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President's Letter



Dear FWS Members,
 As I was having my cup of tea this morning, I was thinking how amazing it is that there are over 1000 members of FWS who are part of a community, sharing the same passion. This quote

by actor Andy Serkis, sums up why I chose the theme of "Community" for this year's Convention, "I believe that when people experience an event as a community, it can transcend and change people's lives." Whatever your intention is for joining FWS, whether it be to make lifelong friends, get better at your craft, embark on a journey to learn and grow as an artist, or to achieve Signature status, we are all part of something that is truly special. The FWS Board shares the passion of creating an event each year so that we can all come together in the spirit of sharing our common love of painting in watermedia. We learn from each other and bond with each other at every Convention, which is the one time of year we can always see old friends and make new. I feel it is life changing. It takes a lot of work and dedicated hours to make the Annual Exhibition, Convention & Trade Show, all come together every year, but I feel I can speak for the Board, it is our love of the FWS Community that makes every moment worth it!

We have a great Convention planned for you this year in Orlando! We are thrilled and honored to have Carol Carter, one of the preeminent artists working in the United States today as our Judge/Juror and 4-Day workshop instructor. During her long art career, water media as been her medium of choice. I admire Carol and what she has achieved in her career, owning her own brick and mortar gallery and studio, her passion and drive for working in water media, when many may

think of it as an inferior medium. (We all know better!) She paved her own way, and has made a living doing what she loves to do! As I write this there is only one spot left in her workshop. By the time this goes to press it may be gone, but you may still add your name to the waiting list!

I'm also thrilled and honored to have Carrie Waller join us all the way from Japan! If you are not familiar with Carrie's work you should be. Her sense of design and her unique take on subject matter sets her work and still lifes apart. She is a Signature member of AWS, has won top awards in international shows, has been published in the top watercolor magazines and has been published in almost every Splash book since she started submitting with *Splash 14*, there are now 21. On top of all that, she is so kind and caring, you will not want to miss the opportunity to learn and spend time with her in her 4-Day workshop. Sign up now!

Another special shout out to Steve Rogers and Vladislav Yeliseyev! We are so fortunate to have these master artists in our FWS community who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise so that we can learn and grow. In Steve's 1-Day workshop he will be teaching his new passion of working more intuitively and abstractly. In Vlad's 1-Day workshop, he will be doing what he does best, painting Plein Air at our Annual Exhibition venue, Leu Gardens.

I have the most sincerest thanks for the FWS Board, who work behind the scenes all year to make the Annual Exhibition, Convention and Trade Show happen for those all over the state of Florida, who are interested in exploring working in water media. We don't have the convention in Orlando often. (Continued on page 2)

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No matter where you are from, take advantage of this central location and join us this year for camaraderie, educational opportunities for painting and marketing, the positive and inspiring energy, and the warm and welcoming feelings from all those that attend. I'm really looking forward to this year's Convention and I feel blessed and honored to be a part of the FWS community!

Most Sincerely,
Kim Minichiello, 2019 FWS President

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019 EXHIBITION, CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW!

- January 1st..... FWS dues are due
- March 1st..... Workshop registration opens for Members only, dues must be paid
- April 1st..... Workshop registration opens for Non-Members
- April 8th..... Prospectus emailed to members
- March 31st..... Deadline for Members renewing dues by check, or new Members joining FWS by Check, postmarked, to be eligible to enter Annual Exhibition
- June 1st..... Deadline for new members to join FWS by credit card on line to be eligible to enter Annual Exhibition
- June 8th..... Entry deadline for Annual Exhibition
- July 8th..... Jury notification
- Aug.19-22nd..... Shipped paintings received at Leu Gardens
- Aug.26th..... Hand delivered paintings to Leu Gardens, 11:00 am-1:00pm
- Sept.10th..... Annual Exhibition opens to the public
- Sept.15th..... Meet & Greet for Workshop participants
- Sept.16-19th..... 4-Day Workshops
- Sept.19th..... 1-Day Workshops
- Sept.19-22nd..... Convention & Trade Show

Please visit the FWS Web Site often for all the current information and to register for the Convention and Workshops. You will be notified by an email blast when Convention Registration opens.

****Dates are subject to change. Please watch website and email blasts.***

DID YOU KNOW? LET ME INTRODUCE YOU!

