

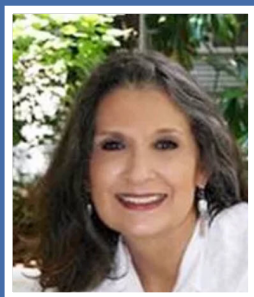
COLLAGE



COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

November 2020 - January 2021

A message from our President



THANK YOU to CWS BOARD MEMBERS and especially to Carol Newsome for taking the leadership role as in the past, for keeping CWS going through these tough times, and to our members for your support. We have been able to continue with shows developing new ways to bring CWS demos to you. We thank you for staying with us. YOUR Board is constantly looking for more ways to enrich your EXPERIENCE with CWS.

I received so many cards and flowers from so many of you. Thank you, thank you! For those of you who don't know, I was in the hospital for about a month. It started with digestive issues many tests later it was determined it was a stroke and caused by A PFO which is a hole in my heart many babies are born with. We aren't aware until something like a stroke happens, it has now been repaired so should be good to go. I am looking forward to working for you again.

- Pattie Bowler

No doubt about it. 2020 has been a challenge to put it nicely. But Colorado Watercolor Society happens to have an inspirational board and membership! Because of that, so many great things have been happening. To name a few, the Splash Show, New Trends Show and the upcoming Members Show, along with the Sterling Edwards workshop and the new and spectacular live online demonstrations! When someone had the idea of live demos, none of us had a clue how to do those, but necessity being the mother of invention, we figured it out and now we can't wait to do more. They have been so much fun and well received that I'm hoping we can continue them for a long time. Those and other events over the past few months are because our board works together, each doing their own job above and beyond what is expected. Every member is dependable, hard working and talented. When you get a group like this together, great things happen. Plus you as members have stepped up to support us by painting and participating, always with patience and kindness. CWS is a bright spot in an otherwise frustrating year. I know we will continue to do great things together!

- Carol Newsom



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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 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, Editor, by Monday, January 7 for February edition. amber@amberwilliamsart.com

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

RUTH ARMITAGE ZOOM PRESENTATION: JANUARY 19, 2021

RUTH ARMITAGE LAND LINES WORKSHOP: JANUARY 25, 2021

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE COLORADOWATERCOLORSOCIETY.ORG

UPCOMING WATER MEDIA SHOWS

CWS MEMBER SHOW

Date:

November 2, 2020 through November 22, 2020

Venu:

Rox Art Gallery

Aspen Grove

7301 S Santa Fe Dr. Littleton, CO 80120

JOIN CWS WITH RUTH ARMITAGE

**JAN 19,
2021**

Join CWS for a live Zoom presentation by Oregon artist Ruth Armitage, NWS on January 19, 2021.

Ruth will talk about her transition from realism through abstraction to non-objective expression. She has earned signature membership and top awards in NWS, WFWS, NWWS, WW, CWA, and SDWS among others. Ruth has served as a juror for local, national and international exhibitions

**WATCH AS RUTH EXPLAINS
HER JOURNEY FROM THIS:**

TO THIS:



You'll find her presentation to be lively and intimate from your front row seat via zoom! And participants will receive a free gift (via download) from Ruth.

2020 NEW

TRENDS SHOW

On September 5 the Colorado Watercolor Society 2020 New Trends show opened at the Lakewood Arts Council gallery. Many years ago, the New Trends show was created to provide an exhibit opportunity for artists using watermedia in nontraditional ways. Entries were strongly encouraged to get out of the box to showcase the best contemporary work in both subject and technique.

Juror Jennifer Ghormley selected 34 pieces for a beautiful, eclectic exhibition. Technique and medium included acrylic, wax, ink, thread, canvas, plexiglass panels, and smoke in addition to traditional watercolor.

Lynn Nebergall's painting was Best of Show with "Portrait of an Artist". First Place went to Kathy Cranmer's watercolor and acrylic gouache "Peonies in Crystal Bowl". Linda Renaud won Second Place with her wax and watercolor batik "Trumpet Call", and Third Place winner was an acrylic collage titled "Summer Flowers" by Pattie Bowler. Four Honorable Mention awards went to Johanna Morrell, Caroline Hanna, Carole Barton, and Orville Giguiento. Congratulations to these winners and to everyone in the show.

