

WATERCOLOR SOCIETY Of INDIANA

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The Watercolor Society of Indiana is a
501(c)3 not for profit organization.

From the Outgoing President:



Greetings to all WSI members,



Even though my term as President of WSI is ending, I wanted to thank you for supporting me these last two years as President of the Watercolor Society of Indiana. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve this great organization in this capacity. I could not have done it without the help of our wonderful Board and the many Chairpersons on all of the committees. Also, our office director, Nancy Mullens, really kept all of us on target. I encourage each of you to consider joining the WSI Board in the near future. It is energizing to be with so many talented artists. WSI needs your talents and ideas. Please remember, many hands make light work. I hope to see you in May at our Membership show.

Thank you, Karen Fehr

General Membership Meeting & Calendar Updates

As you all are aware the March, 2018 general membership meeting was cancelled due to a gas leak at the Lawrence Library. Please be sure and join us at the May membership opening luncheon and general meeting on May 19, 2018, to vote in our 2018 WSI Board of Directors.

In addition, we will be having a general meeting on Sunday October 28, 2018. This meeting will feature an artist presentation/demonstration by WSI's very own Sandy Maudlin, so mark your calendars and save the date!

Features

- **A Welcome Introduction - Incoming President John O'Connor**
- **2018 Board of Directors Slate**
- **2018 WSI Membership Show Opening & Luncheon**
- **2018 Juried Exhibit - NEW SCHEDULE!**
- **2018 Membership Show: May 19 - July 7**
- **Anne Abgott Workshop: May 15 - 18**
- **Sandy Maudlin Workshop: Oct. 29 - Nov. 1**
- **NEW WSI WEBSITE - Online sign ups, Donations, Membership Renewals & BLOG**

A Welcome Greeting From WSI's Incoming President John O'Connor

Greetings WSI members from John O'Connor. I am happy to take on the role of President of this wonderful group of artists and art lovers. Many thanks to Karen Fehr for her dedication and for the support she has shown me and other WSI members during her term as President. She will continue to share her genuine warmth and talents with the WSI. I also appreciate the efforts of our Executive Director, Nancy Mullens, and the WSI board for their hard work and valuable insights. I look forward to seeing you and your work in many of the upcoming WSI events and activities in the coming year including Waycross which just occurred, the WSI member show, the juried show, and workshops and member meetings. I hope spring weather encourages many to capture the glory of nature and the spirit of its people. The Member show opening May 19th at the beautiful Second Presbyterian Church is a great showcase for our WSI artists. Due to a new event schedule at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, our juried show is taking place earlier in the year than it had previously been held. As a result, registration for both the member show and juried show run concurrently.



As for myself, I've been a WSI member going on 10 years and am newly retired. My interest in WSI began with classes given by WSI member Sandy Ezell who has inspired many in our group. My wife, Marsha, and I live in Fishers with our Golden Retriever. I have two daughters: Kelly, who lives in Chicago and Jeanette, who is married and lives in Dubai. So I look forward to doing some traveling, sketching, and painting in the upcoming year. I also volunteer with the Indianapolis Museum of Art and try to inspire the next generation to create their vision while appreciating the trailblazers and craftspeople of past generations.

I am honored to serve the arts and believe that through the arts we can form a common bond based on shared interests and learn from each other while expressing our individual voice. I encourage any and all to use their talents to help WSI build strong bonds within the organization and throughout the community, because it is art that breathes life into communities.

Thanks, John

2018 Slate for Board of Directors to be voted on at the May 19, 2018 general meeting

Executive Board

President - John O'Connor	Treasurer - Jim Weaver
Juried Exhibit - Brenda Pettigrew	Secretary - Donna Arnold
Member Exhibit - Kaarta Nemeth	Advisor - Karen Fehr

Chairpersons

Education Workshops - Linda Halcomb	Social March Meeting - Linda Trowbridge
Education Scholarship - Paula Dearing & Ann Rose	
Social Membership Luncheon - Teresa Altemeyer	Education Outreach - OPEN
Waycross - Norma Davis & Linda Trowbridge	Publicity & Website Blog - Pat Grabill

Area Representatives

North - Pat Huffman South - Beverly Mathis East - Joan Yauch West - Shirley Woolard

SAVE THE DATE: May 19
Member Show Opening
Painting delivery is 10:00-11:30am
12:30 Lunch followed by
Anne Abgott Demonstration

Juried Exhibit Entry Images will be shown during the coffee hour from 10-12.