The FWS Board works three years in advance to plan every convention! A venue for the Annual Exhibition is found first in each location and then we search for the hotel. The Board seeks a new 3rd VP in the area we would like to have the Convention, circulating amongst different geographical locations in the State. Each 3rd VP starts this process when they are inviting all the demonstration artists for each year's Convention. A big thank you to our 3rd VP this year, Beverly Yankwitt! The schedule of all the wonderful demonstrations artists she has lined up will be out soon.

Our 2nd VP this year, Diane Lary, spends hours acquiring more than \$20,000 in cash and in-kind donations from FWS members, merchants and individuals for our Award Program. She also is organizing the Silent Auction and Raffle, in addition to planning the Convention her year as President, 2021. It is a HUGE job! Thank you Diane! If you have items to donate to our Silent Auction and Raffle, or would like to donate toward an award in your name or as a memorial contact Diane, outpostartist@gmail.com.

Our first VP of Membership, Terry Denson is keeping track of all of our members and welcoming new members that join every year. She is also thinking ahead to her year as President and making plans for next year's convention in St. Petersburg! She will also be organizing the ever popular Paint-A-Round which takes place Saturday morning at Convention. Thank you Terry!

Every President on the Board has done the jobs of 1st VP, 2nd VP and 3rd VP, to prepare for the Convention the year they are President in their hometown.

Every board needs a Secretary and Treasurer. We have two outstanding ladies who are fulfilling these roles. Nina Tarnuzzer is keeping track of all our financial obligations and as a non profit 501-3c making sure we have all our ducks in a row and operating as we should! Jackii Molsick

our Secretary, not only records our minutes at our 2 board meetings, she keeps track of all the workshop related duties, making sure if you have signed up for a workshop you have all the information you need. She also is in charge of Registration for Convention and organizing the attendance for our Gala Awards Dinner. A big thank you to both of these hard working ladies!

A big part of our Convention is our Trade Show! Loved by all! This wouldn't happen without our Trade Show Director, Sharon Davie, and her Co-Chair and former FWS President, Kim Shields. They are experts at making one of these main events at our Convention come together. A lot of behind the scenes planning goes into making this popular part of our Convention happen. A big thank you to Sharon and Kim! Please thank our vendors and shop until you drop this year!

A special shout out to Ruby Schwarzschild, our Convention Facilitator, she is the reason anything to do with Convention, room set ups, workshops, audio visual needs, lighting, mirrors for demos you name it, runs so smoothly! Our 3rd VP always shadows Ruby every year to learn the nuances of how we put the Convention together. This year we have a special volunteer, Tuni Weiss, that will assist Ruby this year too. Thank you ladies!

Another major event every year is our Annual Exhibition! It's hard to believe we are on our 48th! Our Digital Director, Robin Lee Makowski, organizes everything to do with entering our exhibition: the prospectus, organizing all the entries on CaFE, fielding your entry questions, getting the juror/judge all your entries for jurying process. Making sure all the entries comply with the exhibition rules and guidelines. She is there at Take-In overseeing the works that come to the Exhibition venue as well as handles all the digital and AV needs at the Convention every year! Our show wouldn't go on without her! Thank you! Also thank you to Libit Jones, FWS President 2015, who will be at Take-In to make sure your

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digital image is as close to your actual painting as possible, as she will be helping me with the show catalog.

Another important job is making sure we communicate all FWS business to you! Our Communications Director and former Past President, Rita Szopinski, puts together this Newsletter and all the correspondence you receive all year! She also helps to organize the information on the FWS web site. A huge thank you to Rita and Robin for helping me to re-organize our web site this year. Our intention was to make it easier to find the information you need.

Some of the really nitty gritty tasks are handled by our long time board member, Director of Operations and 2012 President, Kathy Durdin. She brings an invaluable knowledge of our past history to make FWS run smoother and better every year. She oversees all our financials with our Treasurer and signs all our contracts needed for venues and hotels each year. Working past, upcoming and future conventions at the same time, she brings continuity and expertise to the Board we are very thankful for. Thank you Kathy!

Every President who has served on the board stays another 4 years and helps in anyway they can with Convention, but also keeps track of our Archives, By-Laws and Standing Rules, the FWS Traveling Show, FWS Booth, and operational logistics. They have done all the jobs of 3rd, 2nd, and 1st VP's and really have a handle on the workings of FWS. Thank you to our current Past President Board Members, Jerome Chesley, Rita Szopinski, Libit Jones and Kim Shields!

