About the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society:

In March of 1979 twelve watercolor artists, led by Nick Ruggieri, met in a backroom of the State Museum in Harrisburg and founded the association we know today as the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society. Initially named the Pennsylvania Society of Watercolor Painters, the name was changed to our present title in 1987. The founding artists sought to create an association that would support and advance the watercolor medium for artists while promoting the beauty and appeal of watercolor to the public. PWS is a non-profit (501)(c)(3) organization supported by member dues and donations from the public. These collected dues allow the society to sponsor the nationally acclaimed annual Juried Exhibition and the Members Show, produce a newsletter for the members at least four times a year, host yearly workshops that many times feature a nationally known instructor and provide awards for our exhibitions. For more information and to become a Member today, visit our website at www.pawcs.com.

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Congratulations to everyone selected for the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 43rd Annual International Juried Exhibition. This year, we received 540 images from 303 artists residing in 41 states and 9 countries. You can enjoy the breathtaking exhibit in our virtual gallery located on our website pawcs.com.

We appreciate the time and careful consideration of our jurors. Juror of Selection Anne Abgott selected 102 works for the exhibit. In her words, “This is one of the most impressive shows I have seen in a very long time!” Juror of Awards Stewart White had an equally difficult task in choosing 27 to receive awards.

An awards presentation was recorded with comments and narration by PWS President Linda R. Young and me. Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xVOgd5e5N4 to view the presentation and enjoy the insightful words of Juror Stewart White discussing his top five selections from the show.

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making the exhibit possible, with special thanks to PWS President Linda R. Young, Membership Chair Anni Matsick, Awards Committee Co-Chairs Helen Canfield and Gay Dunn, Webmaster Nick Mohler, and the entire PWS Board. A special thanks to Members Show chairperson Pam Wenger for recording and producing our awards ceremony.

And finally, thank you to those who donated to awards and to the catalog printing. Your support is needed to help PWS present this top-quality show.

Cheers to another successful International Juried Exhibition! We look forward to seeing your entries next year.

Best regards,

Jeannine Swartz
PWS Juried Show Chairperson
Thank you to our Jurors.....

JUROR OF SELECTION - Anne Abgott

“It was an honor to be the Selection’s judge for the 2022 Pennsylvania Watercolor Society. As an artist and educator, it was both a daunting and rewarding experience to review the 540 submitted paintings. I want to thank the PWS officers and committee members for their trust and willingness to allow me to judge this quality show!

I look for initial impact, compositional design, creativity, and lastly sensitivity to the medium of watercolor. Craftsmanship and control of the medium were not the dominating factor. Lastly, I looked for a balanced show. Using the following as my guidelines: Floral and Still Life, Landscape, Portrait and Figure, Abstract, and finally Other. This I describe as thinking outside the box.

It was a wonderful group of paintings submitted of very very high quality."

- Sincerely Anne Abgott AWS, TWSA, NWS

Anne Abgott was born in Ontario Canada and moved to the USA in 1998. There she began to explore watercolor. Galleries, art centers and competitions became a big part of her life. Anne authored the bestselling book by Northlight titled “Daring Color” in 2006. Anne’s love of color is obvious. Her technique is to work directly from the moistened well of paint to the paper. She believes design and composition are very important and not easy to conquer. Anne says, “there is no greater feeling than getting up each day with nothing but the desire to get a brush in my hand”. Anne is a signature member of American Watercolor Society (AWS), National Watercolor Society (NWS), and Florida Watercolor Society (FWS). She is featured in The Artists Magazine “Over 60” March/April 2022 issue.

JUROR OF AWARDS - Stewart White

“I read a sentence once by John Sloan about Art. He was clear that he had a point of view and that it was just that. Like a contemporary of his Thomas Hart Benton, Sloan was not short on opinions and points of view when it came to anything, but particularly so when it came to Art and especially Painting. That was in the 20’s and 30’s. These days are no different. Opinions are everywhere to be found. But I do like this statement, nonetheless. “Art is something which has been created in response to an urge that came through contact with life.”

