

# COLLAGE



May 2021 - July 2021

## A message from our President

Happy Spring and warmer weather to everyone!

My main agenda to speak to you about in this issue is the upcoming election. This one has greater weight than the usual election ballot. As mentioned in the previous meeting and emails, the Board has suggested some changes to the bylaws which were sent to you. The reason is to update them from a past time when things were done very differently. We had more volunteers, we did things by mail, we had larger regular meetings and it was the 20th century.

We propose streamlining the Board and the way it is organized so we have more flexibility in filling positions and even combining some if needed. The old bylaws had very inflexible and set rules for who did what and when. We also propose a way to replace board members who are not capable of fulfilling their duties for various reasons without having to involve the entire membership in a vote. We propose a vote by the majority of the Board to replace a Board member. This protects one's privacy and it is the Board who knows what is or isn't going on with a member. We also propose to change the way our treasury will be distributed if CWS ceases to exist. We propose for it to change from a preset entity to allow the current Board, at the time, to decide who would best deserve any money we have left. It would go to a school or museum to support the furtherance of watercolor. Along with acceptance of these proposals, we ask that the Board be given the ability to change any policies to be in line with the new bylaws.

We recommend you vote to confirm these changes to make our jobs easier and make CWS better for you.

A written ballot has been emailed to you and we encourage you to vote, not only for the bylaws but also for the Board Slate for next year's Officers and Directors. It's important that we get enough votes for a quorum for passage. You will have a chance to vote via the website where you must log in as a member, and we encourage you to use this system. Or you may vote by email, or last, by phone message to Jay Breese. Instructions will be complete in the email coming to you soon.

Keep painting and visit the State Show in Central City when you have a chance. Thanks to everyone involved in putting this on, but mostly to Kathy Cranmer and Tim Brenner! If you are interested in volunteering to be a Show Chair, please contact me. We need people. If you like entering shows, we won't have them without volunteers! Stay well!

Beatrice Trautman  
President CWS

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The Colorado Watercolor Society is an organization dedicated to upholding 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 quarterly (Feb, May, Aug and Nov) to all CWS members.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CWS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **SOUTH CRITIQUE GROUP:** 9am on 4th Friday of each month at Depot Art Gallery, 20069 W. Powers Ave. LittleTon. Contact Monique moore at moore.monique@gmail.com
- **NORTH CRITIQUE GROUP:** 10am on 4th Friday of each month at Aar River Gallery, 3707 W 73rd Ave. Westminster. Must RSVP to Becky Silver at 303-426-4114
- **CWS BOARD MEETINGS: BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH; ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- **CWS GENERAL MEETINGS:** For the safety of our members all in-person general meetings for members and guests are postponed until further notice.
- **COLLAGE** is published quarterly February, May, August and November. Make submissions to Amber Williams, the Editor, by Monday, August 5th for September 2021 edition. amber@amberwilliamsart.com

## UPCOMING WATER MEDIA SHOWS

### **SPLASH OF COLORADO**

**Date:** June 2 through June 27

**Venue:**

Kinder Padon Gallery at the Center for the Arts Crested Butte  
606 6th St, Crested Butte, CO 81224

### **NEW TRENDS CHANGED TO: EXPLORATIONS IN WATERMEDIA**

**Date:** September 4 through October 30

**Call for Entry:** Announcing in June

**Venue:**

Curtis Center for the Arts  
2349 E Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village, CO 80121

# 2021 DEMOS

## DEMOS SCHEDULED FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

May 18, 2021:

Matthew Bird will demo and instruct on how to successfully varnish watercolors, eliminating the need for mats and glass. This is a class that he normally charges for, and you, as a CWS member, will get to have it for FREE! He is a Signature Member of numerous organizations, including the National Watercolor Society where he served as vice president, and his award-winning watercolor paintings have been exhibited in juried shows across the United States, as well as in Canada, China, Greece, Hong Kong, and Italy.

June 15, 2021:

Famous Tom Newsom will again demo for us. This time, instead of doing a whole Christmas scene, he will demo exactly how you use, care for and paint with gouache. It is a totally different process than watercolor. It can be a wash, more like almost oil, and everything in between. Tom is a master at using gouache and he will share all his secrets about how to use it. It's totally different from watercolors.

