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.
The Watercolor Art Society - Houston, on behalf of the 45th International Watermedia Exhibition, wishes to express their appreciation to our merchant sponsors, who provide the tools and materials for artists.
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

Ruby Allen  
Wilmer Anderson  
Kirby Atwell  
Robin Avery  
Liduine Bekman  
Judi Betts  
Mohammad Ali Bhatti  
Margaret Scott Bock  
Connie Bosworth  
Marcia Boone  
David Bridges  
Jody Henderer Burns  
Dottie Burton  
Sam Caldwell  
Anita Cannon  
Mark Cardoza  
Mary Jane Carpenter  
Cleo Ceeney  
Barbara J. Clay  
Judi Coffey  
Pat Conroy  
Mary Jane Cox  
Julius Danziger  
Helen C. Dodd  
Kathleen Durdin  
Karen Dwyer  
Toni Elkins  
Sy Ellens  
Ann Erard  
Cheryl Evans  
Carol H. Fairlie  
Eldon Faries  
Gerry Finch  
Ann Gillaspy  
Caroline Graham  
Nancy Grob  
Lillian Gunderlach  
Deborah Hagemeyer  
Marsha Harris  
Ann Hartley  
Jeanne Heise  
Elizabeth Hill  
Joan Hughes  
Charlotte G. Huntley  
Linda Jarnagin  
Anne Lamkin Kinder  
Sarah Kitigawa  
Margaret Kranksing  
Nellie Kress  
Sally Kullman  
Marilyn Lace  
Jan Ledbetter  
Robbie Fitzpatrick  
Carla Gauthier  
Hunter George  
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Jackie Liddell  
Karen Lindeman  
May Lu  
Mary Ann Lucas  
David Maloney  
Rosemary Massey  
David Maxwell  
Laurin McCracken  
Leslie McDonald, Jr.  
Eileen Mueller Neill  
Thuy Nguyen  
Sally Padgett  
Gay Paratore  
Debbie Lee Parmley  
Monika Pate  
Song Qin  
Cynthia Reid  
April M. Rimpo  
Odette Rubin  
Jeanne Ruchti  
M.F. Rutherford  
Sandra Schafer  
A.J. Schexnayder  
Dale A. Schmidt  
Mabel J. Sellers  
Duncan Simmons  
Carol Slobin  
Kay Smith  
Stanley S. Smith  
Natalie Smythe  
Erik T. Sproghe  
Carol Staub  
Shirley Sterling  
Kay Stern  
Mark Stewart  
Donald Taylor  
Susanne Telage  
Judith Thomsen  
Linda Tibolla  
Joyce Troegel  
Margot Vance  
Linda Vanek  
Lynn Venier  
Karen Vernon  
Gale Webb  
Sally Webster  
Daniela Werneck  
Mary Wilbanks  
Stephanie Williams  
Theresa Wilson  
Tommie Wilson  
Cheryl Wooten  
Jerry Wray  
Keiko Yasuoka  
Al Zeries  
Del Zimmerman

### Signature Members

Angie Adlerz  
Christine Allfrey  
Ron Anderson  
Mary Lou Andrews  
Del Azios  
Wm. Kelly Bailey  
Dick Barlow  
Tanna Bennett  
David M. Blackwell  
Irene Bolitho  
Becky Brocato  
Martin Butler  
Sylvia Cameron  
Isabel Capp  
Linda Haag Carter  
Jane Chamberlain  
Lee Cohen  
Natalie Barrett Cook  
Marguerite Costigan  
Lynne Crawford  
Barbara O’Neal Davis  
Bridget DeFlora  
Pat Dispensiere  
Alma O’Donnelly  
Lucija Dragovan  
Don Edelman  
Eddie Edwards  
Peihong Endris  
Patrick Faile  
Antoaneta Georgieva  
Susan Giannantonio  
Kim Granhaug  
Anna Griffith  
Sirun Guan  
Diane Henderson  
Alison Hendry  
Hailey Herrera  
Peggy Hoekman  
Bonnie Hubly  
Deborah Hutchinson  
John James  
Lynda Jung  
Karen Knutson  
Tamara Kontrimas  
Suzanne Leatherwood  
Annell Livingston  
Mike Mazer  
Jan McNeill  
Jean McTaggart  
Mary Lou Metcalf  
Cuauhtemac Murphy  
Hiep Nguyen  
r. mike nichols  
Mary Bosye Nicklow  
William B. Owens  
Anne Hightower-Patterson  
Reva Power  
Kris Preslan  
Cheryl Presswood  
Carolyn H. Puhalski  
Mary Quiros  
Ruth Hill Radcliffe  
Cookie O Rees  
Kay Ellis Rekoff  
Kay Reynolds  
Leatrice Joy  
Richardson  
Joy Rumscheidt  
Nance Scanland  
Cathy Schuster  
Jerry V. Seagle  
Irene Sheytman  
Jan Shrader  
DeEtta Silvestro  
Kristine Smith  
Jean Sommer  
Larry Spitzberg  
Brandee Standley  
Shirley Stronach  
Ann Stoudenmire  
Linda Darke Swaynos  
Anne Treadwell  
Janet Trotter  
Carol Watson  
Vicky Williamson  
Kathleen Zann  
Issacson  
Jun Zhu
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."

