



September 1, 2022 e-newsletter, 1st Edition  
A Bi-Monthly Publication

## FALL CLASSES

(October through December)

### Member REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

[become a member](#)

Non-member registration opens September 8th.

[View Classes and Register](#)

## From the President



Dear WAS-H Friends,

It's now September which brings promise of a reprieve from hotter temperatures and more gatherings as summer travels close. Halloween decorations are already in stores, as is everything pumpkin spice. Best of all, we have a lot going on at WAS-H beginning this month!

If you are planning to enter the September Gallery Exhibit, the theme is "Blue" and registration closes at 3pm on September 7. Click [HERE](#) to see the prospectus.

On Sunday, September 11, at 2pm WAS-H will host our first Fall General Meeting, Demo, and Awards Presentation for the September Gallery Exhibit. Following a short meeting of announcements, well-known artist and past WAS-H President, Linda Vanek, will present "Painting on Yupo." If you have never tried to paint on Yupo or just want to see how this unique surface works, then this is a "not-to-be-missed" demo. This is a great opportunity to be back at WAS-H, see a fabulous demo and a beautiful exhibit. Put it on your calendar and bring a friend.

If you have been thinking of taking a class, whether to learn a new technique, refine your skills or enjoy class time with fellow artists, check out our updated Education Calendar [HERE](#). New classes have been added and members get priority registration through September 7, so sign up before classes are filled!

Key upcoming events:

- The Annual Members Exhibit (AME) opens for registration on September 13. The Awards Reception will be on October 2. You can see the full schedule and prospectus here [AME](#).
- The Ryan Fox 4-day workshop begins on Monday, October 3. There are still a few spots available [FOX](#).
- The Art Fair is planned for Saturday October 8. It is a great opportunity to sell your work, meet the community and enjoy being with fellow WAS-H members on a nice

October Saturday. See more [HERE](#).

- Senior group, an ongoing gathering for people 55+, is back with artist facilitators beginning in September. See here for more detail, and to register for a spot in a specific week [SENIORS](#).
- Paint-Ins are back in session! The September Paint-In with Irene Sheytman is already at waitlist status. Stay tuned for the remaining Fall Paint-In schedule.

Our August Gallery Exhibition, "Skies," is a beautiful show still on display for a few more days. I want to thank Cissy Geigerman and Katie Steck, our Gallery Co-Directors for their hard work in presenting lovely shows this summer, and planning exciting shows for the Fall. We couldn't have shows, classes and other events if it weren't for our volunteers. We have lots of opportunities to get involved. Keep us in mind if you have a little bit of time and interest to help.

I hope to see you at WAS-H soon - we have so much to offer, please stop by!

Warm Regards,  
Karen Houston Stopnicki

## General Meeting

followed by an Artist Talk and Demo by Linda Vanek

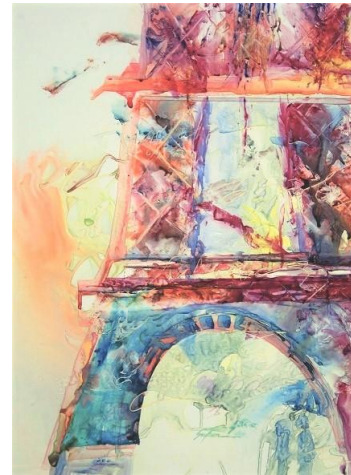
### Sunday, Sept 11

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by Linda Vanek

### "Yikes, Yupo!"

Linda will show you how to take the fear out of using Yupo paper. Yupo is a synthetic paper that does not absorb water. Paint sits on top of the surface, making for beautiful, watery effects that are unachievable with other surfaces.

Gallery reception follows the demo.



## 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 Thursday September 22 @ 11 am until noon. While this session is intended for new members, anyone can attend. You must sign up on the website if you are planning to join us.

Sign up for New Member Orientation

# Will you make a difference?



WAS-H is in search of someone to lead our Volunteer efforts.

**Time commitment:** 2-4 hours/week

**Role:** This position is a WAS-H Ambassador. This will be someone who is comfortable talking to new members and reaching out to others to help coordinate events.

**Position:** This person can be on the Board of Directors (if they can commit to attending the monthly board meetings) or they can be a Volunteer Coordinator. Coordinators may attend board meetings but are not obligated to.

**Support/Training:** To get started, you will work closely with the WAS-H Artist Liaison, who can explain our current needs and provide suggestions on recruiting/promoting/soliciting volunteers. She will continue to support your efforts throughout your time in this role.

Email: [admin@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:admin@watercolorhouston.org) for additional information or contact Karen Stopnicki by emailing [President@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:President@watercolorhouston.org), if you are interested in this opportunity



## AME Needs YOU

The Annual Members show is right around the corner and we need volunteers!! To see the full list of volunteer opportunities, click on the link below.

**[Volunteer HERE](#)**

From intake helpers to wine servers, there is something to do for everyone. It's fun!

