

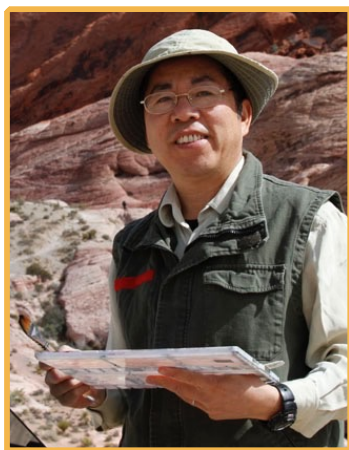
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FALL JUROR WORKSHOP: LIAN QUAN ZHEN

I walked into the room, not knowing what to expect. There stood a sturdy man, one with a big smile. He seemed confident, yet humble. As individuals took their seats, he greeted each – something different from many workshop teachers.



Then the class began. Lian showed us how to use a Chinese brush – or several of them ranging from very soft to relatively stiffer. We learned to load these brushes with different colors of paint, making rainbows on our rice papers. He explained the differences between rice papers, and let us try several. We used his magical techniques to create flowers, fish and animals.

Lian also worked with us to understand how to paint with Chinese ink. He carefully explained the differences between Chinese and other watercolors. He spoke about LOOKING.

Then he dropped colors on rice paper and blew them with his own breath into incredible animals. For those of us who brought or bought books, he allowed us to choose one of his animals to autograph his books to us.

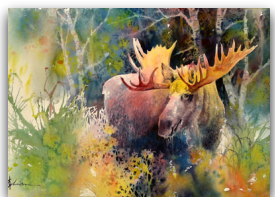
What kind of man smiles as easily as he paints? Lian grew up in Canton, China, where he practiced medicine. He painted and sketched first as a child and later as an adult. He immigrated to the USA in '85, and by '92, had a BA from UC Berkeley. That wasn't enough. He graduated with a Masters of Architecture from MIT in '96. He taught watercolor outdoor sketching at UC Berkeley for eight years. In addition, Lian has written 6 books and has made 12 painting DVD's and demos.

Perhaps even more interestingly, he is a staunch vegetarian and gives free cd's about this to all who are interested. Tai Chi is a part of his day. Lian practices what he preaches.

His workshop ended all too quickly for me. But I ordered a CHOP, which is a Chinese soap stone carving used in addition to your name to sign your paintings. Lian carved mine and sent it to me. I had a wonderful few days with him.

Lian will be our guest instructor and juror of our Fall show.

Elle Gould



Calendar of Events

Meetings

Sept 10th ... AWA Meeting

* Board Meeting - 5:15 PM

* Fun Table - 7:00 PM

* Meeting - 7:30 PM - featuring slides from the WFWS (Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, 2015),

Workshops

Oct 7-9th ... 3 day Juror workshop with Lian Quan Zhen

Oct 10th ... 1 day workshop with Lian Quan Zhen

Nov 14th ... Member Workshop with Kim Johnson-Nechtman

Note: Articles are due on the third Thursday of the month for the next months newsletter. The date will be August 20th!

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Important Message

To all AWA Members:

When I ran for and took the job of President of the AWA, I had high hopes of continuing our legacy of great painting, instructions, activities, and even more. I wanted to have some field trips where we could paint, sketch, or photograph – or just get outdoors and enjoy nature with some other artists. I wanted to see an additional show sponsored by AWA where new painters, children and members and non-members could get involved. I had hoped for a lecture or more from the Phoenix Art Museum or from the Zoo. There was much that I wanted to advocate.



Therefore, it is with deep regret that I resign as President of AWA effective immediately.

My husband's business requires us to move to the mid-west as soon as possible. Obviously, I didn't know this was going to happen when I enthusiastically ran for President. I had no idea that this would be the turn of events -- and frankly, it's not something that is being taken lightly. And saying goodbye to my many friends will be so hard. I've made so many friends, including my many friends at AWA.

Please accept my deepest apologies and know that I will think of you all as I paint from the Midwest. I will of course, remain a member in good standing and hopefully participate from afar -- entering shows, reading news on the website, maybe even writing articles for our newsletter.

I hope to continue to hear from you. I am interested in your work and your thoughts. You can find me wherever I am by emailing me at ellegould@me.com. I hope that you will do so.

