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COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

Meet your new Board members... Part 3

By Greg Chapleski



Steve Griggs
Exhibitions Official

Steve's love of art started early in life when his mom bought him his first set of 'real' watercolor paints – a tube set - when he was in elementary school. Being that he was part of a large family, space to paint was

hard to find in his somewhat crowded house. That didn't deter Steve as he found a 'secret spot' in the basement of his childhood home where he could paint as much as he wanted.

There was another benefit of painting away from his family's observing eyes... he didn't have to subject his creations to any type of scrutiny or critiquing from family members – Steve was a bit shy about his art. He stayed that way all the way through college. He eventually earned a degree in Studio Art from Michigan State University.

It wasn't until 2005 that Steve entered the professional side of art, showing his paintings in galleries and participating in juried art exhibits.

Although Steve dabbled in various other mediums, watercolor with its unique flowing capabilities and their 'free-spirited' moving and blending on paper appealed most to his painting style. To hear him tell it, watercolor has a mind of its own so he lets it do its own thing. He readily admits, "It's difficult to master the paint, but I can work with it."

Steve loves painting cityscapes and all the various facets of structures. Like most artists who continue to paint, he has evolved into other subject matter. He is painting a lot of landscapes lately. Being from the Midwest and growing up around Lake Michigan sailboats and larger ships have begun to influence what he sees coming down his creative path.

He's been a member of CWS for a dozen years or so, we say a sincere "welcome aboard" (nautical term) as he enthusiastically joins our Board.



Recurring Dream

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Colorado Watercolor Society is an organization dedicated to uphold the highest standards and principles of art and to promote, encourage, educate and foster an interest in fine art in all media, especially watercolor.

The Colorado Watercolor Society meets at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 South Colorado Blvd. in Englewood, (southwest corner of Hampden Avenue and Colorado Blvd.) in the Plymouth Hall.

The Collage newsletter is published monthly (except July and January) to all CWS members.

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CWS Meetings, Shows, Events and Entries

CWS Regular Monthly Meetings

- **South Critique Group:** is meeting at 9 am on the 4th Friday of each month at the Depot Art Gallery. The Depot Art Gallery is located at 2069 West Powers Avenue in Littleton, behind the Buck Recreation Center. Please contact Monique Moore at moore.monique@gmail.com if you would like an e-mail reminder before each meeting.
- **North Critique Group:** meets the last Friday of the month. At the Aar River Gallery, 3707 W. 73rd Ave., Westminster, 80030. Contact Becky Silver at 303-426-4114.
- **CWS Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be on November 21, 2017, 5:00 pm.
- **CWS General Meeting:** The next general meeting will be on November 21, 2017, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
- **The next Collage** will be in November-submission to Brian Serff by Tuesday, November 28 to be in the December Collage.

Upcoming General Meeting Programs

November: Demos of unusual techniques from 3 different painters. Chuck Danford, Camille Scott and Beatrice Trautman.

Upcoming CWS Workshops

Frank Francese May 14, 15 & 16, 2018

Cost \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members
Location: Foothills Art Center

Sterling Edwards August 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2018

Cost \$325 for members and \$375 for non-members
Location : TBD

**Pat Rucker March 22nd and continuing for 6 weeks
Creating Your Own Personal Image**

Thursday afternoons from 12:30pm to 3:30pm
\$325 for CWS members, \$375 for non-members
Foothills Art Center

Robbie Laird November 2018

Dates to be finalized
\$325 for CWS members, \$375 for non-members
Location: TBD

Call For Entries

Deadline December 1, 2017

43rd Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition

May 1 to June 24, 2018

Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Gallery, Tucson AZ
See prospectus at the end of August Collage

Deadline December 1, 2017

Rockies West National 26th Annual Watercolor Exhibition

2018, Entry Show Dates March 2 - March 31, 2018

www.wcwsociety.org

Workshop opportunities:

TBA



Chuck Danford

Member Kudos

Mary Silvia was privileged to receive best of show at The Depot for the motion show for her painting **Rounding the Bend.**

Brian Serff is having a two day **Pop-up Show** at the **Depot Art Gallery** on November the 7th and 8th 10AM to 8PM Come and visit with great people, good food, drink and wonderful art!

Carol Newsom Received Signature membership in the National Watercolor Society



Rita Campbell

The Board in Brief

By Merrie Wicks, recording secretary

October 19, 2017

Proposed changes to several policies were discussed. Changes that were passed by the board were:

1. All new members joining after March 31 of any year will become active immediately and their dues will be the full amount and credited for coming year.
2. If a members dues are not paid by August 1, the member will not be listed in the Members directory for the coming year. The directory is the official "roster" and distributed at the September meeting. Any members paying after that date are still listed as active on the website.

A sample easel from the storage unit was brought to the meeting. The decision was made to keep these nicer easels for potential use in the future. It will still allow us to move into a smaller space once excess paperwork and old files are discarded. This will save us approx. \$100 per month.

We are still looking for a venue for the State Show. Colorado Springs or Evergreen were discussed as potential sites. Our objective is to find an anchor site where we can hold this show every year.

We are still looking for a new president elect and workshop chairman to fill these spots next year.

New Trends opening a success!

By Greg Chapleski

There was anticipation in the air on the evening of Thursday, October 5th at the Alpine Fine Art Gallery on Santa Fe Drive near downtown Denver. All the accepted paintings were hung on the walls of the freshly painted gallery, the refreshment table was set and the volunteers were busy with resolving any last minute issues that needed attention. All was ready for Colorado Watercolor Society's Opening Reception of the 2017 version of "New Trends".

As the clock struck 6pm the people began to pour in to the gallery to celebrate the exhibit. The chatter of excited artists and the many guests slowly filled the entire room and around the various partitions. It continued to build until the Exhibition Official, Steve Griggs, called the assembly to order around 7ish.

Steve welcomed everyone and his opening remarks lead to the introduction of the juror, Virginia Unseld. She thanked CWS for the opportunity to jury this exhibit and she explained her jurying process. Then the much anticipated moment arrived - the announcement of the award winners.

They are:

- **Best of Show** - Teresa Tracy for "Late"
- **1st Place** - Susan Gordon for "Joyful Journey"
- **2nd place** - Patricia Foster for "Antiquity"
- **3rd place** - Judd Mercer for "Refinery 1"
- **Merit** - Gayle Garson for "Time is a River"

Joyful Journey by **Susan Gordon**



- **Merit** - Johanna Morrell for "Move Between the Dialogue"
- **Merit** - Carole Barton for "Essence of Frost"

We hope you got out to see the exhibit... it was amazing. Congrats to all of the award winners as well as all the other artists whose paintings were accepted.

And, a special thank you to all the members who entered – keep up your amazing skills. All of you are positive assets to CWS... we're proud of all of you.



Pictures from WFWS 41 entries!



John Brasaemle

Pam Hake

Janet Archuleta

Jay Breese





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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 2017-2018



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Membership Directory

Our 2017 -2018 membership Directory is here. Please remember to pick up your copy at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mailing is expensive. So every copy we don't have to mail adds to our operating funds



A Watercolor Helpful Hint?

Have you made discovery that helps you as you paint with watercolor? – Is it a technique, a process, a short-cut, or whatever... If it works for you, please tell us about it. It will be shared with everyone in Collage, our monthly newsletter.

Your Name (optional) _____ Thank You!

PLEASE NOTE: You can drop it off at the Welcome table at the next CWS meeting or email it to brenner.tim@comcast.net or to greg@eddimples.com



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Submission deadline
for December Issue is:
Tuesday, November 28



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