA Founder, Ginny Ruffner, in front and Executive Director, Nichole DeMent at left followed by Awardees (left to right) Ann Chadwick Reid, Blanca Santander, Linda Wolf, Rene Westbrook, [Joan Stuart Ross](#), [Eva Isaksen](#), [Tip Toland](#), [Norie Sato](#), [Gail Grinnell](#), [Lisa Snow Lady](#) and [Polly Sutton](#). Other amazing previous SOLA Awardees not in attendance, but you should definitely take note of are [Janice Arnold](#), [Susan Bennerstrom](#), [Gloria Bornstein](#), [MalPina Chan](#), [Mary Coss](#), [Carol Gouthro](#), [Barbara Sternberger](#), and [Mary Van Cline](#).



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Congrats
2023 SOLA AWARDEES



[Ann Chadwick Reid](#)



[Blanca Santander](#)



[René Westbrook](#)



[Linda Wolf](#)

Two awardees that are no longer with us are [Nancy Worden](#) and [Gail Tremblay](#). We received the sad news that Gail passed away in May and were able to produce the video below of Bainbridge Island Museum of Art's Chief Curator, Greg Robinson, sharing her art and spirit. We're so grateful to have celebrated with them both while alive and to continue to honor their legacy and share their artwork with you.

GAIL TREMBLAY

2022 AWARD RECIPIENT



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Each morning I envision the things I need to make; I let myself be possessed by what I will learn by making it. When an artist lets their work teach them what the world needs them to say, each day is a gift, and the work is worth doing. - Gail Tremblay

It is important to us to share the words and art of all SOLA Awardees. They can be found in our *Famous Female Artists: Planning for Success* workbook. We created this planner to highlight the ideas and thoughts of SOLA Awardees foremost such as in this page for Nancy Worden below.



We also know it will support artists and their estates at the stage where gathering all the pieces for an ongoing legacy becomes important. *We think that moment is every day* so hope it becomes a fun 'ally' for your archiving and legacy building journey at any stage of your career. Download a printable PDF version for FREE at our website: <https://solaseattle.org/resources/professional-support>.

Please share that link with anyone that might find it useful.

And if you want the high-quality, slick & glossy version of this workbook with an easy-flip coil binding go to our page on Lulu.com at this pink button.

Purchase Famous Female Artists: Planning for Success [HERE](#)

Lastly, hear ideas and inspirations from other SOLA Awardees in our series, [SOLA Awardee Spotlight Videos](#)

[on YouTube](#). We are currently raising funds to create a Spotlight Video for each awardee; an additional benefit to all SOLA Awardees past and future which brings our award value closer to \$12,000 per artist. Thank you for your support at any level. It helps us provide this important recognition and support. SOLA is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. All donations are tax deductible by law.

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Spotlight Video!**



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