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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4—** NATIONAL EXHIBITION at The MAC, 10:00 am—5:00 pm
May 5 Chairperson: Oral Carper (The MAC is closed on Mondays)
- May 6** Pick up paintings from National Show
Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC), 10:00 am —12:00 pm
- May 9** Board Meeting (via Zoom) 4:00 pm
- May 18** MEMBERSHIP MEETING via Zoom, 10:00 am — 12:00 pm
Social time 9:45 am. DEMO Elise Beettie—Fearless Paint Pouring
(see page 2 for more details)
- June 1** PLEIN AIR EVENT, 10:00 am
Carrie Dugovic will host a Plein Air Event at her place at
20311 N. Little Spokane Drive, Colbert, WA
(see below for more details and directions)
- June 1** ENTRIES OPEN FOR OUR FALL MEMBERSHIP SHOW
(see page 2 for more details)
- CHANGE OF DATE — PLEASE NOTE!**
- June 15** PLEIN AIR PAINTING WITH MEGAN PERKINS, 10:00 am—12:00 pm
Mirabeau Point Park, Spokane Valley (limited number of participants so
sign up details will be given at our May 18 meeting!)

Challenge PAINTING

May 18 via Zoom
MAY FLOWERS

Show us what April
showers brought to you*
(or what's on your easel)



*Remember to send a good photo of your challenge paintings to Carrie at carrie.dugovic@gmail.com by Thursday (May 16) midnight. You could win a \$15 gift certificate to Spokane Art Supply!

Remember to check the SWS website at www.spokanewatercolor.org for all the latest information.



Plein Air Event

hosted by Greg and Carrie Dugovic

Saturday, June 1 • 10:00 a.m. until the last brushstroke

20311 N Little Spokane Dr, Colbert, WA

Provided: Water, tea, restrooms, parking, seating and a variety of river, bridges, meadow, orchard, wildflowers, forest, lilacs and barn views in wide open spaces.

Bring: Your Plein Air supplies, a chair if you prefer your own, lunch and a small snack to share.

RSVP: 509-389-9500

carrie.dugovic@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS:

(do not take Woolard, the county bridge is closed for replacement): North on Hwy 2, left on Colbert, right on Little Spokane, at the T, right again to stay on Little Spokane. Alternatively Hwy 395 N, right on Hatch, right on N Perry, which turns into Little Spokane. Turn left on the private and unimproved Backacres Rd just after the set of mailboxes. Go ¼ mile to the barn and garages at the end. Go down the steps to our home.



We NEED You!

Please consider volunteering for one of several **BOARD POSITIONS** that will become vacant this year. This is your opportunity to help determine the future and direction of SWS!

We are also in need of a **SHOW CHAIR** for our Spring 2025 National Show. All training and mentoring will be provided.

Please come forward and help!

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REVIEW OF OUR NATIONAL SHOW
AND WORKSHOP!

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Spokane Watercolor Society

Saturday May 18, 2024 (via Zoom)

Be inspired by painting the Fearless Way!

A DEMO by Elise Beattie, The Fearless Artist

A demonstration dedicated to helping viewers better understand the what, when and how behind using different and unique watercolor techniques with mixed water-media to take any artist's work to a new, fun and exciting level.

In this demo I will share with viewers the magic of working with extreme wet into wet methods such as pouring paint. I will demonstrate how watercolor paints can be used to create marvelous patterns and textures without lifting a brush! I look forward to showing SWS members how to create "visual surprises" by stepping aside from traditional transparent methods of paint application and visiting the "wild side" of painting mixed media, The Fearless Way!



ALSO PLEASE NOTE HER UPCOMING CLASSES AT Spokane Art Supply...

ELISE BEATTIE, The FEARLESS Artist:

FEARLESS WATERCOLOR PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS (2 day workshop)

June 14 & 15 • Meet & Greet 9:30am • Class 10am—4:30pm Friday and Saturday

INSPIRATIONAL TECHNIQUES FOR FEARLESS MIXED WATER-MEDIA PAINTING

(2-1/2 day workshop) **June 21, 22, 23**

Meet & Greet 9:30am • Class 10am—4:30pm Friday & Saturday; 12—4:30 pm Sunday

- Learn inspirational techniques using combinations of watercolors, fluid acrylic paints and collage on either paper or canvas.
- Elevate your painting abilities to a new level using a mix of different water-media.
- Challenge yourself to paint with more than a #12 round brush!
- Learn how you can loosen up your style by pouring paint and playing with paper!

Register for this class online by visiting the instructor's web site at <https://www.beattieartworks.com/spokane-art-supply-workshops.html>. Call 270-994-9377 for more information.

