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President's Message



Dear Valued AWA Member

Covid is still dominating our lives, which means we will not be able to meet in person, until this fall. We need to follow the guidelines and the AWA Board is concerned about everyone's safety. Please understand we will meet in person asap when it is safe. We hope you can get your vaccine asap; my wife and I are scheduled for next week.

The AWA board continues to meet virtually monthly and look for ways we can share your work. We have made several decisions to help us get to a new normal. We had our first Virtual Zoom AWA meeting, which went very well. Julie Gilbert-Pollard did an amazing demo. Next month we have Kim Johnson-Nechman, April is Tom Lynch and May is Dave Amsellem, so don't miss them!

I will send you the Zoom link in an Eblast each month to remind you. We will be conducting a Virtual Spring Workshop in April with Tom Lynch. Tom is doing all of his workshops this way and getting rave reviews. We will be having a Virtual ZOOM AWA monthly meeting in March, with Kim Johnson-Nechman doing demo, you don't want to miss it. We will also offer a Zoom portrait workshop with Kim Johnson-Nechman for \$35. Details will be coming out soon in an eblast.

We hope to have and are planning an in person meeting for September IF IT IS SAFE. We will comply with the CDC and Arizona requirements as required.

We need your entries for the AAA and AAG SPRING Shows!

AWA is member of Arizona Art Alliance (AAA), you are permitted to enter both their Spring (taking entries now) and the Fall show. You are also permitted to enter the AAG Statewide show, which is open now for entries. Please check out their websites for details. This means in 2021, AWA members can enter Spring AWA, Fall AWA, AWA Covid Virtual show, WFWS, Sky Harbor Show, AAG Statewide show, AAA Spring Show and AAA Fall Show. Eight shows for 2021, which is the most AWA shows we have ever had in one year. Thanks to the hard work for many people, especially Betsy Aguirre.

<https://azartalliance.com/> <http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net/>

Volunteers wanted for a Treasurer, Financial Secretary

AWA desperately needs two volunteers to help with our financial reporting. Melanie Harman has been acting as both Treasurer and Financial Secretary, but she is not available after June 2021 and two people would make it so much easier.

The Financial Secretary keeps the books, much like one uses a computer program to balance their checkbook. The Treasurer pays in and writes the checks and is the AWA voting Board member. We have an outside accountant who does the taxes. Melanie says: I have found this volunteer job to be interesting and rewarding. I learned more about what makes an organization like AWA and I have met so many wonderful members. The job itself is not too demanding, QuickBooks is easy for what we do, as there is no payroll or taxes involved. Online banking has really cut down on my bank visits. AWA is a member organization and needs its members to help keep it going. We need you to step up and help.

We really hope to resume meetings in the fall of 2021, but we will only do so, IF things are safe for you. Until then please stay well and stay safe, keep painting and sharing your work!

Bruce Sink, President

Tom Lynch Times Two!!

**Yes! April 1 and 2, and April 22 and 23.
Two Virtual Workshops**

Hello Artists, we are excited to offer a second Tom Lynch workshop on April 22 and 23, 2021, 10:30 to 5:30 Central Time. There will be a zoom meeting a week before and a week after the workshop. He will send a free video demo for all people signed up. He will also send out a supply list and some images for you to print out.

The focus of this comprehensive workshop is to go through the building blocks of creating successful FINISHED paintings. Tom will take you beyond techniques and guide you from the photograph to the preliminary sketches, then show each of the stages in creating beautiful, finished works of art. Each day, Tom will be available 'LIVE' for Demo's and answering questions that the students may have.

All you need is a computer with a camera, microphone and an internet connection! This ZOOM / You Tube format with a 2-camera presentation, will give you many close-ups with detailed explanations of all the 'How's and Whys' incorporating all of the art fundamentals, as you learn two different ways to create a painting.

In this class, you will gain a wealth of information while learning to paint with a plan and intention. For one week you will be able to watch the demos again and again while in the comfort of your home painting space.

Additional ZOOM meetings before and after the workshop are included in these exceptional and art filled workshops!

Enrollment for this ZOOM/YOUTUBE workshop is limited to 20 students!..



~ About Tom Lynch ~

- Author of 8 Books and 5 PBS TV Series
- Featured Artist at the US Open and PGA
- 2 Lifetime Achievement Awards
- Won "Best of Show" Architecture (Easton)
- Won "Best of Show" Quick Draw (Sedona)
- One Man Exhibition in Paris
- Selected as Landscape Artist of the Year
- Listed as One of the America's Top 20 Teachers
- Referred to as One of America's Great Masters



www.tomlynch.com
tomlynchwatercolors@gmail.com



This workshop is limited to 20 people and the cost is \$200.00. What's great about these workshops is that you get 4 interactions with Tom instead of the 2 days. You can watch the videos at home as much as you like. The first workshop we offered is full, so send in your registration form and workshop fee ASAP. Send everything to Sheila Belland, 42826 W. Sandpiper Drive, Maricopa, AZ 85138. AWASheilabelland@gmail.com.

