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April—June 2017

Dates to Remember

May 15, 2017 - Deadline for the 2017 Juried Exhibition.

June 1—June 16. Online Membership show deadline.

May 22-24, 2017, Workshop with Laurie Goldstein.

June 28– June 30, drop off dates for Blick Art Exhibition.

Thoughts from the President



We have all done that one painting where everything just seemed to come together perfectly; we recognize it as a “show piece”. We enter it into a tough juried exhibition, it gets accepted and quite possibly wins an award. It is only human nature that we would like to show that piece as much as possible, after all, even though we set out to make every work a masterpiece, they don’t all reach the mark.

In my brief tenure I have found the one issue that seems to ignite a passion in our artists is the rule that if a painting has been shown in any juried exhibition (PWS or other organization) or in any PWS member show, it is not eligible for the PA Watercolor Society International Exhibit. After forty odd years in a high school classroom, I am well aware that anything I write is not going to convince everybody that this rule has real merit. My intention is to pen a couple of lines that will give some insight into my thoughts on the subject.

Every exhibition seems to have some criteria established by the organizer or venue. These rules can range from limitations on size, to water media only with no collage elements, to strictly works on paper; these are the qualities that make up the nature of each exhibition. For the PWS International Exhibition, and some others, the core of the show is new works. I find there is a certain excitement to the PWS Exhibition knowing that you are going to see watercolors by great painters that you have never seen before. Now this is not to dismiss those shows that do not have that as a requirement. There are many times that I have been to an exhibition and was happy to visit again with a piece that I had seen in another show, and I thought it was exceptional. As I stated, every show has its own qualities and character.

On a personal note, I find those shows that require new works to be a great motivator. Knowing that I have to have a painting finished for an exhibition helps me focus and put aside those distractions that conspire to keep me from picking up a brush. For me the pressure to paint a new work for an exhibition is a great stimulus to create.

On the topic of showing our art, one of the things that I hope to accomplish as President is finding additional opportunities to exhibit as the PWS. We have made arrangements to give our members an opportunity to show and sell their paintings at the Blick Art Materials location in Allentown during the month of July. This is a high traffic area and a great chance to put your work on display. I am also exploring other venues and hope that this will give all members a chance to participate regardless of their skill level.

Thanks for reading and thank you for your understanding and respecting the rules when entering our exhibition. John Walker and his crew do an excellent job in organizing and insuring the integrity of the exhibit. I look forward to another outstanding show in 2017 (Note: May 15th deadline for entry).

Richard Ressel
PWS President

Financial Report



Pennsylvania Watercolor Society Treasurers Report, April 1, 2017

Checking Account

We began the 2017 year with a starting balance of \$43,726.80.

Quarterly Income was \$8,891.10 and came primarily from member dues, workshop payments and juried show entry fees.

Quarterly Expenses were \$3,168.04 due to software renewals (Wufoo forms, Constant Contact, etc.), juried show advertising, new membership brochures, and administrative items such as postage, supplies and the indicia fee to the post office for our reduced fee mailings.

Our end of the quarter checking account balance is \$49,449.86.

Saving Account

We began the 2017 year with a starting balance of \$7,737.84 and ended the quarter with \$7,738.77. The saving account accrues a few cents per month in interest.

Respectively Submitted,
John W. Walker, Treasurer

WATER SPOTS



- **Carolyn Latanision**—Received Mijello Mission Gold Award in the National Watercolor Society 96th International Exhibition in San Pedro, CA
Received Mary Bryant Award at Rockport Art Association and Museum in Rockport MA .
Signature Membership achieved in Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Society.

- **Lena Thynell, PWS**, was one of the accepted artists to the Sixth Annual Finger Lakes Plein Air Competition & Festival being held June 6-7, 2017.
Lena's watercolor painting "Forgotten " was accepted into Northwest Watercolor Society's 77th Annual International Open Exhibition to be held April 25 -June 2,2017 at the Harbor History Museum, Gig Harbor, WA.
Juror was Keith Tanabe.



- **Linda Young, PWS** , will be exhibiting her watercolors along with with Teri Oja's thread paintings in "Expression and Exploration" being held Apr 14, - May 13, 2017 at the Carlisle Arts Learning Center, 38 West Pomfret Street, Carlisle, Pa. Opening reception April 20th 6:00 to 8:30 pm.



- **Debra Kreiger, PWS**, will be exhibiting her watercolors along with Jean Macaluso's photography in "Shared Observations" being held May 19th—June 17th 2017 at the Carlisle Arts learning Center, 38 West Pomfret Street, Carlisle, Pa. Opening reception May 19th at 6:00 to 8:30 pm.
Right: "Beach Day" is one of many featured paintings by Debra.



WELCOME NEW PENNSYLVANIA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Wendy Snetzinger

Francine Jones

Judy Grumblatt

Stephen Edwards

Alayne Abrahams

Ginny Schuster

CoraMae Pipkin

Allan Butt

Video Library

You can borrow any videos for a two week period simply by sending an email to pwsvideolibrary@gmail.com with the title of your selection. Be sure to include your name and snail mail address.

PWS Website www.pawcs.com Please check the PWS website often for more in-depth information about PWS events, call-for-entries opportunities and workshops by other organizations. As information becomes available it is immediately put on the website so as not to miss deadlines. If you belong to an organization and would like to inform PWS members of your events, please send the information to pwsmasterweb@gmail.com.



PENNSYLVANIA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY'S 38TH ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION

PWS is now accepting entries for our 2017 38th Annual Juried Exhibition to be held at the Adams County Arts Council, 125 South Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA. [The DEADLINE for accepting entries is May 15, 2017.](#)

Over \$14,000 is anticipated in cash and merchandise awards this year! **1st** - \$1,500, **2nd** - \$1,200, **3rd** - \$1,000, **4th** - \$700, Keystone - \$500, **President's Award** - \$400! Over 40 different awards were presented at last year's 2016 Juried Exhibition, including 10 Honorable Mentions, 9 Special awards, 10 PWS Members and Friends of PWS Awards, and 10 Merchandise Awards! This is a great opportunity to break into that winning column!

