



2022 Watercolor Art Society - Houston

President's Message



Friends,

Watercolor Art Society Houston celebrated our 45th International Art Show on March 6, 2022! We were delighted and honored to have a leading watercolorist, Soon Warren, known for her energy, attention to detail, and mastery of the craft to celebrate, review, and jury these amazing works of art.

The selection showcased a wide range of disciplined styles, compositional mastery, and vivid imagery. 397 amazing entries were submitted by a truly global field including Canada, China, Japan, India, Switzerland, and the U.S. These original pieces were on display in our award winning and state of the art gallery as well as in this catalog and on our website. We cannot express how excited we are to share these amazing works with you all. As part of the exclusivity IWE brings to bear for WASH, we are thrilled to announce that four artists have successfully earned Signature Member Status by being selected three times, and two people have earned the most distinguished status of Elite Signature Member, having been selected five times! Compliments to all.

Sincerely, Philip Weigardt President, Watercolor Art Society Houston

Soon Y Warren - Juror's Statement



"It was quite an honor for me to be a juror of the 45th International Watermedia Exhibition. There was a much larger number of paintings than I was able to give awards so hats off to all the artists whose paintings demonstrated what watermedia can do when it's combined with artist's creativity and sensitivity. As a juror, I based my

decisions on the following aspects: composition, technical proficiency, originality and experimental quality. Among them, award-winning pieces were particularly impressive. They excelled on many points, communicating the artist's intended narrative through their unique expression and mastery of the medium. My sincere thank-you to the Watercolor Art Society of Houston."

-Soon Y Warren, NWS, AWS, SW, TWS, WSA, SWA, Juror

IWE Director Statement

The Watercolor Art Society – Houston's International Exhibition is known to be the highlight of water media exhibitions each year and this year's exhibition was no exception! We were thrilled with the level of excellence demonstrated by the world-class artists who were selected to participate in this year's show.



This was my first year as the International Exhibition Director but the number one comment I heard the most during this year's reception was that this exhibit was one of the best yet. I am proud to be a part of this, but I didn't do it alone. There were so many volunteers that I couldn't mention all of them here but I would like to highlight a few special contributors for helping to manage part of this process: They were: Diann Zimmerman, our Workshop Coordinator; Carla Gauthier, hanging crew; Alison Hendry, judges comments; Kathleen Church, reception crew; and last but certainly not least, Mike Doan for managing the uncrating/re-crating process. I'd also like to thank Beth Graham for creating the IWE Catalogue this year.

In addition to the dedicated volunteers, our sponsors from business, patrons, and institutions also played a big part in the success of the show. We wish to thank our two corporate sponsors, the ALA Financial Group, LLC and Mastrius. Our merchant sponsors include Art Supply on Almeda, Texas Art Supply, Holbein, Ampersand, Jack Richeson & Co, QOR by Golden, and other private donors.

Congratulations also to our six new Signature Members: Christine Alfery, Bridget DeFlora, Alison Hendry, Lynda Jung, Hiep Nguyen and DeEtta Silvestro. Linda Vanek and Stephanie Williams were promoted to Signature Elite status. Congratulations!

Finally, I owe the biggest thanks to all the excellent artists who submitted their paintings for consideration. Works on exhibition were selected this year by renown artist, teacher and juror Soon Warren from the hundreds of works submitted by national and international artists. It is indeed inspiring to view the creative efforts of all these dedicated artists.

It is the mission of the Watercolor Art Society-Houston to promote watermedia art and to reward artists in our effort to promote the Houston art scene.

- Laura Mossman IWE Director.

