

# SEPTEMBER 2023

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## *President's Message*

Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

It's almost here: fall, cooler weather, and a chance for us to get together, share our painting experiences and learn from other artists! We have a lot of things planned and hope you can join us. Our juried exhibition this fall is at the Phoenix and Scottsdale locations of the Mayo Clinic from September through early December! What a wonderful opportunity for our members to show their artwork. We also have two workshops coming up: Soon Warren and Yvonne Joyner. More information is available on the website.

Next spring, we are honored to host the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition here in Phoenix. You can get more information from our website. Thanks to everyone who has and will be helping with this event. It truly takes a community to put together this exhibition.

Ongoing thanks to all the board and committee members who continue to keep our organization going. Many have spent some of their summer working behind the scenes on the business of AWA.

If you are interested in joining our group, information is available on our website. Hope to see you in September! Please bring a piece of artwork to show in our radiance challenge.

Ruth Philliben,  
President

*"Creativity takes courage."* --- Henri Matisse

### ***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](mailto:membership@azwatercolor.com)

### **Next Meeting:**

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

- ❖ Next Program: **Thursday, September 14**  
At the AAG Building- In Person
- ❖ We will share our challenge paintings and how we are inspired by "Radiance".

# 2023 Fall Artists' Exhibition

## OUR EXHIBITION IS READY TO INSTALL

By Betsy Aguirre and Karen Donmoyer

Selections have been made for our Fall AWA Exhibition at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale and in Phoenix.

Congratulations to the following artists who are going to be on display:

Betsy Aguirre, Kathy Allegri, James Allison, Susan Averill, Carol Lei Bendell, Kathleen Clements, Candice Diaz, Mary Dohmeier, Karen Donmoyer, Marion Droge, Tal Dvir, Diane Eide, John Erwin, Hilary Fiscus, Glenda Folk, Barbara Freedman, Sally Gonzalez, Karen Gray, Melanie Harman, Joy Brinkley-Hill, Rupali Holmes, Kristi James, Gurukirn Khalsa, Micha King, Tanya Lemma, Dyanne Locati, Arlene Miller, Linda Miller, Christine Oliver, Ron Peters, Ruth Philliben, Linda Pullinsi, Pam Root, Linda Schooley, Annette Smith, Lauralee Stenzel, Annie Strack, Chereen Tanner, Jane Underhill, Risa Waladt, Sherry Whitney, Janice Wittwer, Robin Woodworth.

When the artists deliver their paintings to the AAG building on September 5, from 1:30-3:00, they will be told which Mayo gallery, either at the Scottsdale or the Phoenix location, their paintings will be installed. It may take a few days after delivery before the paintings are actually on display.

Our upcoming 2024 exhibitions are now scheduled for the Spring at the Fountain Hills Community Center, and in the Fall at the Vista Center for the Arts in Surprise Arizona.

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## September Painting Challenge: RADIANCE

You still have time to prepare something to share in during our September 14 meeting, kicking off our AWA season! This could be a new painting, a reworked "old dog" or possibly even something you painted previously that fits the theme "Radiance". Remember this not a critique but rather a fun sharing opportunity.

Last September you may recall we did something similar on the theme "Hope". The challenge itself was: "What made you choose to paint this painting?" Last year, 12 artists brought in their paintings and shared a few words about their inspiration and experience in creating their artwork. The paintings and the stories were surprisingly diverse. I personally felt that I got to know the participating members of our club just a bit better as a result.

We look forward to hearing what inspired you, your story, and materials used. Also you may want to share what was difficult or easy, and other things that challenged you.

John Erwin will be the moderator for this year's challenge, so you know it'll be fun and easy going. We ask that your paintings be matted and prefer the painting itself be a minimum of 11x14" so everyone can see them without having to walk up closer. (Framing is NOT necessary.) No glass or plastic cover.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Sherry Whitney

VP of Programs

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# Member Workshop News

## ***EXCITING WORKSHOPS FOR 2023 and 2024***

By Karen Gray

*AWA Member Workshop Chair*

Participating in an AWA workshop is a great way to meet fellow AWA members and experience new artistic challenges. Everyone can also see and appreciate the outstanding 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 sold out. If you are interested in attending, contact Karen Gray to be put on the wait list.

