

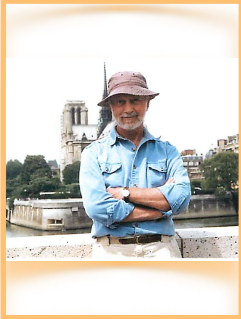
# ARIZONA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION

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## Spring 2016 Juror Workshop - Mel Stabin

### "Art Is Its Own Reward"



"I feel privileged to be an artist. Art is, was, and will always be a great force in human existence. It is a reflection, after all, of ourselves and how we 'see' life. Artists are an enlightened species. The prerequisite for being one is to have a passion to express feelings and to be willing to serve an honest apprenticeship. Regardless of what 'school of art' one identifies with, the artist never graduates. Acquiring knowledge is a joy forever. I agree with Ben Shahn's observation ...'*intuition in art is actually the result of prolonged tuition.*'"

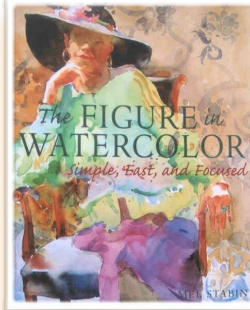
The art of watercolor provides a means of expression for me that no other medium has.. Because of its magical, elusive, spontaneous and transparent qualities, watercolor painting is always exciting, unpredictable, immediate, and challenging.



The reward for the life-long effort of artists is not in material things. It is simply contentment." - *Mel Stabin.*

Mel Stabin is an internationally known teacher, author, and award-winning watercolorist. A graduate of Pratt Institute, Mel studied the art of watercolor with Edgar Whitney. For over thirty years Mel was an award-winning art director and creative director for major advertising agencies in New York City. He is a signature member of prestigious art societies including the American Watercolor Society, nation Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Watercolor West, North East Watercolor Society, Georgia Watercolor Society, and New Jersey Watercolor Society.

It is truly an honor to have Mel Stabin as the juror for the AWA's Spring 2016 Membership Exhibition and the instructor for both the 3-day and 1-day April workshops.



## Calendar Overview

### Meetings

**April 14th...** AWA Meeting  
\* Board Meeting - 5:15 PM  
\* Fun Table - 7:00 PM  
\* Meeting - 7:30 PM - featuring Mel Stabin

### Workshops

**April 13-15** 3 Day Workshop with Mel Stabin  
**April 16th** One Day Workshop with Mel Stabin

**Note: Articles are due on the third Thursday of the month for the next months newsletter. The date for April will be April 21st!!**

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## President's Message



Happy Spring AWA!!

I am hoping you are all finding time to paint and express your artistic passion. Here's some news. AWA is initiating permanent email addresses for five officers. President, Membership, Exhibitions, Treasurer, and Webmaster. These addresses will keep AWA business separate from personal accounts and be transferred to the holders of those in said positions. An E-blast will go out with the information when they are activated.

Speaking of positions, *Linda Thiel* is head of the nominating committee. She needs your help to fill the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and a few committee openings. Contact her at [l.stpaints2@cox.net](mailto:l.stpaints2@cox.net) or 623-582-0830. What a wonderful person to get the slate ready for your approval. Don't make it hard for her. Call and see how you can help.

Our Spring Show will open on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Burton Barr Library. Besides *Jane* and her assistants, *Betsy Aguirre*, *Carol Baker*, and *Joyce Baldwin*, there are others behind the scene that make our shows happen. Jeremy Jones booked the venue way in advance. *Karen Riehm* makes arrangements (She's such a charmer) for our merchant awards, and those beautiful award certificates created and printed by *Nancy Herbst*. Of course, Ms. *Liz Ramsey* secured our Juror and Workshop instructor, Mel Stabin. You see it takes a team to put these shows together. (We need your help, especially if you are in the show or other shows. Please volunteer. ) Our Spring and Fall Shows are one of AWA's important community and individual opportunities. Again, if you have been fortunate and talented enough to be juried into a show, please give back to our organization by serving on the board or a committee.

It is also that time of year to renew your membership. *Ruth Philliben* and her co-chair *Sam Morse* are anxious to include your name in the 2016-17 directory. There are many ways to renew. At the meeting, by mail or on-line. Check [azwatercolor.com](http://azwatercolor.com) for more information and forms.