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Artist Materials



Looking Ahead -

Brenda Swenson WW, NWWS, SDWS, CWA

We are pleased to announce that Brenda Swenson will be our Juror and Major Workshop artist for our 46th International Watermedia Exhibition in 2023. Brenda has won major awards in juried exhibitions internationally. Brenda is the artist author of two books, Keeping a Watercolor Sketchbook (Finalist, Award of Excellence) and Steps to Success in Watercolor, and three DVD's. An active participant in the arts community, she is 1st Vice-President of the California Art Club and has served on the board of directors for the National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West. She's a Signature Artist in WW, NWWS, SDWS and CWA. Her artwork has been featured in multiple volumes of Splash: Best of Watercolor, An Illustrated Journey, Creative Freedom, Complete Guide to Watercolor, Watercolor Artist, Watercolor Magazine, Watercolor Highlights, Plein Air Magazine and numerous other publications. She participates as an arts juror, demonstrator, and offers workshops both nationally and abroad. https://www.swensonart.net



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Elite Signature Members

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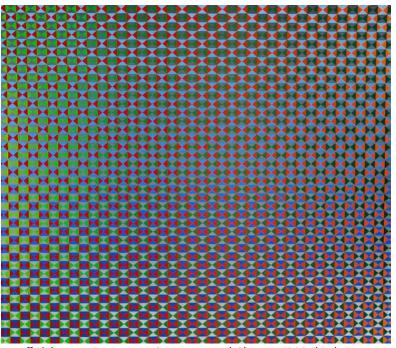
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First Place



"This feels like infinity, it's going on and on. The design and technical execution with no mistakes, the gradation of colors and the patience and control for the details drew me to this very modern work. I chose it with my heart."

-Soon Warren, Juror

Annell Livingston, Fragments, Geometry, and Change #208, El Prado, NM

Second Place

"The gradation of colors and the subtle changes of value of light and dark in the expertly executed details of this bold, modern, beautiful piece.."



Cindy Brabec-King, Unraveled, Palisade, CO

Third Place



"Gradation of purples and grey from light to dark with sometimes wet and sometimes dry technique that reminds me of a mountain in a landscape.."

-Soon Warren, Juror

Jennifer Martin, Held, Houston, TX

Odette Ruben Memorial Award

WAS-H is the very grateful recipient of a bequest from the estate of WAS-H long time Signature Elite member, Odette Ruben. Native to Houston and a skilled watercolor artist, in her life Odette received recognition and many awards throughout Texas and in the Texas Watercolor Society. Odette chose to remember WAS-H in her will by leaving \$15,000 for an annual award at the International Watermedia Exhibition. The Odette Ruben Memorial Award of \$1000 is to be given each year through 2031.

"Gradation of dull colors and the use of value to convey a simple, somewhat ugly subject matter into something special with expert execution and important subtle pops of light and orange color.."



Dean Mitchell, Reservation Relic, Tampa, FL

Jack Bowen Award

The Jack Bowen Foundation underwrites this prestigious award each year as a part of the International Watermedia Exhibition in memory of Mr. Bowen, who loved watercolors and continues to be a generous supporter of the Watercolor Art Society - Houston through his Foundation.

"The vibrant color contrasts of light and dark washes with the subjects captured in a moment in time. Full of energy with open areas with movement and closed areas pushing the movement even more.."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Xiaochang Zhange, Busting, San Ramon, CA

Board of Director's Award



This annual award is made possible through the generous donations of the Watercolor Art Society - Houston Board members.

"This "looks" like watercolor with excellent blue color combinations well executed on Yupo. It has good perspective and moves the eye back into the painting from the foreground subjects.."

Ellen Sudzina, 4 On Duty, McKeesport, PA

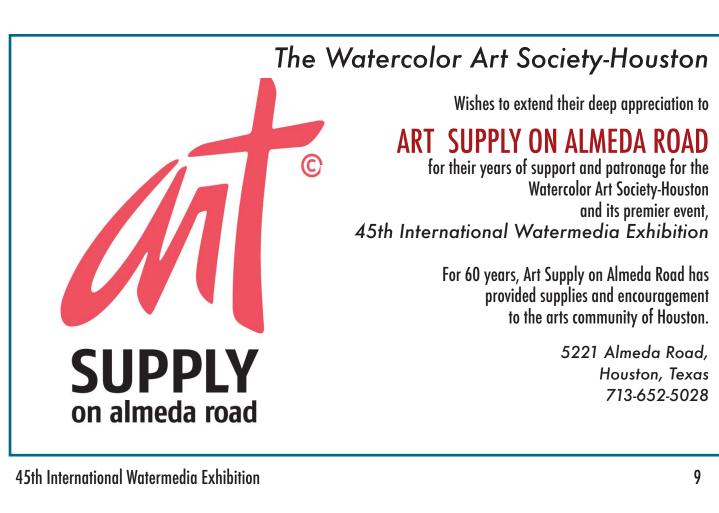
Margaret Scott Bock Award by Art Supply on Almeda

