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EXHIBIT 2017

WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF INDIANA/THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION INDIANAPOLIS MUSEUM OF ART, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA October 8 - December 3, 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Artists, Patrons, and Friends of WSI,

I want to welcome you to the 2016 Juried Exhibit of the Watercolor Society of Indiana. This is the 34th annual exhibit, and we are once again grateful to the Indianapolis Museum of Art for hosting this event in the beautiful Bret Waller Gallery. It is especially gratifying to the members of WSI that the museum recognizes the importance of both the creation of regional art and its exhibition to the public.

This year's juror, John Salminen, has carefully picked 45 paintings to represent the creative talents of the members of WSI. The artists whose paintings were selected consider it a great honor to be included in the exhibit. The juror felt that the selection process was very difficult from the entries submitted and emphasized it was "one person's decision."

I especially want to thank not only the museum, but our Juried Exhibit Chairperson, John O'Connor, for the diligent work that he and his committee have done to make sure that this event is successful. And it certainly goes to say that Valerie Vogtner, our Executive Director, guided our every effort and kept our ship on a direct and sure course. We are very grateful for the generosity of many members and friends of WSI who make our cash awards possible. The selected artists hope to win one of the coveted awards, and we thank the donors who make this happen through their donations and their support of the arts.

Congratulations to the new Signature Members and Cardinal Fellow Members this year as well as several new members of WSI. This is quite an accomplishment, and they join a long list of some of Indiana's most talented artists, past and present.

The Watercolor Society of Indiana is a wonderful organization, and I am honored to be President this year. I welcome each of you to the 34th exhibit. Please enjoy the creative efforts of the artists in all of their variety of colors, compositions, and subject matter. I hope you enjoy the exhibit as much as I do!

Karen Fehr

IN MEMORIUM

The Watercolor Society wishes to recognize Bob Udell, all WSI members, who have passed away this year.

WSI appreciates the talent and service of these members and offers condolences to the families and friends of the members and friends who have left us.

EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Artist profiles and price lists are available in a binder in the exhibit room. Please contact the WSI Office for information or to purchase a painting.

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EDUCATION _

The Watercolor Society's Education Program encompasses both educating the public about watercolor painting and furthering the education of our member artists.

More than seventy of our artist members teach in schools as well as various other venues. WSI provides educational demonstrations for our members and their guests at all general meetings. The Watercolor Society houses a lending library in the office. Members and friends have donated more than three hundred books. They are available to any member.

WSI was the recipient of a gift from the James Curtin Lentz Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2010 which provided a \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to high school seniors who intend to pursue a college degree in the visual arts. WSI awarded three scholarships in 2016. The recipients will attend Ball State University, Hope College, and the Savannah College of Art and Design. The Lentz Fund also provides continuing funds for The James Curtin Lentz Memorial Award, which will be given annually to an artist chosen by our juror.

In 2016, WSI offered two workshops taught by renowned artists: Frank Francese in June and John Salminen in September. WSI held a three-day Artist Retreat in April featuring Beverly Mathis and Jeanne McLeish as instructors and demonstrators. A general meeting to which members and friends were invited was held in March. Linda Halcomb was featured at the meeting, moderating a "Closer Look" program which featured a single painting. More than eighty members and guests enjoyed the Francese painting demonstration and art program in June. An evening art presentation by John Salminen in September was open to members and the public.

WSI helped to fund, and our members participated in, two Children's Summer Camps in July. One was held at the Hamilton County Artists' Association. The camp hosted twenty-six children in either the morning or afternoon sessions. The Pendleton Artists Association hosted sixty-three children for half day sessions.

The Society thanks the many donors and artist members who contribute to these educational activities.

EXHIBIT 2017 SPONSORS AND DONORS

The Watercolor Society of Indiana is proud to fulfill its mission of fostering education, enjoyment, and awareness of the beautiful medium of watercolor through generous donations from many corporations, foundations, individuals, and members who share affection for this art form.