A fairly new board position is our Social Media Director or Chair. In the age of Social Media we constantly make the artistic community aware of FWS and all that we have to offer the whole year. I would like to thank our former Social Media Director, Jorge Leon for all his hard work the past few years making our presence known on Facebook! We are currently looking for a person to fulfill this role for us. If you are interested please contact me. KimMinichielloArt@me.com

As President, I will be driving the bus figuratively not literally, and attending to all the details to host the Convention this year in my hometown!

The FWS Board is a well-oiled machine, we have a great time and love promoting water media throughout the state and organizing the Annual Exhibition, Convention and Trade Show! If you would like to be of service to the FWS Community and have a desire to join the FWS Board in the future please let us know!

Lastly a special thanks to you, our FWS Members! Without you all these wonderful events and festivities wouldn't take place. It is with your gracious donations of funds and time we are able to fund many of our awards, provide a scholarship to a deserving art student, purchase a painting to be donated to a local medical facility every year, and put on the Annual Exhibition, Convention and Trade Show. This is an event unlike no other anywhere in the United States for us all to come together as a community and inspire each other! See you all soon!

Kim Minichiello, 2019 FWS President

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR-2019 CONVENTION!

Double Tree Hilton SeaWorld, September, 19th-22nd

4-Day Workshops: September, 16th-19th

Meet & Greet for Workshop Attendees, Sunday, September 15th

1-Day Workshops: Thursday, September 19th



2020 FWS BALLOT PREVIEW

Below are the nominees for the 2020 FWS Board. The Survey will go out in an email blast June 9th, 2019. Please take the time to vote. Your input is very important!

President - Terry Denson of St. Petersburg, FL

1st Vice-President - Diane Lary of Homestead, FL

2nd Vice-President - Beverly Yankwitt of Port Charlotte, FL

Treasurer - Nina Tarnuzzer of Gainesville, FL

Secretary - Jacqueline Molsick of Yahala, FL

Director of Operations - Kathy Durdin of Tampa, FL

Director of Communications - Rita C. Szopinski of Key Largo, FL

PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The following proposed amendments have been voted on by the Board at the January Board meeting. All bylaw changes must be published in the newsletter and voted upon by the membership to be ratified. This will be included the 2020 FWS ballot.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATIONAL AND BY-LAWS, Section C Duties:

3. First Vice President (Membership and Nominating Chairman)

- a. Shall perform all duties of the President when the President is not available
- b. Shall serve as Membership Chair and be available to inform and assist new members as they enter the society
- c. Shall send out the annual membership dues statements
- d. Shall ensure that the membership Directory and by-laws are kept current on the website
- e. Shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee; he or she will be assisted in this role by a Past President
- f. Prepares, records and receives ballots
- g. Ballots to be verified by the President
- h. Shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President

4. Second Vice President (Awards ~~and Nominating~~ Chairperson)

- a. Shall perform all duties of the presiding officer in the absence of both the President and the First Vice President.
- b. Shall serve as Chair of ~~both the Nominating Committee and~~ the Awards Committee
- c. ~~Prepares, records and receives ballots~~
- d. ~~Ballots to be verified by President~~
- e. Shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President



CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The convention is only a few months away and now is the time to register for all the fun!

[CLICK HERE](#) and register and pre- pay for:

Convention Registration Fee

Exhibition Review by Carol Carter Juror/Judge

Digital Critique by Carrie Waller (you will be emailed directions on when to send your images)

One-On-One Critiques with Carol Carter or Lynn Ferris (You will be emailed directions on how to participate and your time slot for the critique.)

Bus transportation to the Exhibition Opening Reception on Friday 9/20

Your ticket for the Gala Awards Dinner (You don't have to be in the show or an award winner to attend.

We have some very special entertainment lined up this year! You won't want to miss it!)

**To reserve your room at the Double Tree Hilton at SeaWorld,
10100 International Dr., Orlando
Please call 1-407-352-1100**

ONE ON ONE CRITIQUES

A wonderful service we provide members at every Convention is the opportunity to participate in a One-On-One Critique with a professional artist. You get uninterrupted one on one time to ask any question and have them review 10 of your paintings. The cost is \$50 and it is first come first serve. Don't miss the opportunity to spend time with Carol Carter or

Lynn Ferris and glean some wisdom and knowledge. Pay for the critique when you register for Convention. You will be emailed specific directions and a time slot for your critique. Kathy Durdin, our Director of Operations will be coordinating this event for you.

Don't Forget!

Your registration receipt is your entry to the convention, and any special events that you may have registered to do. Be sure to print it out and bring it along with you to the convention!



