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COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY



Message from the President

By Greg Chapleski, CWS President

Well, here we go... another year of Colorado Watercolor Society (CWS) begins with the September membership meeting. It is always an exciting time as everyone

comes together again after a summer filled with family activities, vacation travels and some serious backyard barbecues. Oh, and did I mention, some watercolor painting in the studio or out in the great outdoors – you did that, didn't you?

This first meeting will be focused on all the NEW MEMBERS of CWS – and, I'm pleased to say there are quite a few this time. We have added something new to their introduction: Not only do we ask the new members to bring one of their completed watercolor pieces to display for the evening, but we have a gift for each of them – something each of them will find very helpful as a new member of CWS. So, the invitation is extended to all new members to come and be a part of the festivities with your own creation for everyone to enjoy.

Several years ago, when asked to bring a painting to the new member meeting, I must admit I was nervous about the invitation. I judged that the skill level of my painting wouldn't measure up to that of the other members. Well I did it anyway, and to my delight everyone was most accepting and interested in what each new member had to show and say. It was an encouraging boost that motivated me to get involved. It will be the same this time for every new member... I guarantee it! After all, painting with watercolor is a journey and everyone advances at his or her own pace – and, that's a good thing.

The other events for the evening will include an opening presentation from the new president of CWS and various members of the Board. Earlier this year, as I was helping with the Spring Show at Lone Tree, I became aware of something very special about CWS and you the members. It is something I have thought about for several

months and I would like to share it with all of you – it will be both informative and encouraging to everyone as CWS moves forward.

As is the tradition with CWS, we will have our Ice Cream Social™ – a time to enjoy taste-tempting treats and toppings as we renew friendships and make new ones. Also participating will be local art suppliers who will introduce their products and services to the art community – us.

I must say, that I am very excited about all the new ideas and programs we on the CWS Board have been discussing and working on in preparation for the September meeting. We are confident that you will find many opportunities to your liking, no matter what your skill level is. As members, we all should expect good things to happen that motivate everyone to participate as each venue presents itself. After all, we have a common thread that ties us together – watercolor – tubes of it, brushes, paper, and all the little extra materials that our creativity calls forward.

We hope to see you on the 16th of September (7-9pm) at the First Plymouth Congregational Church (SW corner of Colorado Blvd. & Hampden). Bring a friend – all are welcome!



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Congratulations to the Pikes Peak Watercolor Society on their new PPWS Member Co-Op Gallery on Boulder Street in Colorado Springs.

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 watercolor.

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.

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CWS Member Show Filled with Winners

Gary Nichols,
Exhibition Official



If you were in any way involved in or attended the most recent CWS Member Show held at the Creative Community Center in Fort Collins back in July, you know what a great event it was. Janis Goldblatt and her army of member volunteers from northern Colorado did an outstanding job of putting it together and hosting the opening reception which seemed to satisfy everyone who attended.

When the paintings were delivered to the gallery by Gary Nichols, he was met with an eager group who accepted the challenge of making it happen. And, did they ever! The walls accommodated every artistic creation in a great venue that gave any viewer more than he or she could have asked for.

The juror, Bob Coontz was present for the opening reception and gave some very pointed compliments for the show and the quality of the CWS membership's work. Being a multi-media artist himself and on the faculty of Colorado State's Art department for over 30 years gave him a keen perception of the presentation.

He awarded 1st Prize to Robert Schilling of Loveland for his painting, "On the High Road to Chimayo" – 2nd Prize was awarded to Marcille Trahan of Greeley for her painting, "Medicine Wheel Bustle" – 3rd Prize was awarded to Chuck Danford of Littleton for his painting on yupo, "African Animals."

Bob also awarded several Honorable Mentions to artists whose paintings he thought had a high-level of understanding and application of watermedia. But, he didn't stop there. He went around the gallery and pointed out several paintings and explained in great detail how each artist captured a mood, a feeling or an idea that worked exceptionally well. It seemed to help all those present to re-view the the entire presentation with a new awareness.

Thank you to all who had a hand or brush in the Member Show for 2014. CWS has every reason to be both grateful and proud of everyone involved.

Next up, "New Trends" – watch for details and prospectus coming soon.



CWS Meetings, Shows, Events and Entries

CWS Regular Monthly Meetings

- **South Critique Group:** will meet at **The Depot Art Gallery**, located at 2069 West Powers Avenue in Littleton, behind the Buck Recreation Center. Meetings will typically be the 4th Friday of each month, from 9 am to 11 am. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 25th. **Contact:** Monique Moore, moore.monique@gmail.com telephone: 303-770-4686.
- **North Critique Group:** meets the last Friday of the month. (We are not meeting in August). At the Aar River Gallery, 3707 W. 73rd Ave., Westminster, 80030. Contact Becky at 303-426-4114.
- **CWS Board Meeting:** September 16th, 5:00 pm.
- **CWS General Meeting:** October 21st, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
- **The next Collage** will be in October, submissions to Brian Serff by Tuesday, September 23rd, to be in the October Collage.