Very truly yours,

Elle Gould,

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Calendar of Events

September

- 10th - Welcome to the new AWA year! The General Meeting will feature slides from the WFWS 2015 Exhibition. Honoree of the month, Karen Riehm. Special program “*Compositional Design, Color, and Perspective in Art.*” Three essentials presented in 15 to 20 minutes each by Barbara Freedman, Diane Kent and Jeremy Jones. Note: These three talented artists are also past presidents of the AWA!

October

- 7, 8, and 9th - 3 day workshop with Lian Quan Zhen
- 8th - AWA meeting with demonstration by Lian Quan Zhen
- 10th - 1-day workshop with Lian Quan Zhen .

November

- 12th - AWA board meeting. Demonstration by Kim Johnson-Nechtman, “Loose Painting Animals”.
- 14th - 1-day workshop with Kim Johnson-Nechtman

AZ Art Alliance News

“Enriching Life Through Art”

With a membership of over 20 Arizona-based art groups (including AWA), the Arizona Art Alliance is a non-profit organization whose goals are: to provide public awareness and exposure to visual art; expand the number of art venues and marketing opportunities to member artists and art groups; and, to deliver art outreach programs to the community.

Art outreach programs include: a summer program for underserved children in the Avondale area; weekly classes during the school year for special-needs students in the Carefree, Cave Creek, Scottsdale area; classes for Life Care residents in Paradise Valley; and classes for Veterans at four locations throughout the Valley.

It is through the support of, and collaboration with, our member art groups, that the AZ Art Alliance is able to administer and staff these important outreach programs. Thank you, AWA, and all our member groups!

Information for AWA Artists:

Any member in good standing of AWA, is eligible to enter Art Alliance Shows. Rules/fees may vary for Shows. Please visit the Alliance website azartalliance.com for Call to Artists information. Artwork will be juried and may or may not be accepted. Upon acceptance of 3 artworks into Alliance shows, non-juried artists will be awarded juried status in the Art Alliance.

Upcoming AZ Art Alliance Events:

Sept. 26 – Oct. 29, 2015 – “

- ART in pARTnership”, Holland Gallery, 34250 N. 60th St., Scottsdale (this Show has already been juried)

Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, 2015 – 4th

- Annual “Art Is Alive” Arts & Cultural Festival, Goodyear Stadium, 1933 S. Ballpark Way, Goodyear, sponsored by member group WHAM. Alliance member groups or individual artists may rent space in the Art Alliance tent for this 2-day event. ONLY 12 spaces available.

For more info, please visit website (above) or contact AZ Art Alliance Rep Judy Delmonico-Roll.

AWA Treasurer's Report

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are having a great summer! AWA is a 501-(C)-3 nonprofit, and we wanted to let you know how much we appreciate your support. Without our members we could not be as dynamic as we are in our community. At our last board meeting we reported a balance of \$113,130.49 for our organization. We had a busy year and got many great things accomplished. To highlight them, here is a report on each of our accounts.

- **Oman Fund and Jochumsen Fund:** The interest from these donations are used to give out Awards at our Spring and Fall Exhibitions. Each earned interest this year, and these 2 accounts constitute 12% of our total assets in cash.
- **Del Decil Scholarship Fund:** We use this fund for Scholarships to art students attending Maricopa Community Colleges. 22% of our assets.
- **General Operating Savings Account:** A Penny Saved...! 11% of our assets.
- **Western Federation Watercolor Society Fund:** Earned money this year by hosting the WFWS event here in Arizona!! We host it every 12 years. 29% of our assets.
- **Spring & Fall Show Accounts:** Money used to run the Juried exhibitions and workshops. Profits seed the account for the next year's events. 8%
- **National Show:** AWA hosted a National Show every couple of years, but we need a Chairperson to organize it. Small balance of less than 1% of our assets.
- **General Scholarship Account:** Donations and fundraisers to assist with scholarships! 2% of assets.
- **General Operating Account:** Funded by: Membership dues, member workshops, and donations. Pays our general operating expenses. 16% of total assets.

All our committees are doing a great job of being fiscally responsible so that we can continue to offer great programs that our members can enjoy and benefit from.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Eastman Liddle



Tip of the Month

Donna Eastman Liddle — "Paint things you are passionate about! Your enthusiasm and passion will radiate on the canvas/papers."



