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COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

NEW CWS WEBSITE UPDATE

By Sean Willard,
CWS Web Committee Chair

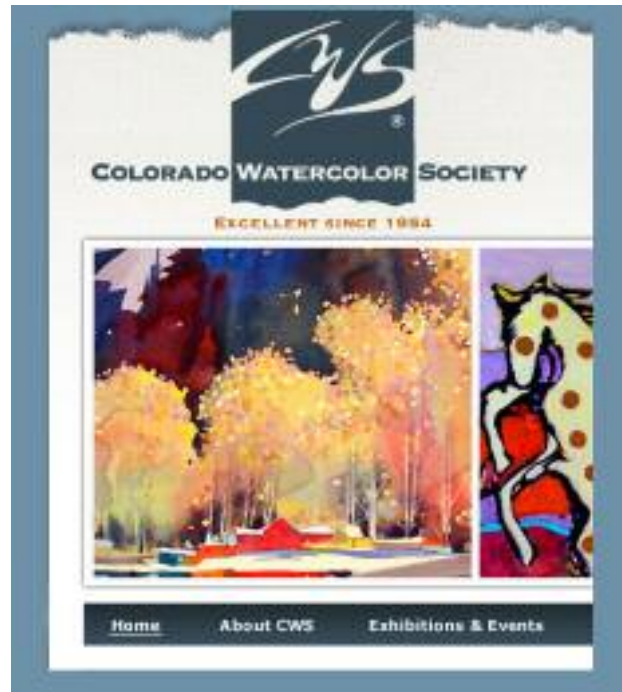
First, an introduction from myself, Sean Willard, Susan Schmitt and Joanie Hupp, your Website Committee. We have been working as a team for about four months with the CWS Board and Shawna Bohan and her team of Redmann Mahoney (RM), a small design firm, on the creation of the new web site.

Design Elements

Our goals for the new site are multi-faceted:

- 1) a design that would be easy to use for all of our members and have a professional appearance;
- 2) a resource center for artists;
- 3) a place to showcase our award winning artwork from exhibitions as well as promote CWS Member's artwork;
- 4) increase our ability to communicate with our members on line;
- 5) create an online payment system to provide another easy option for paying for memberships, renewals and workshops; and,
- 6) a website that would have the ability to grow with our society.

As you can see, the objectives are diverse, but all are critical to taking advantage of a website for effective communication, conducting business of the society, and showcasing our artwork. RM



A glimpse of the new CWS website homepage.

has worked closely with the Web Committee and the CWS Board to help facilitate these objectives into a site design that will reflect our professional commitment to our art and create a first class experience for the user.

Phase One

The first phase included collecting all the information from the various parts of our society and organizing that into a clear and cohesive format. This continued with many edits, additions, and deletions until we felt there was a good basic framework for the site.

Homepage Design

The challenges of the next phase, the design phase, are many. We want a clean, professional design that is easy to navigate with information readily available for anyone. Cameron Walker, creative

director with RM, has worked closely with us to craft a site that will meet our expectations. In July, the Web Committee and RM presented the first two mock-ups to the CWS Board for review. The Board's years of experience and knowledge of the society's needs helped us prioritize design elements. The Board gave us excellent feedback and the confidence that we were moving in the right direction.

The Home Stretch

We are now at the point of finalizing the last draft of the full website and putting the final touches on the Home page. Our plan is to go "live" with the site in September prior to the ice cream social. What can you expect from the site? A new professional site with all the exciting events, exhibits,

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Colorado Watercolor Society is an organization dedicated to uphold the highest standards and principles of art and to promote, encourage, educate and foster an interest in fine art in all media, especially watermedia.

The Colorado Watercolor Society meets at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 South Colorado Blvd. in Englewood, (southwest corner of Hampden Avenue and Colorado Blvd.) in the Plymouth Hall. The Collage newsletter is published monthly (except July and December) to all CWS members.

TO SEND ARTICLES AND IDEAS OR TO SUBMIT ADS

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DATES FOR CWS MEETINGS, SHOWS & EVENTS



CWS Monthly Meetings and Events

- Tuesday, September 8, 2009: North Critique Meeting 10:00 a.m. (Standley Lake Library)
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009: Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009: Ice Cream Social & General Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 25, 2009: South Critique Meeting 9:00 a.m. (Koebel Library)
- Wednesday, August 26, 2009: Submission deadline for the September *Collage*

CWS 2009 New Trends Show

[Co-Art Gallery, Denver, CO]

Co-Chairpersons: Marge McMonagle and Gwen Marie Ehrlich

Juror: Nancy Condit

- Monday, September 14, 2009: Delivery of Paintings, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Friday, September 18, 2009: Opening Reception
- September 14 – 27, 2009: Exhibit

CWS Special Plymouth Exhibit

[First Plymouth Congregational Church – Denver, CO]

- Exhibit: October 11 - 17, 2009
- Entry details will be in your September *Collage* newsletter!