-Soon Warren, Juror

Cindy Brabec-King, Unraveled, Palisade, CO
Third Place

Jennifer Martin, Held, Houston, TX

“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

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.”

-Soon Warren, Juror

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

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, Juror

Ellen Sudzina, On Duty, McKeesport, PA
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.”

-Soon Warren, Juror

The Watercolor Art Society-Houston

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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

“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
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
**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, *Quiétude*, St. Anicet, Quebec

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**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
**Merit Awards**

**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
Merit Awards

“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

“Soft, subtle, delicate and interesting composition with excellent perspective.”

-Soon Warren, Juror

Kathy Simon-McDonald, The Chalk Artist, Bradenton, Fl.

Bev Jozwiak, Street Fair Choir, Vancouver, WA
**Merit Awards**

**Les McDonald, Farmers Market, Houston, 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

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**Lisa Tennant, Andy’s Drive-In, Killeen, TX**

“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

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

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

-Soon Warren, Juror
Merit Awards

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

The Watercolor Art Society - Houston, on behalf of the 45th International Watermedia Exhibition also wishes to express their appreciation to our generous patron sponsors for their support of our artists, this exhibit, our organization, and the beauty of watercolor media.
Final Submissions

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

MaryLou Andrews, *The Red Chair*, Virginia Beach, VA

Robin Avery, *Fresh Farms GMO*, Houston, TX

Sid Bingham, *High Thrones*, La Crescenta, CA

William Bailey, *The Laundress*, Meadows Place, TX
Final Submissions

Gwendolyn Bragg, Grand Prismatic Spring I, Alexandria, VA

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

Grayson Chandler, Incantata, Houston, TX

Francesca Brayton, Face Time, Los Alamitos, CA

Patricia Browning, Kale Magic, Missouri City, TX

Judy Bush, Passages, Austin, TX
Final Submissions

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
Final Submissions

Jacqueline Dorsey, *Dahlias Queen of Summer*, Athens, GA

Brett Dyer, *Beyond Boundaries*, Lewisville, TX

Patrick Falle, *Dakota Storm Chase*, Rock Hill, SC

Kathleen Durdin, *David D: Remembering*, Houston, TX

Bridget DeFlora, *Golden Gate Greenhouse*, Houston, TX
Final Submissions

Tom Francesconi, *The Carpenter*, Homewood, IL

Lisa Franklin, *Mondrian’s Dream*, Tequesta, FL

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

Pratibha Garewal, *Happy Sunflowers*, Mount Kisco, NY

Jennifer Gillen, *Tess of the D’Urbervilles*, Plano, TX
Final Submissions

Nanc Gordon, Sunkissed, Dallas, TX

Marj Hales, Monarch’s Delight, Houston, TX

Wenqing He, Leisure Time, LanZhou, China

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

Lorrie Herman, *Prickly Dragon Starfruit*, Chantilly, VA

Norma Herring, *Smell the Blueberries*, Leawood, KS

Jeff Ishikawa, *Pandemic Boredom*, Fremont, CA

Michael Holter, *Old and Older*, Plano, TX

Judith Hummer, *The City Holds Many Secrets*, Bridgewater, NJ
Final Submissions

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

Elwin Joseph, *ReTIREd*, Christiansted, VI

Lisa Kassow, *Irene’s Figs*, West Hartford, CT

Lynda Jung, *Time Melted Away*, Porter, TX

Michele Tabor Kimbrough, *MerQueen’s Guardian II - Crucian Carnival Series XVII*, Marianna, FL
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Final Submissions

Rebecca Krutsinger, Across the Way, Xenia, IL

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

Maryann Lucas, Hot Air Balloon, Houston, TX

Jackie Liddell, Gaudi’s Divine Vision, League City, TX
Final Submissions

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Robbie Fitzpatrick, BWS in NYC, Owings Mills, MD

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
Final Submissions

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
Final Submissions

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
Final Submissions

Susanna Spann, Mr. Tambourine Mark, Cortez, FL

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

Ken Toki, Fern Forest, McKinney, TX

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

Larry Spitzberg, *Lady with Braid*, Houston, TX

Linda Vanek, *Tearing Down Strongholds*, Houston, TX

Kathryn Wedge, *NYC Distance*, Neenah, WI

Stephanie Williams, *Cottonwood Trees #1*, Conroe, TX
Final Submissions

Keiko Yasuoka, *The Gift From Him*, Houston, TX

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

Tommie Wilson, *Tom’s Rose*, Humble, TX