You can watch his Youtube video at <https://youtu.be/XHzkxiHKqrs>.

AWA Membership

We recently changed our official membership year to a CALENDAR year; thus, members will now renew their dues at the end of each year for the following year. Our website Directory lists active (paid or lifetime) members names and signature status without any contact information. A password is not required to view this list.

We will be providing our Complete Members Directory with contact information to members once a year.

We welcome new members at any time. If you are interested in joining our group, please fill out the membership application in this newsletter. Feel free to contact me at: awamembership@azwatercolor.com Ruth Philliben, Membership Chair

We need your help. Many of our members are stuck at home inside, I am asking each person to take the time to just pick up the phone and call a couple people to say hello and ask them how they are?

Please take 10 minutes and reach out to someone and brighten their day. We are a stronger community when we help each other! Thank You!

General Meetings and Member Workshop News

PLUS ---Don't miss the demos!

All AWA members will definitely want to participate in the upcoming general meetings on zoom. In addition to catching up on recent news in the organization, there will be guest artist demonstrations.

At the February meeting, we were treated to one of our famous local artists, Julie Gilbert Pollard, who conducted a very thoughtful tutorial. She illustrated her strategy of the "4 Step Sketch", which she uses routinely to analyze her intended reference photo prior to beginning her real painting. An assessment of composition and values is achieved first before she creates her formal work.

Coming soon at the March 11 meeting, we are fortunate to have Kim Johnson Nechtman presenting a demonstration. She will feature painting a portrait. Kim has won numerous awards for her portraiture. Her style is modern and colorful and full of character. We are also pleased to announce that Kim will be conducting a three and a half hour virtual workshop titled "Parts to Portrait" on Saturday, March 13, from 9:00-12:30. Bruce Sink will be sending an eBlast with more information about how to register soon. The AWA website will be updated with the virtual workshop registration form. A nominal fee of \$35.00 will be necessary for AWA members to participate in the virtual workshop.

During April, our juror artist, Tom Lynch, will be holding virtual workshops. Information regarding these workshops is on the AWA website.

In May, at the general meeting on May 13, our guest artist will be David Amsellem. David is also an award-winning local artist who is actively involved on the AWA board. David has a range of subject matter in his work. He will surprise us with the topic that he will be featuring in his demonstration.

Then on May 15, David will also conduct a three and a half hour virtual workshop. The title of his workshop is "About face – An Uncommon Portrait Painting Approach". Again, AWA members can submit their registration form for the virtual workshop and the fee of \$35.00 to attend the zoom session. Virtual Workshop forms are in this newsletter.

We are hopeful that in-person workshops will again be possible during our next 2021-2022 season. Most of the member workshops have already been determined with commitments from AWA member artist instructors. Expect the AWA website to be updated with next year's registration form by April.

Juror Workshops

<i>Tom Lynch</i>	<i>Spring 2021 Virtual class</i>
<i>David Smith</i>	<i>Fall 2021,</i>
<i>Ron Stocke</i>	<i>Spring 2022</i>
<i>Michael Holter</i>	<i>Fall 2022</i>

Del Decil Scholarship

AWA – Del Decil Scholarships will be selected in April. AWA has joined the Arizona Artist Guild for the student application information. A committee from AAG and I view images and review the students bio and intentions for their art career. We select the scholarships from these applications. AWA – Del Decil, has up to three \$1,000. Scholarships to award with painting or water media as the main medium. If the applicants do not meet these standards, the scholarships will not be awarded.

When our meetings resume, we will be offering items or raffle tickets for our membership to purchase. Please remember to donate and purchase our items at the meetings to support students with an art scholarship. You will receive a tax donation for any amount over \$20. when giving to our group.

Dyanne Locati – Scholarship Chair

Carole Matthews – Scholarship Raffle table



The photo was taken during the student reception at the Shemer art center – March 28, 2019 – one of our last scholarship recipients.. Kareem Ferreira / University of Arizona, with his painting – and AWA past president Ruth Philliben.

Did you know.....

.....that as a member of AWA this year you could enter these 7 Juried exhibitions?

AWA Spring Show

AWA Fall Show

AAG Spring All state Show

Arizona Art Alliance Spring Inspirations Show

Arizona Art Alliance Fall Shop

WFWS Annual Show. 12 AWA artist selected

2021 Watercolor Show at Sky Harbor Airport,

26 AWA artist selected

AWA Covid Virtual Exhibition on our website,

40 artist paintings

We are working to create more opportunities for you to exhibit your great work!

Check out these handy links:

Arizona Art Alliance:

<https://azartalliance.com/>

Arizona Artist Guild

<http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net/>

Member Workshops:

<https://azwatercolor.com/members-workshop/>

Juror Workshops:

<https://azwatercolor.com/juror-workshop/>

WFWS:

<https://azwatercolor.com/annual-wfws/>

Exhibits:

<https://azwatercolor.com/fall-2020-holland-gallery-exhibit/>

Dues and Memberships:

<https://azwatercolor.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Member-Application-Form-2020-2021-revised.pdf>

AWA VIRTUAL SHOW:

awaexhibitions@gmail.com

You could be.....

