

Kelly Knouff-Burk, SWS

Watercolor Artist
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Artist Biography:

Kelly Knouff-Burk, SWS is a local watercolor artist based in rural Deer Park, Washington. Originally from Ohio, she completed her Bachelor Degree in Industrial Design at Ohio State University. She has worked as a graphic designer and done free lance work. Since retirement in 2017, her art focus has been painting landscapes and animals in watercolor. Kelly loves to paint from nature and personal photos of places she has experienced. Her philosophy is that art is about the joy of creating and sharing joy through her art.

Artist Statement:

“My paintings are created with the intention of sharing the beauty and character of the subject with the viewer. With the transparent and often unpredictable nature of watercolor, results can be magical and better than reality. Inspiration fueled by natural subjects drives me to express joy through painting.”

Accomplishments:

2018- “Peaceful” juried into the SWS Fall National Show. Juror: Birgit O’Connor. Painting sold.

2019- First Place: “Taking Refuge” in the Spring SWS Member Show. Art used for the 2019 SWS Fall Show promotion.

2019- Changing Rural Landscape Award sponsored by the Latah County Historical Society at The Palouse Plein Air Event. Juror: Scott Gellatly. Art to be displayed at the Moscow City Hall. Painting sold.

2019- City Purchase Award sponsored by the City of Moscow at the Palouse Plein Air Event. Juror: Scott Gellatly. Painting sold.

2019- Second Place: “Autumn Solitude” in the SWS Fall Juried Member Show. Juror: Jessica Bryant.

2020- “Sentinels” juried into Winterfest for the Arts. Jurors: Dave Andersen and Jen Fuller. Painting sold.

2020- Second Place: “Along Johnston Canyon Trail” in the SWS Open Juried Show. Juror: Dale Laitinen.

2020- “Summer Daze” juried into the SWS Juried Member Show. Juror: Carrie Stuart-Parks.

2021- Honorable Mention Award for “A Fresh Perspective-Ohme Gardens” at the SWS National Juried Show. “Silence on Glacier Bay” was also juried into this show. Juror: Catherine Gill.

2021-NWWS Membership Award “Along Johnston Canyon Trail” in the NWWS Waterworks Unbound Show. Juror: Liana Bennett.

2021- “Chosen” juried into the SWS Juried Member Show. Juror: Molly Murrah.

2021- SWS Signature Member status awarded.

2022-“Living Water” juried into SWS National Juried Show. Juror: William Hook

2022- Third Place “Magnificent Magnolias” In the SWS Juried Member Show. Juror: Liana Bennett

2023- “Chosen” juried into Winterfest for the Arts. Jurors: Leslie Lambert, Angenette Escobar and Melissa Cole.

To view more of Kelly’s artwork see her website spokanewatercolor.org/kelly-knouff-burk.html.