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President's Message



Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

I hope you all are having a cool summer. If you are, you stayed inside or YOU GOT OUT OF THE VALLEY. September is our first meeting after this hot summer break. I hope you all were able to get some painting done over the summer. Inside of course. Fall show is underway, by now you know if you were successful in getting into the show. I'm sure Karen will have a rundown in the newsletter. Over the summer we found a replacement for our outgoing Treasurer Marilyn Burrows. A tough act to follow. Karla Milinovich stepped up (yes she volunteered) to take the challenge. Thanks to Marilyn for all her work on our financials these past few years. She did a great job. And thanks to

Karla for stepping up and taking on the treasurer position, the board looks forward to working with her.

If you are so inclined, we have several positions still available and are always in need of volunteers. Contact me or any board member for more information. November is our membership meeting where we vote in next years (2025) board members and officers. So, if you are interested in serving your Association, let me know.

Tanya Lemma and David Amsellem, our Western Fed representatives, did an amazing job on the Western Fed show in Phoenix last spring. Western Fed in 2025 will be in Lubbock Texas. Information is available elsewhere in this newsletter. So, get your paintings ready.

As always, a big thank you to all our volunteers, they do an amazing job of running our organization even over the down summer months. Read your newsletter for the upcoming workshops and activities. We need to fill our workshops to keep them going. A new year is fast approaching so don't forget to renew your membership in AWA for 2025 and see if you can recruit a new member or two. See you all at the next meeting.

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: **Thursday, September 12.** At the AAG Building- In Person - 4:00pm
- ❖ Summer Challenge painters will present their work: Light and Shadow on buildings.

Juror Workshop News

Kathleen Giles 3-day AWA Fall Workshop

Kathleen Giles

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

Mark your calendar!

Kathleen Giles, our Fall exhibition juror will be giving us a painting demonstration at our AWA general program Wednesday, October 9th 2024 at 4pm.

Her 3 day workshop is sold out and will take place October 10-12.



Dirty Martini



Laurie Goldstein-Warren

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

Looking ahead...

Coming to AWA Spring 2025

AWA Spring Exhibition juror and workshop artist, enrollment NOW available online <https://azwatercolor.com/juror-spring-and-fall-workshops/#!/form/JurorWorkshop>

3 day workshop April 10, 11 & 12, 2025

Her work can be seen in Splash 13, 14, 18, 21 and 23. She has also been published several times in Watercolor Artist magazine as well as Art of Watercolour magazine.

Member Workshop News

THE LAST MEMBER WORKSHOP FOR 2024

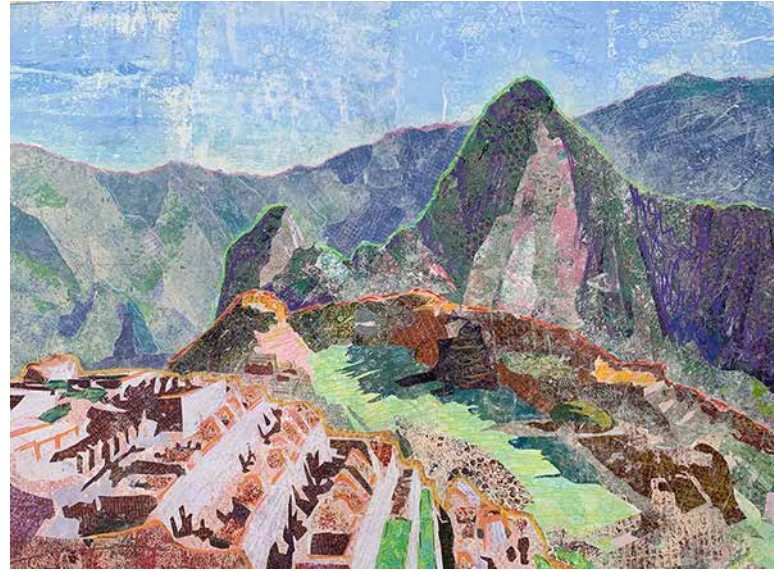
By Karen Gray
AWA Member Workshop Chair

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.

