

CLEAR CHOICES



TWSA is recognized as the preeminent transparent watercolor society. The society offers services and education and endeavors to further recognize, expand awards and exposure to an ever-growing membership of professionals, amateurs, students and patrons.

Spring Newsletter 2021



President's Message:

Dear Artists, Members and Friends,

The Board of TWSA continues to be mindful of the current health issues and is monitoring government restrictions and CDC guidelines. We have planned this year's events accordingly.

TWSA is delighted to report the 45th Annual TWSA Juried Exhibition is open! There has been over twenty-five thousand dollars in cash awards selected to give at the dinner! Kenosha Public Museum once again has risen to the task of hanging our spectacular exhibition. It will hang until August 1st, 2021. KPM, at this time does continue to require the wearing of masks in the building. They are open Tuesday through Saturday 10-4:30. The museum will be closed to the public on July 4th and 5th. Effective July 6th, hours will return to Monday through Saturday, 10-5 and Sunday 12-5. Please take time to check their website for any possible changes.

Our Celebrate Watercolor Event has been moved to
Saturday, July 24th

*Demos and a Gallery Walk from our Juror/Instructors, Mark Mehaffey and Brenda Swenson, will be videotaped and posted on the TWSA [YouTube site](#).

The Friday night Friends of the Museum reception and the Saturday Pre-Dinner Cocktails Party will unfortunately not be held this year. We hope to bring these very popular aspects of our event back in 2022.

The Celebrate Watercolor Awards Dinner will be held Saturday evening beginning at 5:00. A different format is necessary this year as we will be acknowledging the 2020 and 2021 New Signatures and Awards. Our Dinner Chair, Carlotta Miller, gives more details in her article.

TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

*Please register for the dinner early due to KPM being limited to 70 people in the Daimler Chrysler room at this time. This may hopefully change back to the 100 people limit prior to the end of July.

*Please plan on viewing the exhibition prior to 5:00 when the Awards Dinner begins. The Kenosha Public Museum will be open on Sunday from 12-5 PM.

WORKSHOPS-Our Workshop Chair, Vickie Kwasny, shares details on our workshops below. We are happy that we have been able to make them happen by enforcing the appropriate limitations.

The Transparent Watercolor Society of America's Board of Directors thank you for your support and for being a part of our society. We strive to continue to provide opportunities for our membership as we navigate through the upcoming months.

Stay well and safe.

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Celebrate Watercolor Awards Dinner

Registration for TWSA's, *Celebrate Watercolor* Dinner on Saturday, July 24th at the Kenosha Public Museum, will open on May 1, 2021.

This year's festivities will feature a new format. To accommodate 2020 and 2021 award recipients, awards and dinner will begin at 5 p.m. in the Daimler Chrysler room with viewing of the exhibition slated prior to that time.

Our caterer has chosen three delectable entrees; beef fillet, roasted chicken and squash raviolis with wine and beer service. For a complete description, view the registration form online www.watercolors.org/shop/awards-dinner

Seating will be limited! Therefore, make reservations as soon as possible.

Carlotta Miller
TWSA Dinner Chairperson

All members in good standing may vote.

____ Carol Sackschewsky

____ Lenox Wallace

____ Gayle McManamon

You may vote on our website if you are a TWSA member.

<https://watercolors.org/poll>

Votes are to be in by May 15, 2020

Richard Driehaus Memorial

We are saddened by the unexpected passing of Richard Driehaus. Mr. Driehaus was a noted philanthropist and the founder of the Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust Fund. His sister, Dorothy Driehaus Mellin is a Life Member and has provided generous support to the TWSA organization. Our condolences to the Driehaus family for their loss.

Exhibition

While 2020 presented us with enormous challenges, 2021 allowed us to meet some of these same issues with the benefit of experience, grace, and optimism.

Our jurors, Mark Mehaffey and Brenda Swenson, faced an almost insurmountable task with the sheer number of incredible paintings that were submitted for the jurying process. The result of all of these factors is an exhibition of 80 glorious works of art that are available to be enjoyed by everyone for the full three months at KPM this summer.

The efforts of the staff at KPM as well as those of our two jurors combined creativity and perseverance in making the magic happen once again. We thank them all so very much.

*Vicki Morley and Donna Jill Witty, TWSA Master
TWSA Exhibition Co-Chairs*

Signature Screening

This year's Exhibition finds us celebrating 8 new Signature Members:

Lynn Ferris

Heidi Hanssen

Georgia Kandiko

Cheryle Lowe

Janet Rogers

Mark Rosser

David Stickel
Xiaochang Zhang

and 1 new Signature Master:
Charles Rouse

Congratulations to you all!!!!

