



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

## Registration Opens for Ken Call Workshop on Saturday, July 1

*This link will not work until July 1:*  
[Register HERE](#)

### From the President

Our president is taking a well-deserved break this week, so I will summarize what's happening in the month of July for those of you who are not traveling or knee-deep into summer festivities!

Registration for the Ken Call Workshop in October will open on July 1. The link is at the top of this eblast but will not work until July 1!

Members who sign up early (July 1 - 7) will pay a discounted price of \$395. After that, the regular member price is \$450. So don't delay! Only 16 seats are available!

During the summer months we do not have General Meetings or Monthly Demos but we continue to host our monthly gallery receptions. This month's reception will be on Sunday, July 9th at 3 pm. The judge for our Student Teacher show will be Guadalupe Hernandez.

We have a full line-up of classes in the month of July. They are all listed below with links to more information and registration for your convenience.

The August monthly show theme will be "People", including figures, portraits or paintings of friends and family. Registration for the August show opens up on Friday, July 14.

Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Month, Mike Doan. We appreciate all that he does for WAS-H!

Continue to have a great Summer and come by some time to enjoy painting with friends. Our Summer Senior session continues on

Wednesdays at 9:30. While there are no instructors, the doors are open and your friends are here! Open studios also continue on Thursday nights (6pm) and Friday mornings (9am). All these sessions are free to members, so why not? It's fun to paint together!!

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## Monthly Events

### General Meeting

There will be no general meeting in the month of July. General meetings will resume in September.

### Show Reception

Sunday, July 9 @ 3 pm

Student/Teacher Show  
Judge: Guadalupe  
Hernandez

### Monthly Demo

There will be no monthly demo in the month of July. Demos will resume in September.

## Volunteer of the Month



### Mike Doan is the Volunteer of the Month

Mike Doan has been a WAS-H member for the past 10 years. He started volunteering for WAS-H during IWE when Dawna Hasara was the Director. He became part of the IWE take-in/crating/re-crating crew. For the past several years, Mike has been the

leader for the un-crating/re-crating IWE team. Mike's organizational and leadership skills shine in this role. He has a system, and it works!

In addition to volunteering for IWE, Mike is also our Open Studio Coordinator. Every Friday morning you will find Mike greeting new and regular members as they arrive to participate in Open Studio. He can make coffee and cut mats, too!

Mike is also the "unofficial" custodian of WAS-H. He likes to keep this a secret, but you can often find him on a ladder changing a bulb, switching out batteries in the clock, or watering the plants outside. "I just like to help," Mike says. "And WAS-H is a good organization – this is my way of giving back to WAS-H for what it does for me and others who like to paint."

Mike was born in Salt Lake City but moved several times when he was a child. He lived in Tripoli, Libya for 4 years (2nd-5<sup>th</sup> grades) and moved to Ankara Turkey for 4 years (8-11<sup>th</sup> grades). He finished his high school year in Houston and then attended A&M University. Mike graduated with a math degree, which set him up for a career in computer science. He worked for various oil field services

companies. He wrote software to find oil. Mike retired from Schlumberger a few years ago.

Mike lives with his wife, Marsha, and their cat, Smog. Marsha enjoys crocheting and knitting and Mike likes to play golf, bridge and other card games, in addition to reading. One of their favorite pastimes is to go on a cruise. "Marsha and I went to one of those Murder Mysteries in Brookshire, TX, and we solved the mystery. The prize was a free cruise-that was our first one. When we went on the free cruise, they also had a murder mystery and Marsha solved that one -- for ANOTHER free cruise," explains Mike. They've been cruising ever since!

We want to thank Mike for giving his time and helping WAS-H to continue its mission, "to further the cause and interest in water-media." Our volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization, and we couldn't do it without them!

## Welcome our newest members!

Catherine Alexander  
Pamela Guzman  
Susan Hirtz  
Krystle Holnes  
Margo Ldapinski  
Anuja Mehta  
Ray Meleton  
Usha Reddy  
Mala Salvador  
Corinne Smith  
Charles Wallis



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

Click [HERE](#)

## Upcoming Gallery Shows

Drawing by Xylina Wu



## August Show

### Theme: People

This month we invite artists to explore people. Portraiture, the human figure or a group of friends.

Judge: Leslie Cuenca  
Prospectus August 2023 v2.pdf

**Registration Opens**  
Friday  
July 14

**Deadline**  
Wednesday  
August 2  
3 pm

**Reception**  
Sunday  
August 6  
3 pm



## September Show

### Theme: Experimental

We encourage our members to use different techniques or mediums for this show. Do something wild!

Judge: TBD  
Prospectus: TBD

**Registration Opens**  
Friday  
August 13

**Deadline**  
Wednesday  
September 6  
3 pm

**Reception**  
Sunday  
September 10  
3:30 pm

## July Classes and Workshops



Yupo with Watercolor & Fluid





Acrylics  
Katherine Rodgers  
Sunday, July 2  
9 am - 3 pm  
[Register](#) for July 2

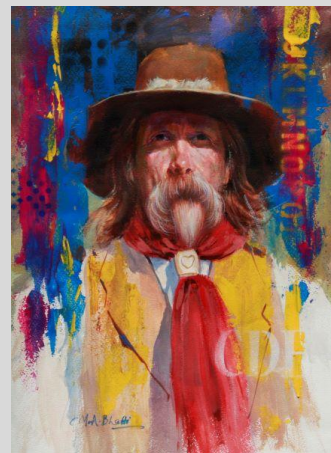


Watercolor on Aquabond  
Monike Pate  
Weekend Workshop  
July 8 & 9  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
[Register](#)

Mixing it Up  
Watercolor & Collage  
Ellen Orseck  
Thursdays 4-week Class  
July 6, 13, 20 & 27  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
[Register](#)



Drawing 101  
Myke Venable  
Four Tuesday mornings  
July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 1  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
[Register](#)



Cowboy (or Cowgirl)  
Painting Portraits  
Mohammad Bhatti  
Tuesdays - 4-weeks  
July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 1  
1 pm - 4 pm  
[Register](#)

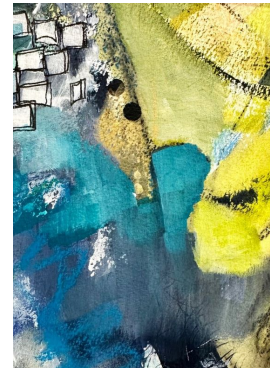


Sky's the Limit

Les McDonald  
Weekend Workshop  
July 15 & 16  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
[Register](#)



Landscape Painting  
Mohammad Bhatti  
Weekend Workshop  
July 22 & 23  
10 am - 4 pm  
[Register](#)



**Virtual Class**  
Watercolor Mixing  
Michael Jason Bentley  
Wednesday, July 26  
6 pm - 9 pm  
[Register](#)

Be Bold  
Mixed Media Abstract  
Carla Gauthier &  
Kim Granhaug  
Weekend Workshop  
July 29 & 30  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
[Register](#)

Summer Healing  
& Creativity Workshop  
Laura Mossman &  
Kristine Flaherty  
Sunday, July 30  
4 pm - 7 pm  
[Register](#)

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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

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