

WATERWORKS *Online*

2025 ANNUAL WATERWORKS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP EXHIBITION WITH JUROR MICHELE USIBELLI



"Art has the power to bring beauty, emotion, and connection into the world, and each of you contributes to that in a meaningful way. Keep creating, keep sharing, and know that your voice in the arts matters."

Award Winning Paintings ~ Juror Comments

NWWS First Place \$1000 Cash Award

Breakfast with Maria

Lana Privitera AWS, NWS, TWSA

Watercolor / 29 x 21 / \$5000

The composition is expertly designed, guiding the viewer's eye effortlessly through the painting. Precision in drawing showcases exceptional skill, ensuring accuracy in every detail. Thoughtful placement of elements creates balance, harmony, and a dynamic visual journey. Leading lines and contrast direct the viewer's gaze with seamless movement. Masterful control of watercolor techniques enhances depth, texture, and emotion. The interplay of light and shadow adds drama and dimension to the scene. The painting captivates with its perfect blend of realism, technique, and artistic expression.

NWWS Second Place \$750 Cash Award

Amazing Grace

Dana Thompson GWS

Watercolor / 22 x 29 / \$2000

This Second Place award-winning figurative watercolor captivates with its exceptional composition, effortlessly guiding the viewer's eye through the piece. The perfect drawing skills bring life and accuracy to the figure, creating a sense of realism and grace. Thoughtful viewer movement is achieved through masterful placement of elements and fluid transitions. A harmonious balance of warm and cool colors enhances depth and emotion, evoking a feeling of peace and warmth. The interplay of light and shadow adds to the painting's serenity, making it both visually stunning and emotionally resonant.

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NWWS Third Place \$500 Cash Award

Bolt Creek Stump

Suze Woolf NWWS, AWS

Watercolor / 35.5 x 46 X 2 / \$4500

This Third Place award-winning watercolor showcases an incredibly detailed depiction of an old stump, bringing nature to life with striking realism. The unique composition transforms a simple subject into a captivating focal point, drawing the viewer in. Perfect drawing skills ensure precision in every crack, texture, and shadow, enhancing the painting's authenticity. The use of hyper-realism makes the stump feel almost tangible, with an astonishing level of detail. A masterful balance of warm and cool colors adds depth and contrast, highlighting the beauty of natural decay. Every element works together to create a truly mesmerizing piece.

Jack Richeson Art Award

Garden Whites

Roberta Denny

Watercolor / 19.5 x 11 / \$850

This award-winning watercolor features a beautiful, organic composition that flows effortlessly across the piece. Perfect drawing skills capture the delicate essence of the flowers with precision and grace. The fluid application of paint enhances the softness and movement, allowing the medium to shine. A wonderful use of values creates depth and contrast, perfectly supporting the focal interest and drawing the viewer in. The result is a harmonious and captivating floral masterpiece.

M. Graham & Co. Award

A Twist of Lime

Janet Fricks

Acrylic / 34 x 42 / \$5500

This award-winning acrylic piece is a stunning display of abstract organic composition, where shapes and colors flow effortlessly together. The fluid application of paint creates a sense of spontaneity and harmony, allowing the paint to move freely across the surface. Extraordinary movement and energy pulse through the piece, drawing the viewer into its dynamic rhythm. The interplay of beautiful colors enhances depth and emotion, making this abstract work both visually captivating and thought-provoking.

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Blick Art Materials Award

Morning Light on Gym Framing

Fred Jala

Watercolor / 10 x 14 / \$750

This watercolor masterfully captures the essence of light in a breathtaking interior scene. The architectural accuracy and precise vanishing points create depth and realism, drawing the viewer into the space. A lone figure in red serves as the striking focal point, illuminated by the warm, streaming light. The high-key palette and expertly controlled values enhance the ethereal glow, reinforcing the painting's luminous and atmospheric quality. This piece beautifully conveys a sense of peace, solitude, and the transformative power of light.

Salis / Dr. Ph. Martin's Award

Mysterious Forest

Maggi Johnson

Watercolor / 11 x 15 / \$400

This award-winning artwork captivates through its abstract language, inviting the viewer to complete the image with their own imagination. Warm and cool temperature shifts flow seamlessly across the surface, creating a sense of movement and emotional depth. The loose, intuitive application of paint adds texture and spontaneity, enhancing the work's elusive quality. Together, these elements evoke a powerful sense of mystery, drawing the viewer into an experience that is both intimate and open-ended.

