

ARIZONA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION

April 2017

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Birgit O'Connor - Juror Workshop April 12th - 15th, 2017



Award winning international artist/ author/ instructor, Birgit O'Connor is known for her unique teaching abilities and her bold floral designs. She is a top selling author for North Light books, her current titles "*Watercolor in Motion*" and "*Watercolor Essentials*" with her third book to be released late 2017. Along with her own books she has been included in three other books Creative Computer Tools for Artists by Jann Pollard & Jerry

Little, Creative colored pencil Workshop by Carlynne Hersberger & Kelli Money Huff and "A Fluid Tradition" limited edition by the NWWS.

Other articles include over 50 national and international publications such as "Dobry Zank", (Poland) "L'Art de l'Aquarelle" (France), "Hong Kong News" (Hong Kong),



"New York Times" (NY) "Entertainment Tonight", Artist Magazine and Watercolor Artist Magazine in the United States. Memberships include Cambridge Who's Who, Who's who in America and Who's who in American woman and is a signature member of LWS & CWA. Birgit owns her own online school and has developed numerous courses successful to help students find their own creativity and build



confidence and navigate through the challenging medium of watercolor.

Artist Statement:

"Within the challenging media of watercolor, I strive to show that watercolor can be bold, rich and dramatic. Fascinated with depth, shadow and movement, the fluidity of this medium gives me the sense of working with subconscious emotion. Nature's unique beauty leads me on a journey to view a deeper part of my subconscious and imagination. "



For more Info, contact Sheila Belland: at .shebe49@gmail.com .

Calendar Overview

Next Meeting

April 13th

- * Board Meeting - 5:15pm
- * Spring Exhibition Awards Program 6:30pm
- * General Meeting , & Demo-7:30 PM

Workshops 2017

April 12-15th - Juror Workshops with Birgit O'Connor

Note: Send Articles or Member News info to:

Liz Ramsey at lizramsey@cox.net or Mary Valesano at mmvalesano@gmail.com
The due date for the May newsletter will be April 20th, 2017!

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President's Message



News from the Board:

Only two more meetings to go and then we take a break for summer... how time flies! We just finished with our fourth membership workshop and had a wonderful time painting with Stan Kurth. He challenged us to push beyond our boundaries and trust our artistic selves.

On April 13, we will celebrate the spring exhibition award winners; and on May 11, we will be holding our annual General Membership Meeting. During that meeting, we will vote on Bylaws Changes and Board Member / Committee Chair nominations.

The AWA Board and Committee Chairs get together for a 'retreat' in June. We will be discussing ways in which we might increase our communication with members and potential members. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to share them with a board member.

"Nature is not only all that is visible to the eye.. it also includes the inner pictures of the soul." Edvard Munch

Ruth Philliben

- awapresident@azwatercolor.com

AWA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE STARTS NOW

Why should I renew now? Membership dues received BEFORE May 31, 2017 are only \$45.00. If you delay and pay membership dues AFTER May 31, 2017, you will owe a total of \$60.00! (Regular dues of \$45.00 PLUS late payment fee of \$15.00). Pay now! Why wait?

Key membership benefits. AWA Members in good standing enjoy all of the following benefits and more.

- **Signature Status.** For our Signature Members, continuation of your Signature status and the right to display that status on your artwork
- **Exhibitions.** Eligibility to enter your work in our Spring and Fall shows
- **Workshops.** Priority over non-members for registration in our four Member Workshops
- **Savings!** Member discounts for Workshop registration and a 20% discount on non-sale items at Arizona Art Supply
- **Networking Opportunities!** The chance to meet and mix with your colleagues and our Exhibition jurors at our monthly meetings.
- **Volunteer Opportunities!** AWA gives the most to those who participate the most. We are only as strong as the contributions of our members. Membership brings with it many opportunities to grow your talents and promote the health of the organization. We need members to help by serving on the Board or one of our indispensable Committees. For those who may have less time, there are many shorter, but also invaluable opportunities, such as volunteering to help with Exhibition hangings.

How do I renew? Your renewal options are outlined below. Your renewed membership will become active once we receive your application and payment via one of the methods below.

