## WFWP Stuttgart, Germany's Event for International Women's Day: Women and Art

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The Women's Federation in Stuttgart, Germany organised an online event featuring artwork of four women.



Riffat Wani, is Muslim from Kashmir who has lived for several years in Stuttgart and has attended several of our events. She never had an opportunity to paint or draw until after the birth of her second daughter. Because of her child's health problems, she spent many nights awake at her side, and without any previous experience and with only simple materials, she began to draw and paint in order to bridge these difficult times. We admired her first ever artwork: "Walk in the Rain," which gave her the courage to continue painting. She presented four other of her works to us: 1) "Walk in the Rain," 2) "Christmas snowy landscape," and 3) "Woman from Kashmir," and 4) "Moon on the River."

Irmi Ingwersen from Regensburg then presented four of her paintings. Mrs. Ingwersen is a member of the Women's Federation and was for some years President of the Women's Federation Germany. Her great passion is drawing and painting, and from an early age she took many painting courses. She lived for many years in Africa, and during this time she earned money for her mission by portrait painting. She explained to us the meaning of 'soul

images' and the practice of 'urban sketching': 1) "Juliet in Uganda," 2) "Man and Woman," 3) "Soul Picture," and 4) Urban Sketches: "On the Lake in Austria" and "Colors of Africa."

Mikaela Meyer comes from France; she has lived for several years in Stuttgart and is a guest of the Women's Federation. She, too, has taken many courses in her hobby of painting and drawing. She presented and explained four of her pictures: 1) "Sunflower," 2) "Tree," 3) "Owl," and 4) "Dolmen."



Our final artist was Angela Boßmann from Stuttgart, a friend of Gabriele. She attended the 2018 event in Vienna at which Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, founder of WFWP, spoke. Mrs. Boßmann discovered art later in life. With the use of special colors and materials she creates remarkable pictures which have been presented at various exhibitions: 1) "Sunset in Poppy Field," 2) "Fantasy Land," 3) "Bridges Between Worlds," and 4) "Love."

After the pictures had been presented, we chatted to each other and discussed new ideas about future online presentations. We were so happy that the technical aspect had functioned so well. Many thanks to all those who participated!

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