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President's Message

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Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

I am always inspired by nature, and most recently by the grass covered desert backed by the snow covered four peak mountains. Now we have the spring wildflowers in full bloom. If you are a plein air painter, welcome to the outdoors!

Once again, 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. Our recent workshop demonstration by Cindy Welch was truly inspiring. Many artists have urged us to develop a value study first, and her value study / painting of the crystal vase in black and white was worth framing!

I recently attended the reception for our Student Scholarship Award Winners. Each one is full of creativity and passion. Check out the article and pictures in our newsletter.

We hope to see you at our next meeting; I am looking forward to learning more about painting on Yupo!

Ruth Philliben,

President

Note date change! ➔
This month only!
Wednesday, not Thursday!

Next Meeting:

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

- ❖ Next Program: **Wednesday, April 12**
At the AAG Building- In Person
- ❖ Mary Schumaker will demo. Don't miss this!

2023 Spring Juried Exhibition

By Betsy Aguirre and Karen Donmoyer

Next week, on April 5, we install the AWA Spring show in the “Gallery on the Way” at Saint Anthony Episcopal Church at 12990 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ. Please join us for the artist’s reception at the gallery on Saturday, April 22, 5:30-7:30 PM. If you are exhibiting, please bring a dish of finger food. Please RSVP to Karen Donmoyer at ktdonmoyer@me.com if you plan to attend. This will be a very fun event and help join your friends in the celebration!

Look for the next prospectus to come in your email for the Fall show towards the end of the summer.

If you wish to visit the gallery at a time other than the artists’ reception, please call the church in advance (480 451-0860) and plan for your visit to occur on a weekday between the hours of 10am and 2pm.

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome:

Vicky Case
Patti Hoffert
Tonnie McBroom
Helen Miller
Leslie Scudiere
Bobbi Brown
Susan Averill

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.

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.

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies #49 show in Phoenix, AZ!

What is Western Federation of Watercolor Societies? Who got into the show this year? I want to see their paintings. Which AWA members were included?

What is happening in 2024 AWA Sponsored Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Convention in 2024 in Phoenix? How can I enter the WFed 2024 Art Show? How can I help? Where do I sign up? How do I attend events?

AWA Delegates, Tanya Lemma and David Amsellem, will answer all these questions and more at the MAY AWA Meeting!!

Juror Workshop News



Juror Workshop: Mary J. Schumaker

3 Day Workshop- \$300

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

Arizona Artist Guild Building

Class is soon! 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.



"Nested Three"

Mary J. Schumaker

Juror Workshop News



Juror Workshop: Soon Y. Warren

3 Day Workshop- \$300

October 12-14 (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 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. Currently Yvonne's workshop is 60% full. If you are interested in attending, do not hesitate to register.

Looking ahead to 2024, there are already exciting member workshops to consider. In January, Barbara Freedman will illustrate the use of fluid acrylics to create bold, colorful, and abstract landscapes. Then in February, Annette Smith will conduct her workshop on portraiture using her award-winning style. Finally in April, one of AWA's popular artist instructors, Kim Johnson Netchman, will also conduct a workshop on painting portraits. Kim has won numerous awards for painting both animals and people.

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

You can find the registration opportunities for 2023 and 2024 on the AWA website under Member Workshops. You will be able to complete the registration conveniently online with your credit card.

THANK YOU CINDY WELCH!

On March 11, the AWA member workshop featured Cindy Welch as the artist instructor. While she resides primarily in Colorado, we are fortunate in having her part time in Arizona. Cindy is a highly recognized artist who has won numerous awards. She is also an experienced instructor who conducts workshops both in-person and online. Her planning and helpful teaching style was evident during the class.

The shared reference photo featured a cut crystal glass bowl holding berries. Cindy coached the participants in her step-by-step process of painting cut glass, with its design elements highlighted, and with colorful reflective surfaces. Techniques included using masking, applying layers of color, and following up with fine tuning. All the talented AWA members in attendance successfully met the challenge. It was a fun day with good company.

(see next page for students' work)



It's a step by step process

Students proved they were up to the challenge of painting crystal



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A Fleeting Moment

by Yvonne Joyner




Arizona Art Alliance News

A graphic for an art exhibition. The background is a dark grey with a stylized, glowing orange and yellow flame or smoke effect. The text is in a serif font, with 'THE HEAT IS ON' in large, bold letters. Below it, in smaller letters, is 'a juried visual art exhibition'. Then 'CALL FOR ART' in large, bold letters. Below that, 'ENTRIES : JUNE 20 - JULY 16, 2023 MIDNIGHT'. At the bottom, there is a logo for the Arizona Art Alliance, which consists of several colorful squares and a line graph. To the right of the logo, the text 'ARIZONA ART ALLIANCE' is written in bold, followed by 'info@AzArtAlliance.com | 928-300-7185' and 'AZARTALLIANCE.COM'. At the very bottom, the tagline 'ENRICHING LIFE THROUGH ART' is written in a small, sans-serif font.

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a juried visual art exhibition

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ENRICHING LIFE THROUGH ART

“The Heat Is On” is open to member artists of the Arizona Art Alliance’s Member Arts Organization. The theme is open to individual interpretation by the artist. As it heats up outside, we will feature your cool art on our website. And since this competition & exhibit is online, you may enter from some cool location far from the Valley of the Sun!

Important Dates:

Exhibition Dates: July 30 – August 31, 2023 | virtual

Entry Dates: June 20 – July 16, 2023

Notification to artists via email: July 24, 2023:

Virtual reception and award ceremony: August 6, 2023- 2:00 PM | via zoom

July 31-August 31, 2023 – award recipients may arrange to retrieve their checks, ribbons and certificates at the Arizona Art Alliance office.

Del Decil Scholarship News

by Dyanne Locati
Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship Student Show and Reception

What a joy it was to meet our AWA-Del Decil Scholarship Student recipients at the Reception at AAG, Tuesday March 21, 2023. Arianna Barley, Claire Taylor and Mehraveh Vahediyen, along with eight other scholarship students, each gave a presentation about their artwork. With a power-point display, they talked about what motivates them and why they have chosen an art career. It was very enlightening and inspirational to hear their story.

We all were impressed by the quality of information each student expressed. In addition to the camaraderie of the students, AAG very generously supplied a huge display of wonderful treats for all to enjoy.

There are eleven scholarship recipients.

Pictured are: Arianna Barley, Claire Taylor and Mehraveh Vahediyen.



The reception was well attended by friends and family in support of the scholarship recipients.

Please support these SPONSORS!

Our sponsors provide us with FREE magazines and thousands of dollars in gift cards, paint, and art videos. In return, some of the sponsors ask for our email addresses to send us their product information, discount offers and specials. Our information will not be shared elsewhere.

We want you to know that AWA will be providing emails to these art companies in return for their wonderful awards. What a great way for us as artists to find out about the newest and best products available!

If you do not want to receive these emails, you can unsubscribe when you receive them.



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*Don't forget you can
post items here to sell or
swap, as well as ask if
anyone has a particular
item you are seeking.*

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News for the newsletter will be due by the 20th, for publication by the 1st of the following month.