I made choices not so much by style or technical competence (though almost all my choices show competence to spare), I chose these works because I felt that there was a “contact with life” in them and the artists used whatever skills, styles and knowledge they could muster to express that. Some judges pride themselves by choosing an “artists choice” selection that matches their own as a sort of validation for their own tastes in art. Popularity has seldom been a great standard by which to appreciate a good painting. I am always amazed about how Watercolor continues to show an almost inexhaustible ability to cover an infinite variety of expressions for the artist and still at the end of the day, manage to be just stains and marks on perfectly clean white paper. Ah, but what stains and what marks it makes!!

- Stewart White AWS NWS

Stewart White is a watercolorist from Baltimore, Maryland. He works as an architectural illustrator and designer. He is a transparent watercolorist in the purest tradition of watercolor painters. Stewart studied at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and after serving 3 years in the US Army he received a BFA from UC Berkeley. His watercolors have won many awards. Stewart exhibits his paintings in juried and gallery exhibitions throughout the US. He is a member of the American Impressionists Society (AIS), a signature member of the National Watercolor Society (NWS), and a signature member of the American Watercolor Society (AWS). Stewart is past President (2012) of The American Society of Architectural Illustrators (ASAI) and the Mid-Atlantic Plein-Air Painters Association (MAPAPA).
Pennsylvania Watercolor Society Welcomes New Signature Member:

Brenda Bechtel  Albina Herron
Janice Heverly  Yan Liang
Sue Welsby

Signature membership is offered to those regular members in good standing who have been accepted into two of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society’s Juried Exhibitions within an eight-year period. Upon acceptance, the member receives a special PWS pin and a certificate and is entitled to use the signature initials PWS after their name.

Congratulations to 2022 Sylvan Grouse Guild Award Recipient:

Jean Gill

The Sylvan Grouse Guild Award, available to signature members, is earned by attaining a total of six points. Points are earned by winning awards at the annual juried exhibition, with the number of points dependent upon what award is earned. The image on the face of the bronze medal depicts the hemlock (our state tree), the mountain laurel (the state flower), and the ruffed grouse (the state bird) which sits on a log in the sylvan Penn’s Woods. When inducted into the Sylvan Grouse Guild, the artist may add “sgg” after their name (PWS sgg).

Letter from the PWS President

The 43rd annual juried exhibition is again a beautiful representation of the conceptual variety and talent the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society has in its membership and non-members who entered this year’s exhibit. Thank you to Anne Abgott with the difficult selections she made of the fine work the accepted artists produced. The task was not a simple one.

For me, every intention up to this date was made to have another live awards presentation but unfortunately, the end-planning stages presented an unforeseen obstacle that we couldn’t make it happen this year. We, as well as Stewart White the awards judge, are disappointed this year couldn’t be an interactive one for you.

However, alternative plans were made with Stewart White to allow us to record his comments about the top twenty-seven paintings. Mr. White was also looking forward to a live presentation because he likes to interact with the artists. We did the best we could with a very qualified person and talented artist, Pam Wenger who created this YouTube awards ceremony for you. Thank you, Pam.

My personal thanks go out to my Vice President, Jeannine Swartz who is the juried show chairperson for her organization and coordination of the show through Café and to Nick Mohler for our PWS website presentation. A special thank you goes to the large corporate sponsors and the friends of PWS for their award contributions this year. The awards committee of Helen Canfield and Gay Dunn worked long hours in preparation, establishing and obtaining an increased goal total for awards. It takes special people to be able to ask for support and I think they did a spectacular job in acquiring the total number of prizes in the difficult economy that we have had.

Congratulations to all. You are the best.

Linda Young, President
Begonias
19 x 40
$2,000.00
Beverly Abel
Cresco, PA

Gypsy
34 x 30
$2,200.00
Christine Alfery
Lac du Flambeau, WI
#21 Cheap Joe’s Art Stuff Award

A Rainy Night In Georgia
30 x 22
$2,100.00
Telagio Baptista
Omaha, NE

Broken
20 x 16
$650.00
David Beale
Cortland, NY

Terrace Oasis
29 x 21.5
$8,600.00
Brenda Bechtel
West Barnstable, MA

Folds Flying
22 x 20
NFS
Janet Belich
Germantown, MD
The Observer
21.5 x 14
$1,498.00
Donna Berk Barlup
Mechanicsburg, PA