*Janet Rodgers* and her co-chair *Carole Matthews* are all about scholarships. These are the two peppy people that sell raffle tickets each month. It is also time for entries to the scholarships awards for 2016. If you know of any watercolor students, let them know that AWA awards up to 3, \$1,000.00 each year.

*Pam Root* and *Candice Diaz* scheduled four fun and fabulous member workshops this year. This is just another benefit and function of our organization. Judy Magid's alcohol inks demonstration and workshop were just down right fun!!!!

If you want to enjoy and support this excellent group of artist volunteers, you will be rewarded. You'll learn a lot about our highly talented and recognized fellow artists. So... continue to paint, experiment, and learn through AWA. A few have said, "I couldn't be Secretary, or President...etc." Well, I couldn't either without a strong board and committee members. I certainly couldn't be the webmaster (Thank you, *Bruce Sink*), and this perfect newsletter (Thank you, *Mary Valesano*) I couldn't do that either. But, everyone can do something. Many do it so well. Share your talents. We need each other.

Lastly, I'll leave out the artistic quotes for a mention that we are still accepting donations in honor of our late *Marilyn Schutsky*. Send to the treasurer, *Donna Eastman-Liddle* at our post office box.

Have a care,

Prez, Linda

**AWA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE is on NOW:**

**You only have 2 months left to save \$10.00 on AWA membership dues!**

If you delay and pay membership dues AFTER May 31, 2016 you will owe \$55.00! (Regular dues are \$45.00 and late fees are \$10.00).

Pay now! Why wait?

OPTIONS: You may renew several ways:

**1. OPTION ONE: PAY ONLINE**

- a. Use the website: <http://azwatercolor.com/>
- b. Fill out the ONLINE form, pay by either check or PayPal.
  - i. If paying by PayPal, once you have completed the PayPal process, you are finished. You will receive an email from PayPal indicating you have paid.
  - ii. If paying by check using the ONLINE form, you ALSO need to send your check to the AWA PO Box listed below. Your membership becomes active once the treasurer receives your check and it is processed.

**2. OPTION TWO: PAY NOW VIA MAIL**

- a. Fill out Membership Application (see next page) and mail it along with your payment to the address below.

**3. OPTION THREE: PAY AT A MEETING**

- a. Fill out Membership Application available at a meeting and submit along with payment.

More questions? Email Membership Chair, Ruth Philliben (rphilliben@Q.com)

**AWA Membership**

**P.O. Box 30693**

**Phoenix, AZ 85046**

Please complete and mail **by April 1<sup>st</sup>** with your check payable to AZ Watercolor Association

## Arizona Watercolor Association

### Application for Membership 2016-17

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Status: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing \_\_\_\_\_ Check if change in contact info ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enter amounts that apply:**

Annual Membership Dues	<b>(\$45.00)</b>	\$ _____
Spouse Membership Dues	<b>(\$5.00)</b>	\$ _____
Printed Member Directory	<b>(\$9.00)</b>	\$ _____
Mailed Newsletters	<b>(\$10.00)</b>	\$ _____
Optional Donations (Please enter amounts): National Show		\$ _____
Scholarship Fund		\$ _____
General Fund		\$ _____
WFWS (Western Fed)		\$ _____
Late Fee (Payments after May 31, 2016)	<b>(10.00)</b>	\$ _____

**Total Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **PayPal\* Transaction #** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a NEW member, is there someone who introduced you to AWA? \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in serving full or part time (please check one or more areas of interest):**

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TECHNICAL \_\_\_\_\_, TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_, WORKSHOPS \_\_\_\_\_

\*Members paying after May 31st will **NOT** be included in the **coming year's** Printed Directory unless special arrangements have been made, however contact information **will** be included in the Online Directory.