PWS members receive a considerable discount on the entry fee - \$25 for 1 or 2 entries. Non-members fees are \$40 for 1 or 2 entries.

This year, especially, there seems to be a growing number of societies and organizations soliciting your entry into a multitude of different shows and juried events. For the individual artist this can be good news, but for PWS and other non-profit organizations it presents some unique challenges. PWS has never made a profit on any of our Juried Exhibitions and we have no plans to do so in the future. We have proudly accepted the laurels for being one of the Top 10 Juried Exhibitions in the nation and continue to strive to make our Juried Exhibitions the very best that one can find! We have achieved this status over the years primarily due to the support of our PWS members!

For our Juried Exhibition, we have one of the best and simplest entry systems around! No complicated registration or multi-layered steps to follow as found with some other juried competitions! Just a simple one page form with the ability to upload your images and pay the entry fee at one time!

So, when it comes time to enter a Juried Exhibition, we hope we can count on your continued support! To enter PWS's 2017 Juried Exhibition now, go to www.pawcs.com and enter online! If, perchance, you want to do a mail in entry, details can be found online or contact pwsjuriedshow@gmail.com for details. [The DEADLINE for entries is May 15, 2017.](#)

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PWS Online Member Show

The date for submitting entries to the online member show is June 1- June 16th. Each member may submit two paintings, which have not been in any PWS show before, (including juried and member shows). There will be a registration form on the website and the cost is \$5./entry. PWS member show juror is ZL Feng, Professor of Art at Radford University. Dues must be current and you can check your status on the website member list.

Karen Frattali
PWS 1st Vice President

Blick Art Materials Regional Member Exhibition

We are also offering another member opportunity to hang one painting in the Blick retail center in Allentown, PA. The drop off dates will be June 28-30 at that store. They will be hung by July 1 and will be taken down for pick up July 29/30.

Online registration of your selection will be necessary to limit the number of paintings to the space available. A form will be on the website and it will be first come, first served. Each participant will have the responsibility for their drop off and pick up. No shipped works will be accepted. You can share the trips with friends if you plan ahead. Each painting must be framed and wired for hanging in the traditional fashion. You can exhibit varnished works of water media as long as they are framed and wired. Size restrictions: 15"x22" image size or smaller. A moderate price point is suggested, (\$300. or less).

Location information: 3152 Lehigh St., South Mall. Allentown, PA 18103. Phone number of Blick (610-791-7576) is for emergency directions only. This show is being handled by PWS. Blick will not be taking a commission but will connect potential buyers with artists who will facilitate his/her own sale arrangements. Paintings must remain for the month of the exhibition. Buyers can return on the weekend of the 29th of July to pick up a purchased painting.

There will be a People's choice award given after the exhibition to the artist who receives the most votes from retail customers.

If you have questions, contact either Karen Frattali pwsvp1@gmail.com or Dick Ressel pwspres@gmail.com

From the Membership Chair

2017 PWS dues were due January 1, 2017. Please check the PWS website, www.pawcs.com, member list to see if your dues are current. Remember your dues must be paid for 2017 to enter the Juried Exhibition at a reduced rate and to attend the PWS workshops at a reduced rate. Dues must also be current to enter the Member's Online Show later this Spring and receive the quarterly newsletter. There is also another opportunity coming up later this Summer for members only. Watch for details!

As of April 30, 2017, only current 2017 PWS members will be listed on the PWS website member list and website links page. Final dues reminder letters will be mailed out to past-due members April 15, 2017.

Virginia M. Walker
PWS membership Chair

ARTIST: LAURIE GOLDSTEIN WWW.WARRENWATERCOLORS.COM

WHEN: MAY 22 TO 24, 2017 TIME: 9:00AM TO 4:00 PM

WORKSHOP FEE: \$210 MEMBERS, \$245 NON MEMBERS

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PAYMENT IS APRIL 18, 2017

The cost of the workshop includes lunch and snacks each day; although participants are free to provide their own lunches. (No fee discount will be given for providing your own lunch)

You can register with \$50 deposit or pay the full amount for the workshop ONLINE at www.pawcs.com under "Workshop" button or complete the registration form below and mail it to the address listed. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Young, workshop coordinator at pwswrkshop@gmail.com.

Description of the workshop:

Have you ever seen a gorgeous night city scene in an exhibition or exhibition catalog and wondered "How did they do that?" Well then, this workshop is for you! You will gain the skill of rendering a beautiful night scene with shine and sparkle. Never drawn a city scene or cars before? Never fear, I will provide a ½ sheet sketch ready to transfer onto your watercolor paper if you'd like to work along with me or, if you prefer, you can bring your own city night scene sketched and ready to go. Value is the key to night scenes. We will be working in a limited 5 color palette, so you will not have to purchase a bunch of new colors. My method greatly simplifies a night scene, 60% of the painting will be done in the first wash, trust me on that one! Come join me and add some new techniques to your art skill set.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone _____

Member (Circle One) YES NO (If NO, become a member and save \$15 by including your \$40 PWS Dues.)

You may pay the full amount or register for \$50 to hold your seat.
Make checks payable to "Pennsylvania Watercolor Society" or "PWS"

Mail To:

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Saturday, April 8
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Saturday, May 13
10:00 am

Saturday, June 10
10:00 am

Lancaster County Art Association
149 Precision Avenue
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Newsletter Deadline:

Summer Newsletter
July 1, 2017

Send all newsletter information to:
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