Cascade PBS Award

Basking In the Sun

Marjorie Johnson WSO, NWS

Watercolor / 15.5 x 18.5 / \$750

This award-winning watercolor beautifully captures morning glories basking in the sun, radiating warmth and natural beauty. The captivating composition draws the viewer in, while perfectly executed drawing skills bring elegance and accuracy to every petal and leaf. A masterful use of temperature shifts and values creates depth, contrast, and a luminous effect, enhancing the play of light and shadow. This painting exudes a sense of freshness and tranquility, celebrating the delicate beauty of nature.

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Terracotta Award

Sunny Sully At Attention

Gina Judy NAWA, PWCS, OWS

Watermedia / 28.75 x 21 / \$1800

This award-winning piece radiates happiness through its playful composition, immediately drawing the viewer into a joyful, personal moment. The dog, full of character, becomes an emotional focal point, while the gentle curve of the leash acts as a visual guide, leading the eye into the heart of the scene. Stripped of distraction, the painting creates an intimate space where only the viewer and the dog exist—connected, present, and completely in tune.

Holbein Artist Materials Award

Golden Love

Caitlin Leline-Hatch NWS

Watercolor / 15 x 11 / \$2000

This award-winning dog portrait captures more than just a likeness—it glows with affection. The artist's beautiful use of light gently illuminates the dog's form, while lost edges soften the boundaries, giving the painting a dreamlike quality. Together, these elements convey a quiet tenderness, inviting the viewer to feel the deep bond and love that marks this animal as a truly cherished member of the family.

Rosemary & Co. Award

Morning Glow

Jan Min PWSA

Watercolor / 15 x 11 / \$1450

This award-winning painting of a rowboat stranded on the sand at low tide is bathed in the warm, golden light of a rising sun, creating a scene that feels both serene and surreal. The artist masterfully captures a sense of peace and stillness, with soft reflections and long shadows stretching across the beach. Despite the row boat's unusual presence, the overall mood is one of quiet calm, drawing the viewer into the moment as if standing there beside it, breathing in the salty air.

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NWWS Membership Award

Wild Turkey

Irena Noreikaite Petraitiene WW

Watercolor / 22 x 15 / \$3900

This award-winning painting commands attention with its vibrant colors, dynamic composition, and superb drawing. Every element feels intentional—the artist’s control and precision guiding the viewer’s eye with confidence and clarity. The energy of the piece is undeniable, yet it’s the thoughtful structure beneath the surface that makes it truly stand out, elevating it from bold to brilliant.

Silver Brush Award

Just Like The Very First Time

Ted Nuttall AWS, TWSA, PSA

Watercolor / 14.5 x 15.25 / \$4000

This award-winning portrait of a young girl, eyes closed and basking in the warmth of the sun, radiates quiet beauty and calm. The delicate flowers behind her add a soft, natural backdrop that enhances the sense of serenity. Excellent drawing skills and a harmonious use of color bring the scene to life, creating a painting so inviting and balanced that it gently encourages the viewer to pause, reflect, and stay a while.

Faso /BoldBrush Award

Cascade

Carmella Tuliszewski NWWS, NWS, WHS

Watercolor / 27 x 20 / \$4000

This award-winning painting dazzles with its complex composition and unique aerial perspective, placing the viewer in a hovering, almost weightless position above the scene. Bursting with color and energy, the floral forms unfold in intricate detail, each petal and leaf rendered with exceptional precision. The dynamic viewpoint and masterful drawing skills combine to create a visually rich experience that feels both immersive and exhilarating.

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Daniel Smith Artist Materials Award

City/Country Conversation

Rose West WSO

Mixed Media / 24 x 18 / \$500

This award-winning painting is a truly unique and captivating work that draws you in again and again. Each viewing reveals something new—subtle details, hidden forms, or unexpected connections. The artist's bold use of warm and cool colors creates a dynamic synergy, infusing the piece with energy and movement. It's a painting that doesn't just invite a glance, but rewards sustained attention with its layered complexity and vibrant expression.

Golden Artist Colors / QoR Award

Medina, Morocco III

Eric Wiegardt AWS, NWS, NWWS

Watercolor / 16 x 22 / \$850

This award-winning painting pulses with life, its loose, impressionistic brushwork creating a sense of constant motion that perfectly captures the rhythm of a busy urban scene. The abstracted forms and energetic strokes offer just enough structure to guide the eye, while leaving space for the viewer to interpret and fill in the details. It's a brilliant balance of chaos and control, inviting a personal connection with every glance.