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR CWS MEMBERSHIP!**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JUNE 1ST, 2021. PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE CWS WEBSITE OR SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO CWS FOR \$35 TO:  
ELAINE CAMPBELL, 11624 ELK HEAD RANGE ROAD, LITTLETON, CO 80127**

**ADD US TO YOUR ADDRESS BOOK**

**PLEASE ADD OUR NEW EMAIL TO YOUR ADDRESS BOOK. WE DON'T WANT OUR EMAILS GOING TO YOUR SPAM FOLDER!**

**COLORADOWATERCOLORSOCIETY@WILDAPRICOT.ORG**

# NEW TRENDS REIMAGINED

JUNE,  
2021

We know many of you look forward to the New Trends exhibit every year as it provides you an opportunity to exhibit less traditional watermedia, whether that is acrylic on canvas, painting on glass, or other experimental uses of watermedia. We want to continue to encourage these explorations. We also know many of you are more traditional watercolor painters and we would like to encourage you to stretch your own boundaries.

To more accurately reflect this intent we are introducing a new show titled **Explorations in Watermedia**, this exhibit will replace our traditional New Trends show. You will all be encouraged to enter work that is an exploration for you. We understand that an area of exploration for one artist may be old hat for another and that is fine. We will ask that you submit a brief statement with your entry explaining what new techniques or ideas you were exploring in the work.

**EXPLORATIONS IN WATERMEDIA WILL HANG IN THE CURTIS CENTER FOR THE ARTS FROM SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH OCTOBER 30. LOOK FOR THE CALL FOR ENTRY IN JUNE.**

# 2021

## CWS STATE SHOW

**WE ARE SO PLEASED TO SEE THE 30TH COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY STATE SHOW IN 2021 COME TO LIFE THANKS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS!**

**THIS YEAR THE EXHIBIT IS EXHIBITED IN HISTORIC CENTRAL CITY AT THE GILPIN ARTS ASSOCIATION GALLERY. STEPHEN QUILLER SELECTED THE BEST OF THE BEST FOR THIS YEARS SHOW**

Stephen Quiller is an internationally known painter who works primarily in water media, monotypes, and intaglio printmaking. He is best known for his innovative approach to water media painting: watercolor, gouache, acrylic, casein and their combinations, and for his use of color.

His research and development of a color wheel for painters - called the "Quiller Wheel" - is now used by thousands of painters throughout the world. In addition, he has become a Signature member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor

Society, Rocky Mountain National Water Media, and Society for Painters in Acrylic and Casein, among others. His work has been selected for the Gold Medal of Honor in 2014 and the Silver Medal of Honor in 2018 at the American Watercolor Society International Exhibition held at the Salmagundi Club in New York City.

**WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP WITH THE SHOW THIS YEAR STEPHEN!**

**THE 30TH ANNUAL  
CWS STATE WATERCOLOR EXHIBITION  
APRIL 6 - MAY 24 2021  
117 EUREKA ST., CENTRAL CITY, CO**



**Best of Show**  
Rosemarie Lohnert  
Dawn  
27 x 20



**Second Place -  
In honor of Olive and  
Walter Green**  
Theresa Shepherd  
Sun Tea  
24 x 15



**3rd Place  
Award**  
Carla Stoltzfus  
Iguana  
21 x 28

**Francis Olsen Memorial Award**

Randy Hale  
Parmalee Gulch  
22 x 30



**Golden Artist Colors Award**

Carol Newsom  
A Beautiful Moment  
22 x 18

**Creative Catalyst Award**

Cindy Brabec-King  
Chickens  
22 x 30



**Guiry's Art Supplies Award**

Linda Renaud  
Rainy Days and Mondays  
17 x 17

**Evergreen Center  
for the Arts Award**

Dianne Widom  
Maximum Focus  
12 x 27



**Mountainside Art Guild  
Award**

Pamela Hake  
Figs in Arizona  
21 x 29



**Pikes Peak Watercolor Society Award**

Jessica Lanan  
Valley Light  
13 x 21



**M Graham & Co Award**

Eric Fisher  
Sunset Rails  
17 x 16.5



# CWS STATE SHOW SPONSORS

A very special thank you to our sponsors,  
without whom this show would not be possible.

**MOUNTAINSIDE  
ARTS GUILD**



**PIKES PEAK  
WATERCOLOR  
SOCIETY**



# CWS BALLOT

## EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BYLAWS

Dear Members,

You will be voting on two issues this year.

First, you will vote whether to accept the slate of candidates to serve on the CWS Executive Board for the coming year.