ARTIST OF THE MONTH!

We are considering a free monthly competition for members to submit one painting to be considered by three board members. The entry selected will be the featured artist of the month. A short bio and artist statement will need to be submitted.

Details and rules to follow.

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies

12 paintings were chosen from these AWA Artists for 2021 Exhibition. Congratulations!

Melanie Harman	Dyanne Locati
Jody Miles	Sandy Newell
Kim Johnson	Carol McSweeney
Lauralee Stenzel	David Amsellem
Stanley Kurth	Candace Diaz
Linda Sherman	Jac Tilton

Exhibitions Report

The 2021 Spring Show at Shemer is set; Prospectus has been distributed. Submissions are due by Feb 23. This is a live show, not a virtual one. They are also having a reception. A reminder will be sent to all AWA membership via Myra before the board meeting.

There were 163 submissions into the Sky Harbor show and they only picked 26 works. Those pieces will be installed sometime this month.

The Fall 2021 Show will be held at the Civic Center in Scottsdale; date still to be determined.

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Newsletter Submissions: Send articles or member news updates to: Liz Ramsey at lizramsey@cox.net. News for the following month's newsletter will be due by the 3rd Thursday and the newsletter will go out the 4th Thursday of the month for the following month.

Arizona Watercolor Association

Half Day Member's Virtual Workshop Registration March/May 2021

Please complete and mail this form to the address below with your check payable to AZ Watercolor Association.
NOTE: We are unable to confirm registration until payment is received.

LOGISTICS FOR WORKSHOPS		
Time 9:00 – 12:30 PM Arizona Time	Location The comfort of your home on your laptop computer A zoom meeting invitation will be sent out	Supply Lists Available on AWA Website under Member's Workshops

Date Submitted: _____ **Active Member of AWA?** Yes No

If you wish to join AWA or renew your membership, please submit the Membership Application Form available in the Membership section of the AWA website at www.azwatercolor.com

Registrant Contact Information

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	Home:	Cell:
Email Address:		

Registration: *(To register for one or more workshops, enter each workshop amount in "Amount Paid" and the total amount in "Total Paid".)*

2021 Virtual Half Day Workshops			Amount Due		Amount Paid	
Instructor	Title / Medium	Date	Member	Non-Member		
Kim Johnson	Parts to Portrait	March 13, 2021	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$	
David Amsellem	About face - An Uncommon Portrait Painting Approach	May 15, 2021	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$	
					Total Paid	\$
					Check #	

Registration Confirmation:

Emailed to registrant upon receipt of Registration Form and full payment.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: *If you cannot attend, you should notify Bobbi Fischer via email (bobbifischer1@gmail.com) as soon as possible. If notification is received at least 7 days before the workshop, you will be refunded your registration fee less a \$15 service fee.*

Mail Registration Form and check payable to Arizona Watercolor Association to:

**AWA Member Workshop Registration
 1003 Rough Diamond Dr.
 Prescott, Az 86301**

Member's Workshop Information Contacts:

Bobbi Fischer
 Bobbifischer1@gmail.com
 Phone: 602-999-7699

Karen Gray
AWAMemberWorkshops@gmail.com
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Application for Juror Workshop

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Street City ZIP
Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ AWA Member: Yes / No

Check Number _____ Amount _____

2 DAY WORKSHOPS: \$200 Member \$250 Non-Members

Location: Arizona Artists Guild (AAG) (9am to 4pm) 18411 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85023

Fall Juror's Workshop

2020 Betsy Dillard Stroud

Oct. 7-8 & 9-10, 2020

www.betsydillardstroud.com

2021 David Smith

Oct. 6-7 & 8-9, 2021

www.davidsmithfineart.com

2022 Michael Holter

Oct. 5-6 & 7-8, 2022

www.michaelholter.com

1. 2-Day October (Wed/Thurs) _____
2. 2-Day October (Fri/Sat) _____

Spring Juror's Workshop

2020 Geri Medway

April 8-9 & 10-11, 2020

www.gerymedway.com

2021 Tom Lynch

April 7-8 & 9-10, 2021

www.tomlynch.com

2022 Ron Stocke

April 6-7 & 8-9, 2022

www.ronstocke.com

1. 2-Day April (Wed/Thurs) _____
2. 2-Day April (Fri/Sat) _____

Juror 2-day workshops require \$100 non-refundable deposit. (Balance due 90 days prior to workshop date.)

Contact:

Sheila Belland: phone (949) 310-5890 email: AWASheilaBelland@gmail.com

Make Checks payable to: **Arizona Watercolor Association (AWA)**

Mail to: Sheila Belland, 42826 W Sandpiper Drive, Maricopa, AZ 85138