WAS-H wishes to extend our deep appreciation to Art Supply on Almeda for their support and patronage for 60 years. They make this award in honor of long-time WAS-H member and Elite Signature artist, Margaret Scott Bock.

"Well executed composition with subtle contrasts and good values with pops of intentional color and a bold design and repetition of pattern."



Chris Krupinski, Cuppa Lemon, Maineville, OH



Art Supply on Almeda Award, 1

We thank Art Supply on Almeda for these special awards to provide encouragement to the arts community of Houston and beyond.

"This painting is full of red energy with a gradation of yellow and white and lines that lead into the focal point.."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Cheryl Evans, Acoma Peublo Memories, Seabrook, TX

Art Supply on Almeda Award, 2

"There are 50 shades of green. This feels like walking into a rock formation of light and dark, white and black and green.."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Kathleen Conover, Breaking Through, Marquette, MI

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Jack Richeson Award

"There is no white, but the light is a warm yellow with the shadow a great contrast with feelings of dusk and the end of the day as the man walks home with his dog. Very sensitive."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Carla Gauthier, Afternoon Walk, Houston, TX

QOR Golden Watercolors Award

"The execution is beautiful and captures a hard life with emotion."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Ken Call, Imagine, Northbrook, IL

Ampersand Award

"The intentional breaking of light into geometric patterns that feel like a bridge makes this painting interesting."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Marilynne Bradley, Structure of Steel, Houston, TX

Holbein Award

"This is watercolor. Simplistic, small, but bold and yet sensitive and full of courage to start with one blue and continues with spatters that are like wind blowing. Even the red signature adds to and completes the whole work."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Louise Lachance, Quietude, St. Anicet, Quebec



Denniski Albets, A New Bonnet, Lexington, KY

"Reminds me of Winslow Homer. It has a calm subject matter well executed with use of light and dark. The background that could have been confusing is muted so the subject stands out."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Z Feng, Winter Forest, Dayton, MD

"Feels foggy and mysterious. It is a landscape I would like to visit, but it is not real. It is winter but does not feel cold, more like a warm invitation.."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Anne Hightower-Patterson, Rockin' View, Leesville, SC

"This is an invitation to come and sit with very calming colors in a composition that is not static using light and dark and repetition."

-Soon Warren, Juror

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"Full of liveliness and movement with a loose technique. The emptiness at the bottom leads us to the subjects where I feel I can really hear them singing."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Bev Jozwiak, Street Fair Choir, Vancouver, WA



Kathy Simon-McDonald, The Chalk Artist, Bradenton, FL

"Soft, subtle, delicate and interesting composition with excellent perspective."



Kathleen Mooney, New Moon in the Old Moon's Arms, Lowell, MI

"Orange and turquoise color combination is pleasing with the black still transparent enough to show the orange coming through it so it does not feel heavy."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Lisa Tennant, Andy's Drive-In, Killeen, TX

"Energetic composition makes me feel like I am in the moment looking up with a wonderful contrast of blue versus red." -Soon Warren, Juror



Les McDonald, Farmers Market, Houston, TX

"Executed superbly with a refreshing feeling that showed what fresh vegetables are like with great realistic technique."



E. Stoddard, Illumination II, East Amherst, NY

"Well balanced, well executed , difficult to paint composition with attention to light and dark and warmth and structure."

-Soon Warren, Juror



Erhu Zhang, The Old Town, Huishou, China

"It is an uneventful scene full of story. "It is going to rain," but it is subtle. The subject is not pretty, but the color combinations of grey with the thoughtfully placed blue throughout is expertly done."

