

Member News

SUMMER 2023



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Carey



Kathy Crocker



Anni Matsick



Jane Wise



Donna Barlup



These are the Board of Directors Volunteers from all over the Tri-State Area for
Pennsylvania Watercolor Society.

They hail from and volunteer remotely from Boalsburg, Pittsburgh, Dillsburg, Mechanicsburg, Fayetteville, Baden, Carlisle, Owings Mills MD, Whiting NJ and Denver PA. We communicate by ZOOM, email and by phone.

Our next board meeting will be August 28 at 7:00. If you want to attend, please email me at pwspres@gmail.com. I'll send you a link to be part of it. Your presence is welcome.

Linda Young, PRESIDENT



WORKSHOP NEWS

by Jackie Bickley Humphries

Stephen Zhang Workshop - June 2023

Hello Everyone!

Summer is here and our Stephen Zhang workshop with a focus on portraits, is now over. A big THANK YOU! to all of the 22 participants for attending and providing helpful feedback! Hopefully you have been able to practice some of his techniques with success. Aside from the few inevitable glitches, it seemed to be a very successful learning opportunity and enjoyed by all!! Mr. Zhang proved to be an excellent instructor! He was patient, clear, skillful and provided excellent critiquing in much appreciated group and individual formats. We feel honored to have had him for he has a very limited workshop schedule.

Many thanks to Jane Wise for all her help for and during the workshop and thanks to all the participating artists who helped us in the break down for the workshop ... that was hugely appreciated!

Thank you Stephen!



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

by Jackie Bickley Humphries

Stacy Lund-Levy October 2023

Looking to the Fall and into the 2024 and 2025 workshop schedule we have a 2-3 hour ZOOM workshop with Stacy Lund- Levy on OCTOBER 23!! Save the date! The exact time and subject matter will be determined soon and registration information will be posted on the PAWCS website.

Michal Jasciewicz June 2024

In June of 2024 ... 17,18,19 and 20 Monday- Thursday the long sought after internationally acclaimed watercolorist Michal Jasciewicz from Poland will be conducting this IN-PERSON workshop in Hummelstown. The workshop title is "EXPRESSING LIGHT IN LANDSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURAL PAINTINGS." Registration will also soon be posted on the our website. Save the dates! Registration will be limited to 24 participants.

Don't miss your spot!

