



June 1, 2023 e-newsletter
A Bi-Monthly Publication

From the President



Dear WAS-H Friends,

Summer is here! I hope you have fun activities planned, and maybe even travel to new places. The WAS-H community is here for you during the summer – we have classes, show receptions, open studio, model lab and more! So, if your plans are more local, check the calendar

[HERE](#) for some fun activities.

Our Gallery Show reception will be this Sunday, June 4th at 3pm. Judi Coffey is judge for the June show with an open theme. As a reminder, we do not have General Meetings during the summer - June, July and August. In July, we will have our Student/Teacher Show, so make plans to enter that popular show, and attend the reception.

Registration for our summer classes is open -- see our full class list [HERE](#). Registering for a class is a great way to enjoy the camaraderie of other artists and enhance your artistic skills. Our standard events such as Open Studio, Model Lab and Senior Group are going strong and welcome you to join in during the summer.

June 1st starts the WAS-H membership year. If you haven't already renewed for the 2023-2024 membership year, please renew today. Membership dues are so important to funding WAS-H operations. You can renew online on our website by clicking on this link: [RENEW](#) If you would rather pay by phone or in person, contact Laura Mossman, our Artist Liaison. The office is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 3pm, and the number is 713-942-9966.

I look forward to seeing you soon at WAS-H! hope you find time to paint and enjoy art activities this summer.



Join Us on Sunday!

More than 80 works of art will be on display for your June Gallery Reception!

Sunday, June 4 @ 3 pm

Judi Coffey is our judge and will be here to answer your questions.

Volunteer of the Month

Judith Lutkus



Each month, we'd like to recognize one of our many volunteers,

Our first nominee is Judith Lutkus. Judy has been a member of WAS-H since she moved back to Texas in 2020. She has been volunteering twice a month, helping manage our Member Sales Gallery since it opened in November 2021. In addition, she is often the person who watches the Gallery when the Artist Liaison is away.

Judy graduated with a Sociology degree from the Connecticut College for Women. While there, she also began her studies in art. After graduation, she married her husband, Tony, and became a military spouse. Tony was in the Coast Guard, so they moved around the country and started their family.

"While the children were young, I stayed home with them. Once they

were in school, I was able to start painting again. I took classes and workshops wherever we landed and started volunteering to get involved in the community," Judy explains.

Judy and Tony had three children; two boys, Tony Jr. and Stephen, and one adopted girl, Nicole. "My parents supported a Catholic orphanage in Vietnam for many years, so I knew there were children who needed a good home; this is why we adopted Nicole, a child at that orphanage."

Once Tony left the military, he worked for Exxon and moved the family overseas. They lived in Norway, London, and Malaysia during Tony's Exxon career. "I continued to take art classes and workshops and volunteer. I volunteered for several years at the Royal Academy of Art."

Judy and Tony returned to Houston in 2020. They selected Houston because of its central location. "We wanted to be in a big city where it would be easy to travel. We need to visit the grandchildren!" Their children live in New Jersey, California, and Florida - so the Texas location was perfect!

Thank you Judy for being a great volunteer and an awesome person!!

New Members & Orientation



The next New
Members Orientation
will be held on
Saturday, July 1 @ noon

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Welcome our 29 new members who joined us in the past 30 days

Anne Beletic
Jane Boozalis
Patti Borgman
Rita Bryant
Jesse Castaneda
Margaret Dickey
Carolyn Elliott
Peggy Grant
Debra Grooms

Lynn Hanks
Kathe Hawkins
Isabel Holcomb
Hande Jones
Martha Keen
Tamara Lacourt
Margaret McKay
Roger McMahan
Catherine Morgan

Lisa Musial
Kelly Raley
Jacquelyn Reuter
Ruth Riedl
David Roetto
Dana Sparks
Richard Tabor
Vicky Williamson

Participate in upcoming Gallery Shows!



July - Student/Teacher Show

If you've created a masterpiece in one of our WAS-H classes, including Senior Class, Open Studio, Zoom, Paint-ins, or any other instructor-led WAS-H event - this is your opportunity to show it off.

July Prospectus [Here](#)

Register [Here](#)

Deadline to enter: July 5, 2023

WAS-H instructors can participate but will not compete for prizes.