Ted Nuttall Workshops - October, 2009

[Colorado Mills - Golden, CO | Contact Elaine Campbell]

- Session 1: Monday, October 12 - Friday, October 16, 2009
- Session 2: Monday, October 19 - Friday, October 23, 2009

CWS 2009 Member Show

[Old Firehouse Art Center – Longmont, CO]

Co-Chairpersons: Nancy Sullo and Martha Williams

Juror: Richard Schilling

- Monday, October 5, 2009: Entry Forms Due
- Friday, November 13, 2009: Opening Reception
- November 13 – December 19, 2009: Exhibit

CWS 2010 State Watermedia Exhibit

[Colorado History Museum – Denver, CO]

Juror: Ratinda Daz

- Exhibit: March 4 - 15, 2010

ICE CREAM AND NEW WEBSITE ON THE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 pm, when CWS general meetings resume at the First Plymouth Congregational Church! As in the past, we kick off the new CWS year with our Ice Cream Social, and it will be a night for catching up on summer comings and goings over a monster ice cream sundae.

And this year, you'll also be among the first to get a look at the new CWS website and learn how it will streamline the operations of CWS and improve your connections to the organization. Look for more details at upcoming General Meetings and in upcoming issues of the *Collage*.

2009 NEW TRENDS EXHIBIT OPENS IN SEPTEMBER

By Pat Foster,
Exhibition Official

The opening of the New Trends Exhibit at the Co-Art Gallery on Santa Fe Drive is fast approaching! Juror Nancy Condit chose 90 paintings out of 157 entries received. A total of 53 artists are represented in this show.

The New Trends Show is September 14th-27th. Delivery of accepted paintings is Monday, September 14th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Co-Chairs Marge McMonagle and Gwen Marie Ehrlich hope you all attend the Opening Reception on Friday, September 18th from 6 p.m. to 9 pm.

WFWS 35TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT

By Sydney Eitel,
CWS President

Western Federation of Watercolor Society's 35th annual exhibit will be in Utah in 2010. Now is the time to be painting your submissions. Entries will be due on November 15, 2009. The prospectus will be on the CWS website (www.ColoradoWatercolorSociety.org) and will be included in your September issue of the *Collage*. Start your paintings now!

CALL TO ARTISTS



Call To Artists

The **Colorado Artists Guild** would like to announce our 14th Annual Artists of Colorado Exhibition. The juried exhibit is open to all Colorado artists who produce 2D or 3D art. It will be held at the 910 Gallery in the Santa Fe arts district for 6 weeks from Friday, October 16th to Saturday, December 5th. Awards of \$3,000 in cash and prizes will be given. Deadline for entry is Friday, September 12. For the prospectus, visit www.coloradoartistsguild.org. For more information or questions, call Fred Luger at (303) 947-1820 or email Fred at lungerfinearts@earthlink.net.

The **Georgetown Gallery** in Georgetown, Colorado, the oldest co-op gallery in the state, is taking applications for a new artist to show in the gallery. If you are interested, please call Barry Westerland at 970-262-3755 or e-mail him at bcw921@comcast.net.

The **Fallbrook Art Center** is thrilled to announce our inaugural 'American Signature Watercolor Exhibition'. This exciting new exhibition will accept 30 original paintings from artists who have achieved signature status in one or more established Watercolor Associations in the US (including CWS) that will be displayed with the 30 paintings in the NWS 89th Travel Exhibition Show. Deadline for submissions is September 10, 2009. All submissions are digital via mail or email. Juror is Frank Webb, AWS (DF), NWS. Cash and merchandise awards of over \$5,000 will be awarded. Visit www.fallbrookartcenter.org for detailed information and a prospectus.

Workshops & Classes

Upcoming workshops at Judy Patti's Studio: Frank Francese, September 11-13 and Betty Carr, October 2-4. Contact Judy at 303-798-1345 for details.

Darla Bostick: Art Retreat/Workshop at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico. September 5-10, 2009. More details at www.darlabostick.com.

Have a current or recent "kudo" to share? Know of a good "Call To Artists!" opportunity to share with CWS members?