Relentless
17.5 x 34.5
$7,000.00
John Bierley
Pennsdale, PA
#5 PWS
President’s Award

In Città
16 x 22
$1,620.00
Glenn Blue
Wrightsville, PA

Coming
27.5 x 14
$4,000.00
Denny Bond
East Petersburg, PA

Field of Electricity
20.25 x 21.25
$1,200.00
Robert Bowden
Pittsburgh, PA

Dance Of The Seven Sails
22 x 15
$2,200.00
Marilynne Bradley
Webster Grvs, MO
Gill’s Rock
12 x 16
$1,600.00
Brienne Brown
Julian, PA

Sunday Sushi
20 x 22
$600.00
Linda Buechting
Quincy, IL
#16 Jean Spicer
Friend of PWS Award

Paris: Apres Le Dejeuner
(After Lunch)
30 x 22
$3,000.00
Allan Butt
Concord, NC
#15 Free Spirit
Watercolor Award

Queen Of Dreams
14 x 11
$1,000.00
Mary Ellen Carrier
Lake Mary, FL

The Beauty Of Faith
45.5 x 71.5
$20,000.00
Richard Tiejun Chao
Carlton, NSW

Quilt Stories 13
30 x 22
$1,200.00
Deborah Conn
Falls Church, VA
Happy Annie
20 x 14
$700.00
Brenda Cretney
Brockport, NY

Approaching Storm
24 x 21
$950.00
Sally Davies
Greenbelt, MD

Déjà Vu
22 x 32
$2,200.00
Jacqueline Dorsey
Athens, GA

Lavender And Old Lace
22 x 15
$750.00
Kathleen Durdin
Tampa, FL

Denim
42 x 34
$3,800.00
Howard Eberle
Lewes, DE
#1 - 1st Place Award

The Golden Goose
10 x 13
$500.00
Toni Elkins
Columbia, SC
#14 Dixon
Ticonderoga Award
Morning Creek
22 x 30
$3,500.00
Z Feng
Radford, VA

The Passage
11 x 14
NFS
Paul George
Ipswich, MA

Life Is Planning Your Next Move
20.5 x 22
$3,500.00
Kathleen Giles
Gasport, NY

Yelloconuts
22 x 30
NFS
Jean Gill
Oak Hill, VA
#23 DeEtta Silvestro Friend of PWS Award

Still Life With Cherries & Vintage Brocade
26 x 16.5
NFS
Jacqueline Gnott
South Bend, IN
#9 Mary Jane Sausser Award

Warm Invitation
29 x 20
$6,500.00
Xi Guo
St. Augustine, FL
Painted Turtle
12 x 18
$1,800.00
Ann Hart
East Harwich, MA

After The Rain
36 x 29
NFS
Richard Haynes
Fairfield, NJ
#4 - 4th Place Award

Ledebouria Socialis
Silver Squill
12 x 16
NFS
Albina Herron
Analomink, PA

Jazz I
30 x 22
$1,200.00
Kristin Herzog
Estero, FL
#8 Mildred Kratz Award

Donna’s Koi
22 x 30
$1,599.00
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The Seagulls
And Raging Sea
12 x 18
$500.00
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29 x 18
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Friend of PWS Award

Giant Saw At Sunset
11 x 16
$2,600.00
Karen Mai
Hong Kong
#25 Laura Cowburn
Friend of PWS Award

Autumn's Glory
16 x 20
$425.00
Barbara Mathews
Janesville, WI

Carmo Convent, Lisbon
15 x 22
$1,500.00
Mark McDermott
Anchorage, AK

230 High Street
12 x 9
NFS
Katie Mead
Washington DC, DC

Fitting In #2
14 x 11
$800.00
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Variant: Crossroads
30 x 22
$1,600.00
Robert Mejer
Quincy, IL

Changes Coming
16 x 16
$725.00
Susan M. Miller
Kenmore, NY
#26 Susanna Anastasia
Friend of PWS Award

Distancing
22 x 29
$3,800.00
Christine Misencik-Bunn
Fredericktown, OH

A Day At The Lake
22 x 30
$2,400.00
Joye Moon
Oshkosh, WI

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22 x 15
$3,500.00
R. Mike Nichols
Salinas, CA