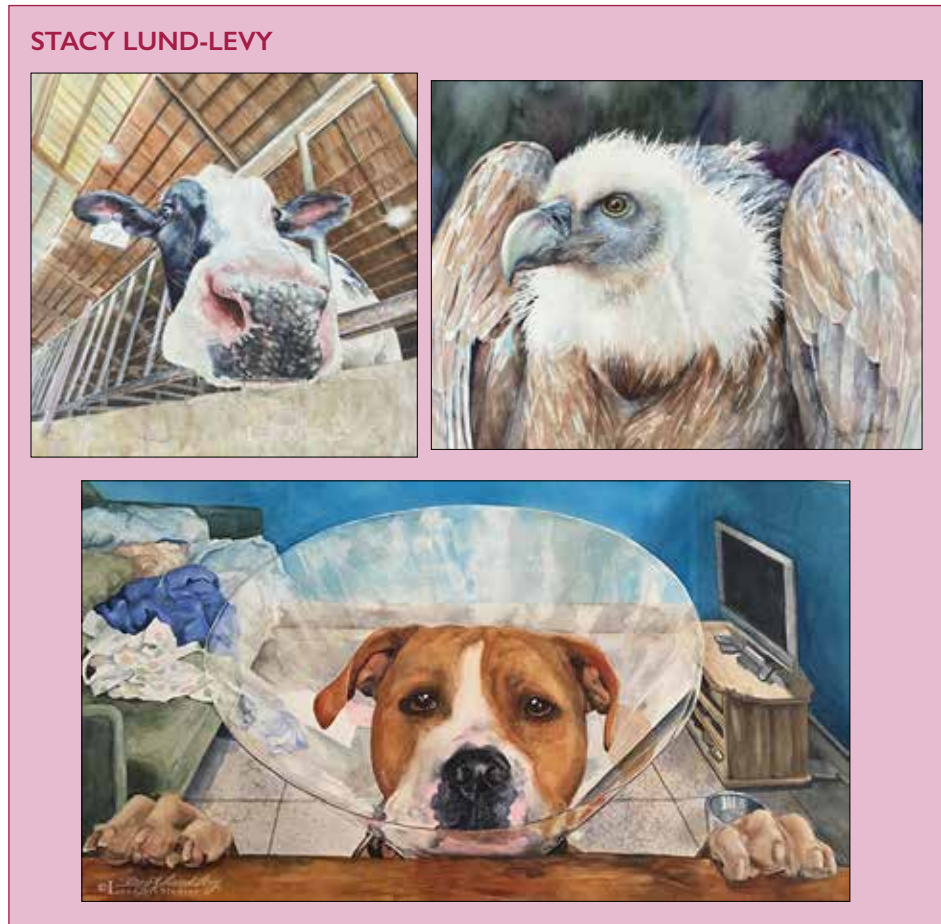
Z.L. Feng Fall 2024

In the Fall of 2024 (the date is to be determined) internationally acclaimed watercolorist Z.L. Feng will be conducting this in-person workshop!!! If you are not familiar with these scheduled artists check them out!

In the Spring of 2025 we have **Shelly Prior** scheduled for that in-person workshop.



Keep checking our website and read the newsletter for the latest Workshop information.





NEW MEMBERS

(enrolled since April 19, 2023)

Tamara Ely
Doug Ghering
Magda Rivera-Dillon
Andy Smith
Linda Thomas
Melanie Wright
Michelle Zabe
Judith Baer

COVER ART

Many Summer paintings were received to be included in this newsletter, so I decided to include at least one from everyone who was generous enough to have her work featured. Thanks to the following for sending your summer works:

Sandra McKeehan
Rita Argen Auerbach
Cheryl Schlenker
Camella Tuliszewski
Jessica Ellen Boise

If you would like to contribute a piece of artwork for the Fall issue, please send that to the newsletter editor, Mary Grassell, at:
pwsnewsletter2022@gmail.com
by September 1, 2023.

Send that as a jpg, pdf or png as an email attachment.

Newsletter articles
for the
Fall Newsletter are due
September 1, 2023

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Message from the Awards Chairperson

by Helen Canfield

This is a reminder to members that we need to support the sponsors of our Juried Show. When purchasing material from them please mention that you are part of PWS. We recently added Jerry's Artarama as a Sponsor.

Current Sponsors are:

Airfloat Systems, American Frame, Art Depot, BLICKArt Materials, Cheap Joe's, Chroma, Daniel Smith, Dixon Ticonderoga, Dr. Ph. Martin's, Golden Paints, Hahnemühle, Holbein, Jack Richeson, Jerry's Artarama, Legion Papers, M. Graham, Paint Tube, QoR Artist Watercolors, Silverbrush, West Charlton Frame, and Winsor Newton.

We are grateful to the 5 members and the Free Spirit Watercolor Society for giving cash donations to help with the awards for the International Juried Show. If any member would still like to donate, please do so on the website under Sponsors by July 31st.

This is also a reminder to all members that we need a volunteer or two to replace me December 1st, 2023. Any one interest can contact our President Linda Young.

A New Newsletter Feature for our Younger Members!

I am renewing the call for "younger art" and I would like to begin with our next newsletter, the Fall Edition of the PWS News. This feature would feature you, the younger set of our membership!

It is a good time to become a member of PWS, if you're not. If you are a student, your dues are \$20, and your work should definitely be included!

Get yourself noticed by letting us publish your artwork!

Send a piece of your artwork with your name and some background about the watercolor work and/or yourself.

Send images to me, Mary Grassell, the Newsletter Editor at pwsnewsletter2022@gmail.com or directly to me at grassell@marshall.edu



**CORRECTION:
LANA PRIVITERA**

Lana was the second place award winner in the Member's On-Line 2023 exhibit as reported in the Spring Newsletter. However, the wrong painting was included. (Newsletter Editor's Mistake) Here is the correct painting: "Tea Time here, there, everywhere."



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TONY BONAZZI

Tony Bonazzi, sold a painting at the Purple Robin Reserve in Lititz as the featured artist of the month of May.

He will be participating in the Lititz Outdoor Fine Art Show, at booth 23 on July 29, 2023.



Mary Grassell, "Sheep May Safely Graze," Watercolor

MARY GRASSELL

Mary Grassell, a Franklin County artist and PWS Newsletter Editor, was awarded second place in Watercolor Landscape at the 51st Annual Exhibit of the Franklin County Art Alliance in Chambersburg, PA for her watercolor "Sheep May Safely Graze." Mary also had solo exhibits at the Grove Family Library in Chambersburg, and at the Chambersburg Hospital in April and May of this year. She will be featured at The Foundry Gallery in August.

