INITIATIVES 2000

New York 2000

Chaired by Janet Luongo

The keynote speech was given by Howardena Pindell. The conference included a mix of marketing workshops organized by Sharon Vatsky, and one WCA/CAA joint panel (to rewrite 20th century American art history to include women) with Betsy Damon. The conference provided an opportunity for attendees to meet, network, and share their slides.

There were wonderful WCA exhibitions. The Phoenix exhibits were curated by Winn Rae and Naomi Grossman. Devorah Sperber did extraordinary work organizing ***ELEMENTS 2000*** at seven sites in three boroughs.

The conference provided a venue to continue one of the most important traditions of the WCA—the recognition of women of commitment and achievement through the Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards. Lowery Sims presented the President's Award to Gallery Director **Bernice Steinbaum**. Imna Arroyo presented the Northeast Regional Recognition Award to Susana Torruella Leval, Director of El Museo del Barrio.

The few hundred dollars earned through a letter of appeal will be used to seed the "initiatives" Scholarships to the conference were provided by the National WCA. A great success of the conference is that women in NYC are meeting to restart the chapter; and have already over thirty new members! Conference chair Janet Luongo gives special thanks to C.M. Judge, whose personal care of each individual registrant made their stay in New York a warm one. The hard work of many went into this event including: E. Margaret Curley Clay, Betsy Damon, Cynthia Mills, Sharon Vatsky, Beatrice Schall, Jiayi Ling, Winn Rae, Devorah Sperber, Naomi Grossman, Imna Arroyo, Mary Bucci McCoy, Jean Towgood, Francia, Virginia Zic, Heidi Bollock, Denise Mumm, Gail Tremblay, Sheila Benedis, Alison Berman, Diana Boehnert, Hilda Demsky, Susan Knight, Linda Gilbert-Schneider, and Ellen Smith.