



HOT PRESS NEWS

March/April 2017

P.O. Box 984

Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

www.delawarewatercolorsociety.org

multiple reviews of the artwork submitted and an ongoing evaluation of each individual artwork as well as comparisons of artworks against each other.

We all submit our paintings with the hope that they will be selected for the exhibition. If that should not happen, it is important to keep in mind that as an artist, after your initial disappointment, you should be assessing your own work to determine how you might improve/change the painting to make it stronger.

Whether your work is accepted or not, it is really essential for you to see the paintings that were selected so that you have some criteria against which you can evaluate your own artwork.

Anne developed a strong exhibition that would be well received in any professional environment and we thank her for her hard work producing such a fine exhibition. She has graciously offered to discuss her thoughts regarding declined paintings with the individual artists if they would be interested in receiving feedback. Anne can be reached at 302-226-7781.



L to R: Joan Fabbri, Beth Collard, Anne Hanna, Christine Heyse, Charlotte Hughes, Paige Ruby and Gail Zinar

DWS Juried Exhibition a Major Success

Thank you to each member who gave of your time, energy and talent to create another wonderful and well received Juried Exhibition on display at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

The exhibition team made up of Exhibitions Director Joan Fabbri, Ruth Ann Kaufman, Nancy Mysak and Kris Helstrom accomplished a variety of functions as part of the receiving process. Once all 40+ entries were checked in, Anne Cyr, DWS, BWS, acting as our Juror and Judge, took on the responsibility of reviewing all the submitted paintings and selected those that would hang in the exhibition.

Each juror receives the same directive: select the paintings that are representative of the best that DWS artists have to offer. The juror is asked to evaluate the submitted artwork based on:

- the elements and principles of design,
- a demonstrated knowledge of technical skill in the application of the aqueous media,
- a solid knowledge and implementation of color theory,
- demonstrated creativity and originality in the development of the concept, and
- strong evidence of solid compositional skills,

Searching for all the above attributes makes the juror/judge's job a daunting one that requires

And the Winners Are:

The Award winners were announced at the Opening Reception on Friday, March 3, 2017. Nancy Orme Mysak, DWS, BWS was the recipient of the First Place Award for her entry: "Etta's Eggs". She received a \$300 cash award. The Second Place Award and \$200 was given to Paige Ruby, DWS for her entry: "Untitled Abstract". The Third Place Award and \$100 Cash Award was given to Gail Zinar, DWS, BWS for her painting titled: "US Campaign-Struggle for Democracy".

The following Artists received Merit Awards:

Christine Heyse, NWS "Ravello"
Anne Hanna, DWS, BWS "Roses"
Charlotte Hughes "Mr. Cardinal Delivers"
C. Mercedes Walls, DWS "Pocomo Art Festival"



Christine Heyse

Charlotte Hughes

MARCH and APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Anna Bellenger
Dot Braun
Anne Buck
Beth Collard
Patty Derrick
Joan Fabbri
Anne Hanna
Marjorie Hegner
Melissa McLean
Patti Morse
Nancy Mysak
Jean Owen
Barbara Rogers
Cathy Walls

Please help rebuild our supply of original Birthday cards by bringing your art cards to the next Forum meeting on May 9th.

APRIL WORKSHOP CANCELLED

Isabel Pizzolato, Director of Workshops has done much work and spent many hours negotiating, planning, arranging time tables, securing a location and hotel accommodations. All of these are issues which must be addressed as part of the multifaceted planning concerns related to our workshop offerings. It is one of the reasons that we continually seek your input into the workshop topics we pursue.

Although there has been enough advance notice of the J.M. Littleton Workshop scheduled for April 8th and 9th, we have not had a sufficient number of registrations to support the workshop. Unfortunately, only two registrations were received.

DWS costs are significant when hotel accommodations, travel expenses, per diem costs, instructor's fees and facilities fees are all added together. In order to avoid a significant financial loss this workshop has been cancelled.

The DWS Juried Exhibition at Nassau Valley Vineyards is rapidly approaching. Artwork will be received, juried and judged on May 1st. Please plan to enter this annual exhibition.



UPCOMING EVENTS

We have two more workshops scheduled in 2017. **Mick McAndrews: *Atmospheric Land and Seascapes*** June 8, 9,10, and 11th. Registration is now open. Members registering by April 15th receive an Earlybird discount: \$400. After April 15th the member registration fee is \$440. Non-member fee is \$475. Additional information and forms can be found on the DWS website: www.delawarewatercolorsociety.org under Workshops.

All artists will benefit from Mick's teachings, capturing shapes and light in the landscape. His painting style is spontaneous, "loose and juicy". He believes painting is great fun and when you are having fun it can be seen by the viewer in the finished work.

Tom Lynch, well known artist and workshop instructor, will be conducting a workshop with us in the Fall. Spaces for this event are already starting to fill. Contact Isabel at 302-684-1457 for additional info.

MAY 2ND TUESDAY FORUM: PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

We are excited to present our next four-hour Forum on May 9th which will be devoted to *Acrylic Painting Basics*. Since DWS membership and Signature membership are now open to artists working not only in watercolor but all aqueous media we wanted to present the basics of acrylic painting. We will look at the types of acrylic paints available, how acrylic differs from watercolor, the materials and equipment used, the use of canvas and watercolor paper, differences in color mixing techniques, and the pros and cons of watercolor and acrylic, and more. You will have time to paint on both surfaces and we will talk about the different methods of framing used with acrylic paintings. We will have 10x14" stretched canvas over board available for purchase at \$2.25 each. If you have painted with acrylics before, bring your supplies and your thoughts regarding acrylics to share with the rest of us.

Remember to bring your lunch/snacks. Soda and water will be on hand. We start promptly at 10:00

am. Arrive early so that you can set up and be ready to start on time. Acrylic paint is not easily removable, wear suitable clothing and be very careful of the Clubhouse floor and table surfaces.

DWS INAUGURAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Board is very proud to announce that DWS will sponsor an annual scholarship in the amount of \$500. This scholarship will be awarded each June to a Cape Henlopen High School graduating student pursuing a college education in one of the fine arts fields. We are working with the College Guidance Counselor and the teachers in the Arts Department to develop specific selection criteria. Students applying for this scholarship will be required to submit a brief essay regarding their art experience and their future plans. Initially the Art Dept. staff will select the recipient after sharing the submitted documents with the board.

It is our hope that the scholarship fund will grow over time.

LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD

Please take a moment to address an urgent need for artists to speak up loudly against proposed cuts in NEA and NEH budgets. These proposed cuts not only have a negative effect on current artists but also future artists whose after-school programs and other sponsored arts programs are in dire jeopardy of being eliminated. Please visit this site and take a moment to share your opinion with your elected representatives and senators. Nina Ozlu Tunceli, Arts Action Fund artsactionfund@artsusa.org

DWS BOARD Members:

Elizabeth Collard, President

president@delawarewatercolorsociety.org

Margie Wuestner, Vice President

vpres@delawarewatercolorsociety.org

Pat Hoey, Treasurer

treasurer@delawarewatercolorsociety.org

Kristine Helstrom, Secretary

secretary@delawarewatercolorsociety.org

Joan Fabbri, Director of Exhibitions

exhibitions@delawarewatercolorsociety.org

Isabel Pizzolato, Workshops Director

workshops@delawarewatercolorsociety.org