BEST OF SHOW

"Portrait of an Artist"
by: Lynn Nebergall

HONORABLE MENTIONS

JOHANNA MORRELL
CAROLINE HANNA
CAROLE BARTON
ORVILLE GIGUENTO





FIRST PLACE

"Peonies in Crystal Bowl"
by: Kathy Cranmer
watercolor and acrylic
gouache

SECOND PLACE

"Trumpet Call"
by: Linda Renaud
wax and watercolor batik

THIRD PLACE

"Summer Flowers"
by Pattie Bowler
Acrylic collage





JANUARY
25
2021

Join Ruth Armitage's workshop Land Lines

Work at your own pace on 3 days' worth of lessons, plus 2 live zoom Q&A sessions Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

Making line is our first experience of art as children. It is as old as cave art, and as contemporary as graffiti. For painters, it is often overlooked in favor of texture, value, shape, form or color.

Join Ruth for this 3-day online workshop exploring personal mark-making inspired by the landscape. You'll experiment with different mark making tools and a symbolic, abstracted approach.

Using script, repetition, direction and layering to interpret or symbolize a specific, special place will convey feelings more potently than realistic rendering. This class is suitable for both watercolor and acrylic painters.

COURSE FEATURES

3 full days of instruction

Handouts, prerecorded demonstrations, warm-ups, assignments and feedback
'Front row seat' for all

Work at your own pace in the comfort of your own home/studio

3 month access to all materials

2 90 minute Q&A Sessions via Zoom

Lessons released on Monday, Wednesday & Friday with zoom sessions on Tuesday & Thursday from 10-11:30 PST.

About Ruth

Ruth began her career as a high school English teacher. Her communication and organizational skills stem from that training. Her work has appeared in the Artist's Magazine, Watercolor Magic, Watercolor Magazine and the Palette Magazine as well as numerous local, regional and national shows. She is represented by the Portland Art Museum's Rental Sales Gallery, Freed Gallery and Earthworks Gallery in Oregon. Ruth enjoys watching light bulbs come on in her student's eyes. She has let hundreds of students through the creative process to find fulfillment in her over 20 years of teaching art. Ruth and her husband, Marc, live in rural Oregon City, just south of Portland.



CLASS DETAILS

In person classes with Ruth are valued at \$395 with additional costs for lodging and travel. This course is better:

Enjoy instant replays, written comments on your work, live Q&A's and a front row seat for every lesson. Review the lessons for 3 months from the date of enrollment. Invest in your art!

Click here to enroll now for only \$195.00 (member price)

<https://artistruth.thinkific.com/courses/land-lines-CWS?ref=3a55e7>

All content will be accessed through my learning portal on thinkific.com and via Zoom live video/voice calls. You will need access to the internet: a laptop or desktop is best, but tablets also work. You'll need to be able to log in, upload images for review, etc. If you are not sure whether you'll be able to navigate the technology, preview my free mini-workshop: Texture Explorations here: <https://artistruth.thinkific.com/courses/texture-explorations?ref=3a55e7>



Kudos to **PAUL FOSTER** who won Best of Show in the 2020 Rocky Mt. Water Media Show! We are so proud to have him as a member!



Kudos to **ORVILLE GIGUENTO** who won Third Place overall at the Steamboat Plein Air Event 2020. He has painted outdoors with CWS this summer and we are thrilled to hear of his win!



SIGNATURE STATUS

Colorado Watercolor Society has sixteen CWS artists who attained signature status in 2020. As we know this accomplishment is gained by winning in juried art shows. These deserved rewards should motivate and encourage all artists to enter juried shows. Congrats to all!

LINDA RENAUD
SARAH ANDERSON
CARA FANDEL
PATTIE BOWLER
KAREN HILL
JEREMY JONES
LINDEN KIRBY
MARIPOSA MARANGIA
SUSAN MONTAGUE
ROXANNE MORRIS
RITA SUMMERS
CINDY WELCH
ANN WILLIAMS
CHERI ISGREEN
SUSAN CRAWFORD
JANE BANZHAF



BOARD IN BRIEF

Colorado Watercolor Society
Board in Brief, August 18, 2020
Recorded by Shanthi Kumar
This meeting was held online