Send them in to David Castle, Collage Editor by the next issue deadline!

CWS MEMBER KUDOS

CWS Signature member **rita derjue** was honored by Historic Littleton, Inc. with a "Lifetime Achievement for Historic Preservation in Littleton". In a solo exhibition in May, rita presented drawings and watercolors of historic sites, done between 1965 and 2005. rita was also among those juried in the All Colorado Art Show at the Curtis Center with a 4 x 5 foot watercolor, "Around Town".

CWS member **Floy Walberg** had a one-person show at the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in July. Floy also exhibited at the Curtis Center's All Colorado Art Show.

CWS Signature member **Susan Kacik** juried into the All Colorado Art Show held at the Curtis Center with her painting, "Morning to Midnight". Susan was also selected for the Board Invitational Show at Gilpin County Arts Association Gallery in Central City.

CWS Signature member **Valli Thayer McDougale** was awarded Second Place in Colorado Visions Art Exhibition in Westminster for her painting "Techno Jazz: Opus #7". Valli's painting "Penumbra" has been juried into the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition. Her painting "Windows on the World #24: East Meets West #3" will be seen in the International Society of Acrylic Painters International Open Exhibition and "Relationships: Two's Company" has been juried into the Pikes Peak Watercolor Society's International Watermedia XVI.

Congratulations to CWS members participating in the Arvada Fine Arts Guild 50th Anniversary Show at the Arvada Center: **Randy Hale**, Best of Show; **Cal Johnson**, Bev Lawson Memorial Award; **Becky Enabit Silver**, Second Place; **Nancy Wylie**, Third Place; **Jan Archuleta**, Award of Merit; **Susan Schmitt**, Award of Merit.

GO WILD ON A CWS WEEKEND IN WINTER PARK!

Great news, gang! Carol Reeves, who was recently made a Member Emeritus of CWS, will travel from her home in Durham, NC, to Colorado in October, to sponsor a weekend of painting, relaxing and friendship in Winter Park—and we're all invited! You want details? Here they are:

The dates: October 15-18, 2009. We start with dinner on the 15th, and end with lunch on the 18th.

The Place: The Beavers, a condo development with swimming pool and spa, located on a lake in Winter Park. It's too early for skiers so the town will be quiet and lovely.

The Cost: Single, \$175, Double, \$155, Opened couch in the living room, \$145. This price includes three dinners, one cooked by Carol and two out. The condos have full kitchens and Carol has secured a large, windowed room with tables where we can paint, if the great outdoors is not entirely hospitable.

Who can come: Anyone. In the past, Carol has had 10-12 people respond, but there is no limit. Friends of CWS are welcome also. However, the deadline to respond is Tuesday, September 1st. Such a deal this is! Call or email Pat Dall (303-798-5805, paddall@yahoo.com) right now to make your reservation. This offer will not be repeated in the September *Collage* (because it will be too late!). Although spontaneous workshops may erupt, this is not an organized workshop weekend. But remember, what happens in Winter Park just might advance the history of art!

SERVICES FOR MEMBERS



**Ghost Ranch New Mexico
Painting Workshop With
Teresa Smith
October 11-16, 2009**

**Take a journey with us on
a unique art adventure!**

What a perfect backdrop for an inspiring workshop - vast canyons and majestic mesas - and, if we are lucky, perhaps Georgia O'Keefe will whisper in our ears as we create. The trip to Ghost Ranch includes a week-long painting workshop with Teresa Smith, nationally recognized watercolor artist, access to a studio, double occupancy room on the mesa and three meals per day. Cost \$1075.

**Contact Teresa Smith: info@artbyteresa.com | 303-246-3208
www.watercolorworkshops.com**

THE SURVEY SAYS!

By Gene Youngmann,
Past President, CWS

You may have heard that there was a survey going around at the beginning of July about "Changing the CWS Resident Requirements for Membership". Don't worry - the Board only wanted to know how the membership felt about this issue so I conducted a survey by email to 120 members of CWS. They were selected at random, or were CWS Board Members past and present. In all, 75 members responded (that is 62.5% of those surveyed) with the results pretty much split with Not In Favor of "Changing the CWS Resident Requirement" the favorite. The vote was 33 - In Favor, 2 - In the middle of this issue and 40 - Not In Favor of this change.

