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President's Message

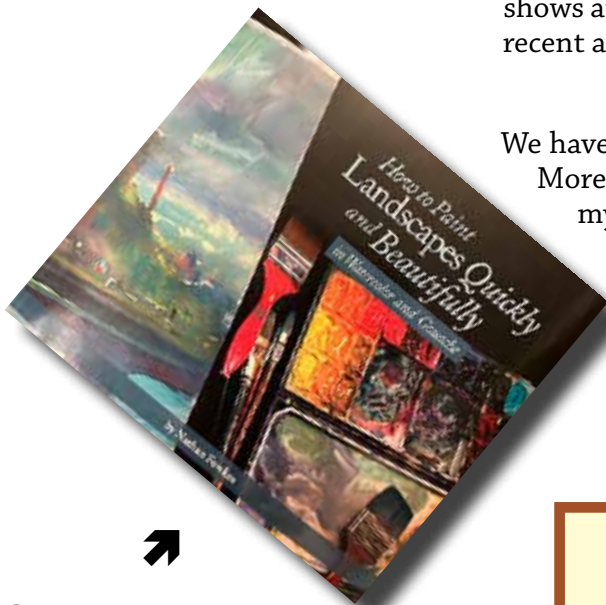
Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

I want to thank you for participating in our organization. Everyone who volunteers makes a difference, whether it is serving on our Board, helping with exhibitions, workshops & receptions or sharing your artwork. We are inspired by those we meet and the art we see. Thanks for sharing.

Please check out the Website as well. Our goal is to provide information to you via both this newsletter and the Website. We have added a new section to our website: Outside Opportunities. This is a link to local shows and call for entries. You can also watch a demo from some of our recent artist presentations.

We have several upcoming events, including workshops and exhibitions. More information is available in this newsletter and our website. As my husband always tells me "Enjoy your art. Have fun!"

Ruth Philliben,
President



Check this out!

See Hints and Hacks, page 8

Editor's note:

Translating a photo into a landscape painting can be a real challenge. Ruth Philliben showed me this book, and I had to have it! Nathan Fowkes shares his expertise with watercolor and gouache.

Next Meeting:

Our Programs start at 4 pm. Social Hour at 3:30 pm.

- ❖ Next Program: **Thursday, March 9**
At the AAG Building- In Person
- ❖ Cindy Welch will demo. Don't miss this!

2023 Spring Juried Exhibition

By Betsy Aguirre and Karen Donmoyer

The entries for the AWA Spring Exhibition are being processed and we should know the results before March 15. We have so many talented artists in AWA and so many creative minds. You will receive your notifications via email. Good luck to all of you who entered!

The show will be at the "Gallery on the Way" inside the Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church, 12990 E. Shea Blvd. in Scottsdale. The Gallery on the Way welcomes all people to explore and experience art, creativity, and their shared humanity. Through its Arts on the Desert program, the gallery values integrity, diversity, inclusivity, excellence, and a deepening public understanding of the importance of the arts. The gallery is intended to be an oasis on the way where curiosity and continuous learning thrive, while offering a place of restoration and renewal where all may belong.

Our AWA reception will be at the church on Saturday, April 22, from 5:30- 7:30 and we hope that you will attend. Please RSVP to Karen Donmoyer at ktdonmoyer@me.com if you plan to attend.

The gallery will be open to the public weekdays from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. and if you wish to see the show at other times, please contact the church at 480-451-0860.

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome:

Sandy Rottman

Laura Jean Cody

Jim Almrud

Gwen Lynn Foster

Thank you to all the members who have already renewed their membership for 2023. If you have not done so, go to our website and follow the directions.

Membership Directory:

Did you know you can post your paintings, website information and other details in our Membership Directory? Check online for your information. If you cannot log on, ask for a new password to be sent!

<https://azwatercolor.com>

Western Federation news

By Tanya Lemma

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies #48 show in Dallas, TX

WFWS #48 is sponsored by the Southwest Watercolor Society in Dallas, TX Exhibition Juried by Mary Whyte. The Opening Reception is May 6th at the Tower Gallery in Grapevine, TX. The Exhibition closes on June 2, 2023. AWA Delegates, Tanya Lemma and David Amsellem, will present the show and awards information at the May AWA Program.

Juror Workshop News



Juror Workshop: Mary J. Schumaker

3 Day Workshop- \$300

April 13-15 (Thursday-Saturday 9am-4pm)

Arizona Artist Guild Building

Enroll online Now!

AZWatercolor.com (see section under 'Workshops, Juror')

Mary is an exceptional artist that will be introducing us to her watercolor techniques on YUPO paper. "Painting with Yupo is like having a conversation with your materials." Mary adds, "Yupo has a strong voice in the painting process and that is what I love about painting on it."