**JEAN K. GILL,
AWS, NWS**

Jean K. Gill received an Award of Merit in the Philadelphia Watercolor Society's Members' Show and the Applshed & Milway 3rd Place award in the 2023 WCWS Rockies West 33rd National Exhibition. She has also qualified to become a Watercolor Master Elite member (BWS-WME) of the Baltimore Watercolor Society. Jean has a painting included in the Signature and Associate Members' Exhibition of the National Watercolor Society, and with her 4th acceptance in the Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition, she has become a RMNW signature member there.



Jane Wise "Make a Big Splash," Watercolor

JANE WISE

Jane Wise, a new PWS Board Member, has many workshops, classes and awards on record, including 2nd place in the Las Vegas International Juried Art Competition in painting. Most recently she was juried into the Baltimore Watercolor Society as a signature member, and achieved a Rising Star Award in the International Watercolor Masters World Contest.

ROBERT SUSSNA

Robert Sussna gave some updates about his recent painting activities.

In April of this year he was named Artist of the Month, by Artsbridge of New Jersey. He has been painting weekly en plein aire in some of the little towns along the Delaware river with their River Rats group .

His painting of a storefront in Lambertville was juried into the competitive exhibition held by the Artists of Yardley Pennsylvania for the period of March 2023-April 2023. This painting was shown in the New Jersey Watercolor Society 2022 Open Exhibition.

Another painting, *Seargentsville Boogie Boogie* was selected as part of the New Jersey Watercolor Society Elected Artists online exhibition, May 2023, and it was once again selected for inclusion in the Ficus Restaurant Art Exhibition, beginning on June 10th and on view until October 2023. This same painting was previously selected to be shown in North East Watercolor Society International show in Connecticut.



DIANA BURCHFIELD

Diana Burchfield reports that one of the submissions, named “Moonlight,” which she made to the Rhode Island Watercolor Society’s show called “Nature’s Patterns” has been chosen for an Honorable Mention Award.

“**Waterspots**” is the place for your member news. Are you in any new exhibitions? Have you been awarded a prize or other honor? Are you experimenting with any methods? Have you traveled and painted? **Report your news here.**
Send to:
 pwsnewsletter2022@gmail.com

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CATHERINE HILLIS

Catherine Hillis was invited to write an article for the July 2023 *Plein-Air Magazine's* “Watercolor Fix-It” section. She writes about some of the many substrates available to the contemporary plein air watermedia painter.

MARILYN JOHANSEN

Marilyn Johansen's series of Soldier Stories continues to be exhibited at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport to honor the military and the Commissioning of the Navy Ship the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28)

So far this year she has had four paintings accepted into the following Exhibitions:
 Missouri Watercolor Society,
 Watercolor Society of Alabama,
 Louisiana Watercolor Society
 and the Texas Watercolor Society.

Send images of your work as pdf, png, or jpeg. Attach to your email.

ANNI MATSICK and DONNA BERK BARLUP

Watercolor paintings by **Anni Matsick and Donna Berk Barlup** have been chosen for inclusion in Art of the State 2023 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Jurors Kyle Hackett, Deborah Pinter, and Jennifer Zwilling had over 1,915 works for consideration. Following a reportedly very challenging jury process, 86 were chosen.

Art of the State will be on display September 10, 2023 - January 7, 2024. Plans for the Sunday, September 10 opening are being finalized; attendance is free that day and open to the public.

Both of the artists are included for a third time in this prestigious annual show open to Pennsylvania artists.



Anni Matsick, “Passing Through,” Watercolor



Donna Berk Barlup, “The Observer,” Watercolor

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ANNIE STRACK

Annie Strack's paintings were juried into the exhibits of the: Western Federation Watercolor Society, Montana Watercolor Society, Rocky Mountain Watermedia, Garden State Watercolor Society, Illinois Watercolor Society, Watercolor USA Honor Society, and Society of Watercolor Artists. She was featured in 48th and 50th editions of *The Art of Watercolour*, April issue of *Fine Art Connoisseur*, June issue of *Plein Air*; and also won an Award of Merit in the Arizona Watercolor Society Exhibit. She earned Signature Status in GSWS, MTWS, and IWS.

MICHELLE ZABE

Last year, at age 44, Michelle (Mixie) Zabe, a new member, began making visual art. She had many friends who were visual artists, and was already a lifelong singer and writer, but something was missing. She began a struggle with drawing, but painting finally seemed to be the missing ingredient. Examples of her new adventure are pictured here. Keep painting!



Michelle Zabe,
"Violet Persephone,"
Watercolor



Michelle Zabe,
"Cyclical,"
Watercolor

PWS Website:

<https://pawcs.wildapricot.org/>

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 not to miss deadlines. *Guidelines for submitting a commercial ad in a limited space are also included in the above website.* If you belong to an organization and would like to inform PWS members of your events, please send the information to

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