



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

## Gallery Conversations "Experimental" September 2023

by Linda Flowers and Brian Flaherty, Gallery Directors

Curated by Linda Flowers and Brian Flaherty and judged by Annette Palmer, September's "Experimental" exhibit showcases 86 works by 46 WAS-H artists moving out of their comfort zones and pushing the boundaries of both form and content.



Viewers are invited to embark on a journey through experimental experiences from each artist. From standard forms created in a non-standard way to pushing boundaries in the use of medium, the show arrays the richness and diversity of the creative spirit. For those unable to experience the gallery in person, the show can be viewed online at the WAS-H website [here](#).

Judge Annette Palmer's personal artworks present experimental seascapes in a fusion of paint, textures and elements of collage. At the General Meeting, Annette presented a fascinating demonstration of experimental painting with found objects, ink (Quink) and spray bleach (Clorox Clean-up).



## Winners

First Place - Ethical Entomology  
Eleanor Buchan



Judge: "A very clever, quirky, fun piece. I love how the insects have been individually cut and mounted. Beautiful detail, very delicate, and cruelty free!"

Second Place - Cat's Cradle  
Cheryl Evans



Judge: "Two pieces of very different shapes working together as one. Lots of detail and the head being the house. It



makes me think of balance in both the composition and the life."



Third Place - Fantasy Garden  
Laura Mossman



Judge: "Small but superb. Effects resembling marbling complimented by the lively brush strokes. The limited palette works very well."



## Honorable Mentions



Erle Hoppe  
"Grand Central Station"

Judge: "Incredible detail, with lovely



Erik Sprohge  
"Guardians"

Judge: "A very organic work. I love the structure added to the looseness of the pour, a marvelous palette."



areas of light."



Robin Avery  
"A Walk through an Artists' Garden"

Judge: "Beautiful perspective, use of color and experimental patterns."



Reva Power  
"Summer of 2023"

Judge: "Wonderful rendering of the barn with experimental techniques. I like the areas which have been blocked then overpainted"

**It's time to Register for the  
Annual Members Exhibit!**



Click to see the prospectus: [HERE](#)

**Here are the key dates:**

Deadline to register: Wednesday, September 27 @ 3 pm  
Judging/Installation: Saturday, September 30 from 10 am – 3 pm  
General Mtg/Demo/Awards: Sunday, October 1 @ 2 pm  
Reception follows awards.

Click [here](#) to register!

WAS-H is thrilled to host nationally lauded artist Ken Call as Juror and Judge for this year's AME. Ken is well-known to and loved by WAS-H for consistently having prize-winning paintings in WAS-H's International Watermedia Exhibitions (IWE), including two First Place awards in the last 7 years. Coincident with AME, Ken will also conduct a Major workshop from October 2-4.

Want to volunteer for AME? Click [HERE](#) to sign-up.

Questions about the rules and regulations for the show may be directed to: Kat Rodgers, AME Director, [ame@watercolorhouston.org](mailto:ame@watercolorhouston.org).



## Participate in the Art Fair

 **Watercolor Art Society - Houston**

# ART FAIR

*Local Artists, Original Art - Priced to Sell!*

## Saturday, October 21

*11 am - 4 pm*



*Rain or Shine*

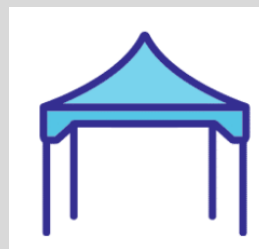
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Enter up to 10 paintings in our Community Tent!

[Community Booth Registration.](#)





# Two spaces left!

[Tent Space Registration](#)

## Events and Reminders

### Paint-In

Saturday, October 7

9:30 am - 3 pm

[Register](#)

Joanie Hughes, Instructor  
Pen, Ink and Watercolor

### General Meeting

Monthly Artist Demo

Sunday, October 1

Starting @ 2 pm

Ken Call, Demo Artist

Gallery Reception will follow.

