

# WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF INDIANA

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501(c)3 not for profit organization.

## President's Column - Ann Rose



Hello to Everyone!

I hope that this newsletter will find you in good sunshine spirits and excellent health! I don't know about you, but I'm glad I can be outside with friends six feet away!

Many thanks to our scholarship committee, chaired by John O'Connor as they have selected a 2020 winner! Congratulations to Sam Henry a graduate of Fishers HS. We wish Sam an artful future.



I have looked at the 2020 membership show several times, and I'm very thankful that our Executive Director, Nancy Mullens, skillfully put all the images online. It is nice to be able to review the paintings several times. Thanks to Brenda Pettigrew for her work putting this show together.

Your Board has been working very hard to plan around the COVID virus disruptions. We are hopeful that the juried show will be hung at Newfields as planned. However, we still do not know how this is going to roll out. Newfields is working to make the museum accessible and safe for everyone. The Board has several plans for an opening reception even if the show is online. We feel that it is important to stay with the tradition of honoring the artists and awarding the work. So, hang in there with us, and we will keep you informed!

The Board is also exploring online workshop opportunities. Online workshops might be less expensive, eliminate travel and transporting your materials. This is not to exclude on site workshops but as an added experience.

I again encourage you to go to the WSI Facebook page to find inspiration for your painting. Pat Grabill continues to give us many opportunities to learn and explore. Thank you, Pat!

Recently, I was part of a discussion with other watercolor artists and we were asked by one person to name their favorite artist. We all took turns telling who it was, why, and if they had attended a workshop lead by this artist. As the discussion continued, we realized that we each have a few special (or a ton of) art books at home. Someone suggested it would be fun to sit safely around a large table and share books and talk about why the books are special. Therefore, I'm suggesting that you might consider putting together a small group for another discussion/learning opportunity.

I have one final thought. My favorite artist is Andrew Wyeth. As I was looking through a book of his sketches and paintings, I read that his father, N.C. Wyeth demanded rigorous training in sketching. He felt that the skill of sketching would make Andrew a better painter. I had an opportunity to visit the Wyeth family museum in Chadds Ford outside of Philadelphia and was mesmerized by the emotion in the paintings as well as the simplicity of the scene.

Start sketching my friends, and I hope to see you at the Opening of the Juried Show!

*Ann Rose*

WSI President

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## COVID - 19 update and the current changes The Watercolor Society of Indiana

Hello WSI Members... The COVID-19 pandemic has brought multiple changes and adjustments to the calendar for our organization. The board of directors of the Watercolor Society of Indiana recognizes the risk of health to our membership. We have taken the Membership Show online... the link to view is listed here: <https://www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org/member-exhibit/>.

We have cancelled both 2020 on site workshops. **We are pleased to announce that Paul Jackson will conduct the July, 2021 workshop and serve as our 2021 juror. Keiko Tanabe will be here in October, 2021.**

The juried exhibition will proceed. We are currently awaiting a decision by the Indianapolis Museum of Art @ Newfields regarding the status of their gallery openings. As a result, we will have the 2020 juried exhibition online. As soon as we have additional information regarding the status of the gallery at Newfields we will share it with the membership.

We are working to make prudent decisions on behalf of our membership to assist in ensuring the health and safety of the public while continuing to showcase the talents and networking opportunities of our membership.

**Welcome New Member:**  
*Lylanne Musselman - Eaton, IN*

**Have you paid your 2020 membership dues? You may pay online at this link:**  
<https://www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org/membership-renewal/>

**Eastern IN Area Representative  
Wanted:**  
Do you reside on the eastern side of Indiana or the far east side of Indianapolis? We need you!

*Interested in future board opportunities?*

*Please contact Ann Rose  
annierose2344@gmail.com or Nancy Mullens @  
317-814-6194, wsiemail@ori.net*

### Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip County

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Receive newsletters: \_\_\_\_\_ Paper \_\_\_\_\_ Email

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLY ONLINE: <https://www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org/> - or- via US Mail

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#### Artist Membership

Member Artist	\$45	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Artist	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustaining Artist	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art Student	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

#### Artist Patron

Bronze	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>
Platinum	\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Juried Exhibit Update As of June 1, 2020

The WSI Annual Juried Exhibition is scheduled for display at the Indianapolis Museum of Art @ Newfields beginning August 7, 2020. As an organization, we recognize that the current COVID-19 pandemic may possibly affect the physical exhibit. Since this is a fluid situation, for 2020, we will be taking the juried exhibition online in addition to the physical exhibit. We recognize this situation may change, but we will continue the show whether virtual or in person.