The results indicate this is a very important issue in the minds of many members. Throughout the voting it was back and forth and only at the end did those not in favor increase to the present results. Many members have very strong feelings about losing the unique individuality of the Colorado Watercolor Society. Many good arguments were presented for both sides of the issue. There were many ideas presented

about the status of the CWS-sponsored State Watercolor Show. Many members were concerned about the loss of this show. Overall, both sides feel strongly about the resident requirement and have valid arguments.

As a result of this straw pole survey and the review of the thoughts shared by the 75 members who responded, it was my opinion that the membership is equally divided on the issue of "Changing the CWS Resident Requirement for Membership". Therefore, I recommended that this issue should not be pursued. Many members expressed concern that the Board has more pressing issues at hand that need to be addressed than dealing with this issue at this time. Maybe in the future this issue could be reviewed and looked at again.

A special Thank You to all those members who answered this survey. The Board appreciates your time and your responses.

To see the complete survey, visit the CWS web site www.coloradowatercolorsociety.org and click on the "Members Only" page. Look on the left side under the title "Downloads" (in black). It is the 2nd item listed as "CWS Resident Requirement Change Survey" (in blue).

THE BOARD IN BRIEF

By Patricia Green,
Corresponding Secretary



- The meeting was opened by Randy Hale. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and filed. There was a review of member meeting topics.
- There was an update on progress of the new website. Sean Willard gave us a great overview of the new website. We will learn many more details at the next Board meeting.
- New policies/procedures were discussed, and voted on. They will be printed in the new roster.
- Exhibition report was given by Sydney Eitel for Pat Foster. Watch for the prospectus for the shows in upcoming *Collage* issues.
- Ted Nuttall will be teaching two weeks of seminars in October. It is time to get your name on the list. Ratindra Das will be here in Spring, 2010 and Stan Miller for the fall of 2010.
- The ice-cream social will be the program for our September meeting - all are welcome!
- The meeting was closed at 6:45 p.m.

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membership info? Have a
new mailing address or
email address? Didn't sign
up to receive your Collage
newsletter in the postal
mail?*

**Contact Carla Rouse today!
Call 303-841-4136 or
email cdrouse4@msn.com.**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Sydney Eitel, President Colorado Watercolor Society



SYDNEY EITEL: OUR NEW CWS PRESIDENT



Sydney Eitel, *Dusk At Masai Mara*, Hydrus Watercolors, 10.5 x 14 inches.

In this article, I thought I should first introduce myself to you. I am your new President and my name is Sydney Eitel. I look forward to serving you in this new role. I love to paint from the many inspirations that come my way. I will share my artwork in future *Collages*.

I believe the past Presidents and Board Members of CWS have paved the way for a great art society through their committed leadership. I plan to lead the Board and CWS through servitude. I thank Randy Hale for the countless hours he invested in CWS. He is working with our website committee to have our new website up and running in September.

I would like to ask each of you reading this *Collage* to get involved. Attend meetings, attend workshops, critiques, volunteer for needed positions. CWS is a member-driven volunteer organization. My plea is twofold, not only do we need volunteers, but you will

find that you will grow as an artist as you get involved. Artists working with artists becomes a win-win situation with creativity flowing.

The Board is working to get more information together on each volunteer position to make the tasks easier. The bylaws give a good description of Board positions. There is a list of opportunities with your membership renewal forms each year. I encourage you to be thinking of what things you might enjoy doing. We have all come into positions without knowing exactly what we were doing, but there has always been someone to come along side to guide and help. You will find this to be true as you accept different responsibilities. So please, don't let fear and lack of experience keep you from doing something you would love to do.

I became a painting buddy with a CWS member just by saying yes to the opportunity to co-chair the State

Exhibition a few years ago and now I am your President. It is amazing where choices take us. I hope you know that you can talk to me or any Board member about your ideas and concerns. We are your representatives. Get involved and become a better artist than you already are.

I wish to bid the Board members who have finished their terms farewell and thank each of them for the continual giving of their time to CWS. Thank you for your service. I also, wish to welcome the new members coming onto the Board. I am excited to serve CWS with you. Finally, to you the general membership, I hope you realize that without you we would not be an organization. You are so important to us. Happy painting to all!

Your President, Sydney Eitel

NEW WEBSITE

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resources, and ART that reflects our high standards as artists!

The Future

As we mentioned in our last meeting, we are working on developing a newer version of our artist gallery page. We have several ideas and hope that we can develop those this fall. For now, we have our artists' names and web addresses listed in our resources page for all those who would like to have access to those websites.