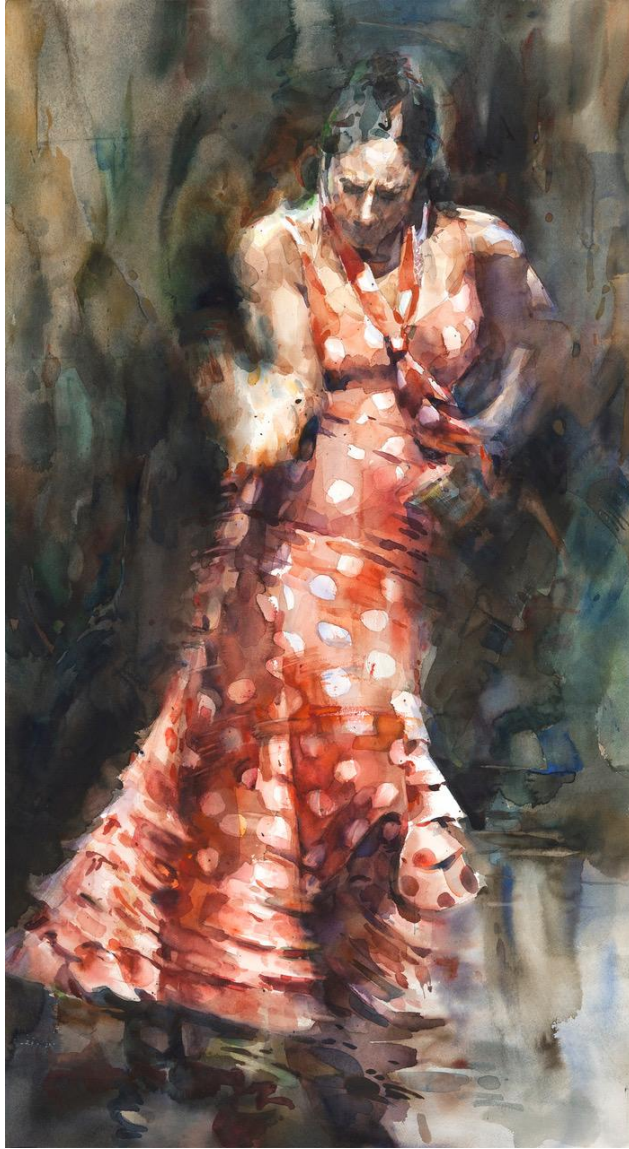
Donna Jill Witty, TWSA Master

2021 TWSA Award Recipients

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



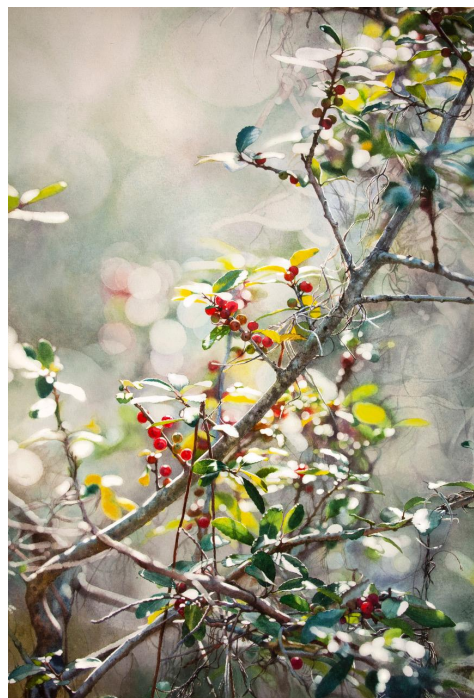
Skyledge Award
Dongfeng Li - "Plateau Dancers"



Dorothy Driehaus Mellin Watercolor Award
Stephen Zhang, TWSA - "Granada"



Edgar A Whitney Memorial Award
Dean Mitchell, TWSA Distinguished
Master - "A Gesture of Kindness"



TWSA Members Award
Xi Guo - "Morning Berries"



TWSA Directors Award
Ken Call, TWSA Master -
"C est la Vie"

Special Merit Awards

Winslow Homer Award of Merit
Alisa Shea, TWSA - "Closed on Thursday"

Maurice Prendergast Award of Merit
Mary Jansen, TWSA - "Challenging Brood"

John Singer Sargent Award of Merit
Susan Horton - "The Prayer"

James McNeil Whistler Award of Merit
Lenox Wallace, TWSA Master - "Up and About"

Founders Awards

Nora Stevens Founders Award
Joseph Lahita - "Evening Feed"

Zoltan Szabo Founders Award
r. mike nichols, TWSA - "Springtime in Salinas 2020"

