

MAY 2023

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President's Message

Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

After our **meeting May 11**, AWA won't be meeting again until September. During the summer we can visit places we've been longing to see, spend time with family members, or take a trip to our childhood homes. I enjoy taking my plein air kit with me when I travel. I like the spontaneity of a pen and ink sketch with a watercolor wash. My kit includes a small travel journal, a pen, a travel watercolor brush and a tin of favorite paints. I hope you have a wonderful summer filled with memories and ideas. Perhaps you will get inspired to paint the AWA challenge and bring it to our September meeting. This year's challenge is **radiance**.

Greeters needed!

Duties are:

- ◆ Welcome members and Guests at the front table
- ◆ Give out name tags
- ◆ Answer questions.
- ◆ Times: 3:25-4 PM and watch for late arrivals during the meeting

IF you are interested in helping Membership with this job, please contact Tanya Lemma:

membership@azwatercolor.com

I want to thank everyone who participated in putting together our Spring Exhibition. I know it took a lot of teamwork. It's a wonderful show and a welcoming venue. I hope you get a chance to see the show if you haven't already. I understand we have had several sales from this show. I am so inspired by the variety of paintings. We have such a talented group of artists!

If you are interested in joining our group, information is available on our website. Hope to see you this fall at our AWA meetings!

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome:

Sara Erbe
Daryll Perera
Vicky Case

Next Meeting:

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

- ❖ Next Program: **Thursday, May 11**
At the AAG Building- In Person
- ❖ WFWS Delegates present remarks and critique
of WFWS show by Mary Whyte!

2023 Spring Artists' Reception

By Karen Donmoyer

On Saturday, April 22nd, the artists' reception for AWA's Spring 2023 Exhibition was held at The Gallery on the Way at Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church. This is the first time AWA has exhibited at The Gallery on the Way and our host made wonderful modifications to the space to accommodate our group's many beautiful paintings.

Forty-eight works of art were selected from over 160 submissions. Although the juror, Mary Schumaker, was not able to attend the reception she shared the following words with the artists:

My first impression of the show told me this is a very talented community. The task put before me was challenging and exciting.

In judging, I consider the following criteria in this order:

- 1) First impression with creativity and value use predominating,*
- 2) Composition / elements and principles of design,*
- 3) Skill and freshness of application of medium, and*
- 4) Presentation.*

Mary chose 20 paintings for awards with Kathleen Clements receiving Best of Show for her painting, "The Coconut Man". Thanks are owed to Sally Gonzales for her work in obtaining merchant awards, Candice Diaz for her creation of beautiful award certificates and the many others who contributed their time and effort to making this show a success.



The exhibit will continue through the beginning of June with paintings being picked up on June 8th. Visits should be planned for a weekday between the hours of 10 and 2 and a call should be made to the church office (480 451-0860) in advance to ensure someone is available to provide access to the gallery.



The Coconut Man

Best of Show

By Kathleen Clements

"a very talented community"



Naive Nonsense
Award of Distinction
Tom Herbert



Ealing Broadway Blues
Award of Merit
Melanie Harman



Winter News
Award of Merit
Candice Diaz



Windows
Honorable Mention
Dyanne Locati



The reception had an exceptional turnout and quite a few paintings sold!

Our Spring Juror Workshop

Yupo is quite the challenge but students learned quickly

AWA members had an amazing 3 day workshop with Mary Schumaker in April. Mary is a wonderful and very organized instructor. She shared so many creative tips and tricks that we were reeling with all the new information.

This was a challenging workshop for most of us since we are new to using watercolor on YUPO paper. Mary gave us permission to play, and we learned through the process of doing. When Mary demonstrates, she makes the process look effortless. She is extremely skilled and we were grateful to have her come and spend the time to teach us.

Luckily, for those of you who could not make it in person, there is a link to the one hour demo uploaded to our website:

<https://azwatercolor.com/demos/>



Shells



Landscapes



Koi



Here, Fishy Fishy!



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 and 2024!

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 70% 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 Nechtman, 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.

Western Federation news

By Tanya Lemma

This month our delegate and alternate attend the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies #48 show in Dallas, TX!

And they are bringing back something special:

Mary Whyte, the famous watercolor portrait artist, was the Juror for the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies #48 Art Show 2023 held in Dallas, Texas this month. For our May Program, we will watch the comments and critique she gave at the awards ceremony, see the award winning paintings, as well as all the paintings entered into the show. Plans for AWA's 2024 WFWS #49 Events will be outlined as well. Hope you can join us for this special presentation.

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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.



Artist-to-Artist SALES AND SWAPS

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.

Our membership is invited to contact the editor with ideas and articles for this newsletter.
Please contact the editor, Janice Wittwer at: janwittwer@icloud.com.

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

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