

# ARIZONA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION

## SEPTEMBER 2017

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### ANNE ABGOTT - JUROR WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 11-14, 2017



Anne Abgott will mesmerize her participants in October. She has a book on the market, "Daring Color". In this book, Anne reveals her "tricks and techniques." Her rendition of color is stunning and her step by step demonstrations are direct, and easy to follow. I was especially interested in her exciting passages of "color mingling." Her book is an academic achievement. It is a classroom in itself!!

Practice, practice, practice is Anne's mantra. Her love of art started in high school where she was recognized for her talent. She was on the faculty of Ringling School of Art and Design. Anne has won many awards with her painting and is the past president of the Florida Watercolor Society. Her work has been featured in many publications and galleries.



Anne states that she paints pretty traditionally. She likes to leave the white of the paper, uses transparent paints and is concerned with values. She paints a variety of subjects but needs to be excited about what she is rendering. Anne enjoys the close view of her subject. She'll share the vibrancy and powerful feelings of her subject using dramatic lighting with rhythm, shape, pattern and "daring color."

One feels that they can reach out and touch the subject in Anne's paintings. She can create a believable dimension on a flat piece of paper. The painting "buzzes" with authenticity and credibility. Anne will bring this excitement to AWA in October. If you have not signed up for one of the workshops ...**please email Sheila Belland at AWASheilaBelland@gmail.com** It will be a "Daring Journey into Daring Color"!!!



*Submitted by Liz Ramsey, Newsletter Editor*

### Calendar Overview

#### Next Meeting

##### GYdHya VYf '14th

- \* Board Meeting - 5:15pm
- \* Socialize/ Fun Table 7:00pm
- \* General Meeting & Demo-7:30 PM

#### Workshops 2017

Sept 14 - Kat Kurgan Demo

October 11 - 14 Juror Workshops with Anne Abgott

Nov 11 Member Workshop with Yvonne Joyner

**Note:** Send **Articles or Member News updates** to **Liz Ramsey** at [lizramsey@cox.net](mailto:lizramsey@cox.net) or **David Amsellem** at [damsell@mindspring.com](mailto:damsell@mindspring.com)  
The **due date** for the **October** newsletter will be: **Sept 15, 2017!**

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## President's Message



Maintaining viability as an active art organization means blending traditional ways of doing business with current technology. AWA has achieved this by including all water media in our palette and blending traditional watercolor paintings with contemporary paintings in our exhibitions.

We are now faced with the challenge of becoming more effective with our communication; that is increasing our use of the internet as a communication tool. Increasing our communication was the focus of our annual Board Member

Retreat this June. We have chosen several ways to meet this goal. Some are in the developmental stages, others are listed here:

First, we want the **AWA WEBSITE** to be a primary means of communication. If you are not familiar with using our website, I encourage you to do so. It contains Newsletters, Board Members contact info, Member Directory, Membership Application forms, Prospectus for Exhibitions, Bylaws and Rules for Exhibitions, Workshops, Exhibition Gallery of works and links to other associations. Consider this your **GO TO SITE FOR ALL THINGS AWA!** We are very excited about the new look of our AWA website, **Check it out!**

We are also looking to update our **FACEBOOK** page.

### MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS:

**1. PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS:** One of the things I would like to do at our monthly meetings is recognize individual members for their achievements in the art world. Some of you have recently been awarded Signature Status at the NWS and others may have been accepted into their first juried show. Each of these is a milestone in our artistic journey and I would like to recognize you at our meetings. **Please let me know when you reach another milestone so I can recognize you at a meeting.**

**2. EBLASTS:** E-Blasts will be sent out 3 times a year acknowledging member activities. Look for the e-blast request for submission of your member activities. This is an opportunity for you to share your art activities that are not related to AWA.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Diane Harrison and Dolly Maitzen are working on a **New Member Packet** which will contain essential information and contacts necessary for member involvement. This will be available as new members join our organization.

Please keep in touch; let us know your ideas and consider being active in our organization. We still have a few unfilled positions left on the board and need your help.

**Ruth Philliben, President**

- [awapresident@azwatercolor.com](mailto:awapresident@azwatercolor.com)



## Yvonne Joyner - **Member Workshop** - November 11th, 2017



Get ready to have a fun filled day painting Desert Blooms with Yvonne Joyner. Yvonne teaches a spontaneous painting style. The first part of the workshop will focus on a loose painting style detaching from the photo reference to design a "painting" and not a "copy". In the next phase, other materials such as water-soluble inks and color sticks will be introduced to encourage a more experimental and expressive interpretation of a desert bloom.