WSI Member Show & Luncheon

For the third year, our WSI Member Show & Luncheon will be held at Second Presbyterian Church at 7700 North Meridian St., Indianapolis. The annual event, held this year on May 19, will begin with painting delivery from 10-11:30 a.m. Paintings must be brought to the third floor. (*Just step to the left as you exit the elevator.*) Coffee, tea, and conversation will be served in Room 356, (*to the right of the elevator*), from 10-12:30. A buffet lunch will follow in the Community Room on the second floor at 12:30 p.m. Due to the cancellation of our regular March meeting, we will begin the business meeting at 1:15 while finishing our lunches and in order to approve our new board. The scholarship presentation and the demonstration by Anne Abgott will follow the business meeting.

The member show art exhibit will hang in McFarland Hall, a beautiful space that is a gathering place for the church, from May 20 thru July 8. Second Presbyterian Church is home to an extremely active community center with a congregation of over 4,000. Numerous events are scheduled at the church each day, which will assure lots of traffic through this gallery space. They have an active arts program, with a full time Music and Fine Arts Director and an Advisory Team. The church hosts six to ten art exhibits in McFarland Hall per year, which makes it a destination for many people who are interested in the visual arts.

Art groups that exhibit here include Indiana Wildlife Artists, Between Paper and Palette Art Club, Indiana Fabric Artists, Broad Ripple HS Fine Arts program, CIVA (*Christians In Visual Arts*) and the Eighth Day of Creation Group, which is comprised of church members. Numerous Indiana artists and photographers have shown work here in both solo and group shows. There are also occasional traveling exhibits.

The hall is open from 8 AM-9 PM on weekdays, 8 AM - 3 PM on Saturdays and from 8 AM -1 PM on Sundays, as well as occasional Sunday afternoons and evenings. There is ample free parking on the north side of the building with easy access to the gallery from that entrance. Hours vary slightly from week to week, but are always posted at the main desk.

Works will not be priced, (*per church policy*), but an artist contact list will be available in the Music and Fine Arts Office so that interested parties may call the artist directly. As a result, WSI will not take a commission on sales again this year. Due to the religious aspect of this venue, subject matter must be respectful. No nudity in your paintings, please.

This is always a nice event. Spend half a day with like-minded artists, enjoy excellent food, an exciting demo and the chance to see each others' best work. So dust off a favorite painting, or frame something new, and join us on May 19th!

FAQs

Lunch reservations \$19/WSI member, \$21/non-member, due with pmt. by **May 11**.

Paintings must be entered by **May 11**. Send title and pmt. to WSI office.

Demo fee is \$10, but free with luncheon.

Painting pick up will be on Saturday, **July 7**, 10-Noon.

2018 Calendar

May 11 Membership Exhibit entries due

May 11 Deadline for **Juried entries due** in office

May 15—May 18th Anne Abgott Workshop, 9AM-4PM,
Somerset Lakes Clubhouse, 3202 E. 76th Street, Indy

May 19 Member Exhibit Opening, Lunch time 12:30PM
Second Presbyterian Church,
Anne Abgott Demo
Painting delivery 10-11:30AM

May 19 Juried Exhibit Image Viewing @ Member Exhibit
Coffee Hour Opening—Second Presbyterian
Church

June 11-June 29 Juried Painting delivery to office

June/July 3rd Quarterly Newsletter

July 7 Member Show Painting pick-up 10AM—noon

Aug. 5 Juried Exhibit Opening Reception

Aug. 3—Sept. 29 Juried Exhibit open at IMA

August 13 Third Board Meeting, WSI Office, 10:00am

Sept. 30 Juried Exhibit painting pick-up, IMA

Oct. 28 WSI Member Meeting Sandy Maudlin,
Presentation — Location & Time TBA

Oct. 29—Nov. 1 *Sandy Maudlin Workshop*
9AM-4PM, Somerset Lakes Clubhouse.