HEALING WITH THE ARTS

A couple of years ago I had a booth next door to an amazing watercolor artist at an art fair. After getting to know him more, I learned he is an Oncologist specializing in Breast Cancer! I have known since I was Third VP I would choose a breast cancer center to donate the FWS Healing Arts Award winning painting to, having friends succumb to this terrible disease and knowing survivors, like our own FWS Board member Rita Szopinski! I reached out to my artist Oncologist friend, Dr. Terry Mamounas, who happens to be the Medical Director of the Comprehensive Breast Program at the Orlando Health UF Health Cancer Center. I'm thrilled to be working with his staff that will choose a painting from our show to permanently hang in the Breast Cancer Center. Dr. Mamounas is also a new FWS Member! I hope you get to know him and his work this year! Please consider donating to this worthy cause, it is with generous donations from you that we are able to leave a beautiful piece of art in every city where we hold our Convention, cheering up those whose health has been compromised. Please consider donating as a memorial to someone you have known or loved who has unfortunately been a victim of cancer.

[Click here to make a donation:](#)

Kim Minichiello, 2019 FWS President

Skip the Beach Day and do some Spring-Cleaning!

Dear FWS Member,

Take a moment to look around your studio, house and garage for new or gently used items that you may have enjoyed, but no longer need. Send them to me and I will repurpose them for the next stage of their life, the 2019 FWS Convention in Orlando. Send me unused art supplies of any kind, items or gifts you may have received but really don't need or use, and other items you find while Spring Cleaning. Some popular items are tabletop easels, Arty note cards, good condition books (Art, cooking, best sellers), DVDs, photo frames, vintage jewelry and gift certificates, facial masks and travel mugs, to name just a few examples. If the item is new or even gently used it will find a good home with someone looking for just that special item. If you own a business please consider donating a gift certificate for a specified amount, winners can use it in your store or online, it's free advertising. Or if you have a good relationship with a local establishment, ask them for a donation of a product, gift card or service which will provide publicity for them also. For those of you who like a good treasure hunt, I suggest stopping by places like Tuesday Morning, Marshalls or similar discount stores who typically have hidden, economical gems, discontinued item or 2 for 1's (Publix - Buy one for yourself and donate the free one to FWS - good for chocolates, nuts, Pepperidge cookies (in date of course)) that would make a perfect addition to one of our Raffle baskets.

You can mail the items to me at the address below or, if you will be attending the convention, bring them with you. It is important to text or email me with the details of what you are donating, including what the item is, it's value, as well as a pic of it. Knowing this info ahead of time is very helpful in organizing all the raffle and silent Auction sheets in advance, as well as a good way for me to remind you to bring the items when you head up to the convention. Remember, the money FWS makes through the raffle and silent auction directly supports our Annual Convention expenses each year!

To arrange for your donation before the convention or other inquiries, please contact me at outpostartist@gmail.com, call or text to 305-607-5447.

Mail items to Diane Lary, 14870 SW 238 St, Homestead, FL 33032.

Diane Lary



2019 Paint Around

We have asked some exciting and talented artists to participate in the 2019 Paint-A-Round. Not all are confirmed yet, but we expect a great show for you all. Current accepting artists are Dana Daydodge, Chauncey Nelson, Donna Morrison and Lionel Sanchez. The Paint-A-Round will be held in the courtyard pavilion behind the FWS convention area at the Doubletree by Hilton at SeaWorld. After the five artists have completed their joint masterpieces, the matted paintings will be displayed.

You will have until the raffle on Saturday afternoon to purchase raffle tickets for the painting of your choice. Remember to bring cash, credit card or checks to purchase your winning raffle tickets and help to fund our Convention event each year. See you in Orlando.

Terry Denson, 1st VP

Calling a Social Media Guru

Do you enjoy posting on Facebook and Instagram? Please contact me, KimMinichielloArat@me.com, if you are interested in helping out at this year's FWS Convention and posting about FWS on Social Media. We are also looking for a Director or Chair Person to take on this task for FWS next year

Please Volunteer!