According to Yvonne, "Watercolor drips, flows and splashes, and has an element of surprise and excitement. We will interpret the subject by watching the paper and responding intuitively. This is a fun, fresh and exciting approach without the pressure of trying to make a masterpiece. My goal is to capture the essence of the subject – the Light & Delight, without giving every detail in a photographic likeness. When the process is joyful, the result reflects it. Come splash with us."



Yvonne has a degree in Fine Arts from Indiana University, where she was trained in oil painting, ceramics & photography. After graduation, she worked as a professional potter and an art teacher before discovering a passion for watercolor 25 years ago.

Yvonne's paintings have been shown in galleries in Scottsdale, AZ, Durango, CO and Sedona, AZ, where she has also been featured in one-woman shows and exhibitions. Being a long time resident of Scottsdale, AZ & an avid hiker, she enjoys painting the

blooming desert, which continually inspires her. Another inspiration is the scenery of Colorado where she travels each summer to escape the desert heat. Her sister's garden in Indiana has also been the inspiration and source for many floral paintings and garden scenes.



"My desire when I paint is to somehow capture the magical, elusive drama of light as it falls on the subject.. not only cactus, but also people, pets, flowers & landscape. I'm more interested in capturing the drama or excitement of the light, then the botanical correctness of the plant. Nothing compares with the translucence of watercolor and I strive to keep it fresh and spontaneous, letting the watercolor surprise and delight the eye." Yvonne will be teaching the member workshop "serendipity in the Desert". Join the fun on Sat, Nov 11th from 9AM-4PM. Workshop enrollment forms may be found in this newsletter or via this [LINK](#).

If you are interested or have any questions please contact either Mary Valesano at [mmvalesano@gmail.com](mailto:mmvalesano@gmail.com) or Sally Gonzalez at [AWAMemberWorkshops@gmail.com](mailto:AWAMemberWorkshops@gmail.com) - - Submitted by Mary Valesano, Chair, Member Workshops

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## Workshop Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Member : \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please complete form and mail with your check Payable to: AZ Watercolor to the appropriate chairperson:

Juror Workshops are held at the  
Arizona Artists Guild Building 9am–4pm  
18411 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85023

### **Contact:**

Sheila Belland  
42826 W Sandpiper Drive  
Maricopa, AZ 85183  
520-350-2577  
[shebe49@gmail.com](mailto:shebe49@gmail.com)

### **Fall 2017 - Anne Abgott**

- 2-Day - October 11/12 2017
- 2-Day - October 13/14 2017

### **Spring 2017 - Michael Reardon**

- 2-Day - April 11/12 2017
- 2-Day - April 13/14 2017

2 Day \$200 Member \$250.00 Non-Member

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Member Workshops are held at the  
Arizona Artists Guild Building 9am–4pm  
18411 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85023

### **Contact:**

Sally Gonzalez  
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Saturday NOV 11, 2017 - **Yvonne Joyner**: Blooms  
Saturday JAN 13, 2018 - **Kim Johnson**: Portraits  
Saturday FEB 10, 2018 - **Dyanne Locati**: Line / Design  
Saturday MAR 10, 2018 - **Sherry Kimmel**: Collage

\$50 Members \$65 Non-members

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## **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.



## 2017 FALL Exhibition

Here we are kicking off our new season with the magnificent 2017 Fall Exhibition running from September 16th through October 14th at the Scottsdale Artists' School. We had a wonderful field of entries from our membership that I'm sure gave our esteemed juror, Anne Abgott, some hard choices as she selected the show. Thanks to all who sent entries and remember, if you didn't make it into this show you can enter your work again as long as it was completed within three years of the exhibition date, and a special congratulations to all first-time exhibitors!

Please make every effort to take in this beautiful exhibition by visiting the SAS located at 3720 North Marshall Way in Scottsdale. Hours are Monday –Friday, 8:30-5 pm and Saturday, 8:30- noon and 1-4 pm.

Because Ms. Abgott will be with us during the final week of our exhibition giving her workshops, we will be adding our artist awards reception to our regular monthly meeting on October 12th. You will be able to see the award winning paintings and hear from Anne herself as she explains the reasons they were selected from the field to receive these awards. Anne will be giving a demo that night too, so be sure to add this date to your calendar, so you won't miss out on a unique evening of fun and art. Your fellow artists receiving awards that night will appreciate your support too. And if that weren't enough, there will be lots of yummy treats available for the celebration. See you all there!

