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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

Date: January 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom Meetings

A link to the meeting will be posted prominently on our website and is included below. These materials are also available on our website. The meeting will include Annual Reports on how the non-profit performed in 2022, a proposed budget for 2023, and we will tally and announce the results of the Board of Directors elections and whether the proposition has passed.

ELECTION: The following people are running for 7 available seats on the Board of Directors:

1. **Susie Sohn:** Susie Sohn has been serving on the board since being appointed in March 2022. Susie is a real estate and contract attorney with over 15 years' experience specializing in real estate finance and development, land use, and contracts law, including municipal law, mortgages, joint ventures, banking contracts and leases.
2. **Catherine Lagoudakis:** Catherine has been serving on the board since being appointed in June 2022. She is the CEO of CL Design Associates in Goshen and interior design company. Lagoudakis is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology and is now a professor and lecturer at her alma mater. Lagoudakis is an accomplished designer and is skilled in Furnishings, AutoCAD, Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Finish, and Renovation.
3. **Judi Silvano:** Judi Silvano has been a member of the organization for over 10 years and has served as a volunteer, donor and committee member. Judi is a visual artist and is a Represented Artist at WRCA. Judi Silvano is a professional singer and performer with an extensive background in music, performance, and audio recording.

PROPOSITION: The Board of Directors has unanimously approved and respectfully asks the members to approve the following proposition:

Granting Lifetime Membership to Penny Thelman: Penny was instrumental in conceiving of The Wallkill River School as a non-profit and drawing up the legal documents and making the necessary filings to qualify as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. She has generously served on the board of directors since, including 14 years as Chairman of the Board.

VOTING PROCESS: Votes will be cast either electronically or by mail prior to the meeting. Ballots are included with this notice which will be sent either via email or US Mail. If you receive the ballot via email, please reply to wrsannualmeeting@gmail.com with the **names of the candidates** you are voting for and **Yes or No to the proposition**. If you receive your ballot via US Mail, please vote by filling out the enclosed ballot and either depositing it in the ballot box at WRCA or mailing it to: ATTN: Ballot, Wallkill River Center for the Arts, 232 Ward St., Montgomery, NY 12549. All votes must be **received by January 20th** to be counted.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Time: Jan 21, 2023 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88018977372>

Meeting ID: 880 1897 7372

PROXY: If you will not be able to attend the online meeting personally, please fill out the attached proxy form and return it to WRCA by hand, mail or email by January 20th for any votes which take place at the meeting.

MEMBERS SHOW!

Our Member's Show will be on display January 27, 2023 – February 27, 2023 in the Devitt and Sandra Anderson Galleries. The annual teacher's exhibit will run concurrently in the Patchett Gallery. Members of all levels are encouraged to contribute a piece of original artwork to the exhibit. Works must be received by Sunday, January 22nd at 5:00 PM. Reception is **tentatively** scheduled for February 11, 2023 3:00-5:00 PM.