



HOT PRESS NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you a wonderful New Year full of peace, happiness, health and the time and energy to produce magnificent art!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Guests Charlotte Hughes, Don Blow, Dan Feth, Lesley McCaskill, Christine Heyse, Walt Yatko, Diane Shearon, Annie Stack, Robi Cavagnaro, Judy Olsen, Isabel Pizzolato and Susan Gray enjoy the festivities. The rest of the party goers were in line for the assorted foods supplied by both DWS and guests.

The annual DWS Holiday Party was an affair full of fun, food, and gift exchanges. This year's DWS party favor was a painting apron with the DWS logo. Isabel Pizzolato was the game master and all party goers had a great time guessing various art and Holiday related trivia. The gift exchange as always produced smiles as art work and art materials were unwrapped by the recipients.



Casually chatting are Ruth Ann Kaufman, Beth Collard, Joan Fabbri, Diane Weber and Pat Hoey.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Each year the DWS Board selects a member who has demonstrated a significant commitment to our organization throughout the year. This year the decision was unanimously in support of one member. Beth Collard made the announcement and presented this achievement award to Joan Fabbri, DWS, BWS in recognition of all Joan's efforts each month as the Hospitality Chairperson. Joan received a Blick \$50 gift certificate.



PROGRAM CHANGES

As 2017 begins, we are happy to announce some exciting changes in the format of our 2nd Tuesday Meetings. Margie Wuestner, Vice President is responsible for planning and implementation of activities pertaining to our 2nd Tuesday Meetings. She has been collecting statistical data for the past year which shows us that the attendance is less at the 2nd Tuesday Meetings and that those attending do not generally include members with broader experience. After reviewing this data, the Board elected to look at ways to improve our 2nd Tuesday Meetings and to make them more attractive to all members.

In reviewing the possibilities, we wanted to increase the amount of time available to focus on growth and development for all members, and increase the opportunity for members to share knowledge and to socialize. We also wanted a venue to present new ideas and trends in watermedia.

To do this, we felt that a structural change was necessary. We have decided to completely revamp the 2nd Tuesday Meetings. They will now be held on a quarterly basis and will occur February 14th, May 9th, August 8th and October 10th. Each quarterly 2nd Tuesday Meeting will start at 10:00 am and end at 2:00 pm. As always there is no cost for members to attend a quarterly 2nd Tuesday Meeting. We will have drinks available but we ask that you bring your lunch with you. These meetings will be open to non-members for a \$20.00 fee.

At our first 2nd Tuesday quarterly meeting on Feb. 14, 2017. The topic will be:

Abstract Painting:

Create Your Own World



We will explore various types of abstract art, and have artists working in the abstract arena discuss their varied approaches used in creating their abstract paintings. Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to not only learn but the time to try your hand at abstract art.

So, you need to bring your normal painting equipment, your lunch and yourself to what we believe will be an enlightening and freeing, fun filled 4-hour session.

Remember good abstract art requires all the standard painting skills and more. Simply splashing color on a piece of paper or canvas just isn't good enough!

As always, these meetings will continue to take place at the Glade Clubhouse.

DWS THANKS VALUED BOARD MEMBERS

Donald Blow and Anne Cyr, both founding members of DWS have stepped down after serving repeatedly in a variety of positions on the DWS board. Lynn Brittingham has served three terms as treasurer of the organization. Each of them has brought insight, knowledge and enthusiasm and are responsible for helping DWS grow and prosper. Their insights, talents, comradery and commitment will be truly missed.

ELECTION RESULTS

Our 2016 elections brought some position changes and left some vacant seats on the DWS Board. Effective as of the December

13, 2016, elections Joan Fabbri became the Director of Exhibitions, Pat Hoey moved to the Treasurer's position and Margie Wuestner was elected to a second term as Vice President. Two positions remain vacant, that of the Director of Communications and the Director of Outreach Programs. Anyone interested in gaining more information regarding either position and the associated responsibilities should contact Beth Collard at info@delawarewatercolorsociety.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our first juried exhibition of 2017 will be held at the Art League of Ocean City's beautiful main gallery. The drop off date is Monday, Feb. 27th. This is a Members Only exhibition. We are very lucky to have our exhibition during the gallery's most attended fund raiser: The Empty Bowl Project and The Soup Dinner which brings in the largest crowds to the Gallery each year giving us a greater opportunity for sales. Start painting and plan to submit up to two entries for this special event. Vertical paintings are preferred so that we can accommodate as many paintings as possible. The exhibition prospectus will be emailed/mailed to all members soon.

WORKSHOP UPDATE

Plans are being finalized for three workshops during 2017. J.M. Littleton will

present 2-day Program: Drawing Techniques, Composition and Color Theory on April 8th and 9th.

In June, Mick McAndrews will concentrate on seascapes and boats. And, Tom Lynch nationally recognized workshop leader has been scheduled for a four-day workshop in October.

Your suggestions for future workshop topics and instructors are always welcomed.

IN MEMORY

Long time DWS member Betty DeBoer died recently. Betty was a talented watercolor artist and instructor who generously shared her knowledge and skill with others.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach is sponsoring another DWS presentation on February 6th. Twenty participants will have the opportunity to try watercolor painting during a free, two hour instruction session. DWS has been providing these free programs for the past three years in an effort to generate public interest in watercolor.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mark Kaufman and Sharon Hammesfahr

COMMUNICATION OPPORTUNITIES

If you have information to share with your fellow members please send in your news including specific details regarding your accomplishments and photos when appropriate.

If you have a question you would like to pose to your fellow members it can be included in upcoming newsletters. Please submit your email so that the responses can be sent directly to you.

DWS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

For all of you who have already sent in your annual dues and updated your personal data—Thank You. If you have not submitted your annual dues yet, now is the time. Our membership year ends on December 31, each year. Please take a moment to make any changes needed to the application form you received in the mail so that we have accurate contact information on file for you. Submit it along with your check made out to DWS.

Signature members, please remember that letting your membership lapse means that your Signature status will be terminated and can only be established again by going through the Signature Jury process once more. If you have any questions regarding the renewal process, contact Pat Hoey at treasurer@delawarewatercolorsociety.com

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SIGNATURE MEMBERS ACKNOWLEDGED

In recognition of the accomplishment of all those who have achieved DWS Signature status, the board has designed a special canvas tote to be awarded to all existing Signature members and each new signature member as they join the ranks of artist members.



Receiving their Signature Totebags are Joan Fabbri, Chris Heyse, Annie Strack, Isabel Pizzalato, Lesley McCaskill, Don Blow and Beth Collard

A WISH FOR YOU

“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You’re doing things you’ve never done before, and more importantly, you’re Doing Something.

Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody’s ever made before. Don’t freeze, don’t stop, don’t worry that it isn’t good enough, or it isn’t perfect... Whatever it is you’re scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever.”

Neil Gaiman, author