As plans come together you will be hearing from our Volunteer Chair, Susan Donohoe. We thank Susan for taking on the task of organizing all our volunteers whom without their help this Convention wouldn't happen. We are trying something new this year, letting you sign up for your shifts with a volunteer app via computer, or your digital device! The old fashioned way emailing Susan will also work too! We count on our Volunteers to help us with Demonstrations, Registration, manning the

Silent Auction and selling Raffle tickets, the Paint-A-Round, plus many other tasks. You will be hearing from her soon, on how you can help. Remember every 2-hour shift you work gives you a chance to win one of our amazing gift baskets filled with art goodies! If you already know what you would like to do, please email Susan at fancyt@me.com and let her know how you would like to help! [CLICK HERE](#) to see some of the Volunteer Job Listings on the FWS web site.

Calling All Societies' Presidents

If you are the President of a regional art or watercolor society, we would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our Presidents Breakfast on Friday, 9/20 at 8:00 am during Convention. Please RSVP to Libit Jones, libitartist@gmail.com, FWS 2015 President if you or a representative will be attending Convention this year and would like to attend the breakfast.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020!

The 2020 FWS convention and tradeshow will be held at the Bayfront Hilton in St. Petersburg's lively downtown. This year's workshops offer a variety in artistic styles.

Two four-day workshops will be held Monday through Thursday, September 21 – 24. Juror and workshop presenter will be Michael Reardon. An avid traveler, he uses watercolor to record his observations, convey a sense of place and light, and communicate his impressions of the built, natural, and imagined worlds. In 2017, he was the recipient of the AWS Ogden & Mary Pleissner Memorial Award. He is the author of *Watercolor Techniques* and three DVDs from North Light. He paints landscapes, cityscapes and waterscapes in a tonalist style.

Also joining us as workshop presenter and on-line show juror will be Sandy Maudlin. She combines watercolor, liquid acrylics and other mediums on Yupo and paper to create exciting and dynamic artwork. She will also teach her tape batik process. She has perfected this technique to create a painting using regular masking tape to block out finished shapes. FWS members that attended her Kanuga workshop rave about the technique and Sandy's teaching style.

Two one-day workshops are planned for Thursday, September 24th. Two award-winning artists, John

Bayalis, a St. Pete resident, and Dana Mencinkas Daydodge of Haines City have been invited.

Beverly Yankwitt, our 3rd VP, has lined up more than 20 demonstrators and presenters and the Trade Show promises to be bigger than ever.

The exhibition will again be at the welcoming Leepa-Rattner Museum on the Tarpon Springs Campus of Saint Petersburg College. The 49th Annual Exhibition will be on display September 19 – November 29, 2020. Opening reception will be at 5:30 Friday, September 25. Bus transportation will be available to the reception.

There is much to see and do in St. Petersburg. The hotel is within walking distance of three first class museums, the new St. Petersburg Pier, and dozens of restaurants and shops. The free downtown loop bus stops at the hotel and connects the waterfront, Grand Central and Warehouse Art District. So, come early or stay late. St. Petersburg is the place to be in 2020

Terry Denson
FWS President 2020



Deadline to Renew Membership is Fast Approaching!

If you have not done so already, the deadline to renew your FWS membership and enter the 2019 Exhibition is nearly here. Deadline for payment by check and being eligible to enter the exhibition has passed but you can still renew or join online. If you are an existing member and paying online: The deadline to renew is June 8, the same date as the deadline to enter your painting in the annual exhibition! You can pay first on the FWS website, then enter the show through CaFÉ. If this is done last minute and you have problems, we cannot guarantee your entry into the show.

You can renew by bank or credit card, or through a PayPal account. This is a secure, easy, and fast way to renew. Just click on [RENEW](#). Then follow the instructions. Deadline to enter this year's exhibition is June 8th.

New FWS members can pay at the convention in September for the following year and get the remainder of the current year included. It's a nice deal for our new members.

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VERY IMPORTANT: Since our communication to our members is now all done electronically, it is essential you maintain your profile on the FWS website.

Log in with the same email you used to establish your account and make sure your password works and all your profile information is current and up to date.

Please contact First VP & Membership chair, Terry Denson at terrydenson100@gmail.com if you have any problems logging on and paying your dues on the FWS web site. If you still would like to renew by check, mail \$40, payable to FWS, to: Terry Denson, FWS Membership Chair, 6300 20th St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

A NOTE ABOUT YOUR EXHIBITION ENTRIES

FWS is excited about the entries we are receiving this year for the 48th Annual Exhibition. We can tell that you are excited as well because some of the entries we have received were not completed in its entirety with the questionnaire. Please take the time to answer the questions posed in CaFE, especially, "Did you read and understand the Prospectus?"

We can tell if these questions were answered or not due to our default parameters.

