

# ARIZONA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION

## January 2018

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### Kim Johnson-Nechtman - **Member Workshop** - JAN 13, 2018

Kim Johnson-Nechtman discovered her love for the creative process at a young age. Kim's masterful use of glazes and washes, wet and dry technique, and positive and negative space breath life into pieces focused on the human and animal experiences.

Kim is a master at painting colorful portraits! This subject matter can be intimidating, but Kim will show you how to let go of that fear! Throw out those old, outdated rules for painting portraits in watercolor! In the January workshop, Kim will help us:

**Learn** how to use color, cross lines, connect shapes of your subject to your background and where to use soft and hard edges.

**Breathe** life into your subject matter using positive and negative shapes and by using glazes of color; and

**Watch** skin tones come alive as you improve your color selection for skin tones.

Kim is a signature member of The American Watercolor Society, The National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, The San Diego Watercolor Society, The Transparent Watercolor Society of America, The Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and the Arizona Watercolor Association.

Her award winning work is enjoyed by both corporate offices and private collectors.

Currently Kim's workshop is full and is on "**waitlist only**". Interested artists should contact Sally Gonzalez at [AWAMemberWorkshops@gmail.com](mailto:AWAMemberWorkshops@gmail.com).

**Kim Johnson-Nechtman Workshop -- Saturday, January 13, 2018**

--- Submitted by Mary Valesano  
**Chair, Member Workshops**

### **Calendar Overview**

#### Next Meeting

January 11th

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

#### Workshops 2018

Jan 13 Member Workshop  
with Kim Johnson-Nechtman

Feb 10 Member Workshop  
with Dyanne Locati

March 10 Member Workshop  
with Sherry Kimmel

**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 **February** newsletter will be: **January 20, 2018!**

### **In this ISSUE**

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## President's Message



Welcome to 2018! Every year I say the same thing: I can't believe it's a new year! It's a time of reviewing last year's accomplishments and perhaps setting goals for the upcoming year. So, what are your art goals?

I once took a workshop with Harley Brown, who made us take the Harley Oath: "I promise I will draw (paint) daily". How many times have I failed at that promise! But I keep trying. This is manageable if you think "PAINT SMALL." If we try, we can find twenty minutes in our day. This is a fantastic way to loosen up, experiment with new techniques, colors, and certainly stay connected with our art. I shared this idea with a friend who is recovering from a major illness and she thought it was wonderful idea;

she has been so focused on her recovery she feared she would have difficulty getting reconnected with her art. She suggested I share this with our members. The photo is a variation on one of my travel journals. Instead of using my traditional spiral bound journal, I cut watercolor paper into separate 4" square sections; I sketched and painted daily (sometimes more than once), included the date on each sketch and when finished, assembled it into a calendar. Your Arizona Watercolor Association has so many opportunities available to you this winter/spring. 3 Member Workshops; 1 Juror Workshop; participation in the Western Federation show in Tucson and the Spring Exhibition! Please take the time to check out our calendar and **STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR ART!**



If you are new to our organization, please consider getting involved, whether by attending a workshop or volunteering to help.

*"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."* **Pablo Picasso**

**Ruth Philliben, President**

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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  
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)

### Spring 2018 - Michael Rerdon

- 2-Day - April 11/12 2018
- 2-Day - April 13/14 2018

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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C: 703-395-4021

[AWAMemberWorkshops@gmail.com](mailto:AWAMemberWorkshops@gmail.com)

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.



## **AWA Community Outreach**

*Reaching out to You, the Member, and giving back to the Community*

How would you like to have the chance to take a two day Juror's Workshop and at the same time provide an opportunity for young children to paint and draw and do all sorts of artsy things that they might not have the chance to do for lack of materials.

Both can happen!

You could be the winner of the Juror's Workshop in a special raffle that is being held to raise funds for the purchase of the requested brushes and paints for the approximately 500 students at Frank Elementary School in Guadalupe, AZ. Tickets go on sale at the January 11th AWA meeting. These are not just ordinary tickets; these are special tickets; these are magical tickets. They will provide two days of great painting instruction for the lucky winner of the raffle and they will provide the supplies to help whet and stimulate the minds of budding artists.

The workshop will take place in the AWA 2018-2019 year. Details to follow.

The tickets are \$10 each or three tickets for \$20. The drawing is being held at the April 12th AWA meeting. There is no better bargain. All will be winners, even those who do not win the raffle for they will have participated in this AWA Community Outreach Program making it a success.

The raffle is being held in addition to the donations of dollars and supplies that are requested. Besides the paints and brushes, AWA is also looking to supply Sharpies, paper and other art supplies that children in the K through 5 grades can use.

You may purchase your ticket at the General Meetings, January through April or by sending your request and check for \$10, \$20 or more along with a self addressed stamped envelope to Diane Parnitzke, 12712 S. 177th Ave, Goodyear, AZ 85338. Make all checks Payable to Arizona Watercolor Association. Please write Community Outreach on the memo line. Please mark on the outside of your envelope, "AWA Community Outreach". Your ticket stub will be mailed back to you.

