

# OCTOBER 2024

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## President's Message



Welcome to the Arizona Watercolor Association!

If you get a chance go by the Exposed Studio and Gallery on 7th Avenue in Phoenix to view the membership fall show that is now open. I helped with the artist check in and I am always so impressed with the talent in our association. If you can volunteer to check in or on the pick-up date, you should do so. You get to have a first-hand look at the paintings and meet so many nice and talented people, see the gallery and be introduced to the process of hanging artwork in a gallery setting. Contact Karen Donmoyer for more info.

I want to encourage members to submit your work in our two juried exhibitions that we have each year. I have had many members tell me that they think they are not good enough. I refer to the adage used by the lottery; you can't win if you don't play. We had several members that were first time entries in the fall show, and their work was amazing. I encourage ALL members to submit to YOUR association juried shows. Each juror has their own process of selection and refusal by one may lead to selection by the other. So, start working on your submissions into the Spring 2025 AWA show. More information will follow early 25. You never know.

I want to take this time to congratulate all of our AWA members who submit their paintings into other competitions. I know there are many winners out there we never hear about. Congrats to them. Thanks to all of you that continue to support our association with your volunteer services.

### **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, October 9.** At the AAG Building- In Person - 4:00pm
- ❖ Kathleen Giles, our Fall exhibition juror will be giving us a painting demonstration at our general meeting.

# *AWA Summer Challenge*



*It was a fun meeting for everyone as these members showed off their interpretation of Light and Shadow.*





# *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.



***Laurie Goldstein-Warren***

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

Enroll now...

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

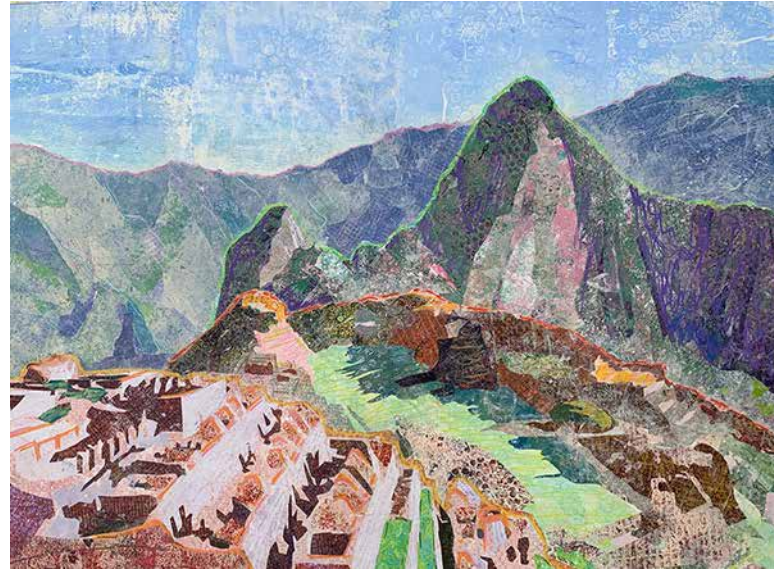
By Karen Gray  
AWA Member Workshop Chair

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.



# 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.

### **Reminder!**

The entry deadline for WFWS50 is October 11.

Please don't wait until the last minute to enter! That seems to be when most technical difficulties arise and the system gets clogged.

Remember, all AWA members are eligible to apply. So far we only have 5 artists entered. Step up to this challenge! **YOU are an Artist!**

Further information: <https://wfws.org/>



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

## Artist-to-Artist HINTS AND HACKS

*Editor's note: Yours truly has resorted to inspirational quotes because we have no contributing artists this month. PLEASE share your discoveries with us!*

“*Painting can be like a roller-coaster ride. For me, it begins with great anticipation and excitement, followed by hills one must chug up with effort, and valleys to glide down into with ease. The grand finale is the final decisive details that make the painting sing - it is like the ultimate grand hill that thrills you and spirits you to the end of the ride.*”