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Cell: 602-228-1217  
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## Calendar of Events

### April 2016

- 6th - Hang Paintings for AWA Spring 2016 Member Exhibition -, Burton Barr Central Library, 10am to NOON
- 14th - AWA Board Meeting. Demonstration/Presentation by Mel Stabin
- 13-15th -AWA 3-day Juror Workshop with Mel Stabin
- 16th - AWA 1-day Juror Workshop with Mel Stabin
- 21st - AWA Spring Show Artist Reception and Awards, Burton Barr Central Library, 5pm to 7pm

### May 2016

- 7th - Pick up paintings at Burton Barr Central Library
- 12th - AWA Board Meeting. Member Critique with Barbara Freedman and Diane Bykowski

## AZ Art Alliance News

### “Enriching Life Through Art”

**The Awards Reception for “Interpretations”**, held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the WHAM West Gallery in Surprise, was a nice event and quite well attended. AWA artist Lynda Burruss received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for “Urban Sprawl”.....congratulations, Lynda!



### Events:

#### **TWO Current Calls to Artists:**

1) **“Feel The Heat” Exhibit & Competition** to be held ONLINE at the AZ Art Alliance website May 1-June 30, 2016. Deadline to enter is April 10, 2016. Open to all 2D and 3D artwork. Ribbons & prizes will be awarded.

2) **“A Group Effort” - Vision Gallery Show in Chandler** – July 8 to August 27, 2016. Deadline for entries is April 22, 2016. **Artwork will be chosen for two sites: The Vision Gallery & Chandler Center for the Arts**

**Gallery!** There will be lots of great space for fine art jewelers and sculptors!

**For any Call to Artists:** You must use “Entrythingy” on the Art Alliance website ([www.azartalliance.com](http://www.azartalliance.com)) to apply, upload images of artwork, and pay fees. The home page at the Alliance website will display the Calls. Once you click on the Call, it will take you to the Call to Artists page and you may register/login to “Entrythingy”. There is a short video on the login page that will show you how to submit your entry. Be sure and have the images you wish to submit and your credit card handy prior to entering the “Entrythingy” system to make your submission.

**Any AWA member in good standing may enter Art Alliance Shows & Competitions.** Entry fees vary for Juried and Non-juried Alliance Artists.

- by Judy Delmonico-Roll

## Critique Night for May Membership Meeting

Are you stuck?, unsure? or just looking for some helpful honest feedback on a painting? Then the May meeting has what you need!! Members are encouraged to bring one or two paintings (with a mat if possible) to the May meeting for *Critique Night!* This year's guest art critics are *Barbara Freedman* and *Diane Bykowski*. Here is a little background on each of these talented artists...

Educated in Michigan, **Barbara Freedman** earned her M.A. in Painting at Eastern Michigan University and B.S. in Art Education at Wayne State University. After moving to Arizona Barbara taught painting in the Fine Arts Dept. at Glendale Community College for 6 years. She now works as a Juror, Speaker, and Workshop Demonstrator.



The past 18 years in AZ brought more success for Barbara as she earned signature membership in the National Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, and Arizona Watercolor Association. Her paintings are featured in books and magazines including *The Creative Touch 3*, *Chris Unwin*, and *Best of Watercolor II*, *Betty Lou Schlemm*. Competitive shows have honored Barbara with many awards including Best of Show, Awards of Excellence and Juror's Awards. Another highlight in her art career is her one person show at both Glendale Gallery, Glendale Community College, and the West Valley Museum of Art, Surprise, AZ.

When Barbara is not painting she can be seen golfing, gourmet cooking or traveling.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

"Interactions with other artists and students will always remain a part of my growth. The content of my paintings are based on my personal response to my surroundings whether traveling or in my studio. Symbolic motifs are often used to represent my images, especially a ladder or houses. Since my visits to China & Japan the Pagoda has become a new symbol for some of my current paintings."



### Member Critique Night continued...

Our second critique artist is **Diane Juris (D.J.) Bykowski** who describes her work as “a reflection of me – from the whimsical side of my personality to the sedate side where reality and dreams merge and come alive.” Originally from Chicago, Diane and her husband moved to Arizona in 1984. Diane taught high school English for 42 years and for the last 12 years of her teaching career sponsored the art club on campus. Now retired, she spends much of her time volunteering with her trained therapy dog, Zoe; serving on the board of various organizations and expanding her art interests and skills.