Second, you will vote whether to accept the amendments to CWS Bylaws that the Executive Board has recommended. The Board recommends that you vote through the CWS website (see below)

### **I. The vote for the Executive Board slate of candidates.**

Every year the Colorado Watercolor Society must select its Executive Board.  
This is the slate of candidates nominated by the Board:

President	Beatrice Trautman
Vice President	Carol Newsom
Secretary	Jeremy Jones
Treasurer	Bobbie Ruh
Director (for Workshops)	Sandy Day Selbert
Director (for Exhibitions)	Kathy Cranmer
Director (for Membership)	Elaine Campbell
Director (for Web Director)	Shanthi Kumar
Director (for Collage)	Amber Williams
Director (for Parliamentarian)	Jay Breese
Director (for various duties)	Suzanne Snider

**A "YES" VOTE TO THIS PROVISION  
WILL:**

**ELECT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES  
RECOMMENDED BY THE CWS  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

**A "NO" VOTE TO THIS PROVISION  
WILL:**

**NOT ELECT THE SLATE OF  
CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED BY THE  
CWS NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Election of the proposed slate requires that at least 54 votes be cast and at least 28 of the votes cast must be in favor of the slate of candidates.

## II. The Vote for the proposed Amendments to the CWS Bylaws

The Executive Board of the Colorado Watercolor Society has passed a resolution asking you to vote whether or not to approve certain amendments to the CWS Bylaws. The full text of these proposed amendments is posted on the CWS website under the section "CWS Policies, Meeting Minutes & Downloadable Forms"

A "Yes" vote on this provision will:

- 1) Change the Executive Board to allow for more flexibility to do its work by having four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and up to 10 Directors who would manage special functions such as Workshops, Exhibits, Membership, Website, etc..
- 2) Make it easier for the Board to remove an Officer or Director who is unfit or unable or to perform their duties, without having to have a special election of the entire CWS membership
- 3) In the unlikely event that CWS dissolves, the Board would be allowed to donate CWS assets to any organization that promotes painting in watermedia.
- 4) If you approve these changes you would also be agreeing that the Board may make any changes in CWS Policies to conform with the amendments.

A "No" vote on this provision would not make the (above) changes to the Bylaws.

Passage of the proposed amendments requires that at least 54 votes be cast and at least 36 of the votes cast must be in favor of the proposal.

### HOW TO VOTE:

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There are 3 different ways you may vote. You may use only one method and you may only vote once.

#### **1. Through the CWS website:** Recommended

A link to a simplified ballot on the website will be emailed to all members tomorrow 4/24/2021. Your votes must be received by 1:00 PM on May 18, 2021.

#### **2. By Email:** You may vote by sending an email to CWS parliamentarian, Jay Breese at [j.breese@com-cast.net](mailto:j.breese@com-cast.net).

On the slate of candidates issue your email must say either, "Yes, I vote for the proposed slate of candidates for the Executive Board" or "No, I vote against the proposed slate of candidates"

On the Bylaws issue, your email should either say, "Yes, I vote for the amendment to the Bylaws" or "No, I vote against the amendment to the Bylaws". Please make sure you vote on both issues and that your email includes your name. Your email must be received by 1:00 PM on Monday, May 18, 2021.

#### **3. By Telephone:** If for some reason you can't vote through the website or by email, you may call Jay Breese at 303-322-4880 between May 16-17 and he will accept your vote by phone. You may leave a message with your name and your votes on the two issues if he doesn't answer.

**ACTING PRESIDENT: BEATRICE TRAUTMAN**  
**PROGRAMS/VP: CAROL NEWSOM**  
**EXHIBITIONS DIRECTOR: KATHY CRANMER**  
**TREASURER: PRISCILLA GREENBAUM**  
**SECRETARY: JEREMY JONES (EXCUSED)**  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: LINDA PALMER**  
**PARLIAMENTARIAN: JAY BREESE**  
**WORKSHOP DIRECTOR: SANDY DAY-SELBERT**  
**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LYNN NEBERGALL**  
**WEB DIRECTOR: SHANTHI KUMAR**  
**COLLAGE DIRECTOR: AMBER WILLIAMS**

### **FEBRUARY 16, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

#### 1.0 Board Reports

1.1 President: Beatrice announced that she, Jay Breese and Jeremy Jones were working on cleaning up the bylaws to make them compatible with current ways of doing our activities. She also said we were going to close the mailbox and go to electronic mail like many other societies.

1.2 Exhibitions Director: Kathy has been talking with Sarah Anderson, Art Coordinator for the town of Cherry Hills Art Exhibit. She'd like to know if CWS would like to provide a show of about 60 paintings in their City Hall gallery. Kathy will review available dates for this additional show.

1.3 Treasurer: Priscilla says CWS has spent less than budgeted and there is "half a year" to go. Shows have made small profits and workshops broke even. She also reported that 5 student artists have been selected for \$100 scholarships.

