



August 1, 2022 e-newsletter  
A Bi-Monthly Publication

## From the President



Dear WAS-H Friends

Welcome to August! I love this month because it is a gentle transition from an unstructured, open-ended summer break to exciting and new activities in the Fall. The arts scene in Houston traditionally launches new seasons of performing and visual arts. WAS-H is no different, as we have so much planned for this Fall.

If you missed our July Student Teacher Exhibit, it was a stunner. Our August Gallery Exhibit is themed “Skies”, and the entry deadline is Wednesday, August 3rd. The reception is on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm... come to see the show and meet our juror Frank Billingsley, the chief meteorologist from KPRC.

Our September Gallery Exhibit theme is “Blue” and the reception will follow our September General Meeting. If you are planning to enter, keep in mind that WAS-H has a mat cutter in the classroom space that members can use to aid in framing your work.

The Ryan Fox major workshop on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> is open for enrollment <https://watercolorhouston.org/event-4849188>. Ryan is an award-winning artist who will be teaching unique techniques and “turn your old notions about watercolor upside down.” This is an opportunity to learn from a world-class instructor right here at WAS-H, no expensive travel plans needed.

Remember how I just said August is a gentle transition to a busy time? It is a great time to paint and prepare work to enter in the Annual Members Exhibit (AME). The AME is a premier exhibit, and will be juried by Ryan Fox (mentioned above, also teaching a great class!). You can see the full schedule and prospectus here (<https://watercolorhouston.org/Annual-Members-Exhibit>).

The Art Fair is planned for Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration to participate is now open, <https://watercolorhouston.org/ArtFair>, and we expect spaces to fill up soon. The Art Fair is a great opportunity to sell your work, meet the community and enjoy being with fellow WAS-H members on a nice October Saturday.

I want to thank the Board and volunteers for keeping things running during the summer. Maureen Lewis and her team have been contacting members to gently remind them to renew, as membership dues are vital income to our operations. Kathleen Cooper diligently keeps our finances in order, taxes filed and bills paid, all timely and cheerfully. Marion Friedman has worked tirelessly to completely update our detailed operations handbook, the Procedures Manual. Diane Trepagnier has the AME planned and ready to go! Irene Sheytman and Donna Van Fleet are finalizing plans for our Fall General Meetings, demos and major workshop. I especially appreciate Laura Mossman, our hard-working Artist Liaison, who

really does keep everything going in a positive direction.

I look forward to seeing you at WAS-H soon! WAS-H really is a happy place, with great artistic energy imbued throughout. I plan to attend the August Gallery Exhibit reception, if you will be there, I would love to say "hi" and visit a bit.

Warm Regards,  
Karen Houston Stopnicki

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## Outreach @ WAS-H



### Darlene Dittoe conducts Outreach Workshops

*If you've never experienced the joy of leading an outreach session for WAS-H, you should talk to Darlene Dittoe, an active WAS-H member who also serves on our Board of Directors. When Darlene isn't finding handymen to do repairs to WAS-H's building, she donates her time by hosting watercolor workshops and spending quality time with her children and grandchildren.*

In 2021, Darlene began facilitating classes at the West University Senior Center. Darlene put together a two-day workshop for the group and since she began, she has taught several sessions at the Center. Due to space constraints at the Senior Center, the workshop is limited to 12 participants. Darlene's workshops are so popular, there is always a waitlist!

Most of the participants have little or no experience with watercolor, so Darlene starts with the basics. On the first day, students learn how to handle the medium and the importance of becoming skilled at determining the ratio of water to pigment. On the second day, students are provided a choice of different images to paint. She provides lightboxes so they can outline the image and begin their own painting. The second day is the most fun, since participants leave the session with new skills, pride and enthusiasm for watercolor!

WAS-H provides basic art supplies for these outreach programs. Our outreach program provides paint, watercolor paper, brushes for students to use, free of charge.

WAS-H receives requests from groups around Houston for a class or workshops from one of our WAS-H members each week. Unfortunately, we don't have a list of instructors who are willing to facilitate these classes, so we are not able to meet the demand.

If you are interested in volunteering to teach a class or being a teacher's assistant for one of these outreach opportunities, please call or email the office or sign-up online at the link below. We'll help get you started!

[Sign-up Here](#)



Darlene's Workshop @  
the West University Senior Center



Having fun in Darlene's Workshop!

## New Members

Sending out a warm welcome to the 12 members who joined WAS-H this month!

Yvonne Aguirre  
Susan E. Collins  
Sheryl Corbit  
Julius Danzinger  
Ann Dehoff  
Adriana Desalos

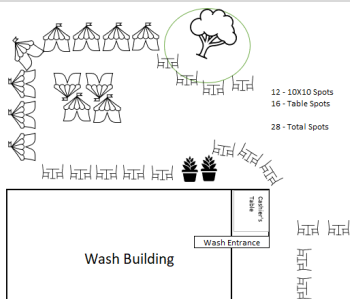
Sam Keller  
Stuart Krohn  
Chong Matthews  
Mary Sue McGovern  
Vicky Miller  
Elizabeth White Olsen

The next ***New Member Orientation*** will be held on ***Saturday, August 6, 11 am - Noon***. Anyone may attend but please sign up on our website. You may click the link below to go to the sign-up page.