See you in January,

**Submitted by: Diane Parnitzke, Community Outreach Chair and Sherry Kimmel, co-Chair.**

## **Calendar of Events**

### **January - 2018**

**Thursday 01/11:** AWA Board Meeting 5:15 - 7:00, Social time 7:00 - 7:30, General Meeting 7:30 - 8:00 Demonstration by Kim Johnson-Nechtman 8:00 - 9:00 PM

**Saturday 01/13:** AWA One Day Workshop 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM by Kim Johnson-Nechtman

### **February - 2018**

**Thursday 02/08:** AWA Board Meeting 5:15 - 7:00, Social time 7:00 - 7:30, General Meeting 7:30 - 8:00 Demonstration by Dyanne Locati 8:00-9:00pm

**Saturday 02/10:** AWA One Day Workshop, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM by Dyanne Locati

### **March - 2018**

**Thursday 03/08:** AWA Board Meeting 5:15 - 7:00, Social time 7:00 - 7:30, General Meeting 7:30 - 8:00 Demonstration by Sherry Kimmel 8:00 - 9:00 PM

**Saturday 03/10:** AWA One Day Workshop 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM by Sherry Kimmel

## Dyanne Locati Workshop –Saturday, February 10, 2018

DIYANNE LOCATI: A BOLD AND INOVATIVE ARTIST  
MEMBER WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR  
FEBRUARY 10, 2018

I had the thrill of a lifetime yesterday when I visited Dyanne at her home and studio in Sun City West. Her home was an art Gallery in itself and her studio was resplendent with her art work on display and her tools of the trade. I was most impressed with her ability to put her hands on various items as we spoke about them. The explanations of her style and her work habits were meticulous. One could tell that her experience and expertise was vast and through.

Dyanne stated that she was “always” interested in art. She thought perhaps she would go into interior design. This may have been the catalyst for her extensive art education. She stated that education has been an important role in her career. She continues to take workshops, seminars and classes. She also continues to teach workshops and jury both colored pencil and mixed media art shows locally and nationally. She is a signature member of numerous organizations and has held important positions in various astute art organizations. For five years she owned and operated the Locati Art Center in Oregon.

Dyanne likes to work in a series. She finds that this practice offers her numerous ideas as she investigates new interpretations. She is presently involved in ideas of nature. She uses color and value to lead the viewer thru her painting. Her use of fluid acrylic, watercolor and pencil is dramatic. Her paintings are bold, atmospheric, and intuitive. The viewer will go back numerous times and receive a different experience; a different awareness. To me this is the epitome of being pulled into a painting and being surrounded by its narrative.

Dyanne feels that the role of the instructor is to guide the student in discovering new and exciting variations and interpretations of their own adventure in art. It is overwhelmingly apparent to me that Dyanne will lead the class to greater confidence and freedom in their art adventure. We are fortunate to have someone of her caliber and dedication in our organization.

----- Submitted by -- Liz Ramsey -- Newsletter Editor



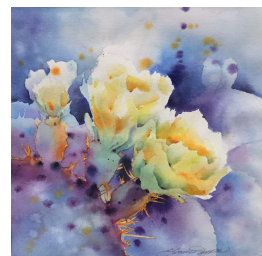
### **“Serendipity in the Desert”~ Thank You Yvonne Joyner!**

Yvonne’s passion and enthusiasm for painting the Sonoran desert was definitely contagious in AWA’s recent Saturday workshop. According to Yvonne, capturing the light of the desert is key to an illuminated cactus painting! She begins with a quick value sketch simplifying her reference into 3 values. She states our job as an artist should be to “create a painting, don’t just record nature”! After drawing her sketch onto watercolor paper,

Yvonne begins splashing in color and letting the pigments mix and move on the paper. Yvonne believes the key elements to a successful painting are to paint quickly; use bigger brushes; use a combination of hard and soft edges (blur some details/ more water), put it down and get out and most importantly, “Enjoy the Journey”!

Stay tuned for Yvonne’s upcoming book on how to create a fresh and juicy watercolor painting entitled “Stop Fiddling!” :) Be sure to ask any workshop participant for excerpts from the first three chapters!!

---Submitted by -- Mary Valesano, Chair Member Workshops



## AWA EXHIBIT - West Valley Art Museum

### UPCOMING AWA EXHIBITION - WEST VALLEY ART MUSEUM

--- Submitted by -- **Betsy Aguirre**, Exhibition Director, sienastudios@cox.net

### LOOK IN YOUR EMAIL FOR THE PROSPECTUS ANNOUNCING THE SPRING AWA EXHIBIT

Check your email for a notice sent by Myra Feldman that includes an attachment for the upcoming AWA Spring exhibit at the **West Valley Art Museum**, located in the gallery inside the Peoria City Hall. The entries are due on **February 1st, 2018**, so start painting now!

