



# HOT PRESS NEWS

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## SOMETHING NEW

We have just placed our inaugural online ad promoting our Juried Exhibition at the Biggs Museum on [www.Artshow.com](http://www.Artshow.com). This is one of the newer methods for reaching a broader audience of artists interested in showing their artwork.

We need a minimum of seventy works to fill the gallery space available to us at the Biggs Museum.

Our Juror and Awards Judge Mick McAndrews will select the paintings and will award \$600 in cash prizes and 4 merit awards to the winners.

You can find the show prospectus on the DWS website and on [www.Artshow.com](http://www.Artshow.com). If you have any questions, Joan Fabbri, Director of Exhibitions will be happy to assist you. Your entries must be hand delivered to the Biggs Museum on Oct. 30, 2017 between 10am and 12 noon. If you are unable to deliver your work please ask a friend to help you out or contact one of

the board members. We don't want anyone to miss the chance to have their work hung in this prestigious venue.

Please spread the word to your fellow artists.

## YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED

We want to thank those who have offered their time and assistance to the board. DWS still has a great need for volunteers to assist the Board by working on the many projects we take on during the course of the year. Please volunteer to lend a helping hand. By doing so, you will help keep these programs from becoming extinct.

**August**  **September**

**Dan Feth**  
**Kristine Helstrom**  
**Cheryl Wisbrock**

**Don Blow**  
**Glenda Case**  
**Louise Gatanas**  
**Cheryl McMahon**  
**Pamela North**  
**Isabel Pizzolato**  
**Annie Strack**  
**Evelyn Vanderloo**

## **BIG WIN FOR DWS AT RAL 79<sup>TH</sup> MEMBERS EXHIBITION**



**Nancy Mysak receiving her \$300 Best Watercolor Award sponsored by DWS and presented by Beth Collard**

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Rehoboth Art League Opening Reception Jay Pastore, RAL Art Director announced that Beth Collard, DWS President would present the DWS sponsored Best Watercolor Award. The recipient of this \$300 award was DWS Signature Member, Nancy Mysak for her entry “Old Man and the Sea”. In addition, Lesley McCaskill, DWS, received the Col. W.S. Corkran Award for Best Painting Representative of the Eastern Shore. Chris McEvelly, DWS received the Faucett-Okie Award, Emerging Delaware Artist for her entry “Flying High.” The Thomas McFarland Skelly Award, Painting of Exceptional Merit was awarded to Louise Gatanas for her entry: “Sun Catchers.” Anne Hanna, DWS’s entry “Six Fishes” received the Mary Derricksin McCurty Memorial Award.

Five out of the ten available awards went to DWS artists. Congratulations to all for your exceptional artwork!

DWS was well represented at this major event not only by award winners but also DWS/RAL members Elizabeth Collard, DWS, Anne Cyr, DWS, Joan Fabbri, DWS,

Ruth Ann Kaufman, Paige Ruby, DWS, and Dale Sheldon, DWS.

And, Anne Cyr sold her painting on the closing day of the exhibition!

## **NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

Each year, we elect DWS members to four of the eight Board of Director positions. This helps to maintain stability within our organization so that we always have experienced members on the Board to help assist and orient the new incoming board members. Elections for vacant Board positions will be coming soon. We ask that each of you strongly consider what you can do to help DWS move forward.

The Board usually meets once a month to review our programs, financial status, determine opportunities for future exhibitions, and workshops, and develop outreach programs such as our library programs in Lewes and Bethany Beach, etc. Individually these are not difficult tasks when we have a full complement of Board members. That’s where you come in. We need you to help structure DWS’s future by being willing to help DWS in the present. Join the Board and fill our Board vacancies so we can move forward in a positive direction. For further information please approach any Board member.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

Annie Strack, DWS, recently taught watercolor workshops in NJ, MD and Spain. She served as a judge at three recent art exhibitions in PA, and NJ. Her painting “A Tug at my Heart” was juried into the 8th Annual Masters of Watercolor - National

Signature Members show at the Fallbrook Art Center in California. She has done multiple demonstrations for art stores and organizations.

Her painting "Jon L. Seagull" won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Jerry's Artarama Summer Watercolor Contest. And, she recently achieved Signature Membership in the Central New York Watercolor Society.

## **A New DWS Board Initiative**

We have received positive comments regarding our switch to quarterly rather than monthly meetings from those attending. Feedback has been positive regarding the topics and format presented. Where the forums have not been as successful as hoped is in generating more member attendance. Our thought was that our chosen topics not be of interest to everyone.

In discussing these results at the August Board meeting, it was decided that we might have better attendance if we had open painting sessions instead of planned programs. This would allow you to have the opportunity to interact with each other more freely while doing what we all really love to do - paint. In this relaxed atmosphere, you will be able chat with fellow members, seek advice or provide assistance. This type of setting, will help us to get to know one another better and to share knowledge and techniques with each other. Each of you will have the opportunity to build or strengthen friendships and gain new knowledge or learn other alternate painting approaches!

So, to that end, we invite you to come to the November 14<sup>th</sup> DWS Meeting with your art

supplies in hand. Bring a work in progress or start a new one. Please do not bring watercolor inks, alcohol inks, dyes or materials that could leave permanent stains. We will meet from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Snacks and drinks will be on hand, bring your lunch if you like. Bring you questions, share your special tricks or just paint! This meeting is open to members and non-members.

### **\*\*\*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*\*\***

#### **DWS JURIED EXHIBITION at BIGGS MUSEUM**

**RECEIVING DATE: OCT. 30<sup>TH</sup>**

You have plenty of time to create a masterpiece don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

#### **TOM LYNCH WORKSHOP**

**Fill up the few remaining unclaimed spaces! OCTOBER 10-13, 2017**

Registration is now open to members and non-members. Don't miss out on this wonderful workshop, register today.

#### **DWS BOARD MEMBERS:**

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