## Upcoming Classes



### 1 Day Workshop

Textures and Techniques

Les McDonald

Sunday

September 17

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

[Register Here](#)



### 3 Hour Workshop

Surreal Play

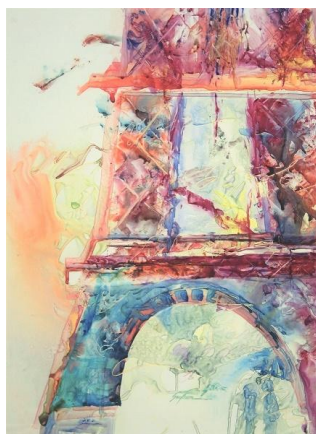
Jean King

Friday,

September 22

1 pm - 4 pm

[Register Here](#)



### 1 Day Workshop

Fun with Yupo!

Linda Vanek

Saturday

September 23

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

[Register Here](#)



### Virtual Virtual Virtual

### 1 Day Class

Watercolor Skills - Mixing Color

Jason Michael Bentley

Wednesday Evening

October 4

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

[Register Here](#)



**Virtual Virtual Virtual**

**4-Week Class**

Water Drops, Glass, and More

Marco Boer

Thursday Morning

October 5, 19, 26 & Nov 2

9:30 am - 12 pm

[Register Here](#)



**1 Day Workshop**

Luminous Color Secrets

Linda Vanek

Tuesday Afternoons

October 6

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

[Register Here](#)



**4-Week Class**

Plein Air

Arthur Deatley

Friday Afternoons

October 6, 13, 20, 27,

Noon to 3 pm

[Register Here](#)



**Virtual Virtual Virtual**

**2-Day Class**

Figures in Sunlight

Graham Berry

Saturday and Sunday

October 7 & 8

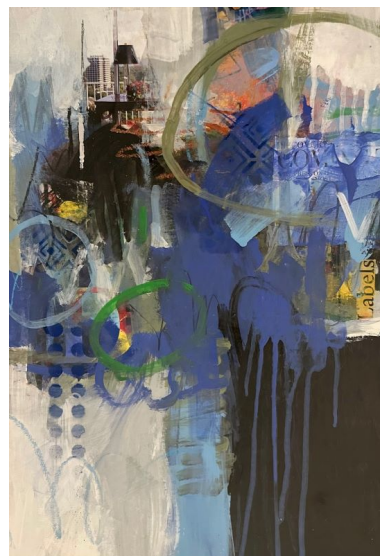
9:00 am - 11:00 am

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**Virtual Virtual Virtual**

**2 Day Class**



**1 Day Workshop**

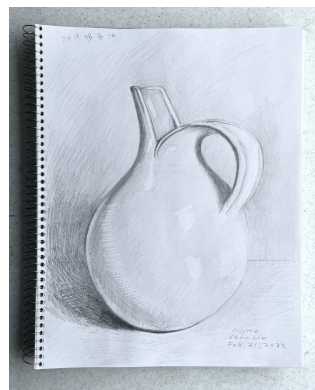


Monochromatic Portrait  
Jason Michael Bentley  
Saturday & Sunday  
October 7 & 8  
1 pm - 3 pm  
[Register Here](#)

Acrylic Abstract Painting  
Dr. Mohommad Bhatti  
Sunday, October 8  
10 am - 4 pm  
[Register Here](#)



**4-Week Class**  
A Cloudy Day  
Mohammad Bhatti  
Tuesday Afternoons  
October 10, 17, 24, 31  
1 pm - 4 pm  
[Register Here](#)



**4-Week Class**  
Drawing 101  
Myke Venable  
Tuesday Mornings  
October 10, 17, 24, 31  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
[Register Here](#)



**6-Week Class**  
Reflect and Refine  
Kat Rodgers  
Wednesday Nights  
Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
[Register Here](#)



**Weekend Workshop**  
Get Your Glow On!  
Carla Gauthier  
Saturday & Sunday  
October 14 & 15  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
[Register Here](#)

[View All CLASSES](#)





**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**  
Monday Nights &  
Friday Mornings  
Members Only

No instruction  
[Register Here](#)

## Share your news and ideas!

### WAS-H 2023-2024 Leaders/Coordinators

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(& night Open Studios)  
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Nancy Moody [Volunteers](#)  
Carla Gauthier [Art Fair](#)  
Carol Rensink [Model Lab](#)  
Mike Doan (Friday) [Open Studio](#)  
Laura Mossman [WAS-H Office](#)

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