Please drop off your art on **April 13th, 10:00 AM- Noon**. We would ask that you try to deliver your art as early as possible during that time. Check in will be at the entrance to the gallery, which is on the first floor of the building located at **8401 West Monroe St., Peoria, AZ 85345**. The exhibit will be juried by California artist Michael Reardon [www.mreardon.com](http://www.mreardon.com), who will also be teaching 2 two-day workshops for AWA commencing on **April 11th**. Contact our Workshop Chairperson's if you would like to enroll. We will have an Artists' Reception on **April 19th at 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**.

Additionally, 3 of our AWA artists will conduct demonstrations on **May 3rd**, at the gallery **between 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**. Both of these events will showcase our work and may bring visitors and the opportunity to mingle with other art enthusiasts.

The **DEADLINE** for the required digital entries is **February 1st, 2018**. Please make your submissions to Carol Baker at [carolbakerart@gmail.com](mailto:carolbakerart@gmail.com)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Betsy Aguirre at [sienastudios@cox.net](mailto:sienastudios@cox.net) or call 602-430-1889. Please insert **AWA Exhibition** on the heading of your email.

---- Submitted by --- **Betsy Aguirre** -- Exhibitions Director

### AZ Art Alliance

*"Enriching Life Through Art"*

#### **Exhibits:**

**"Interpretations III"** – a juried visual arts competition, exhibit & sale

**WHAM West Gallery – February 27 – March 29, 2018**

16560 N. Dysart Rd., Surprise 85378

Show Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10am – 4pm

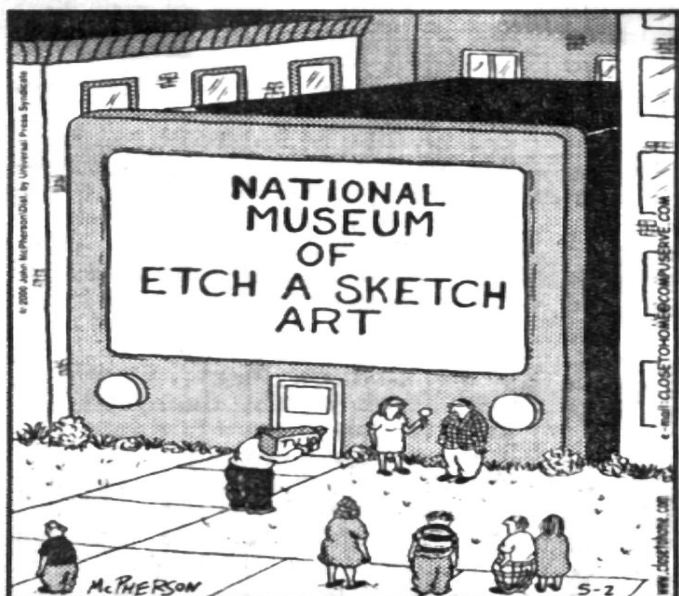
**Artists' Reception & Awards – Saturday March 10, 4:30 – 6:30pm**

#### **AZ Art Alliance Website:**

**Did you know** that the AZ Art Alliance rents out panels for Shows? And that Art Alliance Member Groups and their artists receive a discount on rentals?

Please check our website ([azartalliance.com](http://azartalliance.com)) for information on panel rentals, our Outreach Programs, monthly Newsletters, Volunteer Hall of Honor, Calls to Artists ....and more!

---- Submitted by: --- **Judy Delmonico-Roll**, --- AZ Art Alliance Rep



"Structurally, the building is fine. But sadly, the earthquake destroyed all of our art pieces."

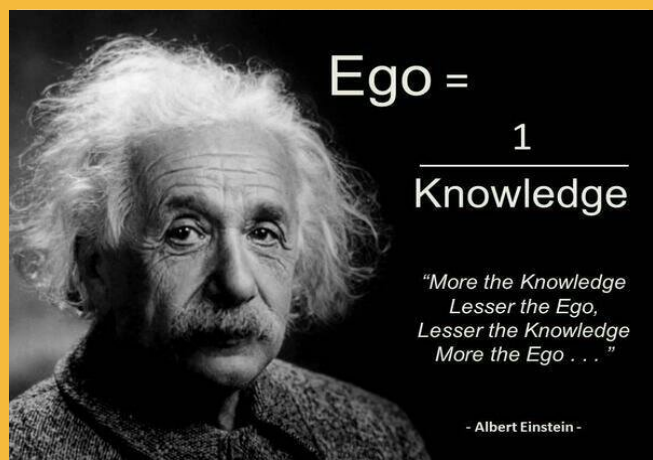
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Please submit your news to  
**Liz Ramsey** [lizramsey@cox.net](mailto:lizramsey@cox.net)  
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**Peter Jesiorski**

**Karla Salyer**



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**General Meetings - AAG Art Center**  
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