If you do not answer the questions, you may be disqualified. So, please, please, please answer ALL the questions. They are very important!

Thank you and get those entries in!

Happy Painting!

Robin Lee Makowski fws.show.entry@gmail.com

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD WINNERS

1st Place - Water Media - \$150

Anya Maes, *Seraphim*, Watercolor,
Leto High School, 11th Grade

Art Teacher Award - \$175

Jackie Lucas: Art Teacher

2nd Place - Water Media - \$100

Gloria Spearson, *Green with Envy*, Gouache,
Watercolor on wood, Howard W. Blake High
School, 12th Grade, Teacher: Molly Dressel

3rd Place - Water Media - \$75

Makayla Luckey, *Life and Death*, ink
and watercolor, Strawberry Crest High School
12th Grade, teacher: Kris Watkinson

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

We would love to hear about our Member's Achievements to publish in the Newsletter. Please send us only one jpg of good quality (not a screen shot) and only news about Awards and or being published in a major publication. Deadlines for the information are:

December 15th for January Newsletter

May 15th for June Newsletter

October 15th for November Newsletter

If you would like to take out a ¼ page, ½ page or full page personal ad to promote your work shops or yourself, our rates are posted on page 21.

fws_newsletter@icloud.com





FWS 50th GOLDEN Anniversary September: 20-26, 2021

Workshops Sept 20-23, 2021

Exhibition Reception & Convention September 23-26, 2021

Workshops & Convention Location

Marriott Coral Springs Golf Resort & Convention Center

Exhibition Location

Coral Springs Museum of Art – Sept 11-Nov 13, 2021

Keiko Tanabe AWS, NWS, Exhibition Juror, Workshop Artist.

American Impressionistic Society, NAWA

Mostly self-taught, Keiko began her professional art career in 2005, exhibiting publicly. In the same year she discovered the joy of Plein-air painting. Since that year, her paintings have been juried into many

exhibitions across the Americas, Asia and Europe. Her work is displayed with both public and private collectors. Keiko is published in leading art magazines worldwide, additionally, she has self-published nine books. Since 2011, she has done more than 230 workshops and numerous live demos. She has served as juror for many art exhibitions including the Transparent Watercolor Society, the Int'l Watercolor Society, Northwest Watercolor Society and the Utah and New Mexico Watercolor Societies. In 2015, she became the official Ambassador for Windsor & Newton; and in 2018 she was appointed to the advisory board for the *American Watercolor Weekly*. More recently, in 2018 and 2019 she was invited to be a faculty member for the Plein Air Convention and Expo, the world's Largest Plein Air painting event.



Alexis Lavine NWS, Online Exhibition Juror, Workshop Artist.

Alexis Lavine has devoted the last two decades to watercolor painting. Her award-winning paintings have been included in numerous juried and gallery exhibitions. Many are in private and corporate collections throughout the country, as well as overseas. Alexis divides her time between painting in her studio and outdoors on location. She has recently been designated as one of *Watercolor Artist Magazine's* "Ones to Watch." This is an accolade of great distinction! Alexis is an enthusiastic art instructor, who teaches painting and

drawing classes and workshops. She gives her students a sound background in technique and aesthetics, encourages them to express their individuality through their art, and helps them to relax and enjoy their artistic pursuits. Alexis' watercolors are full of luminous color, rich shadows, and beautifully drawn shapes. With meticulous attention to composition, she crafts paintings that are descriptive and yet expressive, realistic and yet abstract. She lives and paints in central North Carolina, except during the winter, when she migrates to the Virgin Islands.



Jorge Leon- 2 Day Workshop
(Topic TBA)



Susan Hanssan - 1 Day Workshop

"Designing Abstractly"

Learning to design compositions that contribute to a powerful communication of an idea.

ALL YOU VIDEO ENTHUSIASTS LISTEN UP!

FWS 50th GOLDEN Anniversary Celebration Video

Start thinking about the FWS 50th GOLDEN Anniversary and what you can do to be a part of the Memorable Celebration.

We want to create an FWS Artists' video journal to display at the 2021 Golden Anniversary Exhibition and Convention.

Here are a few ideas for you to participate in this 'ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT'.

1. Document your concept, creation and completion of a painting with video/pictures.
2. Using video relate memorable FWS Stories with member or a favorite time from previous FWS convention/exhibition. If possible, include other members who may not be with us anymore but had a big impact on you and or your development as an artist.
3. Demonstrate and explain how you capture the essence of your subject through technique and composition.
4. Describe how you execute your unique method of painting style.
5. Explain with words and paint what inspires you to create your painting.
6. Your choice....