Expand your artistic skills through participation in this unique workshop!

There are also three new member workshops coming for the spring season of 2025. They are currently posted on the AWA website.

In January, Marion Droge will conduct a workshop titled "Reflective Surfaces". Marion has shown her expertise in mastering metallic reflective surfaces in a previous workshop. She is an excellent instructor as well as an award-winning artist.



In February, Grace Haverty will hold her workshop titled "Flowers Free and Loose". Grace is a nationally recognized signature watercolor artist. Her work has been represented numerous times in both regional organizations, such as the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, and in national exhibitions.

In March, one of AWA's past presidents, Sherry Kimmel, will have a workshop on collage process and techniques. She will illustrate how using unique painted papers enhances artistic expression.

You can find the registration opportunity for the November 2024 workshop, as well as the spring 2025 workshops, on the AWA website under Member Workshops. You will be able to complete the registration conveniently online with your credit card.



Del Decil Scholarship News

By Dyanne Locati
Chairman

AWA members that attend our very informative meetings are aware of the raffle items available each month. We are graciously given many gift certificates, books, paintings and artists materials for the items raffled. These items help fund our AWA scholarships. At the September meeting we will have extra art materials that people can purchase without the raffle. This money will go to the scholarships provided by AWA. For many years, Del Decil funded our scholarship program. This fund is slowly ending its time to help students, basically it is running out of money.

Our hard-working governing board voted to reduce the amount of AWA – Del Decil scholarships funds from \$1,000. to three students, to give one student \$1,000.

We were fortunate to receive funds from the Gayla Ann Bonnell family. These funds will allow AWA to give, in Gayla's name, a \$1,000. scholarship to a worthy student. Anyone donating \$1,000. to the AWA Scholarship funds can choose to have it given in their name.

Western Federation News

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies

Entries are open now. YOU qualify to enter up to three paintings. This year the exhibition will be held in Lubbock, TX. Information will be presented at the September Meeting. Please bring all your questions!

Frames for Sale at the Sept. meeting!

We have about 8 frames 20x30" (full sheet)

with plexi and backing. Only \$95 each! Last Chance!!

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Timeline:

CAFÉ entries open	Open Now!
CAFÉ entry deadline	10/11/2024
Juror notifications via CaFE email	10/24/2024
WFWS 50th Exhibition	02/01/2025 to 05/04/2025
Awards Presentation; Gala Awards Dinner	04/12/2025
Paintings shipped back to delegates	Week of May 6, 2025



Link to prospectus: <https://wtws.org/wfws-50th-anniversary-prospectus/>

Artist-to-Artist HINTS AND HACKS

Editor's note: We are pleased that contributing artist Joan Foltz is sharing a book that inspired her: **Exploring Color Workshop**.



