

# ARIZONA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION

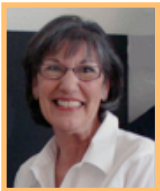
## May 2016

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### ***Critique Night - May 12, 2016***

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.

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.

### ***Calendar Overview***

#### **Meetings**

**May 12th** - ... AWA Meeting  
\* Board Meeting - 5:15 PM  
\* Meet and Greet- 7:00 PM  
\* Meeting - 7:30 PM

#### **Workshops 2016-2017**

Nov 12 - John Erwin  
Jan 14, 2017 - Grace Haverly  
Feb 11 - Julie Gilbert Pollard  
March 11, - Stan Kurth

**Note: Articles are due** on the **third Thursday** of the month for the next months newsletter. The date for the September newsletter will be **August 18th, 2016!**

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## ***President's Message***



As I compose this farewell letter as your President, I have many superlatives to address to the Board of Directors of AWA. Just look at the list in the newsletter and you know who is accomplishing wonderful things for YOU. There are also some that aren't listed. People from the past offices that I turned to for help.

Also leaving or giving-up one office are Carol Baker and Donna Eastman Liddle, your Recording Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Carol will continue to serve with the superb, Jane Underhill, Chairman of the Exhibitions. Donna will write a separate good-bye and continue to be a member of AWA. With Donna's strengths and leadership abilities we have brought all our accounting and finances to an orderly, timely system. This includes a compilation of our finances, a computer for the next treasurer complete with Microsoft Office, Quick Pro Books, mouse and carrying case. She has re-aligned our banking accounts as suggested by the bank. She files our annual corporation papers with the state of Arizona, and the necessary documents with the Federal Government to keep or 501( c) (3) non-profit status. Donna is the one who goes to our P.O. Box and retrieves checks and bills. She is fast and accurate. Besides that, she's an outstanding artist! Donna we will miss you so much at AWA. Good fortune to you and Dean in your new endeavors, just keep your membership, keep in-touch and paint.

Another almost finished accomplishment is the archiving of AWA's history at the Phoenix Art Museum. I will continue to work with Bonnie Cheney, our historian and Karen Riehm, our photographer. If any of you have printed brochures from shows, and valuable information about AWA, please organize it and give it to me or Bonnie so it may be saved at the Art Museum, not in our storage shed.

I am still diligently working on our two memorial accounts that are bequests. We are seeking appropriate ways to honor Oliver Jochumsen and Frederick Oman and utilize their generosity for our spring and fall Exhibition Awards.

With Bruce Sink here for nine months, our website continues to improve and provide the information all our members need with the strokes of the keys at a computer. Enjoy Alaska Bruce! And keep us up-to-date via the internet.

And yes, we are still planning on awarding Scholarships. We recently expanded our criteria to include more institutions of higher education and the media to be all water-soluble solutions and extended the applicants deadline.

We have undoubtedly the best Newsletter around. Thank you Mary and Liz.

We all want AWA to continue for many more years (56, my lucky number) and to be a leading organization for the encouragement of Art (Wet water art in the desert, of course) in all our communities. I thank you for your patience with an appointed, not elected President. My heart is with AWA and all its members. Yes, it was an honor that I will now have time to list on Facebook and Linked-in. Thank you, your Prez, Linda

It's time to check your (our) current journey, "If we don't change direction soon, we'll end up where we're going." No, not Yogi Berra, Irwin Corey.

"You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might get there." Yogi Berra.

"You are what you do, not what you say you'll do.", Carl Jung So.... Do it! Paint!

Prez, Linda

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

### **Last chance to save \$10.00 on AWA membership dues!**

This is your **last chance** to renew your membership before paying late fees! If you renew this month (May), you will be in good standing as a member of the AWA. The next fiscal year starts June 1, 2016.

If you pay in June, you will be asked to pay the \$10.00 late fee (unless you're a new member). **This will be required in order to be a member in good standing and enter the wonderful show opportunities.**

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):**

ACCOUNTING \_\_\_\_\_, BOARD MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_, COMMITTEE/CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_,  
COMPUTER \_\_\_\_\_, DATA INPUT \_\_\_\_\_, DEMOS \_\_\_\_\_, EXHIBITIONS \_\_\_\_\_,  
NEWSLETTER \_\_\_\_\_, ORIENTATION \_\_\_\_\_, PHOTOGRAPHY \_\_\_\_\_,  
PUBLICITY \_\_\_\_\_, REFRESHMENTS \_\_\_\_\_, SCHOLARSHIP \_\_\_\_\_,  
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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**Mail Application with your check to:**

AWA Membership  
P.O. Box 30693  
Phoenix, AZ 85046

Contact: Ruth Philliben  
Phone: 480-783-6892  
Cell: 602-228-1217  
Email: [rphilliben@q.com](mailto:rphilliben@q.com)



## ***Thank You, Mel Stabin!***

### **AWA Spring Juror Workshop Instructor**

Mel Stabin delivered an incredible workshop for AWA. He not only did an entire painting each day (2 on Thursday), we enjoyed his standup routine. His jokes and stories were worth the price of admission. Mel is very charismatic and kept everyone laughing and enjoying the time together.



