



Thank you for your interest in becoming a Signature-level, Artist Member of the Delaware Watercolor Society. Enclosed are the forms and information you will need to apply for the Delaware Watercolor Society's semi-annual Selection Process for signature-level, Artist Membership. Please review the application form for further instructions.

Your submitted paintings will be judged by a panel of jurors. It is in your best interest to submit images of four (4) paintings that are equal in quality and are samples of your best work. The following are suggested criteria for you to use when doing a self assessment of your own work to determine whether your artwork meets the standard for DWS Artist member status.

- *Composition and Design* - demonstrates a clear understanding of the Principles and Elements of Design; choice of subject matter demonstrates a unique perspective, unusual choice of subject matter, or a new view of a traditional subject.
- *Use of Color* - demonstrates solid knowledge of color theory.
- *Water Media Techniques* - artwork displays evidence of in-depth knowledge of the fundamentals of the medium.
- *Originality* - shows creativity in concept and execution. The artwork cannot be derived from work or concept that belongs to another person, nor can it be a result of work from a class, workshop or other form of study.
- *Consistency in Quality and Style* - all entries are of the same caliber and quality.
- *Overall Presentation of Artwork* - framing and matting are appropriate to the artwork, well executed, add to the overall look of the artwork, and meet professional framing standards. In the case of digital submissions of original artwork, the digital images are of professional quality and represent only the image of the artwork according to the entry specifications.

Please submit by email or mail a CD with four digital images of your original watercolor paintings to be evaluated during the jury process with the Application Form on this page. Your CD will not be returned.

Please read and carefully follow **all** instructions noted in the **Application Form**.

If you have questions, please contact me by e-mail at delawarewatercolorsociety@gmail.com.

I look forward to receiving your entry.

Sincerely,

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