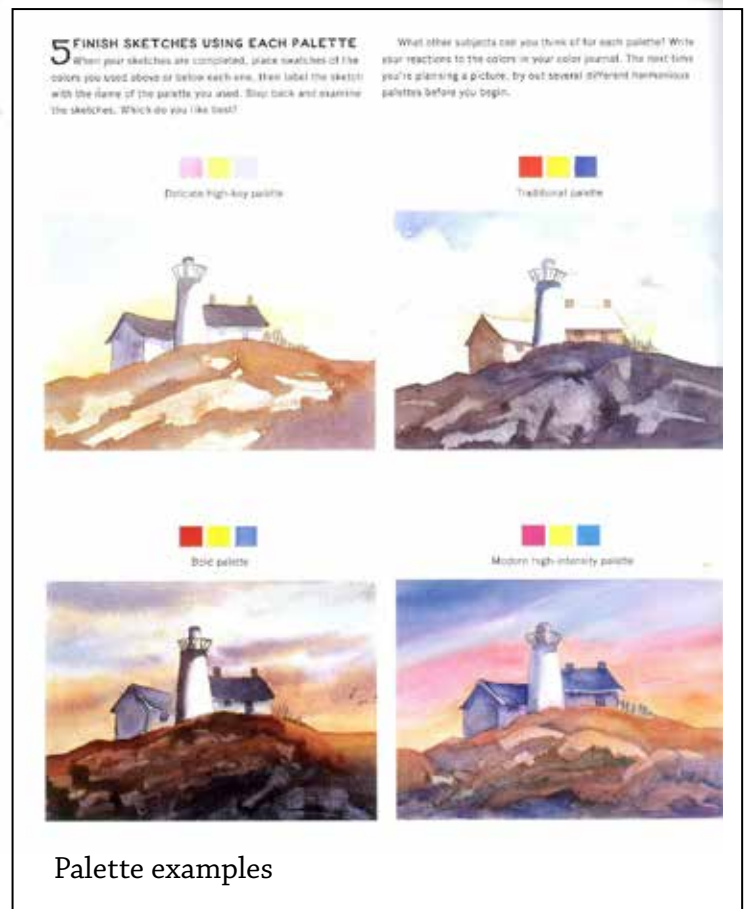
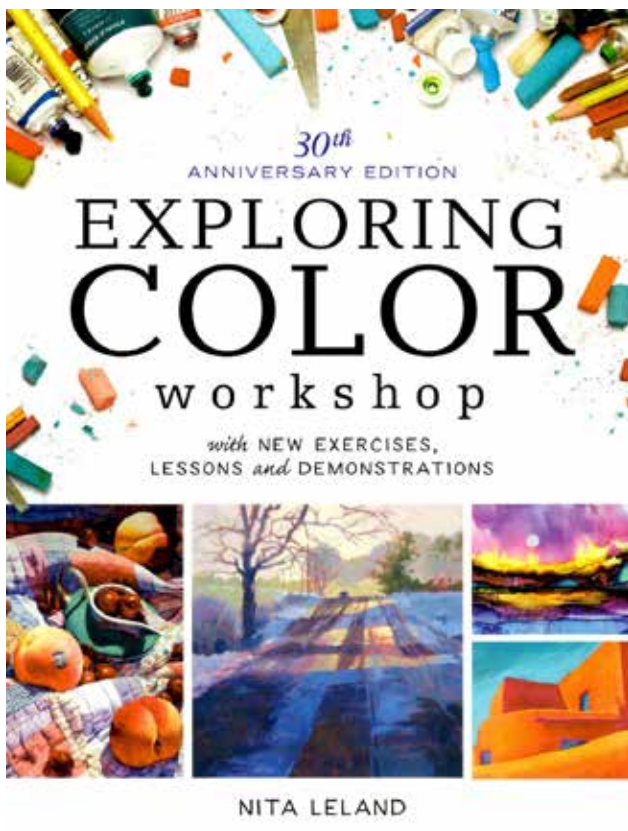
"Exploring Color by Nita Leland"

There is not another book that demystifies color theories like this book. Whether you are a "colorist" artist or not, you will learn from the many exercises, examples and charts.

Leland compares palettes with their color charts and examples of paintings in each of these palettes: the Delicate High-Key, Traditional, Bold, Modern High-Intensity, Opaque, Old Masters', Bright Earth, Modern Low-Intensity palettes. She also compares colors in monochromatic and analogous schemes, complementary and modified triadic vs. double-complementary tetradic, among others.

Topics, such a contrast, are broken down into Hue Contrast, Value Contrast, Color Key, Intensity Contrast, Temperature, Reversing Color Temperature, and more. Harmony and unifying design are also illustrated the same way.

If this sounds more about color than you care to delve into, there are plenty of examples and tips. This is a great go-to book for ideas when you are exploring colors for your next painting.



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**Welcome
New Members!**

David Langston
Rajal Mehta
Sallie Bowen
Lucile Rense
Sandy Rottman

We look forward to meeting you at our program on September 12!

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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