Looking ahead to 2024, there are exciting member workshops that are filling up fast. In January, Barbara Freedman will illustrate the use of fluid acrylics to create bold, colorful, and abstract landscapes. She will also demonstrate how to create a WOW factor by using dark and light contrast.

In February, Annette Smith will conduct her workshop on portraiture using her award-winning style. Annette's portraits are contemporary with a loose painterly style.

Then 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.

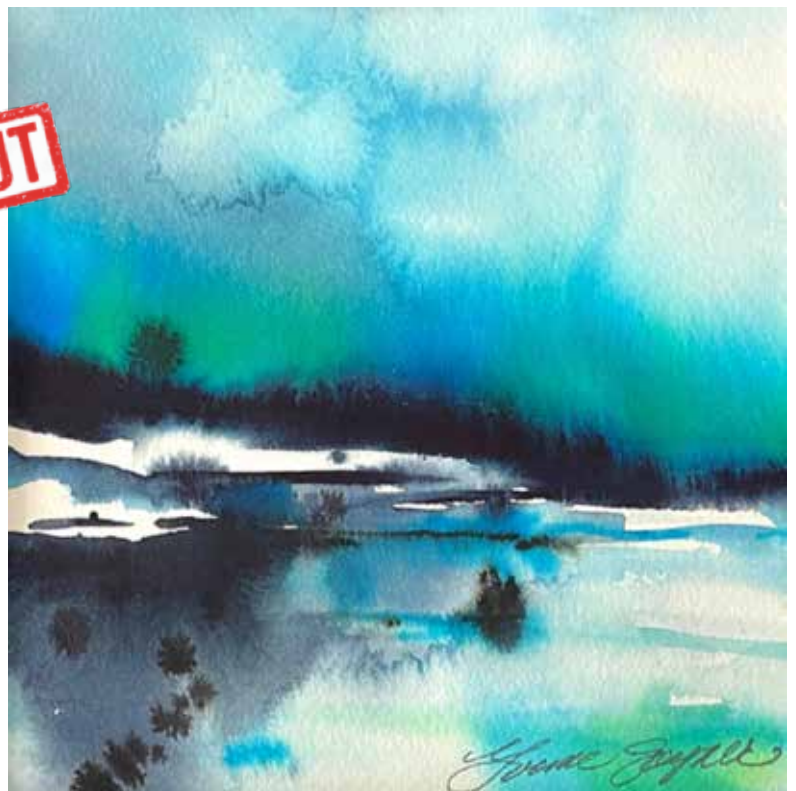
We all look forward to advancing our artistic skills through participation in these enriching workshops!

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.

**SOLD OUT**

### ***First Up: Yvonne Joyner***

*Intense colors and abstract design will abound in Yvonne Joyner's fall workshop.*





## *Juror Workshop News*



### ***Juror Workshop: Soon Y. Warren***

**3 Day Workshop- \$300**

**October 12-14 (Thursday-Saturday 9am-4pm)**

**Arizona Artist Guild Building**

[AZWatercolor.com](http://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.

**SOLD OUT**



# More AWA Juror's Workshops

## 2023/2024 3-Day Juror Workshops

### **Stan Miller**

<https://stanmiller.net/>

Workshop SOLD OUT – waitlist only

Spring 2024, March 14-16 (Thursday-Saturday 9am-4pm)

Arizona Artist Guild Building

Stan Miller has been a professional artist, painting full time since 1973. He works primarily in watercolor and egg tempera. Miller has become internationally known, having won numerous awards around the world. Stan also teaches classes and workshops in watercolor around the world.