[Sign up for New Member Orientation](#)

## Activities at WAS-H

### 2022 Art Fair - October 8



[Register for the 2022  
Art Fair](#)

We have 28 spots available. You may share a space with another artist but each of you

- Date:** Saturday, October 8  
**Time:** 11am – 4pm, rain or shine.  
**Register:** On-line  
**Where:** Parking lot at WAS-H  
**Supplied:** One table/two chairs  
**Sales:** Handled by WAS-H, 25% to WAS-H  
**Sell:** water media art, prints or cards.  
**Type:** Framed or matted  
**Prices:** \$30 and up, except cards  
**Participants bring:** bins/baskets/boxes or a tent, if you reserve a 10 x 10 space  
**Requirements to participate:**
1. Register online/pay fee
  2. Attend pre-event meeting
  3. Work one hour Cashier Duty
  4. Work on setup or takedown crew:
    - A. Set up crew starts @ 9:30 am

## Upcoming Gallery Exhibits



Chinese Peony by Elizabeth Winslow was the 1st place winner in July's show.

### August Exhibit

***Submit Your Entries by 3 pm on Wed. Aug. 3***

Get your entries in for the August show! Just a few words on the theme, "Skies". Any submission where there is even a hint of a sky can be entered. This will include landscapes, figures, animals, florals, reflections, or nocturnes - even an indoor scene with the suggestion of a sky through the window! So, get those entries together and bring them to WAS-H by 3 pm on Wednesday.

[August Prospectus](#)

Click [Here](#) to Register

The left image above is an example of a painting that could be accepted in the August show (it if wasn't created in a class) - It's outside with a hint of a sky in the background.

### September Exhibit

September Exhibit's theme "Blue" can be interpreted in several different ways and all the interpretations are acceptable! The color blue is the obvious interpretation, but blue can also be a mood or a feeling. It's all good!

[September Prospectus](#)

Registration Opens Aug 12th.



Want to know more about our Exhibits?

## Annual Members Exhibit



### 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Members Exhibit (AME) October 2 - November 3, 2022

by Diane Trepagnier, AME Director

Wet your brushes and start painting for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Members Exhibit coming October 2022! It's not too early to start! Click [HERE](#) for details.

#### **Key Dates:**

**9/13/2022 online registration begins:** (Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)

**9/20/2022 drop-off begins:** (Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)

**9/29/2022 3:00pm - DEADLINE** of online registration & drop-off

Find more details in the [AME Prospectus](#).

If you have questions, contact Diane Trepagnier, AME Director at 281-253-7562 or [ame@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:ame@watercolorhouston.org).

Want to know more about AME?

# Classes/Workshops



Ryan Fox  
4-Day Workshop  
Dates: 10/3 - 10/6  
Time: 9 am - 4 pm  
Cost: \$675

We have a few seats left in Ryan Fox's four-day workshop scheduled for October 3-6, 2022. The Workshop includes one-on-one consultations. All levels of students are encouraged to attend

*"Turn Your Old Notions of Watercolor Upside Down"*  
with Ryan Fox  
AWS, NEWS, WSNC

- Day 1 & 2: explore wet-onto-wet painting, charging color, intentional water blossoms, scraping, spattering, and adding texture.
- Day 3 & 4: try a new technique called watercolor batik, using watercolor paint and wax to create batik-style paintings on Japanese rice paper.

For more about Ryan Fox, see <https://rfoxphoto.com>



## Portrait Class Starts Next Week

If you've ever wanted to try to paint portraits, this is the class for you! Dr. Bhatti takes you through the process, step by step. While this is perfect for beginners - all levels are welcome in the class!

Class starts on Thursday, Aug. 4  
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Continues for four weeks.

## Drawing Class begins on August 16

There are still a few seats left for Myke Venable's Drawing 101 class. The Class begins on Tuesday, August 16 @ 9 am - noon. This is a four-week class giving the student an opportunity to hone their basic drawing skills. Click [HERE](#) for more details.



Check out all our classes!

## Share your news and ideas!

Got ideas about great things to do at WAS-H? Let us know! A survey about the classes you want to take at WAS-H went out in the last e-newsletter. If you haven't taken the survey yet, click [here](#). We are also interested in hearing about any Special Events you think would be FUN at WAS-H... let us know! You can email me your ideas at [president@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:president@watercolorhouston.org)

Submit your News to publish in the Washrag!



Do you have something you want to share with the WAS-H membership! You can request a blog post by emailing Nancy Moody at [washrag@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:washrag@watercolorhouston.org)

Click [HERE](#) for the latest blog posts.

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Watercolor Art Society-Houston | [www.watercolorhouston.org](http://www.watercolorhouston.org)



Founded in 1975, the Watercolor Art Society – Houston (WAS-H) is a non-profit organization bringing the excitement of water-media to the greater Houston area with outstanding exhibitions, world-class instruction and dedicated community outreach. Year-round opportunities are provided to every level of painter, from novice to the seasoned expert. Art lovers can also enjoy year-round exhibitions in our gallery in the Museum District.