Her versatility is apparent in her contemporary abstracts and traditional, almost nostalgic, rendering of a myriad of subjects as well as her original jewelry and wearable art.

Juried status in the Arizona Artists' Guild, Arizona Watercolor Association and the Arizona Art Alliance, along with active membership in Contemporary Watercolorists of Arizona, has brought her recognition and numerous awards.



Her animal portraits and commissions of that “special family member” are in high demand since she not only expresses the likeness of her subject but also its essence and soul. Much of her original work is also available as prints and cards. The work of D. J. Bykowski can be found in private and corporate collections.



### ***Introducing...Susan Clifford, CPA for the AWA!***

The AWA is getting accounting and tax service assistance from Susan Clifford, CPA. She operates her own CPA practice serving the Phoenix metro area. Susan lives and has an office in Fountain Hills located at 16810 E Ave of the Fountains, Suite 200. She started her practice in June of 2015 and is looking to add clients such as small business, professional services, non-profits and individuals. This is an encore career for Susan. She developed financial software applications for Oracle Corporation in Northern California for 10 years before earning her CPA certificate. Susan and her husband Jeff have 3 golden retrievers. Susan is training the youngest dog to be a therapy service dog. Susan also volunteers as treasurer for the Four Peaks chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Susan holds a private and commercial pilots license and flew many volunteer hours for Angel Flight in California. She admits that she has little if any artistic abilities but appreciates beautiful artwork such as the watercolor artwork featured by AWA. Please view her professional profile on her website [www.susanazcpa.com](http://www.susanazcpa.com); or on [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) under her full name Susan Hale Clifford. She can be reached via email: [susanazcpa@outlook.com](mailto:susanazcpa@outlook.com) or by phone at 602 200 4992.





### ***“Thank You”! March Workshop Instructor: Judy Magid***

Another excellent ending to the March AWA Membership workshop held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Judy Magid's workshop on "Painting on Yupo with Alcohol Inks" was a big hit and was sold out.



Judy showed us all how to express our individual creativity while learning how to work on more slippery surfaces such as Yupo paper and on ceramic tiles. Judy does not draw first, instead she likes to experiment and create unique paintings.

Some of these paintings include landscapes, floral images and others end up being abstract.

She says the most important thing with her technique is to "have fun and to do what works best for you".

For some of the workshop participants, it was a new experience. Others just wanted to try to fine tune their craft.

Those that did not wear gloves just wanted to get their hands full of color and ink.

The best news was that if you did not like the results, you could take some 91% alcohol, rub it off and start again.

Thank you Judy for sharing your talent with us, helping us create wonderful art pieces and teaching us another method to paint with.

Looking forward to learning more from you.

*by Pam Root*



### **A Warm *WELCOME* To These *NEW AWA MEMBERS***

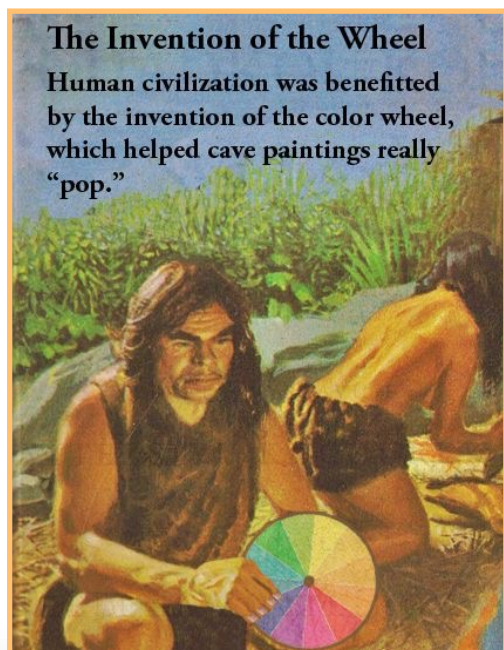
Kathy Craig

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Mary Tingley

Donna Tracy





## Tip of the Month

*“You can't do sketches enough. Sketch everything and keep your curiosity fresh.”*

-John Singer  
Sargent



***How about sharing this month's newsletter with at least one artist friend who is not currently a member of AWA? Just forward this e-mail version to show them what is happening at AWA and how they could become a member.***

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