PATTIE BOWLER - PRESIDENT
CAROL NEWSOM - PAST PRESIDENT
SANDY DAY SELBERT - VICE PRESIDENT: WORKSHOPS
KATHY CRANMER - EXHIBITIONS OFFICIAL
LYNN NEBERGALL - MEMBERSHIP OFFICIAL
PRISCILLA GREENBAUM - TREASURER
JEREMY JONES - RECORDING SECRETARY
SHANTHI KUMAR - WEB DIRECTOR
BEATRICE TRAUTMAN - VICE PRESIDENT: PROGRAMS
LINDA PALMER - CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
MARY JO RAMSDALE - BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE
JAY BREESE - PARLIAMENTARIAN
KAREN HILL - BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE
BRIAN SERFF - CWS PRODUCTION DESIGNER
AMBER WILLIAMS - EDITOR

1. The New Trends Show 2020 will take place from Sep 5- Sep 25, 2020, at the Lakewood Art Council.

Jeremy Jones will help Diane Fechenbach with hanging the show. Kathy Cranmer will send the contract for the exhibit space to Carol Newsom.

Of all the images submitted for the juried process, Kathy observed that about 20 percent were formatted correctly

2. In the future, possibly in time for the 2021 State Show, Pattie Bowler would like CWS to consider using CAFE for show entries.

3. Members Show 2020 Carol informed the Board that the Lakewood Cultural Center would not be opening in time for the show. Kathy Cranmer has identified an alternate venue at the Aspen Grove Center that is spacious and well lit.

4. Programs (Beatrice Trautman) On the third Tuesday of each month a live artist demo (1 hour long) will be aired on Zoom to all CWS members.

The program line up is as follows

September 15, 2020	7:00 p.m. MST	Linda Doll
October 20, 2020	7:00 p.m. MST	Randy Hale
November 17, 2020	7:00 p.m. MST	Cecy Turner



5. Membership (Lynn Nebergall) CWS has 312 members. The directory was mailed out to all members who have paid their dues for the current year. The cost per directory works out to be \$3.12 (printing and mailing cost)

6. Exhibits Chairperson (Kathy Cranmer)

Kathy is working on creating a checklist for juror/venue contracts for CWS shows.

7. Workshops (Sandy Day Selbert) The Sterling Edwards Workshop was held at Bookbinders, Denver, and was very successful. The venue was spacious and allowed for social distancing. In spite of multiple cancellations, the workshop was filled to capacity and generated a profit of \$2300. Member at Large (Karen Hill)

8. A suggestion for skipping the Splash of Colorado show in 2021 was made by Patti Bowler over concerns of venue and costs. It is estimated that the 2020 show resulted in a loss of approx. \$1000. Karen pointed out the benefits of the show in providing more opportunity and recognition to artists and has asked for some time to get more information before a decision is made.

9. Treasurer (Priscilla Greenbaum) Board approval was requested to transfer the \$1,876.26 refund from the First Plymouth Congregational Church that was received in August and the interest received from CWS accounts during 2019-2020 to the CWS Savings Account, earmarked for the Western Fed 2025 Show that we are scheduled to host.

10. Collage (Amber Williams) Amber Williams was introduced and welcomed to the CWS board. She will be taking over the publication of the Collage.

Colorado Watercolor Society

September 15, 2020

Board in Brief

Attending:

1. Carol Newsom announced that our President, Pattie, remains in the hospital. All are concerned but will wait for further reports.

2. The Member Show will be at the Rox gallery at Aspen Grove and Cece Turner will be the juror. There will probably not be a reception.

3. As a precaution, Jay Breese reviewed the issue of succession when a President can't perform their duties. The rules call for the Vice President to take over. The Board can authorize someone else to take over and, in this case, since the absence is hoped to be temporary, Carol will take the familiar role for now working with Beatrice, the Vice President. For clarity, Jay Breese offered a motion: "I move that the Board authorize Carol to assume all duties of the President until Patti is able to perform her responsibilities." Motion seconded by Jeremy and approved unanimously.

4. Jay noted that the proposed juror for the 2021 State Show is Stephen Quiller. The CWS Policies currently state that the juror for the State Show cannot be a Colorado resident (although it has happened at least twice in the past). The option to ignore the problem was rejected. Jay moved to add the language below to the last sentence of the Policy Provision so it would read as follows: Jurors for the State Exhibition shall not be residents of Colorado UNLESS THE BOARD APPROVES A SPECIFIC JUROR WHO IS NATIONALLY DISTINGUISHED AND NOT A MEMBER OF CWS. Jeremy seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. For reference, here is the announcement of the change as posted on the website: Notice of Proposed Changes to CWS Policy about Juror for State Shows

The CWS Executive Board is considering making a change to our Policies to allow a Colorado resident to be a juror for our State Show. Right now, the existing Policy requires the juror not be a Colorado resident.