Our juror, Keiko Tanabe, will be doing the entire selection process electronically for 2020. For more information regarding Keiko, please visit her website: <https://www.ktanabefineart.com/>. **The juried exhibition selections will be mailed to the entrants on June 5, 2020.**

We will be providing updates on the juried exhibit periodically. The exhibit will take place. **Painting delivery has been moved to July 8 - 24 at the WSI office.** It will be online and on site for 2020. The on site exhibit is subject to current health conditions. We will continue to keep the membership up-to-date on any changes as soon as we receive a final decision from Newfields.

Please watch for updates on the website: <https://www.watercolorsofindiana.org/> and via Facebook.

### 2020 Juried Exhibit Dates

- May 8** Deadline for receipt of digital entry
- May 18** Images transmitted to Keiko Tanabe
- June 1 (approx.)** images returned
- June 5** Mail Juror Notification letters of accepted/not accepted paintings
- July 8 - 24** Painting Delivery to Office
- July 8th** Determine \$ amounts of juried show awards
- July 9/10 Keiko Tanabe** Final awards judging will be conducted virtually by Keiko Tanabe
- Aug. 3** Paintings to IMA, 11am delivery
- Aug. 9th** Juried Exhibit Opening Reception Awards Ceremony, IMA, DeBoest Lecture Hall 2pm

**Aug. 7th —Sept. 26th** Juried Exhibit open at IMA

**Sept. 27th** Juried Exhibit painting pick-up, IMA, 1-3pm

**\*\*\*The juried exhibition will also be posted online for 2020.\*\*\***

**This and That — reminder...  
Submit your updates & accomplishments  
to [wsiemail@ori.net](mailto:wsiemail@ori.net).**

**Members and Friends... Please consider making a donation to WSI to support our 2020 Juried Exhibit Awards fund or any area of the organization.**

[https://  
www.watercolorsofindiana.org/  
donate/](https://www.watercolorsofindiana.org/donate/)

## 2020 WSI Membership Exhibition ... *Brenda Pettigrew*



The annual WSI 2020 Membership Exhibit was originally scheduled to be displayed at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis on May 16, 2020. Due to the coronavirus, we ultimately had to cancel our exhibit, the membership meeting and luncheon, the viewing of the juried show entries, and the presentation of the 2020 James C. Lentz Memorial Art Scholarship. We made a few changes in order to continue with the exhibit and to honor our scholarship winner.



Samuel Henry from Fishers High School - Fishers, Indiana was our scholarship recipient this year. His artist statement and samples of his artwork are featured on our website.

***La Chiesa Di San Cristoforo - Robert Bratton, CF***

Our talented members submitted their beautiful painting images for an “online” Membership Exhibit. Thirty-nine members participated in the exhibit and can be viewed through the WSI website. The Second Presbyterian Church has also provided the following links for the WSI Membership Exhibit, so their members can still view the exhibit online:

Second Presbyterian Website (Events/News and Happenings): <https://secondchurch.org/wsi>

Second Church Music and Fine Arts Facebook page (Events): <https://www.facebook.com/SecondCurchMFA/>

The show will run from May 16, 2020 through July 10, 2020. **Most of the artwork is for sale.** For more information on the artwork, please contact the WSI office at [wsiemail@ori.net](mailto:wsiemail@ori.net) or 317-814-6194. Many thanks to our executive director, Nancy Mullens, for all her hard work on the exhibit. Also, thank you to Jo Belmont, membership show chair assistant and all the members who participated in the online exhibit! A special thanks to Carol Baker, the fine arts coordinator at Second Presbyterian Church for all of her help. We all hope to return to the lovely Second Presbyterian Church next year!