-Soon Warren, Juror

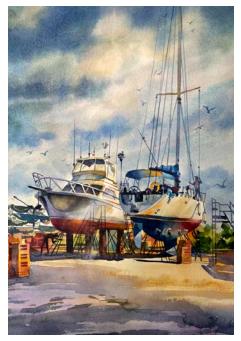
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Christine Alfery, Arches of Triumph, Lac du Flambeau, WI



Robin Avery, Fresh Farms GMO, Houston, TX



sid Bingham, High Thrones, La Crescenta, CA 45th International Watermedia Exhibition



MaryLou Andrews, The Red Chair, Virginia Beach, VA



William Bailey, The Laundress, Meadows Place, TX



Gwendolyn Bragg, Grand Prismatic Spring I, Alexandria, VA



Winifred Brienes, Mustard, Lemon Squeezer, Dishtowels, BRookline, MA



Grayson Chandler, Incantata, Houston, TX



Francsca Brayton, Face Time, Los Alamitos, CA



Patricia Browning, Kale Magic, Missouri City, TX



Judy Bush, Passages, Austin, TX



Leslie Chen, Cymbidium Orchid, Houston, TX



Eva Lu Damianos, Chatter, Verona, PA



Gail Delger, Hauled Away, McKinney, TX



Elaine Daily-Birnbaum, A Safety Net, Madison, WI

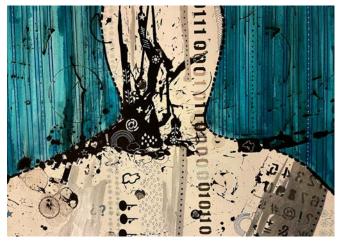


Walter Davis, Entangled, Campbell, TX

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Jacqueline Dorsey, Dahlias Queen of Summer, Athens, GA



Brett Dyer, Beyond Boundaries, Lewisville, TX



Patrick Faile, Dakota Storm Chase, Rock Hill, SC



Bridget DeFlora, Golden Gate Greenhouse, Houston, TX

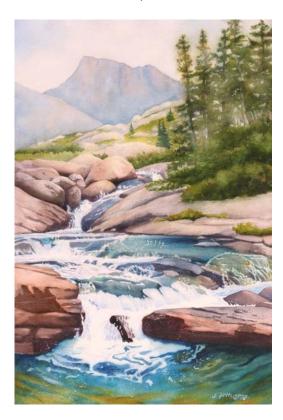


Kathleen Durdin, David D: Remembering, Houston, TX

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Tom Francesconi, The Carpenter, Homewood, IL



Jane Fritz, Dance From the Past, Las Vegas, NV



Lisa Franklin, Mondrian's Dream, Tequesta, FL



Pratibha Garewal, Happy Sunflowers, Mount Kisco, NY



Jennifer Gillen, Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Plano, TX



Nanc Gordon, Sunkissed, Dallas, TX



Wenqing He, Leisure Time, LanZhou, China



Marj Hales, Monarch's Delight, Houston, TX



Alison Hendry, Mind If I Eat Your Socks?, Houston, TX

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Lorrie Herman, Prickly Dragon Starfruit, Chantilly, VA



Norma Herring, Smell the Blueberries, Leawood, KS



Michael Holter, Old and Older, Plano, TX



Judith Hummer, The City Holds Many Secrets, Bridgewater, NJ



Jeff Ishikawa, Pandemic Boredom, Fremont, CA

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John James, Stringing a Thought 2 - Purple Passion, Virginia Beach, VA



Elwin Joseph, ReTIREd, Christiansted, VI

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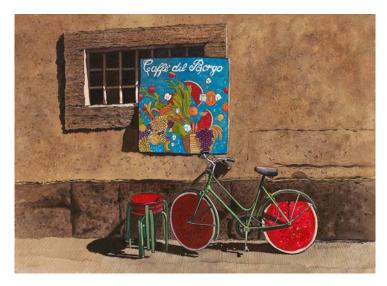
Lynda Jung, Time Melted Away, Porter, TX