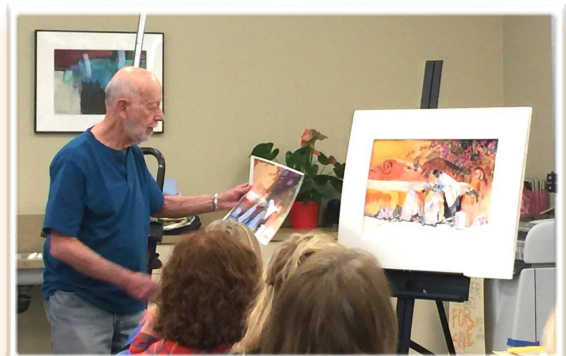
His word of wisdom during our daily critiques was delivered thoughtfully and kindly. He supported what was good and helped us understand where we can do better. He critiqued every piece openly, which helped us all learn beyond what we had done. Most of us took notes to ensure we did not lose any of the priceless knowledge being delivered.

Mel has had a most interesting and enjoyable life. We were so fortunate to spend time with him. He shares his worldly experiences, knowledge of Art, watercolor technics and many of his very fun adventures.

His Watercolors are fantastic and his ability to deliver “more with less” was a great learning for me. As Mel said “just put it down and get the heck out” (well sort of like that). He is youthful in mind and spirit, he works out most days and has an inexhaustible amount of energy.

He was infatuated with our beautiful Sonora Desert, so we got up at 5am Saturday and took a drive out to Canyon Lake before the workshop. We made several photo stops where Mel would just stand there and soak up the wonders of nature. He told me that he could just sit out there and paint for weeks. I am hoping to see our desert shared by his special hands in the future. I know he will tell the story well!

Peace  
Bruce Sink



## ***Calendar of Events***

### **May 2016**

- 7th - Pick up paintings at Burton Barr Central Library - 10am - noon
- 12th - AWA Board Meeting. Member Critique with Barbara Freedman and Diane Bykowski

**Have a Happy Summer!!!**

**Next AWA Meeting - September 8th, 2016**

## ***AZ Art Alliance News***

### **“Enriching Life Through Art”**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**“Feel The Heat”** Exhibit & Competition to be posted ONLINE at the AZ Art Alliance website ([www.azartalliance.com](http://www.azartalliance.com)) May 1-June 30, 2016. Featuring a nice array of 2D and 3D artwork from our members. Please visit the website to view this virtual exhibit and see the award winners.

**“A Group Effort” - Vision Gallery in Chandler** – July 8 - August 27, 2016. Reception: Saturday, July 9, from 2-4PM. This juried fine art exhibit and sale will feature a variety of artwork: paintings, mixed media, sculpture, jewelry, etc. The Vision Gallery was recently named by the Phoenix New Times publication as one the Valley’s Ten Best Art Galleries.

**The Art Alliance is transitioning to a yearly exhibit circuit at three venues** throughout the greater Phoenix area: Holland Gallery in North Scottsdale, WHAM Gallery in Surprise, and Vision Gallery in Chandler. The hope is that a consistent schedule will enable artists to plan ahead and also help to attract regular patrons.

**For any Call to Artists:** You must use “Entrythingy” on the Art Alliance website to apply, upload images of artwork, and pay fees.

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

The **newest AZ Art Alliance Member Group** is Pebble Creek Art Club in Goodyear.

The **AZ Art Alliance plans to move out of our Tempe headquarters.** Since the workshop area was not utilized much and in order to cut expenses, we will just rent storage space for our panels.

**It’s important to note that we are merely cutting overhead, NOT our programs.** The Art Alliance recently received a generous grant from AZ Department of Veterans’ Services to continue classes at 6 Valley locations. But more help is always appreciated, whether you wish to volunteer your time or make a donation of money or art supplies. Some heartwarming testimonials of Veterans served by our classes may be viewed on “The Art of Healing” video at the Alliance home page (as above). Please take the time to check it out and share it with others.

*- by Judy Delmonico-Roll*

## Treasurer's Update

My admiration grows for the MANY of you members who volunteer for our many tasks that it takes to have a successful year as an artist association. I have always attributed success to team effort, and you have always treated me like a star player. You have touched my heart in many ways.



