



July 15, 2023 e-newsletter
A Bi-Monthly Publication

Gallery Conversations - July 2023

by Linda Flowers and Brian Flaherty



This month's "Student / Teacher" theme provides an opportunity to see the creativity and skill of students and teachers at WAS-H. What a fun and lively gallery reception for all, displaying 80 diverse paintings, created by participating artists or WAS-H teachers over the last two years. Please take time to see all this month's paintings in person or in the virtual gallery ([Click Here](#)).

Guadalupe Hernandez was our judge for the show, currently an Artist-in-Residence with the Houston Center for

Contemporary Craft. His practice examines themes of family, labor, and cultural practices through a series of paintings and works of cut paper inspired by the traditional Mexican craft of Papel Picado. Recently he was notably among six pairs of visual artists in the 2022 US Latinx Art Forum Mentorship Program supporting an intergenerational skill exchange. He will also serve as the 2023/2024 Visiting Artist of Color at The Art Students League of Denver in the fall.

Picture above, L to R: Brian Flaherty and Linda Flowers (Gallery Directors) with judge Guadalupe Hernandez.



Gallery Directors, Linda and Brian, host the reception and the 65+ attendees.

July Show Winners

First Place - A Rainy Day
Shwu-Yong Huang
Senior Class



Judge: "The shadows and the reflections from the fresh fallen rain, use of color regarding the chairs, blending of the shrubs into the trees, negative space in the light posts. Additional details like the bird perched on the chair add interest and surprise."

Second Place - Boats

Judy Chang
Les McDonald's Class



Judge: "Interesting use of multiple techniques. Dry brushing of the light and dark. Sharp/clean and blurred edges (boats), soft edges. Nice read from a distance."



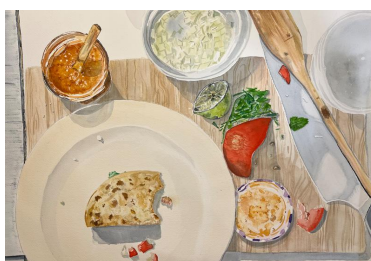
Third Place - De Colores

Alba Heredia, Artist
Cheryl Evan's Class



Judge: "Color choices and background are notable. Portraits can be a tough challenge, good job of rendering flowers, and rendering colors that bleed into the space."

Honorable Mentions



Laura McMahon

Carolina Chavez
"Lunch 1"
Kat Rodgers Class

Judge: "Like a still life yet moving past objects that are organized. Showing action through half eaten taco, open jar of salsa, etc."

Jennie Chou
"Dreamscape"
Kat Rodgers Class

Judge: "Interesting capture of reflection and detail. Bright colors balanced across the page drawing you into the warmth of the sun and interest in the reflections of the horse and light."

"Morning at Dad's
Happy Place"
Carla Gauthier's Class

Judge: "Super stylized landscape. Simple concept yet presents nicely. Reflections create depth and significance."

Want to see the planned themes for future monthly shows?

Click [Here](#) and scroll to the **bottom of the page** to see deadlines and proposed themes for the remainder of the 2023-2024 schedule. Themes/dates are subject to change.

We need your feedback!

On Wednesday we sent out an email asking you to participate in a survey. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their response!

Completing the survey will take less than 10 minutes, but its impact on our organization's future cannot be overstated. Your responses will provide crucial information and will guide future decision-making. Please respond to the survey by **Friday, July 28**, so we can begin analyzing the results.

To access the survey, follow this link: <https://forms.gle/DnXpaCi7snxxg98N8>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Kelly Medrano, Communications Director at washrag@watercolorhouston.org.

We look forward to learning from your insights and working together to create an even better WAS-H for everyone!

Upcoming Exhibits

August show "People"



Artwork by Carol Rensink

September Show "Experimental"



It's time to try out new products and or new ideas! Artists are encouraged to think out of the

Entries can include the human figure, a portrait or even a group of friends.

Judge: Leslie Cuenca

August Prospectus

Registration Opens: July 14

Registration Deadline: Aug 2

Reception: Sunday Aug 6

Pick up: September 5

box for the experimental show.