Join us for an exciting 3 day workshop while we explore painting on this challenging surface of yupo.



Juror Workshop News



Juror Workshop: Soon Y. Warren

3 Day Workshop- \$300

October 11-13 (Thursday-Saturday 9am-4pm)

Arizona Artist Guild Building

Enroll online Now!

AZWatercolor.com (see section under 'Workshops, Juror')

Soon Y. Warren is a full time artist and teacher. She has an Associate degree in commercial art from Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia. Soon Y. had numerous exhibitions and earned numerous awards. Her watercolors have been featured in Splash magazine Watercolor Magic magazine; and Artist's Magazine every year since 2005.

Please join us for this exciting 3 day workshop with Soon J. Warren and enjoy learning from this amazing artist.



Member Workshop News

EXCITING NEW WORKSHOPS FOR 2023!

by Karen Gray

AWA Member Workshop Chair

Participating in a workshop at the AAG building is a great way to meet fellow AWA members and enjoy new artistic challenges. Everyone can also see and appreciate the wonderful talent in our community!

In March, Cindy Welch, a notable artist from Colorado, who now resides part time in Arizona, will illustrate her classical and elegant style. She masterfully uses watercolor for many subjects, including landscapes and flowers. Her workshop titled “Vibrant Watercolors” will focus on capturing a crystal bowl with light accentuating the patterns in the glass. At this time, Cindy’s workshop is sold out.

Then in November, our member workshop will host Yvonne Joyner. Yvonne demonstrates mastery in a variety of subjects. She has won numerous awards for her portraits, flowers, and landscapes. More recently, she has broadened her accomplishments with impressive abstract work. Her workshop will explore the use of both watercolors and inks for creating color intensity and abstract design.

We all look forward to advancing our artistic skills through participation in these enriching workshops!

You can find the registration opportunities for the 2023 season on the AWA website under Member Workshops. You will be able to complete the registration conveniently online with your credit card.

THANK YOU MARION DROGE!

The February AWA workshop with instructor Marion Droge was an excellent opportunity to discover how she creates her luminous paintings. Marion is a respected and award-winning artist. She is an active member of the AWA board. On short notice, she first presented a very well organized and thoughtful demonstration at the monthly meeting explaining her strategy for painting metallic and reflective surfaces. Then on Saturday at the full day workshop, Marion focused on portraiture. Her painting style is realistic, detail oriented, and always exquisite. The reference photo utilized during the workshop showed the strong play of light and shadow on the figure. Marion illustrated her process for color mixing to achieve a lustrous skin tone. Using layers of washes, she creates depth and modeling.

All the attendees appreciated her shared knowledge and rose to the challenge of trying to capture the image. Everyone enjoyed good food and good company during the process.

Thank you, Marion, for doing an out-standing job! *(see next page for students’ work)*



So much fun with portraits!

Learning the Steps for a Successful Portrait



Up Next: Cindy Welch

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Crystal and Fruit

by Cindy Welch

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In Love With the Mystery

by Yvonne Joyner



Del Decil Scholarship News

by Dyanne Locati
Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship Student Show and Reception

Now that the student scholarship recipients have been chosen for 2023, it is time to see their work. There are two opportunities to see and talk with the eleven student artists.

First, the artwork is displayed at the West Valley Art Museum – 8401 West Monroe Street, Peoria, AZ - This year we have a variety of mediums and styles that range from wall art, wood, clay and iron. It took a lot of arranging to make the many pieces flow around this wonderful venue. Well worth the trip to see this show.

Second, the reception to honor the students and hear them talk about their artwork and career goals. The reception will be at the – AAG Meeting - March 21, 2023 – 6:30 to 9:00. AAG, Arizona Clay Association and AWA / Del Decil Scholarship Certificates will be presented to the students.

AWA members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Our AWA / Del Decil recipients are scheduled to be in attendance... Arianna Barley, Claire Taylor and Mehraveh Vahedian.

Artist-to-Artist HINTS AND HACKS

Editor' note: Dear fellow artists, I KNOW you have ideas and discoveries that would be of interest to share with others, so please consider sharing ideas. All you have to do is click here: janwittwer@icloud.com and send me your latest hints and hacks. Thanks in advance!



Reference photo

Advice from Nathan Fowkes:

“The reason landscape painting is consistently difficult is that we have a natural tendency to mostly notice and emphasize the contrasts while missing the big, simple relationships”.

This painting started with just enough masking fluid to preserve important highlights. Then he applied an underpainting of vibrant warm colors. Next he applied darker washes, preserving the areas of backlit foliage. Finally he applies accents, some of them with gouache. Notice the blue-purple opaque gouache used to create a stronger sense of depth on the background rocks.



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Artist-to-Artist SALES AND SWAPS

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swap, as well as ask if
anyone has a particular
item you are seeking.*

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