Upcoming General Meeting Programs

September - Ice Cream Social/Welcome New Members. Demos by all of the main local art stores.

Upcoming CWS Workshops

You can sign up for these workshops online at our CWS website, or contact Terrey Harrod.

Patricia Rucker: September 11.18.25 October 2.9.16 2014

Please check each artist's website for more information and painting styles.

Call For Entries

Deadline: September 4, 2014

"DARK" National Juried Exhibition 2014
November 8, 2014 - December 6, 2014
Arc Gallery at 1246 Folsom Street, San Francisco
Information at www.arc-sf.com/dark.htm

Deadline: September 19, 2014

Annual Open Juried Exhibition at the National Arts Club NY
Women artists only, 2D and 3D art
December 2 - 19, 2014

Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, New York
Information at www.clwac.org

Deadline: October 1, 2014

Plein Air Moab
October 3 - 11, 2014
Moab, UT
Information at www.pleinairmoab.com

Deadline: December 1, 2014

Rockies West National Exhibition
March 3 - April 3, 2015
Grand Junction, CO
Information at www.westerncoloradowcsociety.org

Dora Hagge, KA teaches "Light and Luminosity" at the Showcase Art Center, 1335 Eighth Avenue, Greeley, CO September 22-26, 2014. "Dora is the best workshop teacher you will meet", says Colette Pitcher. She returns to the Showcase for the ninth year at the original price \$225 for the full week. Room is still available in the workshop. Make it a vacation and stay at the lovely Currier Inn Bed and Breakfast a block away from the Showcase in the heart of the Creative District. Call Colette Pitcher for details or to register.

Judy Patti's Art Studio 5849 S. Broadway, Littleton, 303-798-1345

Sept. 5, 6, & 7, Watermedia, Dorothy Ganek

(Fri., Sat., Sun.).....cost \$225./3days

Sept. 8 & 9, Special Project, Dorothy Ganek

(Mon. & Tues.).....cost. \$150./2 days

October 3, 4, & 5, Watercolors, Frank Francese

(Fri., Sat., & Sun.).....cost \$195/3 days

Chuck Danford

Will teach watercolor classes starting in September

Identical Eight Week Sessions 9:00 - Noon at Ken Caryl Ranch Recreation Center

Wed. Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5 #29274 and

Mon. Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10 #29275

For information call 303.979.4070 or
Register at www.ken-carylranh.org

Member Kudos

Rosie Lohnert has been juried into SCWS AQUARIUS NATIONAL WATER EXHIBITION 2014, to be held at the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center in Pueblo, CO. She also was juried into the ELEMENTS of NATURE Exhibit at the Wildlife Experience from September to November 2014.

Marcio Correa has four pieces selected for the plein air art exhibit "Outdoor Creations – A 2014 Boulder County Juried Art Show," to be held at the Great Frame Up – Longmont, from October 10 through November 8, 2014. Opening reception October 10th, 6-9pm.

Gene Youngmann for his upcoming participation on the 2014 Plein Air Rockies invitational outdoor painting festival!



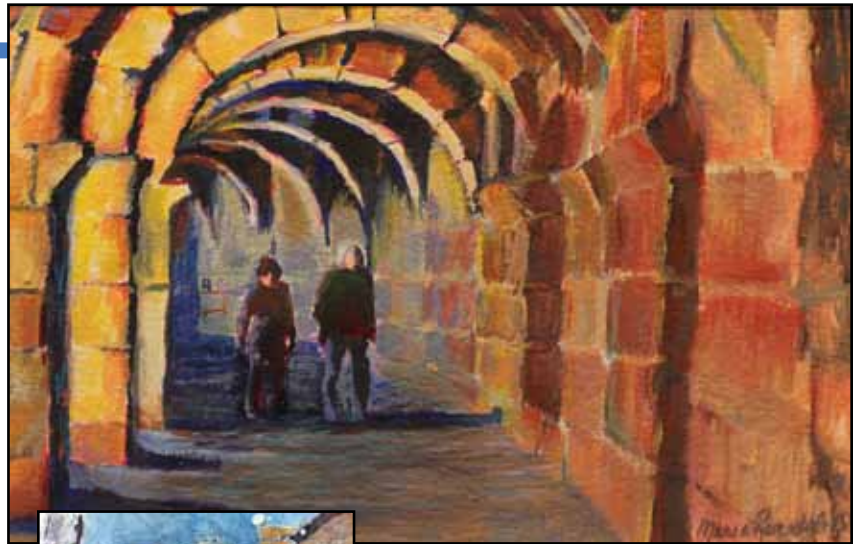
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Submission deadline
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Tuesday, September 23rd



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