### **Kathleen Giles**

<https://www.kgilesstudio.com/>

Workshop (Coming soon - online enrollment) at <https://azwatercolor.com/>

Fall 2024, October 10-12 (Thursday-Saturday 9am-4pm)

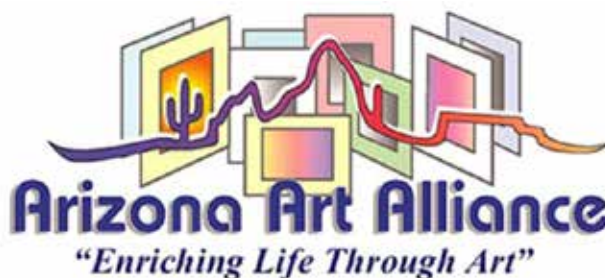
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Kathleen Giles is a 2023 Arc Salon winning artist. Her painting “Tears for Ukraine” will be featured in a live auction at Sotheby’s, NYC, in July. The artist is signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, American Women Artists, the Transparent Watercolor Society, the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, a member of the Watercolor USA Honor Society and an elected member of the Allied Artists of America and a member of the International Guild of Realism.

### **Welcome New Members!**

This month we welcome:

Deborah Babin  
Kenneth Kaeser  
Donna England  
Julie Frank  
Pamela Lynn  
Cynthia Peterson  
Wendy Sticht  
Dale Schafernak



*By Vivian Andersen*

The Heat is On is an annual exhibition of member artists of the Arizona Art Alliance Member Arts Organizations. The show ran from July 30 through August 31, 2023. The exhibition is still available for viewing on the Arizona Art Alliance website: The Heat is On - Virtual Exhibition - 2023 - AZ Art Alliance

Nearly one-hundred works of art were entered into the show. Juror Robert Gentile had the daunting task of selecting the work for the exhibition. Thirty-eight pieces were ultimately selected for the show. AWA members are well represented in the awards: Tanya Lemma- 1st Place, Karen Gray- 3rd Place, Rupali Holmes-Honorable Mention and Melanie Harman-Honorable Mention.

# Western Federation News

By Tanya Lemma

***Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and Arizona Watercolor Association***

***We are hosting the 10 Western States in March and April 2024 in Phoenix!***

***Please mark your calendars to join us in these special events!***

## Art Shows

Judged by Stan Miller, Artist: <https://stanmiller.net/>

\*Western Federation entries are open online Sept. 11 through Nov. 27, 2023. Information is on our website. <https://azwatercolor.com/> or <http://wfws.org/> ALL AWA Members are eligible to enter!

\*Western Federation Art Show at the Found:RE Hotel, Phoenix March 1 to April 29, 2024. This hotel is on the map for the First and Third Fridays ArtWalks and Art Detour in March.

\*AWA Art Show will be held in Fountain Hills in March 2024.

## Events

\*Welcome Delegates Reception and Art Show, April 18, 2024, Found:RE Hotel 5-7 PM. Free to AWA members!

\*Gala Dinner, Awards Presentation, and Dance, April 20. Tickets and Information will be available in January, 2024.

You will have the opportunity to participate on AWA committees. More information will be presented this Winter. Keep an eye on the website updates as well. We are thrilled to include all our AWA members in this "once every ten years event!"

## AWA Members Receive Regional and National Recognition!

***Congratulations to AWA Members, winners of the following awards:***

National Watercolor Society & Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolor 2024: Grace Haverty, Ted Nuttall, Annie Strack

National Watercolor Society International Show 2023: Stan Kurth, Dyanne Locati, Trish Mayberry,

National Watercolor Society Member Exhibition 2023: Cindy Welch, Kim Johnson,

Watercolor West #53: Mary Strawn, Grace Haverty (Award), Ellen Fountain (Award), Kim Johnson (Award)

Northwest Watercolor Society's 2023 Open Show: Melanie Harman, Dyanne Locati, David Amsellem, Grace Haverty, and George Politis.



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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](mailto: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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