Late Oct. 4th Quarterly Newsletter

Nov. 12 Fourth Board Meeting, WSI Office, 10:00AM

**See the WSI website for
Workshop Flyers, registrations, current
and back issues of the newsletter.
watercolorsocietyofindiana.org
www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org**

**2018 WSI Juried Exhibit Dates
IMPORTANT: NEW SCHEDULE!!!!**

GET OUT YOUR PAINT BRUSHES!

JUROR: Steve Rogers

May 11 Deadline for receipt of digital entry

May 19 View entries, 10:00AM—12:00PM,
Second Presbyterian Church

May 21 Mail images to Steve Rogers

May 31 - June 3 (approx.) images returned

June 3 - 8 Mail Juror Notification letters of
Accepted/not accepted paintings

June 11-29 Painting Delivery to Office

Late June Determine \$ amounts of Juried
Show awards

July 10 **Steve Rogers** Arrives

July 10 or 11 Judging @ WSI Office

July 30 Paintings to IMA

Aug. 5 Juried Exhibit Opening Reception
Awards Ceremony, IMA, DeBoest

Aug. 3rd—Sept. 29 Juried Exhibit open at IMA

Sept. 30 Juried Exhibit painting pick-up,
IMA, 1-3PM

Are your 2018 Membership Dues Paid?

It is that time again! Please remember to send in your membership renewal. You must be current on your dues to hang a painting at the Member Show in May and/or enter the Juried Exhibit. Call or email the office if you want to check if you have paid for 2018. You may renew your dues on the website under the Membership Tab.

Membership Application

Date: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

County

Email: _____

Receive newsletters: _____ Paper _____ Email

Referred By: _____

APPLY ONLINE: watercolorsocietyofindiana.org - or- via US Mail

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Artist Membership

Member Artist \$45

Supporting Artist \$60

Sustaining Artist \$75

Art Student \$25

Student must be enrolled full-time pursuing a degree in art.

Artist Patron

Bronze \$100

Gold \$150

Silver \$250

Platinum \$1000

TIME & TALENT NEEDED! 2018 BOARD POSITION AVAILABLE EDUCATION OUTREACH CHAIRPERSON

The WSI Board has an opening and they need you!

We have an opening on the WSI Board for the **Education-Outreach Chairperson**. This position helps WSI to fulfill its role as a 501c3 organization. You would be working with the Board to plan and develop educational programs in the community for children and/or adults. You would plan the activity and the art materials that you need will be supplied by WSI. Volunteers help you with your planned projects. Previous events have included Dayspring, Promising Artist, Orchard in Bloom, Winter Faire, and working with children at Northview School. Other possibilities could be Prevail, Penrod, the Flower and Patio Show.

When Linda Halcomb was Outreach chair, I volunteered to help her at Dayspring. It was so very rewarding to give the adults and children a fun activity to create. It really brightened their day. Also, I helped at the Flower and Patio show and Holly Ulrich and I managed the WSI booth to let people create a card with watercolor and sponge stamps. The community really enjoyed this activity. Please consider accepting this position.

Sincerely, Karen Fehr

A Special Welcome to WSI's Newest Members:

Kathy Prosser Brovard
Jeff Brackett
Brad Fields

Rachel Lattimore
Mary "Posie" Neidigh
Nancy Waltz

Membership directories will be available at the May general meeting and membership luncheon on May 19, 2018. If you would like one mailed to you, please call or email the office. 317-814-6194 or wsiemail@ori.net. There is a **\$4 fee for mailing the directory**. They are also available for pickup at the office. Thank you!