Now is a good time to start recording clips of your artwork during creation; 2021 will be here before you know it.

Completed videos should be no more than about 5-10 mins long and photos can be uploaded to the dropbox link below.

"Golden Anniversary Celebration" Dropbox folder link below. Include your name and a brief description of file in the filename.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s0g5h5j9dxq7yma/AADqhDMReDCRSIR4fWSeFM9-a?dl=0>

Looking forward to the future memorable event,
Diane Lary FWS President 2021

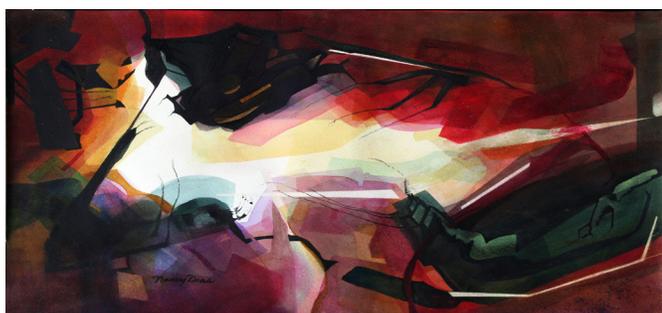




Marnie Becker achieved Signature status in the American Watercolor Society with *"Thai Women"*



Ted Head won the First Place Gold Award in the Jacksonville Watercolor Society Spring Show, with *"Morning Angel."* Also won First Place in the painting category at the St. Augustine Fine Art Festival.



In March, 2019, Nancy Dias was awarded "Merit Award" in the 20th Anniversary Members Show of the Central Florida Watercolor Society held at Casselberry Art House, Casselberry FL for *"Short Circuit"*

In May 2019, she was awarded "3rd Award of Excellence" in the Tallahassee Watercolor Society's 2019 Tri-State 31st Juried Water Media Exhibition held at the LeMoyne Arts Tallahassee FL.

Suzanne Natzke, FWS, was awarded an Honorable Mention for her entry, *An Owl Named Winston Churchill*, at the Georgia Watercolor Society 40th National Exhibition at the Bowen Center for the Arts, Dawsonville. The Juror was Paul Jackson.



John Keepax, *"Below Fort Madison"* won the TWSA Director's Award in their 43rd Annual Exhibition.

Lisa Argentieri won Members Show 2019 Achievement Award for, *"Figure in Blue"* from the Art League of Daytona Beach.





Frank Spino's "Fresh Start" is included in the upcoming invitational "IWS Holland World Watercolor Masters" in Gouda, Netherlands. From these international artists, Frank was selected as one of 10 artists for an exclusive show in The Hague, Netherlands at the Van Heijningen Gallery.

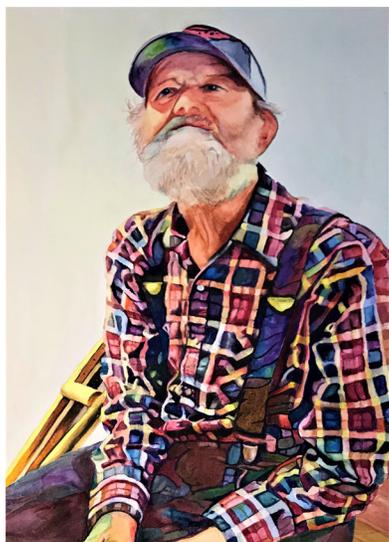
Judy Nunno's paintings "Shyness" and "Contemplation" have been chosen for publication in Splash 21: She also won several recent awards: 1st Place at the Palm Beach Watercolor Society Members Show for "Not the Brightest Bulb", 2nd Place at the Gold Coast Watercolor Society Open Show for "Nadia".



Sandy Mezin won First Place for "No Fish for Old Men" in the 2019 Annual Florida Keys Watercolor Society Exhibition.



Mary Louise Ringers' watercolor "Meditation in Blue" was awarded Signature Status in the 2019 Georgia Watercolor Society's 40th Annual National Exhibition.



Ron Malone won 11th Place in the 40th Georgia National Exhibition for, "Waiting for Take Out at Aunt Bee's"



Christine Reichow's painting, "Piccolo Fiore", is on exhibit at the Fabriano in Acquilo 2019 International Exhibition in Fabriano, Italy.



