

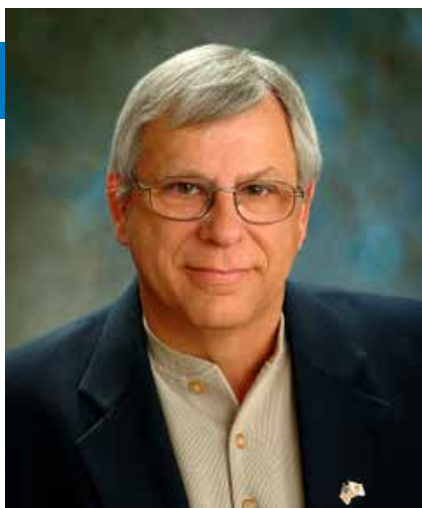
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AWA - AZ Watercolor Association



President's Message



Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

It's hard to believe we are well into the month of March.

The Western Federation of Watercolor Societies (WFWS) is underway and available for all to see at the FOUND:RE arts hotel in downtown Phoenix. Check your newsletter for more info. The AWA spring show runs through April 28 at the Fountain Hills Community Center. Check out both to see some amazing works by national, regional, and local artists.

I'm getting on my VOLUNTEER horse again, as our organization runs on its cadre of volunteers. Members have recently stepped forward to fill some of the vacant positions, but several remain open. If you are concerned you don't

have the experience or knowledge to serve in a certain position, then be aware that most of us don't, but we all learn quickly.

I have a proposition for would-be but reluctant volunteers. Step up and work with a committee chair or board position as a trainee. You get to work with that member to understand and learn what the job is about before you accept and transition into that role. Pick a position you might like to take a shot at and talk to the board member or chair of that position to see if it's a fit for you. A list is on the website.

All board positions are for one year but can (and do) last longer if you so choose. Several board members and chairs have approached me saying they would really like to have a backup or trainee to start learning and help them do their job, and to know there is a replacement trained to fill in when they leave.

So, think about getting on our AWA volunteer horse. Take a ride with us; you won't regret it.

Ron Peters

President

Keep on laying down that creative water media.



Next Meeting:

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

- ❖ Next Program: **Wednesday March 13** At the AAG Building- In Person - 4:00pm
- ❖ **Stan Miller** will demo preceding the workshop. What an honor!

AWA Exhibitions: The 2024 Spring Show

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome:

Marsha Wright

Susan Magness

Marie Ricks

Diana Kilber

We look forward to
meeting you at our
program on March 13th!!

By Karen Donmoyer

On March 1st, the AWA Spring Show will be installed at the Fountain Hills Community Center at 13001 N. La Montana Drive. Please join us for the artists' reception and awards at the community center on March 21st, 5:30 to 7:30 PM. If you are exhibiting, please bring a finger food. This will be a fun event so please come join us in the celebration!

If you wish to visit the show at a time other than the artists' reception the center is open Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 8 PM and Friday 8 AM to 4 PM. The center is frequently open on weekends as well, but please call 480 816-5200 to confirm this in advance. The show will run through April 28th.

Make a note of these significant dates:

Delivery and Hanging:	Friday, March 1, 10:00 AM - Noon
Reception at F.H. Comm. Center:	Thursday, March 21, 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Pickup:	Monday, April 29, 10 AM - Noon

Exhibition Opportunities for AWA Members

43rd Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolor

Call Type: Exhibitions

Eligibility: International

State: New York

Fee: \$35.00 (Entry Fee)

Entry Deadline: 4/26/24

Days remaining to deadline: 57

The Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors is hosted annually in August and September by View in Old Forge, NY. The exhibition is open to all artists working in water-based media. This includes transparent and opaque watercolors, casein, egg tempera, gouache, acrylic and ink.

43rd Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors will be open in View's 2 largest galleries from August 3, 2024 - September 28, 2024

Through the generous donation of our supporters, View and the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors is able to offer cash prizes.

Member Workshop News

EXCITING WORKSHOPS FOR 2024

*By Karen Gray
AWA Member Workshop Chair*

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 a few openings for Kim's workshop.

Then 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.

Advance your 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.



*Here are two of Kim Johnson Nechtman's
award winning portraits.*

At the February Workshop:

Annette Smith made portraits seem effortless

Karen Gray

Member Workshop Chair

The one-day member workshop on February 10 featuring Annette Smith was filled with friends, food, and artistic challenge. Members watched Annette demonstrate her amazing technique for creating very contemporary and colorful portraits. While she made the process seem effortless, everyone attending the workshop soon learned to appreciate her talent. Using a loose application of paint in a painterly style, Annette's portraits emerge with multiple colors and subtle suggestions of the figure's features.

Everyone pushed past their left-brain inhibitions to explore Annette's process of contemporary watercolor portraiture. Annette was a patient and helpful instructor. It was fun to explore new creative techniques.



This portrait in progress emerged with Annette's deft touches as she shared her techniques with the class.

Juror Workshop News

Stan Miller and Kathleen Giles: Two masters to learn from

By Marion Droge

Stan Miller

<https://stanmiller.net/>

Workshop SOLD OUT – waitlist only

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

Arizona Artist Guild Building

Kathleen Giles

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

Workshop Enrollment Now Open 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.



(Above) *Latah Creek October*
Stan Miller



(Left) *Mandevilla*
Kathleen Giles

Western Federation News

By Tanya Lemma

AWA's Western Federations of Watercolor Societies #49 ~ 2024

Join us as we host the Western State's Watercolor Artists here in Phoenix!

Thursday, April 18th = Welcome, Delegates Reception from 5-7PM. This event is free to AWA members! Sign up here: azwatercolor.com . Please join us to meet and socialize with artists from the Western USA!

Saturday, April 20th for AWA's GALA Awards Ceremony, Dinner, and Dance. Tickets can now be purchased online! azwatercolor.com Bring your partner, family, and friends to help AWA host this very special event!



Western Federation of Watercolor Societies #49 Art Exhibit

Online preview: azwatercolor.com See this exhibition in person March 1st to April 28th in the Found:RE Phoenix Hotel Gallery.

This gallery is part of special art events here in Phoenix: Art Detour in March and First & Third Friday Art Walks in March and April.

Found:RE Phoenix Hotel, 1100 N. Central Ave.

You can take the Light Rail to the hotel!



Our show is hung and looks awesome!

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