1.5 Parliamentarian: Jay is working on a Bylaw "cleanup" with Beatrice and Jeremy. Beatrice has had experience with Bylaw revisions with NWS. Named positions will probably be changed simply to Directors so their responsibilities can be changed as needed without a vote of the membership. It would be good to change the Bylaws by May so they can be voted on as a new slate of officers is elected. Explanations will be provided for all changes.

1.6.2 Lorraine Watry will provide a 3-day "paint along" starting April 3 from 1 to 3.

1.7 Membership Director: Lynn announced that we're up to 350 members!

1.10 Member at Large: Karen re-opened the detail discussion of the Splash Show to be held in Crested Butte in conjunction with an un-related symposium. Details about how costs are shared are being worked out. Apparently up to 50 paintings can be shown.

1.10.1 This brought up the issue of board approval of show budgets since this fits the reminder of fiduciary duties. Jay agreed the board should approve show budgets even though there is no provision in the bylaws. The Board will now approve budgets.

### **MARCH 15, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

#### 3.0 Board Reports

3.1 Beatrice and Kathy led a discussion on the proposed Cherry Hills Show and the issues related to the Splash Show currently planned for Crested Butte. Kathy has signed a contract for the Splash Show in conjunction a symposium.



3.2 Kathy reviewed the current and proposed show schedule: The CWS State Show will be on display at the Gilpin Arts Association Gallery from April 6 to May 24.

The Splash of Colorado Show will be held at the Center for the Arts in Crested Butte from June 2 to June 27. Entries are due May 5.

The New Trends Show will be held at Red Rocks Community College from August 8 to October 29.

The CWS Members Show will be in November and December.

3.3 Jay led a discussion about the modifications of CWS bylaws developed by himself, Beatrice, and Jeremy.

The discussion resulted in the following resolutions:

Motion proposed by Jay Breese, seconded by Shanthi:

"I move that the Board pass a resolution to approve the Bylaw changes that have been suggested, and that these proposed amendments be submitted for approval to the general membership at the May meeting."

Motion passed unanimously

Additional motion by Jay Breese, seconded by Lynn:

"I further move that the Ballot include a provision giving the Board authority to change any existing Policies to conform with these Bylaw amendments, if approved."

Approved unanimously.

3.4 Other positions will be worked out after the bylaw changes pass.

Mary Jo will continue to search for volunteers. There is a need to have someone with oversight of technology and social media issues.

3.6 Sandy has signed Birgit O'Connor to be a future juror. Bea would like to have additional members suggest potential jurors to Sandy to attract additional workshop attendees possibly from nearby states.

3.8 Jay and Shanthi reviewed options for the upcoming votes. Shanthi can make Wild Apricot count votes on the website. It even prevents duplicate voting. Jay wants to make sure less technically oriented people can vote so he favors a pdf form of mail in ballot, a ballot in Collage and e-blast notification so nobody is missed.

3.10 Carol is taking over the VP of Programs position and has several interesting programs coming up. One will feature Matthew Bird demonstrating varnishing water media. Several methods of showing water media in galleries are becoming accepted, so this is important to know about. Then Tom Newsom will demonstrate everything about gouache. This will include where to buy your paints, how to apply them opaquely and transparently, and other advantages of the medium. Gene Youngmann and Stephen Quiller will be doing demos and there is a Swap and sale in the works.

## **APRIL 20, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

The CWS State show opened at the Gilpin County Arts Association Gallery in Central City. It is a spacious location and it looks great. Members of the public can view it until May 23rd. We may possibly do other shows there.

The Board approved prospectus language for all future shows that stressed the requirement for artists to rely on their own original work in creating their paintings. In CWS shows artists may not even rely upon uncopyrighted images or images from others, even those who have given permission to use their image. These rules are shared by nearly all art societies. The language is fully set forth on the CWS website.

The name of the former "New Trends" show will be changed to "Explorations in Water Media". It will be held at the Curtis Center for the Arts between September 4th through October 30th. Artists submitting their work will be required to explain how they have challenged themselves in their work.

Members will be receiving ballots to vote on the slate of candidates for the CWS Executive Board and on whether or not to approve the Board's recommendations to change the Bylaws. Members are encouraged to vote through the website, but they may also vote by email, or even through a phone call. There are deadlines set forth. Details are on the ballot. Please be sure to vote.

Members are reminded to renew their membership this month. We encourage doing this through the website, but checks could also be mailed in. Lynn Nebergall is retiring as Membership Chair after many years of excellent work. Elaine Campbell has agreed to take over for her.