August - The Human Figure

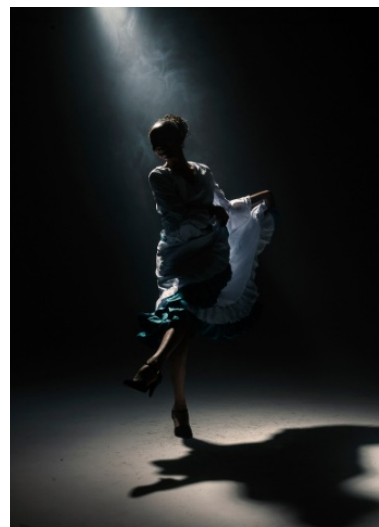
This month we invite artists to explore the human figure. The human figure in art carries, in different ways and through different periods, a huge significance, being the most direct means by which art can address the human condition.

August Prospectus [Here](#)

Deadline to enter: 8/2/23

Gallery Reception:

Sunday, 8/6/23



June Classes and Workshops



In the Voice of Matisse:
The Still Life & Pattern
Ellen Orseck
Five Thursday mornings



Find Your Path
Carla Gauthier
Four Thursday afternoons
June 1, 8, 15, 22
1:00 - 4:00pm
\$220 Tuition/\$180 members
[Register](#)



Drawing 101
Myke Venable
Four Tuesday mornings
June 6, 13, 20, 27
9:30am - 12:30pm

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
\$200 members/\$250 non-
members
Register



Basics of Flower Painting
Dr. Mohammad Ali Bhatti
Four Tuesday afternoons
June 6, 13, 20, 27
1:00 - 4:00pm
\$180 members/\$220 non-
members
Register



VIRTUAL
The Monochromatic Portrait
Jason Michael Bentley
Wednesday & Thurs
June 7 & 8
6 pm - 8 pm
\$60 members/\$80 non-
members
Register

\$220 Tuition/\$180 Member
Register



Light & Lively Flowers
Carla Gauthier
Weekend Workshop
June 10 & 11
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
\$170 Tuition/\$150 members
Register



VIRTUAL
WC Foundations
Basic Techniques
Jason Michael Bentley
Tuesday & Thursday
June 13 & 15
6 pm - 9 pm
\$90 members/\$110 non-
members
Register



Splish-Splash Expressive
Figure Painting
Cheryl A. Evans
Saturday & Sunday
June 17 & 18
9:30am - 3:30pm
\$150 members/\$170 non-
members
Register



Techniques & Textures
Les McDonald Jr.
Friday, June 23
9:30am - 3:30pm
\$75 members/\$85 non-
members
Register





Portrait Painting
Dr. Mohammad Ali Bhatti
Saturday & Sunday

June 24 & 25

10:00am - 4:00pm

\$150 members/\$170 non-members

Register

New Member Orientation

Saturday, July 1

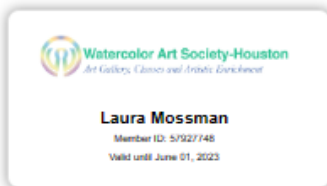
@ Noon

While this session is designed for new members, everyone is welcome to attend. There is no fee, but online registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) to register

WAS-H ID on your Profile

Membership card ▼



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As a Member of WAS-H,
you have benefits!
In order to take advantage of
these benefits,
you may need to prove
that your WAS-H
membership is
current and valid.

On-line Profile with ID Card.

Our website has a great way to do
that quickly!

Here is how to see your WAS-H ID Card:

On your smartphone or home computer:

- Go to the WAS-H website.
- Log-in with your email & password.
- Click on your name (top of screen)
- This takes you to your profile page.

Scroll down to see your WAS-H ID card. You can show it from your smartphone or download it, cut it out and put it in your wallet for future reference.

The card includes your name, member number and expiration date of your membership.

Join us for a fun SUMMER class!

[VIEW ALL CLASSES](#)

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Send your thoughts about **special events** you'd be interested in or other recommendations to our President.
President@watercolorhouston.org.

Send your ideas about **classes or workshops** you'd be interested in by emailing our Education Director at Education@watercolorhouston.org.

For all other questions or comments on any of our programs or services, you may contact the Artist Liaison by email @ [Liaison](#) or by phone during regular gallery hours @ 713.942.9966

Gallery/Office Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 3 pm
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