Phil Austin Founders Award
Chris Krupinski, TWSA Master - "Red"

Irving Shapiro Founders Award
John Salminen, TWSA Dist. Master - "El Series #3, Chicago"

Awards of Merit

Lakes Region Watercolor Guild Award of Merit
Peter Jablokow, TWSA - "Bridges at Sunset #3"

Morris Watercolor Guild Award of Merit
Kathleen Giles, TWSA - "Life is Making Choices"

Donor Awards

Madge Macfarlane Memorial Award

Robert O'Brien - "Allis Chalmers"

Kenneth R Hetzel Memorial Award
Ruth Armitage - "House Divided"

Carole Christiansen Memorial Award
Janet Rogers, TWSA - "Callum"

Lucille J. "Lucija" Dragovan Memorial Award
Tuva Stephens, TWSA - "Phantom COVID II"

Frank Nash Memorial Award
Laurin McCracken, TWSA Master - "Still Life on Hand Tied Rug"

Donald P Witty Memorial Award
Christine Reichow, TWSA - "Future in the Balance"

Martin McManamon Memorial Award
Lynn Ferris, TWSA - "Game Theory"

Indira Das Memorial Award
Robert Mejer, TWSA Master - "Variant: Equilibrium"

"Chevy" Chevillon Memorial Award
Karen Knutson, TWSA - "Wires Crossed"

Lehmann Memorial Award
Bev Jozwiak, TWSA - "Lost Time is Never Found"

Workshop News

This will be the tenth year that I have had the opportunity to participate in the workshops; first, as an assistant to Suzanne Hetzel. Three years later, my dear friend and mentor, Suzanne, retired and the workshop chair became my assignment. The familiar saying, "big shoes to fill", have special meaning to me. Suzanne, as most of you remember, was the very best at "attention to detail" and friendly hospitality.

I am proud to reflect on our workshop of 2020, in the midst of the covid pandemic. We were able to conduct a safe and successful workshop with Kathleen Conover.

- Workshop attendance was reduced
- Masks were mandatory
- Desks were spaced safely
- Lunches were boxed individually

The Kenosha Public Museum and Civil War Museum have continued to provide a safe environment throughout the year of covid with continued contact tracing, limited attendance and hours.

By the time of this writing, there is already a waitlist for both of Brenda

Swenson's workshops. Mark Mehaffey's have only a few spaces still available.

For those who have already signed up, please remember to make your hotel reservations ASAP. (Wyndham Garden Harborside, Kenosha, WI (262-658-3281... request the TWSA special rate).

If you have any questions, please call me (262-484-1261) or email me at workshops4twsa@gmail.com or vickie_kwasny@hotmail.com.

Vickie Kwasny
TWSA Workshop Chair

Calendar

May 1

45th Transparent Watercolor Society of American Juried Exhibition Opens
Kenosha Public Museum, 5500 1st Ave., Kenosha Wisconsin

July 21-July 23

Workshops: Mark E. Mehaffey, Representational Watercolor
Brenda Swenson, Sketching Techniques with Watercolor

July 24

5:00pm Celebrate Watercolor Awards Dinner

July 26-July 28

Workshops: Mark E. Mehaffey, Non-objective Abstract Watercolor
Brenda Swenson, Illustrated Journal with Watercolor

August 1

45th TWSA Exhibition Closes

Week of Aug. 2nd

Paintings packed and returned

2021 TWSA Member News

Lisa Englander's work can be seen through May 8, 2021 in *'AK-Sez Exhibition* at the Center for the Visual Arts, 427 North Fourth Street, Wausau, WI and in *Watercolor USA 2021*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri, June 5 - August 29, 2021, also in *Racine & Vicinity* at the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, Wisconsin, June 16 - August 14, 2021

Steve Rogers was the sole judge and juror for the 57th Annual Southwestern Watercolor Society Exhibition in Dallas, Texas, September 2020.

Diane Shabino was included in four national shows in 2020 and received two awards:

Rocky Mountain National Watermedia - "Thicket" received an Honorable Mention from Judge Linda Daly Baker

Illinois Watercolor Society National - "Sweet Autumn Clematis" received the Charles Strissel Memorial Award from Judge Steve Puttrich
Diane also had paintings included in the *27th Annual Red River Watercolor Society*, "Rouge Claret" and in *Midwest Seasons* - "Adolescent Acorns 1 with gold metal leaf".

We would love to hear from you! Please send your news of awards and achievements or of upcoming solo shows and workshops to tobinje@uwgb.edu (note new address) and please label your email "TWSA member news."

Sorry, but we can't include information about local classes, nor will we be including images of watercolors.

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