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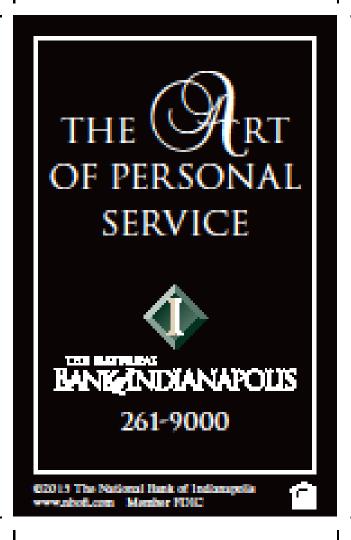
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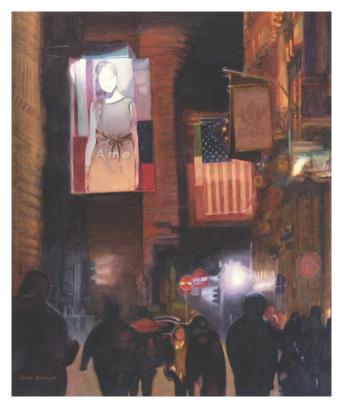
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Wilbur Meese Memorial Award \$2000



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Rena Brouwer, CF Chewing the Fat \$1,200

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\$1,900



FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS

Tom Brown Herb Helm Nancy Shake Alex Warnick Robin Edmundson Ron Leonhardt Joanne Shank Donna Whitsitt

EXHIBIT 2015 VOLUNTEERS

Exhibition Chair: John O'Connor **Workshop Chair:** Cindy Norrick Turner

Exhibition Volunteers:

Teresa Altemeyer Karen Fehr Bob Bratton Pat Grabill Norma Davis Marcia Reller

PAINTINGS



Rebekah Arvin, WSI English Countryside \$300



Henry Bell, CF #392 in an Abstract Series \$500



Kathleen Wenzel Biale, WSI Heirloom White Roses \$600



Robert L. Bratton, CF Sunday in Tours \$550



Tom Brown Curly Tom - Self Portrait NFS



J. A. Burst, WSI Cannonball \$500



Thea Clarke, CF Fruit 'N Fronds \$600



Kathleen Cornelius, CF Berry Buzzy NFS



Robin Edmundson Clouds Over May Pasture \$450



Dorothy Schulz Englehart, CF
Too Many Moons
NFS



Rich Ernsting, CF Not Everything Goes as Planned \$1,500



Karen Fehr, WSI Dreamscape XII \$700

PAINTINGS



Jacki Frey, WSI California Street \$675



Susie Gammon, WSI Bethany NFS



Brian Gordy, WSI Incognito \$1,500



Patricia Grabill, WSI John's Church NFS



Herbert Helm Afternoon at Ponte Vecchio \$400



Cathleen Huffman, WSI Fairland NFS



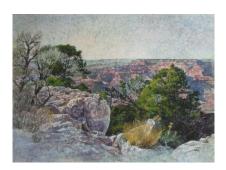
Patricia Huffman, CF Self Portrait as a Gardener \$900



Ann Johnson, WSI A Bird in the Hand \$750



Ron Leonhardt Hoosier Heirloom NFS



Beverly S. Mathis, WSI A Grand Memory \$750



Brenda Pettigrew, WSI Satori Pointe Fall Leaves \$1,500



June Presnell, WSI Cruising Lake Powell \$500

PAINTINGS



Marcia Mattingly Reller, WSI Tudor Poppies \$750



J. Anna Roberts, CF Up Up & Away \$2,000



Susan Semenick, WSI Recital \$1,000



Nancy Shake Flow in Springtime \$1,250



Joanne Shank Autumn Chickadee \$350



Nancy Turner, WSI Sunlit \$500



Deborah Ward, WSIAll About the Labels
\$1,500



Alex Warnick House Wren and Autumn Olive \$450



James Weaver, WSI Au Bon Pain \$1,200



Donna Whitsitt Graveyard Find \$225



Shirley L. Woolard, WSI At Woodland's Garden \$600

CARDINAL FELLOW AND SIGNATURE MEMBERS

The Watercolor Society recognizes its two special membership categories: **Cardinal Fellowship** acknowledges consistent artistic merit and service to the society. Members are designated with letters "CF" following their names. **Signature Members** have been accepted into at least two WSI juried exhibitions and are designated with the letters "WSI." The Society congratulates the following artists who have achieved Cardinal Fellowship and Signature status.