- **PAY VIA U.S. MAIL** a. Fill out Membership Application (see next page or go on-line to our website by clicking [here](#)) and mail it along with your check payment to the address below. Note, only checks may be submitted in payment via this method.
- **PAY AT A MEETING.** Submit a Membership Application (hard copy available at the meeting) along with your check or cash payment at the Membership table. If you renew in person at our April, or May meeting, you will receive a free raffle ticket for our monthly drawing.

Questions?

Contact Membership Chair, Sally Gonzalez via email at azwatercolormembership@gmail.com or by US Mail at AWA Membership, 29417 N. 136th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Please complete and mail this form to the address below with your check payable to AZ Watercolor Association

Arizona Watercolor Association

Application for Membership 2017-18

Date Submitted: _____

Membership Application Type: New____ Renewal____

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

Member Contact Information

Check here if change in contact info ☐

	Member	Spouse <i>(If paying Spouse Membership Dues)</i>
Name:		
Address: <i>(Street, City, State, Zip)</i>		
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
Email Address:		
Website:		

Membership Fees and Donations

(Please enter amounts in "Amount Paid" column and total in "Total Amount Paid".)

Annual Membership Fees:	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Annual Membership Dues	\$45.00	\$ _____
Late Fee (Renewals after May 31, 2017)	\$15.00	\$ _____
Spouse Membership Dues	\$5.00	\$ _____
Mailed Newsletter	\$9.00	\$ _____
Donations:		
National Show	Optional	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund	Optional	\$ _____
General Fund	Optional	\$ _____
WFWS (Western Fed)	Optional	\$ _____
	Total Amount Paid:	\$ _____
	Check Number:	_____

**Mail Application and check payable
to AZ Watercolor Association to:**

**AWA Membership
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AWA Membership Information Contact:

Name: Sally Gonzalez
Email: azwatercolormembership@gmail.com
Phone: 480-683-1933
Website: www.azwatercolor.com

2018 Spring Exhibition

As many of you know, our 2017 Spring Exhibition has been selected by our juror, Birgit O'Connor, and will be hung at the famed ASU Gammage – 1200 S Forest Avenue, Tempe, AZ - on March 7th from 10 am until noon. If you are one of the fortunate artists who will be delivering your painting that day, please make sure your framing meets the requirements listed on our website (azwatercolor.com) and that you arrive as close to 10 am as possible so our hanging crew can do their job in a timely manner.

Our Spring Exhibition will hang March 7th until April 25th through two Broadway productions at ASU Gammage: "An American in Paris" and "Finding Neverland." If you cannot make it to a performance to view our show, the lobby is open during auditorium tours on Mondays that begin at 1, 2 and 3 pm. We are asked to call 480-965-6912 to confirm that tours are on before arriving for your visit. The takedown for this show is April 25th, from 10 am until noon.

We should be very proud to know that many of our artists' works will represent AWA at ASU Gammage and will be viewed by literally thousands of people during the 2017 Spring Exhibition. Our artists are to be congratulated for this achievement.

We look forward to meeting our juror in person during the week of April 10th, during which she will conduct her famous workshops and choose our award winners from the spring show. Mark your calendar so you'll be sure to attend her demo and our awards presentation during our monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13th. The Awards Reception will begin at 6:30 that evening so come to view the slideshow, congratulate your fellow artists, enjoy the yummy food and drinks and watch Birgit O'Connor create her watercolor magic.

-submitted by Jane Underhill, Exhibitions Director

Calendar of Events

April

- 12th - 14th - 3 Day Juror Workshop - 9am to 4pm -with Birgit O'Connor
- 13th - Spring Exhibition Awards Reception - 6:30pm
- 13th - AWA General Meeting - 7:30pm General Meeting and demo by Birgit O'Connor
- 15th - 1 Half-Day Juror Workshop - 9am to 1pm -with Birgit O'Connor - **Please Note New Time!**

May

- 11th - AWA Meeting: 7pm - Meet and Greet; 7:30pm General Meeting:
 - Election of Officers and Member Critique

Happy Summer!!

Member News!!