Mary Walker won an Award in the Jacksonville Water Color Society's Spring Show judged by Lian Quan Zhen Nationally

known Water Color Artist for "Over the Edge."

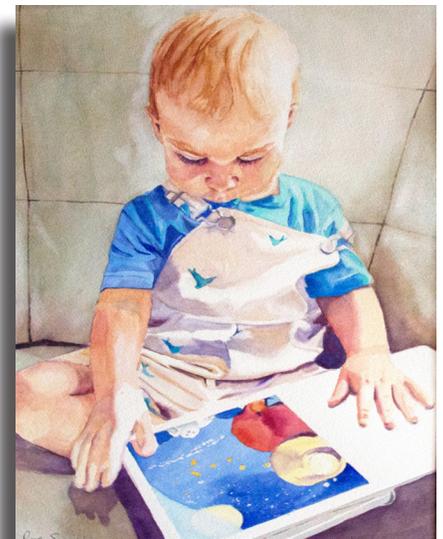


Mimi (Mary Helen) Davis won 2nd place in the 12th Annual Juried Art Show at Sugar Sand Park Community Center for "The

Plaza Hotel at Holiday Time"

Marilyn Johansen's painting, "End Of Day" is in Northlight Books *SPLASH 20, Creative Composition*, coming out this July. "Sisters 1903" won Best in Show, in the Miami Watercolor Society's Spring 2018 Exhibition from Judge, Stan Kurth. "Marie" won 2nd Place in the Miami Watercolor Society's Fall Exhibition 2018 from Judge, Paul Jackson. *Organic Shape and Line* won Judges Award in the Miami Watercolor Society's Spring Exhibition from Judge, Ian Stewart.

Rita C. Szopinski won 3rd Place for "Oooh Storytime" in Miami Watercolor Society's Annual Spring Exhibition.



Karen Fletcher Braverman won the Transparent Award for "String Theory- Particles" at Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society's Punta Gorda Visual Arts Center Exhibit. Karen also won the Watercolor Society of Alabama Award for "String Theory- Holes" at the Southern Watercolor Society Exhibition.



Beverly Yankwitt won Honorable Mention for "Crossing the Bar" in the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society Exhibition.



Kris Parins
Against the Light:
won 3rd Place, in
the Bold Brush
Painting Competi-
tion, *Green Heron,*
Red Mangrove,
*and Sky Blue Wa-
ters: is in Splash*
21. Green Heron,
Red Mangrove was
purchased for the
permanent
collection of the
Woodson Art
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Vladislav Yeliseyev's
recent publications
include featured
painting "*Church
Street, Frederick*" in
*Fine Art Connoisseur
Magazine* in editorial
section "City Signs"
in January - February
2019 issue. This year
Vladislav's works
received prestigious
recognition at the
national events and

art shows which include 1st Place Award at Quick
Paint and Plein Air Best Overall Award at Olm-
sted Plein Air Invitational, Plein Air Magazine
Award of Excellence at American Impressionist
Society 19th Annual National Juried Exhibition,
Bold Brush Outstanding Watercolor Award for the
painting "*Sunshine on Barcelona*" in January 2019
Competition and Best of South Florida Award at
Lighthouse Art Center Plein Air Festival in March
2019.

Nancy Arcara
won the
T.J. Tavis Award for
Creativity from
Pasco Fine Arts
Council, INC. for
"*I Met Him at
McDonald's*"



Kitti Burri won
2nd Place:
(PGA National)
"*A Connection*"



Saundra Newman's
"*Not Freda, Still Lily
Silly*" won
Best in Show, Gold
Coast Watercolor
Society 2/23/19
2nd Place in Palm
Beach Watercolor
Society 3/7/19



Ava Ghayoumi
won the Merit Award
of "Bay Area Art Ex-
hibit" at Tampa Hyde
Park Art Center for
"*The Moment of
Enlightenment*"

RANDY GLOBUS

received awards for Aquamedia in the Audubon Artists Forty-Second Annual International Exhibition at The Salmagundi Club for her piece "Heartstrings", watercolor 40"x30".



Diane Lary won "Best in Show" for the 2019 St. Stephens Art Festival in Coconut Grove. (a competitor of the Coconut Grove Art Festival)

Signature member of FWS and FSWS Barbara Wensel Severns, won the 2nd Place Award for a "Portrait of The Actress" in the Ocala Art Group Exhibit "That's Life!" hosted by the Marion Cultural Alliance showing through June 1st.

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