Cardinal Fellows

Henry Bell, CF
Betty Boyle, CF
Robert L. Bratton, CF
Rena Brouwer, CF
Peggy Brown, CF
Joann Cardwell, CF
Shirley Werner Carr, CF
Thea Clarke, CF
Kathleen Cornelius, CF
Marilynn Derwenskus, CF
Emel Doner, CF
William Duncan, CF
George C. Elliott, CF
Dorothy S. Englehart, CF

Rich Ernsting, CF
Sandy Ezell, CF
Jim Faulkner, CF
Louise B. Hansen, CF
Rebecca Moore Higgins, CF
Patricia Hooper, CF
Patricia Huffman, CF
Carolyn J. Humke, CF
Amanda Kirby, CF
James Curtin Lentz, CF
Jeanne McLeish, CF
Wilbur Meese, CF
Robert A Meyers, CF
J. Anna Roberts. CF

Jean Smith, CF
Jerry Smith, CF
Barbara Stark, CF
W. Ray Stevens, CF
Martha Stevenson, CF
Creston Stokes, CF
Becky Taylor, CF
Leah S. Traugott, CF
Doris Turnbaugh, CF
Robert L. Wallis, CF

Gail Overpeck, WSI

Signature Members

New in 2016 Kathleen Wenzel Biale, WSI Ann Johnson, WSI Brenda Pettigrew, WSI Dianna Porter, WSI June Presnell, WSI Nancy Turner, WSI

Bill Abell, WSI Jeanne B.W. Adams, WSI Anna Afshar, WSI Karen Alford, WSI Teresa Altemeyer, WSI Donna Arnold, WSI Rebekah Arvin, WSI Linda Bachofner, WSI Ruth Bartley, WSI Jo Belmont, WSI Helen Bixler, WSI Ken Bloomhorst, WSI Michiko Boorman, WSI William Earl Borden, WSI Carol Etter Bowman, WSI Connie Brorson, WSI Mary Johnston Brown, WSI **Gary Brummitt, WSI** Elizabeth Burden, WSI J. A. Burst. WSI Rosemary Butterbaugh, WSI Dorothy Chase, WSI

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Clare Hollett, WSI

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Leanor Papai, WSI Teri Partridge, WSI Erin Pesavento, WSI Linda Peterson, WSI Rvan Petrow, WSI Shirley Quakenbush, WSI Maggie Rapp, WSI Marcia Mattingly Reller, WSI Rodney Reveal, WSI Kathleen Rice, WSI Marianna Richards, WSI Anita Riemen, WSI Connie Sands, WSI Howard Scott, WSI Susan Semenick, WSI Richard Shipley, WSI Russell Siples, WSI Mary Lou Snare, WSI James Sparks, WSI Rosemarie Southworth, WSI Karen Taylor, WSI Juli Thorson, WSI Karen Tobias, WSI Tom Tuley, WSI Kathryn Bloem Tuttle, WSI Willa Bowen Van Brunt, WSI Martha Wagoner, WSI Deborah Ward, WSI James Weaver, WSI Jane Hunt Wiley, WSI Shirley Woolard, WSI

Dana Wright-Wiggins, WSI

JUROR'S STATEMENT



I would like to thank the Watercolor Society of Indiana who invited me to jury and judge this exhibition, and all of the artists who entered paintings. The submitted work truly represented the depth and breadth of contemporary watercolor and the choices were difficult. The subjects and styles were varied and the pieces ranged from loosely executed spontaneous expressions of pure transparency to carefully planned and technically sophisticated paintings. Unfortunately, only forty-five pieces could be accepted into the exhibition, but I hope the resulting show exemplifies the best that watercolor has to offer.