—Anne Hudec





# Fall Exhibition News

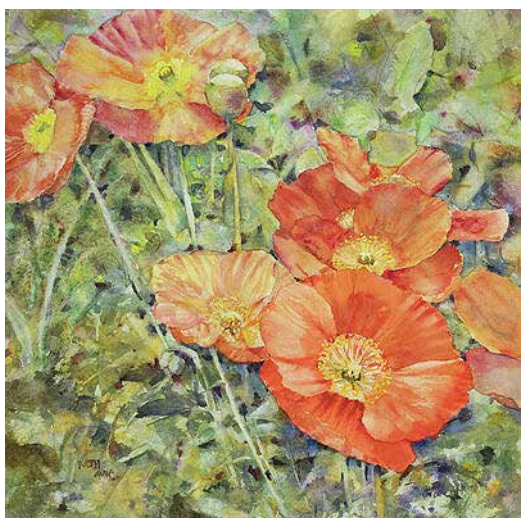
By Karen Donmoyer and Betsy Aguirre

The 2024 Fall Exhibition is up and open for viewing at the Exposed Gallery (4225 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix AZ 85013).

Congratulations to the following artists whose work was juried into the show by Kathleen Giles:

Betsy Aguirre, Kathy Allegri, Christine Alfery, James Allison, Sallie Bowen, Candice Diaz, Mary Dohmeier, Karen Donmoyer, Marion Droge, Tal Dvir, Diane Eide, John Erwin, Hilary Fiscus, Joan Foltz, Sally Gonzalez, Ray Goodrow, Karen Gray, Melanie Harman, Joy Brinkley-Hill, Rupali Holmes, Simone Huskey, Micha King, Jordan Kirk, Tanya Lemma, Gina Lijoi, Dyanne Locati, Sandra Martin, Yolande McAlevey, Linda Miller, Linda Pullinsi, Ron Peters, Elizabeth Pfeiffer, Marie Calder Ricks, Annie Strack, Deb Sullivan, Cheri Tanner, Jane Underhill, Holly Weisel, Cindy Welch, Sherry Whitney, Janice Wittwer and Robin Woodworth.

Special thanks to Mary Dohmeier and Ron Peters for assisting us with intake of the framed artwork and we are also thankful for our artists who have volunteered in advance to help with the reception (Sherry Whitney, Linda Miller and Jane Underhill) and take-down (Robin Woodworth, Jordan Kirk and Melanie Harman). Putting on an exhibition is a ton of work and we could not do it without you!



*"Poppies" by Melanie Harman*

Two events to put on your calendar (if they are not already) are First Friday on October 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. and the Awards Reception on Thursday, October 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. First Friday is an event put on by the gallery during which they will also celebrate their 20th anniversary with champagne, cake and live music. The Awards Reception is an AWA event where there will be snacks, wine and many wonderful awards thanks to the efforts of our tireless Awards Chair, Sally Gonzalez.

Our fall exhibition will run through Saturday, October 26th with artists picking up unsold artwork on October 29th from 12 to 2.

Next year, our Spring Exhibition will be held at the Shemer Art Center and we are still on the lookout for a venue to host us in fall of 2025. If you have ideas or connections to help us in securing a location that would allow us to hang around 50 pieces, please send me an email at [awaexhibits@gmail.com](mailto:awaexhibits@gmail.com).

## APPLY FOR SIGNATURE STATUS

All who are eligible for Signature, Silver or Gold status please send an e-mail with your name, a list of the shows (spring/fall and year) and the title of each painting to Honor Society Chair, Christine Oliver, at [crorto1@gmail.com](mailto:crorto1@gmail.com) by noon on October 25, 2024. Certificates will be awarded at the November program, November 14, 2024. Please refer to the bylaws for a detailed explanation of the point system and applying.

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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.



**Welcome  
New Members!**

Jos. Ezequiel Rodrigues  
Gloria Borysewicz  
Raymond Sol

We look forward to meeting  
you at our program on  
October 9!

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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