The SWS Members

Show is coming soon...

here are a few key points!

But, please do consult your prospectus for all the pertinent info (also available on the SWS website)!

- Submissions OPEN on June 1
- Juror is **Lisa Hill** (Feb. Demo artist)
- Submissions CLOSE on July 5
- Notifications of acceptance July 19
- Artwork delivered to **Spokane Art School Gallery** on August 30
- Show opens on September 6 with **reception and awards from 5-8 pm** during First Friday at Spokane Art School Gallery
- Awards are in excess of \$700 cash and merchandise
- Show ends on September 27
- Artwork pickup on October 1
- **Painting sizes** (any dimension) 8" minimum—consult prospectus
- **Frame size** maximum is 30" width

SHOW CHAIRS:

Diana Postlewait
Kim Gardell



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Annie McKinlay, Spokane, WA
Terese Fandel, Hayden, ID



Now that the newsletter is up and running again, we will be inviting members to contribute show listings, tips and techniques, opportunities, etc. An updated SUBMISSION FORM, with more details, will be available sometime this summer! There will be no editions in July and August.



A BIG THANK YOU to all of our members who volunteered their time to help make the National Show and Workshop a "smooth running" success!

YOUR PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT to Spokane Watercolor Society!

Your contact information is included in our roster, so that members can contact each other. This is only accessible by logging on to www.spokanewatercolor.org with your user name and password, under the heading "MY SWS". If you DO NOT want your contact information on this roster, please contact: swspresident1@gmail.com.

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Participants at our National Workshop with award winning artist Soon Young Warren worked along with Soon and produced amazing vibrant flower in cut-glass paintings. This workshop was four days at Spokane Art Supply. Lori Patrick served as the Workshop Chair and is pictured at left with some of Soon's paintings in the background.

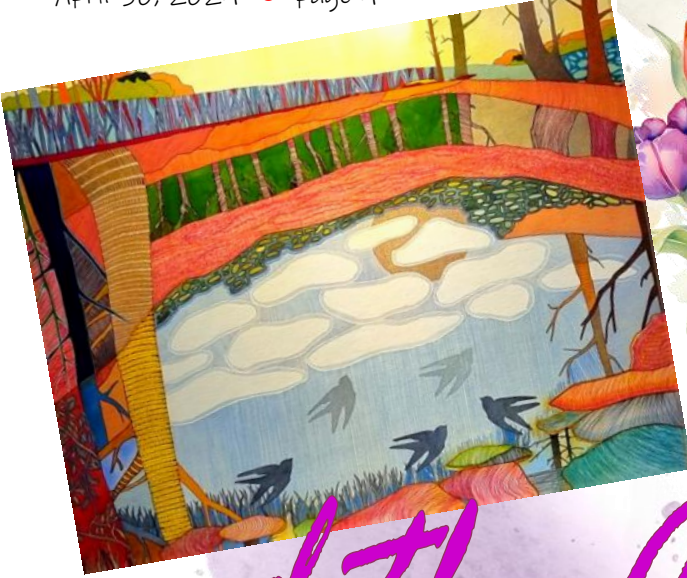


Signature Member **Becky Gromlich** shared her finished painting and a shot of the final painting wall. "I learned quite a bit, some of it was things I don't want to do again (lol), but one big concept that struck me anew was 'if you paint what everyone else is painting, your paintings will never stand out,'" she said of her workshop experience. She also plans to post a video on her YouTube Channel (The Watercolor Classroom) about what she learned. A link will be on the facebook SWS Members page.



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1st Place—*Discomfort* by Amalia Fisch (left)

2nd Place—*Connecting the Distance Between* by Mel Lacki (middle)

3rd Place—*Reflections and Transparencies* by Deborah Keane (right)



and The Awards go to...



Juror's Award—*Sea Dog* by Marc Chicoine (above)



Honorable Mention 1—*Reflections at Marina Bay* by Deepa Thomas (above right)



Honorable Mention 2—*Portico at Sandcrest WV* by Gina Judy (above)



Award of Excellence 2—*How Sweet It Is* by Lori Patrick (right)



Award of Excellence 1—*Sweet Decisions* By Oral Carper



Art Salvage Sponsor Award—*Everlasting View at Steptoe Butte* by Kim Gardell



Cheap Joe's Sponsor Award—*Where Canyon Creek Meets the Lochsa* by Joy Gruenewald

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National Show Snapshots

As always, we would like to thank the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (The MAC) for hosting our National Show and giving us such a beautiful venue with obliging and helpful staff support! Congratulations to all the award winners, purchase recipients, participating artists, and every SWS member volunteer.