2017 Golden Paints Demo Update - Merle Rosen

Many of you will remember last year's March meeting program, a Golden Paints Product Demo with Merle Rosen, and what a disappointment it was. Merle arrived very late, was disorganized and disoriented, and most of the audience left early. As it turns out, the reason for her confusion was a brain tumor. It hadn't been diagnosed at that point, but it was shortly afterward and Merle passed away mid-July of last year.

An exhibit of her work will hang at the Mary Ran Gallery in Cincinnati from May 4 – 26th, which is Brain Cancer Awareness Month. Proceeds from sales will benefit the UC Gardner Neuroscience Institute, specifically Glioblastoma research. The following is a link with full details on the exhibit: <https://cincinnatiusa.com/events/merle-rosen-exhibit-benefiting-brain-cancer-research-uc>.

Merle was a fine arts graduate of UC and a well-known artist and teacher in the Cincinnati area for over 40 years.

Website: merlerosen.com

Podcast tribute: <http://wvxu.org/post/loving-tribute-local-artist-merle-rosen#stream/0>

WSI offers their condolences to the Rosen Family.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Reller
WSI Signature Member
Past WSI Executive Board Member

This and That

WSI Inquiries:

Are any members aware of great kid art class opportunities in the Indianapolis area? - The WSI office often receives calls asking for member referrals and expertise. We have had a recent inquiry for this specific request. Please contact our office with any leads! (Of course we have promoted the wonderful kids summer art camps that we support!)

WAYCROSS:

Donna Arnold presented at Waycross for the retreat on April 20 - 22, 2018. Look for a full article and pictures in the next newsletter. Waycross chairs Norma Davis and Linda Trowbridge said Waycross was a huge success! Thank you Donna and look for the full article in the Summer newsletter!

WSI WEBSITE:

The newly updated WSI website is your one stop shop for everything WSI. Bookmark or add to your favorites: www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org

Membership show sign up available on the website!

Juried Exhibit sign up and digital image upload direct on the website.

BLOG POSTS AND GREAT MEMBER INFORMATION.

Call the office 317-814-6194 or email wsiemail@ori.net with any question or assistance!!!

2019 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

- A WSI member and Cardinal Fellow, **Jerry Smith** will be the featured demonstrator at the 2019 WSI Membership Show Luncheon and opening at Second Presbyterian Church: May 18, 2018!
- **Don Andrews** will be the 2019 Juried Exhibit Juror, demonstrator and workshop presenter. **Week of July 7, 2019.**
- **Keep your eye on the website for important member updates to the 2019 schedule and beyond as they happen!**

SEND YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS and BLURBS to wsiemail@ori.net to be included in future newsletters!

2018 Upcoming Workshop Events

- Anne Abgott will join WSI for a 4 day workshop May 15-18, 2018.
- Sandy Maudlin will join WSI for a 4 day workshop October 29– November 1, 2018.
Workshop flyer included.
Online signup available now!

WSI Newsletter Contributors Needed!!!

WSI Needs you! As an organization we are only as good as our membership is willing to contribute! This is a talented group of artists with unique talents and abilities. Please share those abilities and tricks of the trade with the membership. Are you willing to write and contribute an article to WSI for the quarterly newsletter??? Please submit one ASAP.... Or contact Nancy at the office wsiemail@ori.net to sign up for a future newsletter. Thank you in advance for contributing to the future of WSI!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Membership Show Registration is Due May 11, 2018**
- **Juried Exhibit Entries are Due May 11, 2018**

**THESE ARE THE SAME DAY!!!! BE PREPARED! GET PAINTING!!!!
MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR THE MEMBERSHIP SHOW AND ATTEND THE LUNCHEON. WSI WILL BE PREVIEWING THE **JURIED EXHIBIT ENTRIES** FOR ALL MEMBERS AT THE COFFEE HOUR PRIOR TO THE MEMBERSHIP SHOW LUNCHEON ON MAY 19, 2018.**