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28.75 x 17.5
$3,500.00
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Guelph, Ontario
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14 x 19
NFS
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14 x 21
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#7 PWS Board
Members Award
The Path
15 x 20
NFS
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Friend of PWS Award

Parade Play
27.5 x 28
$3,000.00
April Rimpo
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Skywheel
17.8 x 11.9
NFS
Marlene Rohal
Mississauga, Ontario

Layers
22.5 x 21.25
$7,800.00
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Scituate, MA
#12 R. Mike Nichols
Friend of PWS Award

Banana Queen
29 x 21
$3,800.00
Charles Rouse
Vista, CA

A Still Life
28 x 22
NFS
Cheryl Schlenker
Media, PA
#3 - 3rd Place Award
Vanitas Domina
14 x 21
NFS
Alisa Shea
Northport, NY
#11 Philadelphia Watercolor Society Award

Waiting For A Bite
16 x 20
NFS
Keith Shebesta
Amelia, OH

Dock Of The Bay
(With A Nod To Otis Redding)
22 x 15
$750.00
Linda Slattery Sherman
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#13 Linda Young Friend of PWS Award

Can Can
15 x 22
$250.00
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Lansdale, PA

Manhattan Bridge
15 x 11
$1,000.00
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Devon, PA
#17 Linda Buechting Friend of PWS Award

Illusions Of Grandeur
14 x 23
$1,400.00
Kristin Stashenkon
Medfield, MA
Magenta Sunsplash Orchids
22 x 30
$2,400.00
Bonnie Steinsnyder
Brooklyn, NY

Waiting In The Shadows
17 x 22.5
$1,500.00
E Stoddard
East Amherst, NY

Amanda
16 x 16
$800.00
Caitilin Stolle
Brooklyn, WI

Toes In The Water
14 x 20
$2,500.00
Annie Strack
Kennett Square, PA

Transition
28 x 21
$10,000.00
Rose Marie Strippoli
Bristol, PA
#27 Blick Art
Materials Award

Life #2
22 x 29.5
$5,000.00
Tan Suz Chiang
Johor Bahru, Johor
#24 Friend of PWS Award
Zebra Scarf
28.5 x 21.5
NFS
Jeannine Swartz
Mechanicsburg, PA

San Jose Bullpen
14 x 20
$800.00
Tim Swartz
Spring City, PA

Sandhill Sprucing Up
22 x 15
$350.00
Nina Tarnuzzer
Gainesville, FL

Pear And Yellow Crocs
22 x 15
$995.00
Don Taylor
Panama City, FL

Top Of The World
19 x 25
$2,500.00
Ron Thurston
Coraopolis, PA

#6 Paxtang Art
Association Award in Memory of Nicholas Feher

Praying
12.2 x 12.2
NFS
Zhou Tianya
Shenzhen, Guangdong
Pondering  
19 x 12  
$1,800.00  
Phyllis Tseng  
Temple City, CA

Puddles  
24 x 18  
NFS  
Carmella Tuliszewski  
Flourtown, PA

Swirling Bubbles  
19.25 x 14.25  
$20,000.00  
Dee Turba  
Tuckerton, NJ

Possibilities  
11 x 11  
NFS  
Debra Valentino  
Mars, PA

Vessels  
17.50 x 14.75  
$950.00  
Christine Walker  
Charlotte, NC

Norm 1  
20 x 16  
$1,200.00  
Sandra Webster  
Marietta, GA

#18 Elizabeth Burin  
Friend of PWS Award
No Shoe To Shine  
22 x 30  
NFS  
Sue Welsby  
Clermont, FL

Edge  
28 x 18  
$2,447.00  
Frank Wengen  
Dallas, PA

The Skeptic  
19 x 14.5  
$2,000.00  
Pam Wenger  
Dillsburg, PA

Honey Do List  
22 x 30  
$2,000.00  
Lois Wolford  
Towson, MD

Paris  
16.5 x 12  
NFS  
Sih Shian Wu  
Taipei City, Neihu Dist.  
#20 Helen Canfield  
Friend of PWS Award in Memory of James Meihaus

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51 x 69  
$5,500.00  
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Plano, TX
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