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Wednesday, August 26, 2009

SERVICES FOR MEMBERS

Member-Recommended Technical Service Providers

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Bruce Norman Photography

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303-841-8816
Recommended by Rosemarie Lohnert

Karen Zink

Kjnorsvenf8@earthlink.net
303-794-6743 or 303-903-9499
Recommended by rita derjue

James Beck, James Beck Digital

www.jamesbeckdigital.com
720-628-0316
Recommended by David Wicks and Pat Dall

Wes Magyar, WM Artist Services

303-667-3351
Recommended by Lelija Roy

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Kathy Hadsall, fms digital

Kathy@fmsdigital.com
303-744-9800 or 303-667-2616
Recommended by Paul Foster and Pat Dall

Chuck Renstrom, Double Take Artistic Images

chuck@doubletakefineart.com
303-275-9224 or 303-619-3212

Ken Sanville Photographic Services, Inc.

303-666-7475
Recommended by Darlene Kuhne

Reed Photo

www.reed-photo.com
303-573-8084 or 800-999-8084
Recommended by David Castle

Pat Nocerino, Nocerino Editions

www.nocerinoeditions.com
303-734-0725 or 877-386-9432
Recommended by David Wicks and Nancy Wylie

OTHER SERVICES

Gammatech (Makes slides from digital images)

100 McKee Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
www.gammatech.com
Recommended by David Wicks and Nan Lund



www.ColoradoWatercolorSociety.org

Colorado Watercolor Society 2009 Member Show

“Put Your Best Foot Forward” Show, November 13 – December 19, 2009

Hosted by The Old Firehouse Art Center
667 4th Avenue
Longmont, Colorado

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 5, Monday		Entry form due
Oct. 20, Tuesday		Deliver paintings to CWS meeting
or		
Nov. 9, Monday	9-11 am	Deliver paintings to OFAC
Nov. 13, Friday	6-9 pm	Reception
Dec. 19, Saturday	10am - noon	Pick up paintings at OFAC
or		
Jan. 19, Tuesday		Pick up paintings at CWS meeting

This show is open to all CWS members whose membership is up to date. This is NOT a juried show and entry does not count toward Signature membership.

Each CWS member may enter up to 3 paintings, **no larger than 12 inches in any direction including frame**. All paintings will not necessarily be displayed. There is an entry fee of \$5 per painting. All paintings **must be for sale**.

All paintings must be framed and ready to hang with a wire. Please use silver, gold or black simple-profile frames. Mats must be white or off white; color liners of up to ¼” are allowed.

All paintings must be water-based medium with proper supporting painting surface, i.e. watercolor paper. Paintings on yupo and watercolor canvas ARE allowed for this show, but must be framed.

This will be a “cash and carry” show. Patrons may take paintings with them at time of purchase. Sold paintings will be replaced on the wall from the stock of paintings on hand, but not necessarily from the same artist.

The OFAC reserves the right to reject any painting they feel is not suitable for hanging due to quality or theme, or is unsuitably framed. Nudes will not be accepted.

The commission for this show will 35% to the OFAC; artist will be paid 65%.

All paintings must be labeled on the front and back with the artist’s name, title, medium and price. All paintings listed on the entry form must be delivered to the show.

Please complete the attached “Entry Form.” Mail this form and your entry fee (made out to CWS) of \$5 per painting to Nancy Sullo -- CWS, 2830 5th St., Boulder CO 80304.

We will be needing volunteers to help with hanging the show, running the reception, checking in paintings and checking out paintings. Please contact Martha Williams, mwwatercolors@aol.com or 303-776-7527 to help.

Any questions, contact co-chairs Nancy Sullo, 303-444-8565, njsullo@comcast.net or Martha Williams, 303-776-7527, mwwatercolors@aol.com

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"Put Your Best Foot Forward" Show

November 13 – December 19, 2009

Please send this form, with your \$5 per painting fee (made out to CWS) to:

Nancy Sullo -- CWS

2380 5th St.

Boulder, CO 80304

ENTRY, INVENTORY, and SETTLEMENT FORM

Artist Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ home _____ work or cell

Framed Paintings: Up to 3 small framed paintings measuring NO LARGER THAN 12 inches in any direction, including frame. Paintings should be framed in a gold, silver or black simple-profile frame and ready to hang with a wire.

Please fill out everything **except** tax and sold to.

1. Title _____ Price: _____ Tax: _____

Medium _____ Image Size: _____

Sold to: _____

2. Title _____ Price: _____ Tax: _____

Medium _____ Image Size: _____

Sold to: _____

3. Title _____ Price: _____ Tax: _____

Medium _____ Image Size: _____

Sold to: _____
