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## *President's Message*

Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. I have been traveling this summer, and thus adding to my travel journals. I've gotten a lot of help from a variety of artists with suggestions about journal making, such as using artists tape to frame the area around my sketch before I begin or dividing my journal page into sections. Once the tape is removed, the piece has a nice finish. In preparation for a miniature display at my local senior center I have been reviewing these journals. What wonderful memories!

Our fall exhibition is now hanging at the Mayo Clinics. It's a great show. We are looking forward to Next spring, for both the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition here in Phoenix and our AWA Spring exhibition. You can get more information from our website. Thanks to everyone who has and will be helping with these events. It truly takes a community to put together this exhibition.

In November we will be having our brief Annual Membership Meeting at the beginning of our program. We will vote on proposed bylaws revisions and elect our new board. We do have a couple of open positions. Please consider volunteering as we need your help. Information is available on our website.

If you are interested in joining our group, information is available on our website. Hope to see you soon!

Ruth Philliben,  
President

### ***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: **Wednesday, October 11**  
At the AAG Building- In Person
- ❖ **Soon Warren** will demo preceding her workshop.  
You don't want to miss this!

# 2023 Fall Artists' Exhibition

## OUR EXHIBITION IS UP AND RUNNING!

*By Betsy Aguirre and Karen Donmoyer*

The Fall AWA Exhibitions are on display at the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale location, 13400 E. Shea Blvd. on the Concourse Level and at the Phoenix location, 5881 E. Mayo Blvd. in Building 3, second floor (This building is on the East side of the Phoenix campus.)

We are working on the new prospectus for the AWA Spring Show so look out for it in your inbox around the holidays.

There will be some changes to our Bylaws and Rules that will be reflected in the prospectus. For a variety of reasons, we are going back to painting on paper products only and will not be allowing varnished paintings or paintings without mats. Please study these new rules in the prospectus as well as the standing rules on the AWA website before entering the next show and reach out if you have questions.

Our next show will be at the Fountain Hills Community Center during March and April of 2024.

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## RADIANCE

**Looks like this:**





# 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 experience new artistic challenges. Everyone can meet fellow members and see and appreciate the outstanding talent in our community!

In November, the member workshop hosting **Yvonne Joyner** is sold out. If you are interested in attending, contact Karen Gray to be added to 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. Barbara has won numerous awards for her contemporary work. She will demonstrate how to create a WOW factor on our paintings by using dark and light contrast.

In February, **Annette Smith** will conduct her workshop on portraiture using her award-winning style. Annette's portraits have a loose painterly style. Annette's workshop is nearly sold out. It may soon be necessary to contact Karen Gray to be put on the wait list.

Historically, the third member workshop for the Spring season is held in March. However, since AWA is hosting the Western Federation Society with **Stan Miller** judging the exhibition, our last AWA member workshop has been moved to April.

In April, one of AWA's popular artist instructors, **Kim Johnson Nechtman**, will conduct a workshop on painting portraits. Kim has won numerous awards for painting both animals and people. There are still several openings for Kim's workshop.

Lastly, in November 2024, the AWA member workshop will feature **Melanie Harman** as the artist instructor. While Melanie has demonstrated talent in capturing various subjects in watercolor, she is also known for her outstanding collage work. Her workshop will utilize gel printed paper collage to embellish our artwork.

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

**In January:**  
**Barbara Freedman**



***Want a  
WOW  
factor  
in your  
paintings?***

**Barbara Freedman** will show you how! Sign up for her class on January 13.



## ***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')

### ***This month!***

**Soon Y. Warren** is a full time artist and teacher. She was born in South Korea and immigrated to the United States in 1987. Soon has an associate degree in commercial art from Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia, and is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society (NWS), American Watercolor Society (AWS), Southern Watercolor Society (SW), Texas Watercolor Society (TWS), and Society of Watercolor Artists (SWA).

Soon juried our current AWA Members Exhibition at the Mayo Clinic locations.

Don't miss **Soon Warren's Demo** open to all members.  
Wednesday, 4:00pm October 11, 2023 at the AAG building.  
3-day workshop, October 12-14, 2023. (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 will be here in the Spring to jury our AWA members exhibition as well as the WFWS exhibition.

Mark your calendars for Stan's Demo at our March AWA program.

Wednesday, 4:00pm March 13, 2024 at the AAG building.

### **Kathleen Giles**

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

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

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

Arizona Artist Guild Building

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.

Kathleen Giles will jury our Fall 2024 exhibition and will teach a 3-day workshop.

October 10-12, 2024. (Online Enrollment Coming Soon)



By Vivian Andersen

Call for art: Arizona Art Alliance in partnership with Ground Floor Artists is accepting applications to Breaking Ground.

The theme is open to inspire artists to interpret what they see, feel, and hear, and apply it to their artwork. This exhibition will be in person at Ground Floor Artists, online through the Arizona Art Alliance website, and promoted on social media.

Exhibition Dates: November 1 through November 25, 2023.

Show Hours: Wednesdays – Fridays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturdays 10:00-2:00 PM

Location: Ground Floor Artists Gallery | 13343 W Foxfire Dr #3, Surprise, AZ 85378

Eligibility: Breaking Ground is open to all members in good standing of any affiliated Arizona Art Alliance Member Arts Organization as listed on the AzAA website. A juried exhibition, artists may submit up to 3 pieces.

**Call for art: Arizona Art Alliance  
in partnership with Ground Floor  
Artists is accepting applications to**

**"Breaking Ground."**

## **Welcome New Members!**

This month we welcome:

Candy Blakeslee  
Holly Weisel  
Spencer Mackay

# ***Western Federation News***

By Tanya Lemma

## **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!

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

**\*Western Federation entries are now open** 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!”

## 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.



## 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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