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President's Message



**Thursday
November 9**

**is our Fall
Exhibition
Reception and
Awards Ceremony!**

Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

Fall seems to be the time when art comes to life! The AWA juried exhibition is currently hanging at both Mayo Clinics. We just completed a workshop with Soon Warren; and are now preparing to host the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies (WFWS) exhibition and convention here in the spring of next year! We are also looking forward to several more workshops. Check out our website for more information.

This is my last year as President of AWA. There are so many people I want to thank for this incredible journey, Myra being the first. She talked me into taking the Membership Chair position many years ago and I have been involved in the board ever since. I have had the opportunity to meet with other Art leaders in the Valley; the honor to represent our organization at various events; the privilege to recognize members and students for their artistic talents; and the opportunity to learn from such talented artists. I could not have done this without the support I have received from you. I feel honored to know you all. Thanks for the journey!

I know that you will be as supportive to our new President, Ron Peters as he is elected to this position in November at our meeting. Welcome Ron!

Hope to see you soon!

Ruth Philliben,
President

"Creativity takes courage." --- Henri Matisse

***Western Fed
Deadline is soon!***

Entries must
be received by
November 27.

Next Meeting is our Annual Meeting
We will be voting on ByLaws and a new board

- ❖ Next Program: **Thursday November 9** At the AAG Building- In Person - 4:00pm
- ❖ **Yvonne Joyner** will demo preceding her workshop.
You don't want to miss this!

2023 Fall Artists' Exhibition

By Betsy Aguirre and Karen Donmoyer

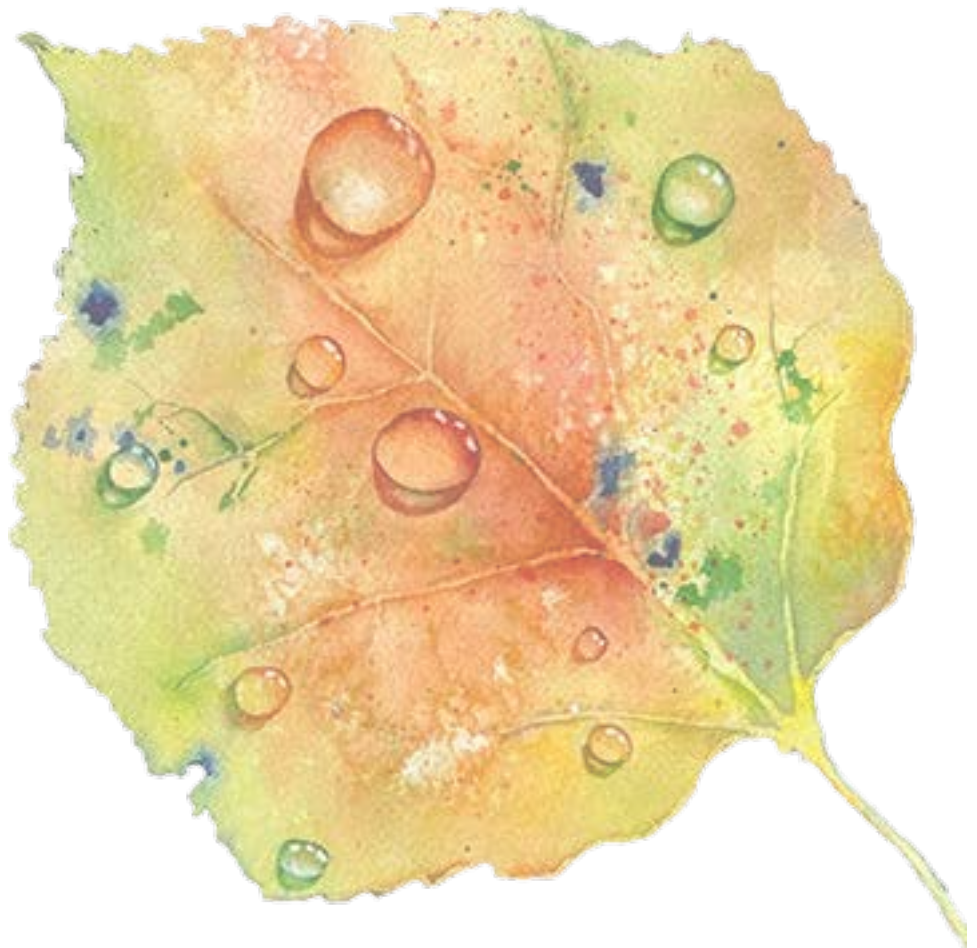
Happy Autumn to all AWA members. During the next AWA meeting on November 9, we will be presenting the awards for the Fall 2023 Mayo Clinic AWA Exhibition. There will be light refreshments and a heavy agenda, so please come to the meeting to enjoy the awards and the demonstrations by our talented Yvonne Joyner.

We hope that you have had a chance to get to one or both Mayo Clinic exhibitions. We have had some great feedback from the staff and the patients, who have commented “ I didn’t know there could be so many beautiful ways to paint watercolor.” Good job all!

The pickup plan for your artwork is in place:

December 6
1:00 - 3:00pm
AAG Building

Have a great Thanksgiving!



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!

There are exciting member workshops that are filling up fast for Spring of 2024.

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 for Spring 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!

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

In January: ➡
Barbara Freedman

***Only a few
spots left!***



Juror Workshop News

By Marion Droge

Painting with Soon Warren: **Inspired by a Masterful Touch!**



↩ Luminous petals emerged as this mum developed into a beautiful flower

Students learned that painting crystal takes patience and a skillful hand ➡

AWA members had a wonderful three day workshop with Soon Y. Warren. It was a busy three days trying to complete two projects that were both very detailed.

In case you missed the demo, you can watch the recording here; <https://azwatercolor.com/demos/>



Soon Warren is an enthusiastic artist and has a wonderful playful spirit. She spent some time showing us how to fix a mistake in watercolor which was masterful. She has a light touch with her paint brushes that she applies with great confidence. This combination gives her paintings a wonderful glow and unique brush marks.



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)

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

EXHIBITION: “BreakingGround.”

This exhibition is 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

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome:

Georgeann Polansky
Agustin Vargas

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!”

International Exhibition of Northwest Watercolor Society

Our AWA Members were well represented in the awards at the International Exhibition of Northwest Watercolor Society!

Three of the 16 Awards were given to AWA members!

Congratulations to:

M. GRAHAM AWARD – Melanie Harman, “*Ealing Broadway Blues*”

SILVERBRUSH AWARD – David Amsellem, “*Stuck in the Middle with You*”

NWWS MEMBERSHIP AWARD – Grace Haverty, “*The Bikers*”

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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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