Lisa Kassow, Irene's Figs, West Hartford, CT



Michele Tabor Kimbrough, MerQueen's Guardian II - Crucian Carnival Series XVII, Marianna, FL



Shirley Kleppe, Caffe Del Borgo, Scottsdale, AZ

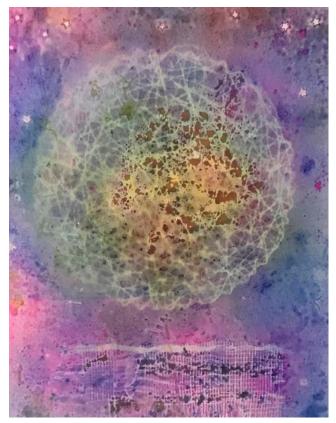


Tamara Kontrimas, Mad River Valley, Sugar Land, TX





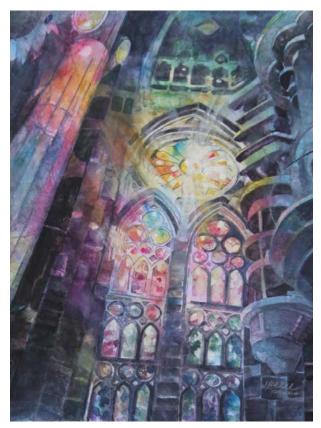
Rebecca Krutsinger, Across the Way, Xenia, IL



Maryann Lucas, Hot Air Balloon, Houston, TX



Wendy Kornfield, Lili's Oxblood Costus, Coral Gables, FL



Jackie Liddell, Gaudi's Divine Vision, League City, TX

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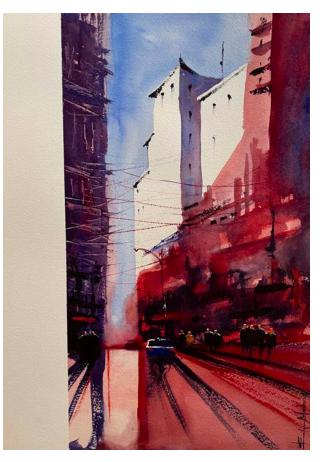
Ellen McCormick Martens, Waiting / Nourishment, Houston, TX



Jeffrey Mathison, Tangle, Spring Mills, PA



Mark McDermott, Bird Point Ghost Trees #2, Anchorage, AK



Evelyn Mora, Red City, Tomball, TX



Sabir Nazar, Flower Pots, Lahore, Pakistan



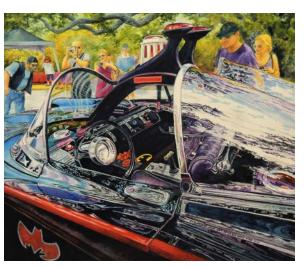
Jeffrey Neumann, Late Breakfast, Copake, NY



Hiep Nguyen, A Rainy Night in Downtown, Spring, TX



Lily Nan, Tibetan Boy, Ningbo, China



Gay Paratore, Bat Mobile, Featured Attraction, Santa Fe, TX



Debbie Parmley, Sunday Morning, Houston, TX



Cathy Schuster, Angels Over Berlin, Tomball, TX



Fabiano Santos, Camila, Doral, FL



DeEtta Silvestro, Games We Played, Clarence, NY



Susanna Spann, Mr. Tambourine Mark, Cortez, FL

Ken Toki, Fern Forest, McKinney, TX



Denise Sperry, We're All Linked Together, Williamsville, NY



Don Taylor, Homeless in Key West, Panama City, FL

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Larry Spitzberg, Lady with Braid, Houston, TX



Kathryn Wedge, NYC Distance, Neenah, WI



Linda Vanek, Tearing Down Strongholds, Houston, TX



Stephanie Williams, Cottonwood Trees #1, Conroe, TX



Keiko Yasuoka, The Gift From Him, Houston, TX



Yan Yin, Gentle Summer Snowflake #7, Oakville, CA



Tommie Wilson, Tom's Rose, Humble, TX

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