Member News!!

Stan Kurth - **Coastal Anxiety #11**, was accepted into the 35th Annual San Diego Watercolor Society International Exhibition. The exhibition will be at the San Diego Watercolor Society Gallery from October 2nd to October 31st. Preview & Awards Ceremony will be September 26th, and the public opening First Friday October 2nd. As some of you may already know, Stan received the Best in Show award at this exhibition last year. This is Stan's 3rd painting to be accepted to this annual exhibition making him a signature member of the San Diego Watercolor Society. Stan's first acceptance, **Double Solstice**, was back in 1983 but he didn't enter again until 2013. **Double Solstice** also won a merit award in an Arizona Artists Guild exhibit at the Valley National Bank atrium in downtown Phoenix.

In addition, **Blue Micro Dot** was accepted into the 2015-2016 China/NWS Small Image Exchange Exhibition. Zhou Tianya, CAA, NWS, invited the National Watercolor Society to collaborate in hosting a small image exchange exhibition. Small images submitted by NWS artists were juried by Zhou Tianya and Linda Doll, AWS, NWS, served as juror for the Chinese artists' paintings. The small image exhibit will be held in conjunction with the 2015 Shenzhen International Biennial Exhibition, exhibited in the Shenzhen Art Museum from December 8, 2015, to January 10, 2016, and curated by Zhou Tianya. Following the exhibition in Shenzhen, the paintings from both countries will travel to San Pedro, CA, where they will be shown in the NWS Gallery from July 30, 2016, to August 28, 2016.

HazelStone - **America! America!** - Was chosen for Fallbrook Art Center "Salute Our Veterans and Wounded Warriors" June 28 - Aug. 23, 2015.

Joyce Hergert - 2 paintings sold - in Palm Springs. H.M. Celebration of Arts. Paintings in Holland Gallery.

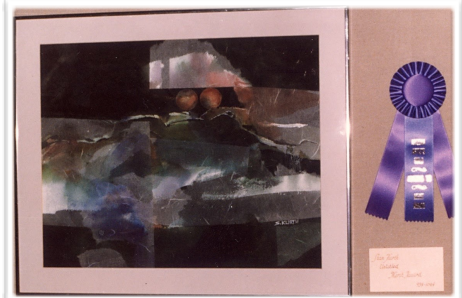
Jo Toye - International Society of Acrylic Painters - Painting in 18th Annual Exhibition. Signature Membership Status.

Deana Katz - **"Joyful Mountain"** painting in Holland Gallery exhibition in fall.

Jane Underhill - Sold painting. Got contract to supply note cards to business in Palm Springs.



Coastal Anxiety #11



Double Solstice



Blue Micro Dot

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Workshop Registration Form

Name: _____ Date: _____
Email: _____ Member : ____ Yes ____ No
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Please complete form and mail with your check Payable to: AZ Watercolor to the appropriate chairperson:

Juror Workshops are held at the
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2015 Fall Juror's Workshop:

Lian Qan Zhen

- 3-Day October 7, 8, 9 2015 (wait list only)
- 1-Day October 10, 2015 (openings available)

2016 Spring Juror Workshop

Mel Stabin

- 3-Day April 13, 14, 15 (wait list only)
- 1-Day April 16 (wait list only)

1 Day \$75 Member \$90.00 Non-Member
3 Day \$235 Member \$290 Non-Member

Total Amount \$ _____

Check # _____

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November 14th, 2015 - **Kim Johnson**

Nechtman- "Loose Painting Animals"

January 16th, 2016 - **Kathryn Tartaglia** -

"Reflections Made Easy in Water Media"

February 13th, 2016 - **TBD** -

March 12th, 2016 - **Sue Hunter**

\$50 Members \$65 Non-members

Total Amount \$ _____

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AWA Mission Statement

Arizona Watercolor Association, Inc. is an Arizona based non profit corporation that promotes and advances the art of painting in watercolor and the promotion of public awareness and interest in watercolor mediums by way of exhibitions and other organized events. Watercolor includes any work created in water media on paper, illustration board, watercolor board or synthetic papers that are not varnished.

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General Meetings - AAG Art Center
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Meeting 7:30 -9:30 PM

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