**- - - submitted by Jane Underhill, Exhibitions Director**

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 14th - AWA Meeting: 7pm - Meet and Greet; 7:30pm General Meeting & demo by Kat Kurgan
- 16th - *Paintings due for the Fall AWA Membership Exhibition - - Setup 10AM - 12:00PM*

### October

- 10th - Juror selection of awards for the Fall AWA Membership Exhibition.
- 11th/12th - **2 Day Juror Workshop - 9am to 4pm - with Anne Abgott**
- 12th - AWA Meeting: 7pm - Meet and Greet; 7:30pm General Meeting & demo by Anne Abgott
- 12th - **AWA Fall Exhibition Awards Reception - 6:30 - 7:00PM, Anne Abgott Demo 8:00-9:00PM**
- 13th/14th - **2 Day Juror Workshop - 9am to 4pm - with Anne Abgott**
- 14th - Painting Pick-up from the Fall AWA Membership Exhibition, Take Down 10AM - 12:00PM

### November

- 09th - AWA Meeting: 7pm - Meet and Greet; 7:30pm General Meeting & demo Yvonne Joyner
- 11th - AWA One Day Workshop 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM by Yvonne Joyner.

### ***Thank You Sherry Kimmel***



I'm so sad not to be at the September meeting which will honor one great past president, Sherry Kimmel. I'll make this short, like our gal, but tall in message. Sherry is a great artist, and mentor to anyone who asks her for suggestions.

Sherry is a friend of highest stature. Sherry is a researcher and problem solver, devoted to new heights for AWA.

Sherry is high in life through her spiritual commitments and family. There, a short list that is full of tall superlatives and characteristics that make Sherry the perfect nominee to receive this award from AWA. We are so fortunate to have her so active in our organization.

Stand up to clap for her.



Submitted by: Linda Schooley

### **AZ Art Alliance**

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**Outreach Programs:** Our Veterans' Program continues to grow, now with ten locations throughout the Valley offering FREE art classes for Veterans. Thank you to all who have been, and continue to be, an integral part of this worthwhile Outreach to those who have sacrificed so much for all of us. Please check our website ([www.azartalliance.com](http://www.azartalliance.com)) for more info or if you would like to volunteer time or donate money to this or to our other Outreach Programs.

#### **Exhibits:**

##### **"ART in pARTnership III"**

To be held Sept 30 – Oct 26, 2017 at the Holland Gallery in North Scottsdale.

**Remember** to Like Us on Facebook and Follow Us on Instagram (@azartalliance)!

#### **AZ Art Alliance Wants YOU:**

We are in dire need of someone to fill the position of Treasurer. This volunteer position has been greatly simplified since a bookkeeper does the bulk of the monthly tasks. If you can help, please contact AZ Art Alliance President Mike Brady at [mbrady@azartalliance.com](mailto:mbrady@azartalliance.com). Share your skills and make a difference!

Submitted by: **Judy Roll**, AZ Art Alliance

## AWA Del Decil Scholarship Award

### Recipient for Spring 2017 is Maria Micsunescu





























AWA is proud to announce the recipient of the 2017 Del Decil Scholarship Award to Maria Micsunescu. Maria is enrolled as a full-time student at Glendale Community College and has a goal of working within the creative and design industry and eventually go into teaching. The \$1000 scholarship was presented at the May Program, along with 1 year free AWA membership. In attendance were her boyfriend, parents and siblings.

Congratulations Maria!





## Colors as seen by:

						
Women	Denim	Sky	Emerald	Seafoam	Tangerine	Peach
						
Men	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Orange	Orange
						
Designers	#459fed	#7fcc7	#32b76	#65c88	#faad4d	#fce94
						
Nail Polish Specialists	Summer Fling	Salty Air	Spring Break	All About The Benjamin\$	Atomic Carrot	Baby's Breath

## WELCOME NEW AWA MEMBERS

Kelly L. Boren  
Jane Coen Grinonneau  
Patti Hartley  
Nick Prestera  
Barbara Topliff  
Suzanne Van Ruffen  
Paula Weech  
Judy Woytowich

## Member News

Please submit your news to  
**Liz Ramsey** [lizramsey@cox.net](mailto:lizramsey@cox.net)  
**by Sept 15** for the upcoming  
OCTOBER newsletter.

“Logic will get  
you from A to Z :  
*‘imagination’*  
will get you  
everywhere”

*Albert Einstein*

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**General Meetings - AAG Art Center**  
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Fun Table 7:00PM  
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