

I NEED YOUR NEWS!

Let me know what is happening in your area-exhibitions, workshops, painting trips, current museum exhibitions, awards. I would love to hear from you! Send articles about members, photographs/digitals of artwork.

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Message from the President

Our last Watercolor Society Show was at the Schauer Center in Hartford. It was a beautiful show and I would like to thank everyone who participated. There was some confusion to start with, but that was due to a change in administration at the center and had nothing to do with us. I would also like to thank Barbara and Don Rambadt for all of their efforts in our behalf. It is a very interesting facility, and I hope we can show there again. Three applicants for the WWS were voted in by membership attending the Spring Show. We welcome Judith Gahn Murphy, Charles Ausavich and Evie Grasse. The first Sunday in August was the Racine Starving Artist Fair. Two exhibitors had solar sunshade tents which I thought were great! They are a half tent sold by Johnson Outdoors. They come in two sizes and are great for art fairs or for the beach. I have one now. You can find out more about them at johnsonoutdoors.com. The Racine and Vicinity Show is currently at Wustum Museum in Racine through November 15. We are represented by the work of Lisa Englander, Lyle Peters, George Ronsholdt, and Dan Simoneau. Do let us know about exhibits, art fairs, and other local happenings in your area.

Lyle



Spring Show at the Schauer
James Tobin, Jean Tobin, Evie Grasse and Bill Davis

Wisconsin Watercolor Society Board Meeting

A board meeting was held on Saturday, May 31, 2008. The meeting was called to order by president Lyle Peters and members present were Steve Horvath, Alice Struck, Joyce Eesley, Earl Kittleson and Kitty Sturrock.

At the Spring Show Evie Grasse, Charles Ausavich and Judy Gahn Murphy were voted on and approved by the membership as new members. Congratulations and Welcome!

Our Spring Show at the Schauer Center was very successful. Sixty pieces of art were hung and one was sold. Many thanks to Don and Barbara Sorenson Rambadt for all their hard work on the show.

The Transparent Watercolor Society of America (TWSA) will hang their next two shows (2009 & 2010) at the Kenosha Public Museum. They have chosen this venue because of the fine climate control there. They would like our help with intake.

Fall Show

Joye Moon reports that the Fall Show will be held at the Wausau Center for the Arts from November 21, 2008 until January 4, 2009. Drop off: November 6 and 7, 10:00 – 5:00pm. Opening date of show, November 14 with a Reception on November 21, 5:00 – 7:00pm. Show closes January 4, 2009 Pick-up: January 6 – 9, 10:00 – 5:00pm. The Center for the Arts closes at 5:00pm so you can plan accordingly. The show will be in the loft gallery. The Art Center will provide food and drink for the reception as well as advertising. Help is needed from the membership for drop-off and pick-up. Please call Joye Moon if you can help out on any of these dates.

Steve Horvath has offered to collect art from members to deliver to the Wausau Center for the Arts for the exhibition. They should bring the work to his house on Friday November 7 between 7:30 and 9:00am. Steve will not be able to accept any art work before that date. Steve will be picking up work in Plymouth as well so he will have enough room for the work of 6 to 8 members from the Milwaukee area.

Following the exhibition, Horvath will bring artwork back from Wausau on Tuesday, January 6. Please pick up your work at his house on that day between 4:00 and 5:00pm. Steve will not be able to hold your work for pick up on another day so if you are going to be out of town please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your work. Note: The only change to the pick up date that might take place would be if there was a snowstorm on the 6. An alternative decision will be made in that event. 2107 East Newberry Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53211, 414-322-7725.

Member News

James Michael will have an exhibition of watercolor and oil paintings at the Plymouth Gallery 110, Plymouth, WI. The Opening Reception is Friday, **October 3**, 5:00 – 8:00pm. Through November 10. **Barbara Becker** and Steve Weiss will be showing in the adjacent Alcove Gallery at the same time. Gallery hours: Tues – Sat 12:00 – 4:00, Sun 1:00 – 4:00pm.

James will conduct a two day watercolor workshop for intermediate painters Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 6 and 7, at the Plymouth Arts Center. 1:00 – 4:00pm. Tuition \$125, members; \$135, non-members. Class size is limited. Call 920-892-8409 to register. James will be one of the featured artists in the September, 2008 issue of WATERCOLOR magazine.

LaCrosse artist, **Ellen Roles** has been accepted as a signature member of Transparent Watercolor Society of America with her painting titled, “Whitney”. The membership includes artists from the United States and Canada who are dedicated to transparent watercolor and seek an avenue for its expression.



Ellen Roles, “Whitney”

Connie Glowacki and her husband Mike have purchased a gallery at the Top of the Hill Shops in Fish Creek, Door County. She welcomes WWS members to visit and stop by the neighboring shop of The Door County Art League. The shops are just off Highway 42 across from Gibraltar High School and around the corner from the Peninsula Art School.