Judge: Annette Palmer

September Prospectus

Registration Opens: Aug 18

Registration Deadline: Sept 6

Reception: Sunday Sept 10

Pick up: September 26

August Monthly Events

Members Only Paint-In

Saturday, Aug 5

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

Adam Zhao, Instructor
Figure Drawing/Painting

Gallery Reception

Sunday, Aug 6

Starts @ 3:00 pm

Theme: People

Judge: **Leslie Cuenca**

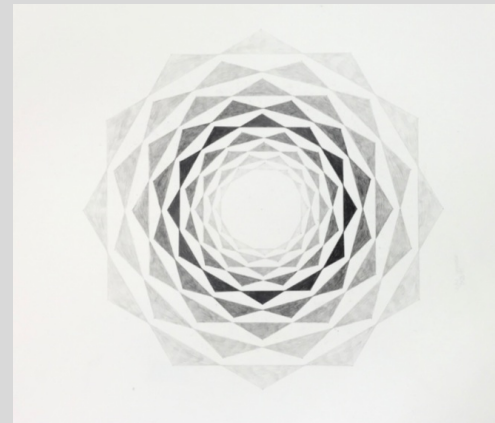
SUMMER BREAK

During the month of August, we will not hold a General Meeting or Artist Demo. We will resume both of these activities in September.

Available Classes - July 15 - Aug 15



Sky's the Limit
Les McDonald
Weekend Workshop
July 15 & 16
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Register



Sacred Geometry
Myke Venable
Two Tuesday mornings
July 18 & 25
9:30 am - 12:30 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 and Kim Granhaug
 Weekend Workshop
 July 29 & 30
 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Register](#)



Virtual Class
 Monochromatic Portrait
 Michael Jason Bentley
 Wednesday & Thursday
 Aug 2 & 3
[Register](#)



VIRTUAL Class
 Head, Hands, and Feet



Fun & Fabulous Landscapes
 Carla Gauthier

Ellen Orseck
Five Thursday mornings
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
9:30am - 12:30pm

[Register](#)



Techniques & Textures
in Watercolor
Les McDonald, Jr.
One-Day Workshop
Friday, August 4
9:30am - 3:30pm

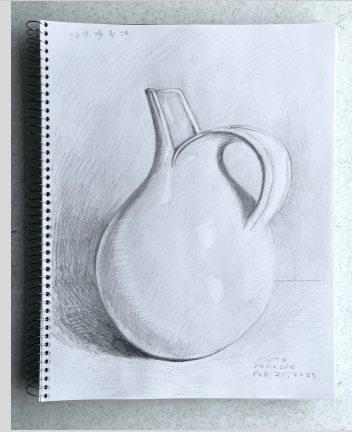
[Register](#)



Houston Cityscapes
Dr. Mohammad Ali Bhatti
Four Tuesday Afternoons
August 8, 15, 22, 29
1 pm - 4 pm

[Register](#)

Four Thursday Afternoons
August 3, 10, 24, 31
Skip 8/17
6 pm - 9 pm
[Register](#)



Drawing 101
Myke Venable
Four Tuesday Mornings
August 8, 15, 22, 29
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

[Register](#)



Virtual Class
Exuberant Abstract Garden Collage
Susan Giannantonio
Four Tuesday Afternoons
August 8, 15, 22, 29
1 pm - 3 pm
[Register](#)



Virtual Class

Watercolor Foundations
Essential Techniques
Jason Michael Bentley
Tuesday & Thursday
August 8 & 10
6 pm - 9 pm
[Register](#)



Weekend Workshop

Basics of Flower Painting
Dr. Mohammad Ali Bhatti
Saturday & Sunday
August 12 & 13
10 am - 4 pm
[Register](#)

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SENIOR CLASS
Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Seniors 55+
[Register Here](#)



Wednesday Model Lab
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Model Lab
Wednesday Afternoons
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Draw and paint from
live models.

[Register Here](#)



OPEN STUDIO
Thursday Nights &
Friday Mornings
Members Only

No instruction
[Register Here](#)

WAS-H Facebook Page

Our Facebook Group is for WAS-H Members only. We are in the process of removing non-member accounts. If you are mistakenly removed from the WAS-H Facebook Group, please advise the WAS-H Facebook admin. Be sure to include your full name and request access to the group again. We will verify your membership status and reinstate your status.

Share your news and ideas!

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