Judging the show was equally difficult and just as pleasurable. Breakthroughs in art occur when painters take creative risks, and when I judge a show I consciously try to reward work that expands the definition of contemporary watercolor as well as work that shows sensitivity and mastery over more classic approaches. Having said that, I think the best judge of a painting is the person who painted it. My advice to artists — paint regularly, set new challenges for yourself and look critically at your own work. Learn from paintings that you see in exhibitions and in books or magazines. Submit work that you believe in rather than work you think any particular judge may like. Again, thank you to all of you who entered the show and to all of the people behind the scenes who worked so hard on this exhibition.

John Salminen

Juror of Selection and Awards John T. Salminen, AWS-DF, NWS

John Salminen earned his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota. He lives and works in Duluth, Minnesota. He teaches workshops, makes presentations, and participates in painting events around the world.

John is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, The National Watercolor Society, the Watercolor USA Honor Society, the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, and Allied Artist. He is an honorary member of the Jiangsu Watercolor Research Institute in China and is the first American honored with inclusion in the Australian Watercolour Institute.

John has won more than 230 major awards in national and international exhibitions. He has served as judge and/or juror of over 65 national and international exhibitions, including the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, the International Watercolor Society, and the Shenzhen Biennial. He was a Judge of Awards for the Annual Competition of the Artist's Magazine and Watercolor Magic. Salminen's work has been featured in over 75 national and international magazines. His most recent is *The Best of Art*, in the February edition of *Watercolor Artist*. He has also been featured in over 25 books. John has released two instructional DVD's through Creative Catalyst Productions.

WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF INDIANA HISTORY



Founders

Standing: James Curtin Lentz , E. Roger Frey, Wilbur Meese

Seated: Crawford Donnelly, Shirley Werner Carr

Not pictured: Stephen Edwards

In late 1982, Crawford Donnelly and Stephen Edwards discussed the possibility of a watercolor club in the State of Indiana. They resolved to tackle the task of organizing and generating interest in such a group. Letters were sent to artists across the state, inviting them to a first meeting for organizational purposes.

The first meeting was held in October, 1982, at the Indianapolis Art League, now the Indianapolis Art Center. A committee was selected to draft a constitution and by-laws for the group. This committee consisted of Crawford Donnelly, Roger Frey, James Curtin Lentz, Wilbur Meese, and Shirley Werner Carr. A draft was submitted to potential members for their approval in January of 1983. The constitution and by-laws were adopted at a second meeting, and Wilbur Meese was elected the first president. During the next few weeks, one hundred twenty Charter Members joined the Watercolor Society of Indiana.

The organization became a registered nonprofit corporation in Indiana in September, 1983. The first annual exhibit was held in November at the William H. Block Company Auditorium in downtown Indianapolis. There were one hundred and one paintings, and the Best of Show was awarded \$400. Since 1991, annual exhibitions have been held on the grounds of the Indianapolis Museum of Art as well as other prominent places.

WSI's foundation status as 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) with the Internal Revenue Service became official on April 6, 1995. Today's members express their gratitude to Wilbur Meese, Jean Vietor, Frank Vietor, Shirley Werner Carr, and to all the Founding Members who shared a dream.

Activities of the Society have increased over the years as our talented artists appreciate and continue to produce high quality watercolor paintings and educate the public about this beautiful, transparent medium. WSI has artist, student, and patron members statewide.