Joye Moon has had two paintings accepted into National Shows. One painting is going to the Mississippi Grand national in Jackson, MS and the other is going to the Rhode Island Watercolor Society in Pawtucket, RI. Joye has already received her Mississippi Watercolor Society signature membership and will now receive her Rhode Island Watercolor Society signature membership since her work has been accepted into four exhibits with them. Joye will have a One Woman Show, October 13 – November 9, 2008 at the Gail Steinhilber Gallery, Reeve Memorial Union, UW-Oshkosh. There will be a Reception and Book Signing November 9, 1:00 – 5:00pm. Congratulations Joye on your new book, “Exploring Texture’s in Watercolor”, published by North Light Books and available in November.

Joye is looking for an artist who would like to present a 45 minute demonstration for the Bay Area Watercolor guild in Green Bay. The demo would pay \$100. The group has 70 to 80 members who show up each month! Contact Joye if you are interested, 920-235-4429.

New member, **Evie Grasse** was a prize winner in the Plein Air Painting Competition in Cedarburg in June. All of the paintings which were to be painted within the event week were hung in the Cedarburg Cultural Center and put up for auction. This year 129 artists took part in the competition.

WWS Annual Meeting

On April 12 our Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Weyenberg Library in Mequon, WI. Nominations for officers were read and the slate passed by the general membership. Lyle Peters will continue as president, Steve Horvath as Vice-President, Kitty Sturrock as Secretary, and Joyce Eesley as Treasurer. Joye Moon will continue as Exhibits Chairperson, Kappy Schwab as Newsletter Editor and Alice Struck as Publicity Chairperson. Karen Finerty was newly appointed as Membership Chairperson. Jean Theilen and Richard Smith have both resigned as Membership Chairperson and Treasurer respectfully after many years of dedicated service to the organization. Alice Struck would like someone to volunteer to help with Publicity. An informative program, “Painting Plein Air” was presented by Joye Moon, Barbara Sorenson Rambadt and Kappy Schwab. Each artist discussed the joys and difficulties of painting outdoors-locally, out of state and overseas.

We Need Volunteers

We are still in need of local on-site help from members in those areas where we have exhibits. Also, if you can assist with installation of shows or help with art transportation call Lyle Peters. Does anyone have a good idea for a program or artist demonstration? All these items take a group effort and we find that the same people are doing these jobs. It is fun taking an active role in the Society and getting to know more members.

Wisconsin Watercolor Society Website

Our Wisconsin Watercolor Society website is up and running! However, it is still a work in process as it needs to be edited. The site is currently loading material and still needs to be proofed. Steve Horvath will notify members by email when it is ready to view.

Exhibit Opportunities Shows to Enjoy

MIDWEST SEASONS EXHIBIT, Wausau, WI
The center for the Arts invites entries in the 19 annual juried exhibit scheduled for January 16 through March 1, 2009 in the gallery on ArtsBlock. Known since 1990 as Midwest Winter, the show has been recast as Midwest Seasons. Open to artists over the age of 18, original works are inspired by and interpret the seasons. \$1250 in awards. For prospectus, email cwvausau@gmail.com or send a #10 SASE to CVA, 427 North 4th Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

The Little Show: Miniature Art Exhibit A You Gotta Have Art Juried Event

January 31 – March 9, 2009
A juried show open to Wisconsin artists working in all media, both 2D & 3D. Work submitted for the jury process in not required to be miniature. Entries must be postmarked by October 10, 2008. www.ygha.com
Cedarburg Cultural Center, Cedarburg, Wisconsin

**Watercolor Wisconsin 2008
42nd Annual Juried Competition**
December 7 – April 25, 2009
RAM’s Wustum Museum of Art
Racine, Wisconsin, www.ramart.com

The Art Institute of Chicago Drawn to Italian Drawings: The Goldman Collection

October 18 – January 18, Galleries 124-127
This distinctive assembly of intimate studies from the renowned Jean and Steven Goldman collection features working drawings, preparatory sketches, and finished compositions by Italian artists from the Renaissance and Baroque periods.

Watercolor Workshops

Dillman’s Creative Arts Foundation
Louise Lundin -Painting People in Watercolor: Heads, Features and Faces
October 5 – 11, 2008 (Five Teaching Days)
13277 Dillman’s Way (Formerly 3305 Sand Lake LodgeLane), 715.588.3143, www.dillmans.com

**Peninsula School of Art
Fundamental Watercolor**
Lenox Wallace
Mon. – Wed., October 20 – 22, 9:00 – 3:00pm
Fish Creek, WI, www.peninsulaartschool.com

Eric Wiegardt
Acapulco, Mexico, January 18-24, 2009
Contact: Flying Colors Art Workshops, 858-518-0949
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Eric Wiegardt, Gorde, France

“Don’t be discouraged by a failure. It can be a positive experience. Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true.”

John Keats