

Delaware Watercolor Society

HOT PRESS
MAY 2017
P.O. Box 984
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

INTRO TO ACRYLIC PAINTING FORUM WAS A GREAT SUCCESS



Twenty-seven watercolorists had a great time trying their hand at painting with acrylics at our Quarterly Forum on May 9th. Isabel Pizzolato began by sharing a wealth of basic information regarding acrylic paints, support materials, brushes and descriptions of mediums often used when painting with acrylics. She described some of the pros and con of painting with acrylics and the difference between the two mediums



Cheryl Wisbrock did a wonderful demonstration painting. She described her painting process as she created the various stages of the painting. Her commentary was very helpful and instructive and gave everyone the confidence to give it a try during the hands-on painting session that followed.

In addition to the significant learning experience offered, these forums have an added benefit of bringing members together to share ideas, news and just have fun as a group. As an added benefit, each participant received an Introduction to Acrylic Painting notebook loaded with reference materials. The notebooks were developed by Beth Collard, Isabel Pizzolato and Margie Wuestner.



**Marc Collard and Joe Kosiarski take on the
hospitality duties for the Forum**



Returning member Debra Iammatteo enjoys the painting session

NEXT DWS FORUM AUGUST 8, 2017

Looking ahead, the next DWS Forum will focus on helping you prepare your paintings for entry into juried exhibitions. Here are just some of the topics to be discussed:

- learn how to critique your own art
- thoughts on compositional structure
- elements and principles of design
- framing do's and don'ts
- what you should know about the jurying process
- the importance of seeing the exhibition
- learning how separating yourself from the painting so that you can really judge your artwork.

To get the most out of this experience please bring two or three paintings to the Forum for review.

The next DWS Juried Exhibition will be at the Biggs Museum of American Art in Dover from Nov. 3 to January 22, 2018. Take advantage of this forum so that you can be better prepared for this important exhibition.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this valuable session on August 8, 2017 from 10 am to 2:00 pm at the Glade Clubhouse.

DWS JURIED EXHIBITION NOW SHOWING AT NVV



Anne Hanna's
Winning entry: Nevada Falls

Our current Juried Exhibition at the Gallery at Nassau Valley Vineyards will be on view until May 30. Please visit the Gallery to see all of the wonderful paintings by your fellow artists.

This show's award winners are:

- First Place:** Anne Hanna "Nevada Falls"
Second Place: Elizabeth Collard "Ascending"
Third Place: Anne Cyr "Poppies"

Merit Award Winners:

- Christine Heyes: "Mayport Shrimp"
 Joan Fabbri: "Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse"
 Sara Gallagher: "The Many Faces of America"
 Nancy Mysak: "Bald Cypress at Trap Pond"



Nancy Mysak, Ruth Ann Kaufman & Joan Fabbri work receiving entries for the NVV show.

For those with paintings in the exhibition the pick-up date is May 31 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Special thanks to the DWS members who helped receive paintings, hang the show and manage the Reception set up and clean up. They are: Joan Fabbri and Fred Fabbri, Ruth Ann Kaufman, Kris Helstrom, Diane Weber, Beth and Marc Collard. Anyone interested in joining the Exhibitions Team please contact Joan Fabbri.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Doris Davis-Glackin

John Hassler

Pat Hoey

Paige Ruby

MEMBER NEWS:

Claire Ingley is the proud recipient of the First Place Award in the Black/White Photography category at the 2017 Lewes Tulips in Bloom Photography contest. Congratulations Claire!

MICK MCANDREWS WORKSHOP JUNE 8, 9, 10 and 11TH

Registration for this workshop has been heavy and only 5 vacant spaces remain. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to see Mick McAndrews and learn how he creates his beautiful soft paintings. If you need a registration form or have questions, please contact Isabel Pizzolato, Workshop Director via email at: workshops@delawarewatercolorsociety.org

Please note that you can download the registration form for the Tom Lynch Workshop in October from the DWS website.

DWS LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAMS CONTINUE

As in past, the most recent free, two-hour introductory watercolor painting session brought in a capacity crowd. South Coastal Library in Bethany was the sponsor and Isabel Pizzolato was the instructor for this session. She demonstrated watercolor painting techniques. Pam North and Isabel helped participants paint a composition of pears. As always, the group of 20 participants thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Hopefully some of them will continue painting and may join DWS at some future date.

SPECIAL DWS MEMBER MEETING

On June 13th a special meeting will be held at the Glade Clubhouse from 10 am to 12 noon. This meeting is for the sole purpose of demystifying the digital entry process for submission of artwork to future DWS exhibitions. Digital entries have been around for some time. Digital entries will allow DWS to seek qualified juror/judges without having to pay for travel expenses and accommodations.

During this learning session, we will review the digital entry process step by step and will also cover the best ways to photograph your artwork.

If you don't have a computer you still can submit digital entries using a friend's computer or the local library. Please attend this important session so that you will be able to submit your entries to future exhibitions.

DWS Sponsors Best Watercolor Award at Upcoming RAL Members Show

The DWS Board is proud to announce that our society is again sponsoring a special award in the upcoming Rehoboth Art League 78th Annual Members Fine Art Exhibition.

Judge Cara Ober will select the watercolor painting she believes to be the best in the show. The award recipient will receive a cash award in the amount of \$300. The RAL Members Show will be on display this year from July 28-September 3, 2017.

If you are a RAL member please enter a watercolor painting in this competition. It would be wonderful if a DWS member won our sponsored DWS award.

PAINT THE OUTDOORS AT NASSAU VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

Nassau Valley will be opening its Sunday Farmers' Market in late May. Peggy Raley, owner of NVV has extended an invitation to DWS members to paint en plein air during the Sunday markets. If you are interested please contact Peggy at (302) 645-9463. There is no cost involved but advance notice must be given so that space can be allocated to you.

HELP MAKE THE NEWSLETTER BETTER

Send comments, suggestions and news items to Beth Collard at the email address listed above in the right column.

DWS BOARD Members:

Elizabeth Collard, President

president@delawarewatercolorsociety.org

Margie Wuestner, Vice President

vpres@deawarewatercolorsociety.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