The existing Policy reads as follows:

Recommend to the Board prospective jurors for each exhibition.

The Board shall review the names of recommended juror/s and, in conjunction with the committee, make a decision. A Board Member may not be a juror for any CWS show. If time constraints require immediate action to secure a juror, the President and two other Board members may make the final selection decision. Jurors for the State Exhibition shall not be residents of Colorado.

The proposed amendment, in italics, would read:

Recommend to the Board prospective jurors for each exhibition. The Board shall review the names of recommended juror/s and, in conjunction with the committee, make a decision. A Board Member may not be a juror for any CWS show. If time constraints require immediate action to secure a juror, the President and two other Board members may make the final selection decision. Jurors for the State Exhibition shall not be residents of Colorado, unless the Board approves a specific juror who is nationally distinguished and is not a member of CWS. The Board believes the main reason for the existing policy is to ensure the State Show juror does not know those applying for admission to the Show. However, this Policy prevents us from obtaining some very qualified Colorado jurors, even if those jurors are not familiar with CWS members. The proposed language would allow the Executive Board to select a Colorado resident as a juror as long as the person is nationally distinguished and is not a member of CWS.

6. Carol asked Kathy to look into using Café to manage applications for our shows.

7. Kathy reported that the New Trends Show looked good thanks to wall space donated by the Mountainside Art Guild. Our new banner was hung for the first time. Jeremy volunteered to help take down the show on September 25th.

8. Beatrice stated that she expects a "World Class" demo by Linda Doll at 7 pm this evening and next month there would be a demo by Randy Hale.

9. Carol stated that it is still unclear if the church space we rent will be available by January. She also added that we have 327 members and three members qualified for Signature Status:

- a. Linda Renaud
- b. Sarah Anderson
- c. Cara Fandel

Signature status was unanimously approved

10. Mary Jo said she was preparing a notebook to help with managing next year's and later State Shows.

11. Shanthi reported that she had added the New Trends show to the website. Sandy requested that artwork size be added to information posted on the site and Jay suggested that the medium used be listed.

12. Amber asked that articles for Collage be submitted three weeks before publication. Carol later suggested that the board should consider making the Collage Editor a member of the Board. This will be resolved at the next meeting.

13. Priscilla said that we are ahead of expenses for the year. It would be helpful to have a guide for budgeting and organizing shows since the chairperson changed from time to time. Jeremy suggested that shows and their related demos and workshops needed to be handled as a package since a total fee would make it easier to negotiate. Most new chairpersons are a bit overwhelmed by the need to provide venues, housing, transportation and everything else that comes with these events and CWS provides more events per year than most art Kathy and Jeremy will work with other volunteers to prepare a guide.

Colorado Watercolor Society
October 20, 2020 Board in Brief

1. Carol Newsom, acting President, announced that our President, Pattie, is in good spirits despite injuries. No date has been set for her to resume her office.
2. Carol said that sign up for the Member's Show is going well. Some updates will be made to information on forms and about dates on the website due to COVID restrictions.
3. Cecy Turner is ok with doing an online demo for the November meeting and will decide later on judging the show in person or from images.
4. A discussion was held regarding a policy change to occasionally allow a Colorado artist to judge the State Show when necessary. The change reads: "Jurors for the state Exhibition shall not be residents of Colorado, unless the Board approves a specific juror who is nationally distinguished and is not a member of CWS." (approved)
5. Sandy said it was necessary to cancel the Randy Hale Workshop due to new restrictions limiting gathering groups to 5 people.
Ruth Armitage will do a virtual program for our January meeting on January 19th, 2021. Her virtual class, called "Land Lines", will be held January 25th-29th.
Priscilla announced that the bookkeeper had forwarded records to our accountant for tax purposes. The CWS total budget is running about \$12,000 per year. It was emphasized that income needs to exceed expenses on shows and workshops.
The possibility of having Café manage our shows was discussed but there are several unresolved issues to check on. Similar services are provided by Art Call.
6. Kathy Cranmer said the New Trends Show netted a profit.
7. Beatrice said events were caught up through January and entries can now be sent to WFWS until January 10. We also need a New Trends juror for 2021 and a State Show Juror for 2022.
8. Karen Hill said they have not set the date a time for the New Trends Show at Crested Butte. She added that West Slope members would appreciate a workshop on how to size entries.
9. Marie added that there had been 280 entries for the State Show.