BEST OF SHOW ... THROUGH THE YEARS

1983 Hobo's Sunrise. Rich Ernsting

1984 Paradise, Rich Ernsting

1985 Summer Heralds,

Barbara Grisham

1986 *Heading Home*, Doris Turnbaugh

1987 Judy's Garland, James C. Lentz

1988 Croton, Emel Doner

1989 Toledo Street, James C. Lentz

1990 Florets, Rebecca Moore Higgins

1991 She's Hot to Go; She's Ready, Rich Ernsting

1992 Rivers of My Mind, Peggy Brown

1993 Top Crop, Louise Hansen

1994 Almost Touching, Peggy Brown

1995 Spirits of the Past, Rich Ernsting

1996 Bright Morning, Henry Bell

1997 Airing Out, Alan Hutton

1998 Evening at Stonington.

Jerry Smith

1999 Arizona Mission, Carolyn Humke

2000 Veteran, Henry Bell

2001 Crosscurrents, Peggy Brown

2002 Queen of the Nile, Rich Ernsting

2003 Rehearsal Break, Patricia Hooper 2015 Water Break, Anna Afshar

2004 Knee Deep in June.

Jeanne McLeish

2005 Prospector, Scott Kilmer

2006 Banana Dance, Kathy Cornelius

2007 Sweet Dreams, Howard Scott

2008 Interlude, Sandy Maudlin

2009 Surreal Loss, Paula Dearringer

2010 Altarpiece, James Weaver

2011 Sanguine Summer, Jerry Smith

2012 Italia IX, Peggy Brown

2013 Laurence, The Timekeeper,

Teresa Altemeyer

2014 Duet XIII, Peggy Brown

Do you appreciate the beautiful transparent medium of watercolor? Join The Watercolor Society of Indiana ... Today

Purposes of the Watercolor Society of Indiana Promote interest in and awareness of watercolor painting. Sponsor educational programs and competitive events. Encourage the study of watercolor by art students and others engaged in the visual arts. Sponsor workshops and programs for public education. Increase community awareness by encouraging members to participate in cultural activities.

Annual Juried Exhibition Digital entries are submitted for acceptance by a nationally recognized jurist. John Salminen is the 2016 juror for the exhibit. Following the painting selection, awards are presented at an opening reception. The exhibit is open to the public in the Brett Waller Gallery of the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Non - Juried Membership Show Any member may submit a painting to this show. In 2016, this show was held in the at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. Paintings were on display in McFarland Hall from May 21 through July 9.

Artist Demonstrations Watch a painting demonstration by a local, regional, or nationally known artist. Learn new techniques or update your skills. Linda Halcomb was featured at the spring meeting, moderating a "Closer Look" program. Frank Francese demonstrated the use of color and color mixing at the June meeting, and John Salminen gave an art presentation at the Carmel Clay Library in September.

Waycross Artist Retreat Artists are invited to a three day weekend of painting, demonstrations, and camaraderie at the lovely Waycross Camp and Conference Center in Brown County. Morning demonstrations featured Beverly Mathis and Jeanne McLeish. Artists had the opportunity to paint, socialize, or enjoy the grounds in the afternoons.

Education WSI awarded three scholarships this year to high school seniors. These students are pursuing a college degree in either fine arts or art education. WSI members continue to teach in schools around the state. WSI partnered with the Hamilton County Artists Association and the Pendleton Artists Society to fund student summer camps during July.

Social Opportunities The summer luncheon for members and guests was held at the Second Presbyterian Church in May. This spring and summer we hosted socials at our general membership meetings at the Lawrence branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. The Carmel Clay library hosted our group for an evening art presentation by John Salminen. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Workshop Program Learn new techniques or update your skills with talented instructors. Frank Francese was here in June for a four-day workshop. He demonstrated at the annual Membership Meeting for members and guests. John Salminen taught a five-day workshop in September. The workshops planned for 2017 include Susan Webb Tregay and Linda Daly Baker

Membership Perks A quarterly newsletter contains timely tips, notices, news, and photos. The annual membership directory keeps you in contact with fellow artists. The Juried Exhibit catalog is free to IMA visitors.

Membership Eligibility Must be a resident or former resident of the State of Indiana and support the purpose of the Watercolor Society of Indiana. Artist Memberships are offered to those who paint in watercolor and wish to participate in WSI activities. Student Memberships are available to any full-time student in an accredited institution of higher education seeking an art degree. Patron Memberships are also offered.

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