While initially serving as the AWA Exhibition Director for a couple of years, I found it satisfying to be of service and educate myself on the process at hand! Boy did I have a lot to learn!! I got to associate artwork with your names, and it is so incredible to see such talent and meet the artists, too! My only regret is paying too much attention to details for the events and not enough personal time getting to know you all better.

I have had the privilege of serving you all as the treasurer now for a couple more years, and I have enjoyed that journey just as much. We all bring individual talent and ideas to any board, and this year's board have accomplished many good things that will take AWA forward. We now have a new local CPA, Susan Clifford, who will be incredibly vital to our organization. I hope you all got to read her biography in April's newsletter. I am busy (as you read this) getting all of this year's finances posted into a new accounting program, which will be capable of producing incredibly detailed reporting. I have personally used QuickBooks for over 15 years and find it easy, accurate, and efficient for any organization.

Volunteering will never let you down, especially when you know that you are doing the work of something greater than yourself. I will continue to serve in whatever capacity AWA may have in store in the future. For now, the new treasurer - whoever you are - will have my support and the privilege of serving on a winning team that ultimately wants to help you open doors to artistic success.

My travels this summer will take my husband, Dean, and I to the California Coast, up to Canby, Oregon and the cities of Vancouver, Tacoma, and Marysville, Washington. I work for the Brembillo family of Sogno Toscano "Tuscan Dream", who have an olive oil farm in Tuscany, Italy. We sell delicious oil and Italian food products at special events. I guess you all know what my next goal is!! I will be taking an art workshop in Tuscany, sooner than later.

I look forward to the AWA May meeting, and hope to see you all there, voting in the new board members and supporting our fellow association artists.

*Arrivederci*, my friends!

Donna Eastman Liddle



## ***“HONORING DIANE PARNITZKE “ - MAY 12th AWA MEETING***

### **A WOMAN IN ART FOR ALL SEASONS**

Diane Parnitzke has been an integral force in the Arizona Watercolor Association for a long time. One might even say that she has been the glue, the vital spirit of our organization. Her contributions have been endless. To enumerate a few of the vast tasks she has undertaken; 2007-2009- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP in charge of programs; 2009-2011-President; 2011-2013 Past president; 2013- 2015- Parliamentarian and By-laws. Presently Diane is working on writing the job descriptions for the AWA Board members' responsibilities.

She has an indomitable, individualistic and eagle eye approach to any task. Her positive attitude is a model for others to “jump in and get the job done.”

Watercolors suggest the different aspects of Diane's persona:

Reds are her “fire and passion” to get things accomplished.

Yellows are her “warmth and sparkle” as she enthusiastically lays out a problem and the solution.

Blues are her “diplomatic and calm” approach to a finalizing a task.

Diane is indeed “A Woman in Art for All Seasons”. We are fortunate to have her expertise and her love for the AWA organization and its members.

### **Member News!!**

**Stan Kurth** continues to have a great year! He recently won the Juror's Award (2nd place) at Arizona Aqueous XXX Tubac Center for the Arts for his piece "*Windowpane*" 27 X 21 inches - Transparent Watercolor on Paper. Stan also won Best of Show at the West Valley Art Museum Celebration of Artists 2016 at the Peoria City Hall Art Gallery.

**Bruce Sink** is preparing to have a busy summer! He has been accepted to be the 'Artist in Residence' at the Ernst Gruening State Park in Juneau Alaska this summer, June 4th to 18th. Here is a website that talks about the program: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/artistinresidence.htm>



*Windowpane*

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

Candace Wilkinson

Karen Gray



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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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18411 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85023

### **Contact:**

Bruce Sink  
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Chandler, AZ 85249  
602-738-8121

**BSink@cox.net**

### **Fall 2016 - Robert Burridge**

- 2-Day - October 10 ,11
- 3-Day - October 12, 13, 14
- 1-Day - October 15

### **Spring 2017 - Birgit O'Connor**

- 3-Day - April 12, 13, 14
- 1-Day - April 15

1 Day \$75 Member \$90.00 Non-Member  
3 Day \$235 Member \$275 Non-Member  
2 Day & 175 Member \$235 Non Member (Robert Burridge workshop only)

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nov 12, 2016 - John Erwin**

**Jan 14, 2017 - Grace Haverty**

**Feb 11, 2017 - Julie Gilbert Pollard**

**Mar 11, 2017 - Stan Kurth**

\$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.



## Tip of the Month

*"Designing your painting is the opposite of waiting for a miracle to happen."*

- Mel Stabin



***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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