***Brenda Pettigrew***  
***Membership Show Chairperson***

## 2020 James C. Lentz Memorial Scholarship



The WSI awards the James C. Lentz Memorial Art Scholarship annually to an Indiana high school senior pursuing a degree in the visual arts. As part of our non-profit outreach each year we engage volunteers to form a scholarship committee to evaluate the scholarship applications and select a winner. This year the WSI Scholarship committee worked remotely due to the pandemic to review the applications and portfolios of those high school seniors who vied for the James C. Lentz scholarship for 2020. The committee put in some long hours to study, analyze and assess each student's application, academic transcript, artist statement, teacher recommendation, and portfolio. This year I am happy to report there were 27 Lentz scholarship applicants. The students represented 18 different Indiana high schools ranging from Evansville and Crawford County in the south to West Lafayette and Gas City in the north. But the majority of applicants hailed from central Indiana including our eventual scholarship winner. But before we get to the scholarship winner, I must extend my gratitude to our WSI members who volunteered their time and talents to give of themselves for the benefit of our committee. Your faithfulness, commitment and willingness to serve exemplifies the spirit of the James C. Lentz scholarship. The WSI is grateful to the scholarship committee members: Paula Dearing, Carol Griffith, Ann Johnson, John O'Connor, and Brenda Pettigrew. The WSI Scholarship committee is honored to carry on the wishes of James C. Lentz and is appreciative of the continued support of the Lentz family.

After reviewing and ranking the applicants and narrowing the group to a final few, the committee is happy to announce the James C. Lentz scholarship recipient for **2020 is Samuel (Sam) Henry from Fishers High School**. Sam is a bright and articulate student and his portfolio demonstrates a creative and sensitive mind. He is a wonderful representative of tomorrow's future artists. Sam will be attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) in the fall and is excited at all it has to offer. We extend the congratulations of the scholarship committee, the WSI, and the Lentz family to Samuel Henry and wish him the best in his future studies.

*John O'Connor*  
*WSI Scholarship Chair, 2020*

*Learn more about Sam and his works on our website: <https://www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org/scholarship/>*



**Head In The Clouds - Samuel Henry**



**Signs of Sorrow - Samuel Henry**

## This and That ...



### Congratulations WSI Member Larry Fentz, WPA:

Larry was sponsored by Sterling Edwards for membership into the Whiskey Painters of America (WPA). He was approved by the WPA board in April, 2019 for a lifetime membership.

The Whiskey Painters of America is the finest miniature painting organization in the world. The miniature watercolor society is limited to 150 of the finest watercolor artists worldwide. Including; Sterling Edwards, Joe Miller of “Cheap Joe’s”, Tony Couch, Edgar Whitney, WSI member Jerry Smith, John Pike, Don Getz, Skip Lawrence, Al Stine and Milford Zornes to name a few. A genuine Whiskey Painting is a miniature watercolor (painted by a bona-fide member of WPA) no larger than 4 x 5”, using some sort of alcoholic spirits as a medium.

For the back story and history on WPA, see <https://whiskeypaintersofamerica.org/> . Click on “About Us”. **Some of Larry’s works are featured below:**



### **SUPPORT The Watercolor Society of Indiana!**

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## Watercolor Society of Indiana 2020 Calender Revised as of 6.1.2020

**June 5** Juried Exhibit Selection Results MAILED to the entrants.

**July 8 - July 24** Juried Painting delivery to office

**Late July** Summer Newsletter

**Aug. 7 - Sept. 26** Juried Exhibit open at IMA & Online <https://www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org/>

**Aug. 9** Juried Exhibit Opening Reception 2pm, DeBoest Lecture Hall, IMA

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

**Sept. 27** Juried Exhibit painting pick-up IMA , 1-3pm

**Oct. 20 and 21** Painting drop off WSI Henry County Art Gallery Time: TBD

**Oct. 22** WSI Henry County Art Gallery Reception Time: TBD

**Oct. 22 - Nov. 23** WSI Henry County Gallery Art Exhibit

**Oct. 24** General membership meeting 1:30pm  
TBD

**Late Oct.** Fall Newsletter

**Nov. 9** Fourth Board Meeting, WSI Office, 10:00am

**Nov. 24** Henry County Painting Pickup Time: TBD

**See the WSI website for  
Workshop Flyers, the current  
and back issues of the newsletter.  
[watercolorsocietyofindiana.org](http://watercolorsocietyofindiana.org)  
[www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org](http://www.watercolorsocietyofindiana.org)**

**More information coming soon regarding the WSI Henry County Art Gallery Exhibition.**

***Members... Please send any show or exhibit information to the WSI office for posting on the website and Facebook.  
[wsiemail@ori.net](mailto:wsiemail@ori.net)***