Jeremy Jones has been selected to be the Artist-in-Residence for Crater Lake National Park for the last half of September. Selection was based on his artwork and his proposal for a project to be started on location. The theme for programs at the park this year is climate change, and Jeremy proposed completing a series of micro-landscapes that illustrate the more vulnerable plants, insects and animals where climate change first shows up but are such small details that most people ignore them. Some will be of an area less than a square foot! The paintings will include some recognizable elements, but the intention is to concentrate on composition and abstract qualities for dramatic effect. He notes “by enhancing colors and textures the scene can attract interest in a way that would not happen in a more realistic study”. He will be staying in a rustic cabin that is currently under twelve feet of snow with other researchers. Jeremy’s previous work in scientific illustration, working in an entomological laboratory, and a summer with the Forest Service all helped make him seem like the logical choice for this opportunity.



The painting shown, “Shepherd’s Brook” is an example of the type of painting that will be done. It is based on 30 photos of a Brook in Massachusetts he took with his grandson. Although it looks realistic, it is really a collection of reflections and shapes with an emphasis on color and pattern

A Message from the Nominating Committee Chair Person

Dear Fellow AWA Members:

Our wonderful Nominating Committee is still making calls to the AWA Membership, however, I want to let you know that we need to fill THREE important positions.

They are as follows:

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (To work with the Treasurer)
1st VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP
2nd VICE PRESIDENT OF JURIED MEMBERSHIP EXHIBITIONS

All three of these positions are VITAL to AWA.

Please think about joining the Board of Directors of AWA. If you have any questions Regarding these positions feel free to contact me at 602-439-6846.

Sincerely,
Sherry Kimmel
Nominating Committee Chair Person

Thank You Stan Kurth



Stan Kurth's AWA Membership Workshop "Freedom in Watermedia" was held at AAG on Saturday, March 11, 2017. His step by step instruction allowed all of the workshop participants to not worry about why, but to concentrate on painting without restrictions. He began his demo with a few strokes using an ArtGraph graphite stick and some lines with a crayon. The first step was to get some watercolor paint on his 300 lb. watercolor paper. After that it was total freedom in what Stan did next with the use of Acrylics and water. Stan quotes from other artists such as Brian Rutenberg that "Painting is a living breathing thing... You have to be disciplined.... A painter makes paintings." Stan believes that he has to make paintings and that is part of the reason he is devoted to painting and creating. Stan Kurth's award winning art can also be seen in the book "Watercolor Masters and Legends" by Betsy Dillard Stroud.

Thank you Stan for sharing your talent, and vision with us and in helping us all to free up our painting styles while create something new. A special thank you for sharing your sketchbook drawings/ paintings with the entire class! You are the best!

-submitted by Pam Root

AZ Art Alliance

"Enriching Life Through Art"

Exhibitions:

"Interpretations II" at WHAM West Gallery in Surprise – March 1 – 30, 2017

Artists' Reception for this Exhibition, held on Saturday March 11, was very well attended. See the AZ Art Alliance April newsletter (azartalliance.com) for pictures from this very impressive show of amazingly diverse artwork!

"The Heat is On": The call for our summer online exhibit & competition is on our website (as above), where you may enter using Entrythingy. This exhibit, open to all Arizona-based 2D & 3D Artists, will not be juried for inclusion but will be judged for awards. Artwork will be displayed on the Art Alliance website for two months.

Next 2017 Quarterly Rep Meeting: Wednesday April 26, a representative from the AZ Commission on the Arts is scheduled to speak. Meetings are held at the AAG Building, 18411 N. 7th Ave., beginning at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend.

The AZ Art Alliance Survey - We would like your input:

- What do you envision/expect from your membership in the AZ Art Alliance?
- How can we improve our relationship and/or Alliance activities?

Please send any responses/comments to jdelmonico-roll@cox.net . Thank you!

- submitted by Judy Delmonico-Roll



AWA Mission Statement

Arizona Watercolor Association (AWA), is an Arizona based non-profit corporation that promotes and advances the art of painting in water-soluble media and the promotion of public awareness and interest in watercolor mediums by way of education, 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.

WELCOME NEW AWA MEMBERS

Suz Galloway
Connie Johns
Elisabeth Johnson
Karla Milinovich
Barbara Lee Miller
Laura Lee Stenzel
Mary Stiner

More Art Humor!!

What's a good name for a retired artist?
'Drew'
 Why did the painting go to jail?
'It was framed.'

Painters WANTED!!

Any members wishing to be part of a new critique group are encouraged to call:
 Jody Miles at 480 699 2075

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Fun Table 7:00PM
Meeting 7:30 -9:30 PM

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