## Gallery Exhibits

**September Exhibit**

**Theme: "BLUE"**

**Awards Presentation**

**September 11, 2022**

## September Prospectus

### Register and Pay Entry Fee

Registration CLOSES at  
3pm September 7th.



## November/December Show

Information will be available online soon.  
Theme: "Small Treasures"

Monthly Gallery Exhibits

## 53rd Annual Members Exhibit (AME)



by Diane Trepagnier, AME director

The 53rd Annual Member Exhibit is fast approaching! Registration opens on September 13. We are looking forward to filling our Gallery walls with artwork from our very talented members to show our guest judge, Ryan Fox, and art enthusiasts in the community.

Ryan Fox is an award-winning artist whose work has been featured in Watercolor Artist and Art of Watercolour. He is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society (AWS), New England Watercolor Society (NEWS) and Watercolor Society of North Carolina (WSNC).

You can read more about Ryan in the interview below.

The Annual Members Exhibit has many activities for members. One way to get involved is by becoming one of our outstanding volunteers. We have a great time assisting the judge, hanging the paintings, and hosting the reception. It's also a great way to get to know your fellow artists! Sign up [HERE](#)

You can view the AME [HERE](#).

### **Key Dates:**

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Registration Opens:  | Sept 13                     |
| Registration Closes: | Sept 28                     |
| Judging:             | Oct 1                       |
| Awards Presentation  | Oct 2, after Mtg/Demo @ 2pm |



Reception: Oct 2, after presentation  
Pick-up unaccepted paintings: Oct 4  
Last day of Exhibit: Nov 3

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



## 2022 Art Fair

October 8  
Only 2 spaces left!

[Register for the Art Fair](#)



## Ryan Fox's 4-Day Workshop

October 3, 4, 5 & 6

[Sign up Here](#)



## WAS-H Interview with Workshop Artist, Ryan Fox (Part two)

**As a workshop instructor, you influence other artists. What artists influence your work?** I look online at art every day and consistently get new ideas from those I follow on social media. John Salminen. Linda Baker. Nico Lopez. Carol Carter. Viktoria Prischedko. Chien Chung Wei. Of the old masters, Sargent and J.M.W. Turner are heavy influencers.

**Subject matter? Does it matter?** I like architecture. It's what I focused my photography career on, and I am still painting from photographs shot almost 20 years ago. I find that a photograph I didn't like at the time will years later provide inspiration for something else (different technique, style, color choice, etc.).

**Where do you find new subject matter?** I love traveling! New photographs inspire new paintings.

**Do you take commissions?** I take several commissions a year and swear I will never do it again! I don't feel creative when I'm painting a commission because they are so structured. To me, a commission is just work.

**What are your goals for students in your workshop?** The overarching goal is to have fun while learning something new.

I talk a lot about *color* in my classes. There are so many choices with color. You can make

a great painting with 20 different colors. Or two.

I also talk a lot about *simplification*. How can you make a cityscape look like a city with geometric shapes? How do you simplify people?

My techniques and lessons apply to any subject matter.

## Don't Miss Ryan's Workshop in October!

### September Classes

One-time painting experiences from 2 to 6 hours.  
You get all the fun with no commitment!



**Mindfulness + Watercolor:  
Personal Values**  
Instructor Katie Steck  
Friday, Sept 9  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

#### **Sip & Pour Thursdays The Dirty Pour**

Instructor Laura Mossman  
Thursday, Sept 15  
6:00 - 8:00 pm



#### **Exciting Ways to Paint Using Yupo Paper!**

Instructor Linda Vanek  
Friday, Sept 16  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

### September 2-Day Workshops



**Portrait Painting**  
Instructor Dr. Bhatti  
Sept 17 & 18  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm



**Sand, Sea & Sky**  
Instructor Les McDonald  
Sept 24 & 25  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm



**Watercolor Foundations**  
Instructor Jason Bentley  
Sept 27 & 28  
Noon - 3 pm  
VIRTUAL (ZOOM)

Check out all our classes!

## Share your news and ideas!

Share your *news* or write an article to



submit for the WASHRAG by sending to our  
Communications Director,  
Nancy Moody, at  
[Washrag@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:Washrag@watercolorhouston.org)

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

Send your thoughts about *special events* you'd be interested in or other recommendations to our President, Karen Stopnicki, at [President@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:President@watercolorhouston.org).

Send your ideas about *classes or workshops* you'd be interested in by emailing our Education Director, Beth Graham, at [Education@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:Education@watercolorhouston.org).

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Sad news to report.

Mary Treanor passed away on August 21, 2022.

Mary actively participated at WAS-H, taking classes, joining in the senior group and serving on the WAS-H Board for several years.

Follow this [link](#) to her obituary.

Nancy Fleagle passed away on August 12, 2022.

Nancy was active with the Model Lab group and had a refreshing and fun style.

Follow this [link](#) to her obituary.

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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.

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