



# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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## SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: REDDI-ARTS 6 PM to 8 PM MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

### Reddi-Arts—New Watercolor Products

Join us in kicking off our 2023 - 2024 year of programs.

Reddi-Arts will be demonstrating some new ( and old) watercolor products. Be sure to bring your brush and travel palette to join in some hands on fun.

**Come early at 5:30 to help setup and socialize with fellow artists.**  
Refreshments will be served.

[To see more about monthly meetings, locations and upcoming schedule, click here.](#)

Contact Danielle at [danielle.helow@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.helow@gmail.com) or  
Geri at [gerigroenert@ymail.com](mailto:gerigroenert@ymail.com) for more information.

Bring a guest and receive a free raffle ticket.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting Oct 24, 2023 - Libit Jones (Workshop Instructor) Watercolor Demo  
Meeting Nov 28, 2023 - Robin Makowski, FWS NWS NMWS WFNS - Demo  
Fall Workshop October 25—27, 2023 with Libit Jones (see details on page 3)  
Fall Show Oct 20—Nov 27, 2023 (see details on page 2)  
December Holiday Break  
Meeting Jan 30, 2024 - Linda Wokoun (Workshop Instructor) Watercolor Demo  
Spring Workshop Jan 21-Feb 2, 2024 with Linda Wokoun  
Spring Show February 2-25, 2024 at St Augustine Art Association

## 2023 FALL SHOW

Our 2023 Fall Show is just around the corner! Our show will be back at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra and it's getting close. On-line submissions will start Saturday, October 14, and be open through Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Physical take-in will be at the church on Friday, October 20, from 10am to 12pm. If you haven't been painting, there's still time! The normal rules will apply as this is our juried show so brush up on the rules which are on the JWS website.

[www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/exhibitions](http://www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/exhibitions)

Happy Painting!

Barbara Holt and Tuni Weiss

Co-VP Shows

The 2023 Fall Show will be exhibited from October 20, 2023 through November 27 at Christ Episcopal Church in both Westbury Parish Hall and Formation & Arts buildings located at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach during their normal operating hours. Make sure to see the special exhibit by Geri Groenert, Artist of the Year for 2022 in Westbury Parish Hall, running concurrent with the Fall Show. Also the award winners of the 2023 Student Show will be on exhibit.

Opening reception and awards will be on Saturday, October 28 at Christ Episcopal Church, Westbury Parish Hall from 1 pm to 3 pm. Wine and snacks will be served. Artist of the Year for 2023 will also be announced during the reception.

Online entries will be accepted from Saturday, October 14 through midnight Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Please see online entry instructions. Jurying and judging by Libit Jones will be completed by October 24. If you would like help with online entry, please contact Tuni Weiss at 904-540-4040 or Barbara Holt at 904-874-4916.

Membership dues must have been paid and recorded on the JWS membership roster before online take-in to enter the show—October 9 deadline to allow time for processing. Eligible members may enter up to 2 paintings at \$15 each. When pricing your artwork, all sales for this show will be handled directly by the artist, so there is no commission to consider.

All entries must comply with show standards and guidelines. Full entry requirements are in the [Show Standards and Guidelines](#). Each entrant must certify that they have read and complied with the show standards and guidelines.

Delivery/Take-in of framed and matted paintings will be on October 20, 2023 from 10 am to 12 pm at Christ Episcopal Church. Show will be hung on Friday afternoon. JWS Awards will be announced during the opening reception on Saturday, October 28 at Christ Episcopal Church from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Take-down/pick-up at Christ Episcopal Church on Monday, November 27 from 10 am to 12 pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your painting.



## Calling all fellow Watercolorists!

Join us for an exciting Fall workshop  
 Oct 25, 26 and 27th  
 featuring award winning watercolorist  
 and FWS Signature member Libit Jones.

**\$375 members \$425 non-members**

**Special offer!** Sign up and pay in full by Sept 30th to receive a free supply of Yupo paper. That's 3 sheets of 20" x 26" yupo that's noted on Libit's supply list. We will have it available for you at the workshop. And as an additional bonus for acting now, the first 10 people who sign up for the workshop will receive an extra surprise!

Libit will be using negative painting and teaching us the many unique techniques she uses to create amazing abstract backgrounds on both Arches watercolor paper and Yupo at the same time. Check out Libit's short demo video on the workshop "Yupo vs Arches" on YouTube.

Find out more at [jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org](http://jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org) under workshops.

Register and pay online to reserve your seat.

Limited spots available!

**Let's have some fun!**

*Art, like life, gives us plenty of opportunities to learn and to grow. I say, let's take advantage of them all.*

**Libit Jones**



More details about the location, times, and payment are on the website—including Libit's supply list, video demonstration, and Arbus featured article at

<https://jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/workshops>

Please register and pay the fees on the website or follow instructions on the website to mail registration and check before the end of September.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello there all you wonderful watercolorists!

Hopefully you are excited for our watercolor season to begin. And I hope you've all gotten some good quality painting time in over the summer. Our Fall Show will be here before we know it.

We were lucky to have had a couple activities over the summer-our summer show at ReddiArts and Pablo's workshop both in July. Both were huge successes, so we hope we can more of the same next summer. It's nice to stay connected to the art world over our summer hiatus. And we have heard from many of you that one day workshops are desirable and we will pursue more of them.

In the meantime, we have a full slate of demos and meetings planned, and some exciting news coming a little later in the year!

Don't forget the Florida Watercolor Society's convention coming up the last week in September. Its not such a long drive to Ocala, and its always a very worthwhile visit. If you have never been there, you have your pick of demos all day long, and a trade show of art suppliers where you can get some great deals, as well as some cool hand-outs! I will see you there!

And I will see you at our first meeting of the year on Sept. 26!

Happy painting!  
LuAnn Dunkinson  
President

**RENEW MEMBERSHIP AND PAY DUES FOR 2023**

Please use the PayPal option on the JWS Website, or mail your check to Rebecca Mentz, 4655 Apache Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32210 following directions at [www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/membership](http://www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/membership)  
Dues paid after the Fall show will be applied to 2024 membership.

**2023 STUDENT SHOW**

JWS announced the award winners and entries in our online Student art show with Pine Forest Elementary School for the Arts. Awards were presented during May at the school. See our website gallery for the award winners and all the entries on <https://jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/student-show>

The students' work is wonderful and the Jacksonville Watercolor Society is very happy to have the opportunity to display their work on our website. We are also planning to display the award winning paintings at our JWS Fall Show at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra in October.

## FLORIDA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY



The Florida Watercolor Society Convention will be held in Ocala at the end of September. A number of JWS members are also FWS members and are planning to go to the convention, workshops, and/or exhibition. Check out their website for more information by clicking [here](#) or on their logo.

Look for the JWS table display at the convention.



## OTHER NEWS

**Carol Doyle is our Social Media Editor at [doylecr@icloud.com](mailto:doylecr@icloud.com)**

Please contact Carol with any personal news or recognitions to share in a more timely way than the once per month newsletter. Carol also posts key events such as shows, workshops, and meetings and other information that may be of interest to our members. Follow us on



See the [September/October 2023 issue of Arbus](#)

and look for JWS on pages 15 and 85.



Instagram

### JOE MILLER—REMEMBERED

Joe “Cheap Joe” Miller passed away and will be remembered fondly by those who knew him for his kindness and generosity.

He was an artist and founder of Cheap Joe’s Art Stuff in Boone North Carolina. What started as a small corner of “cheap Joe’s art stuff” in the Boone Drug Store where Joe worked—turned into a large art enterprise with workshops, free video demonstrations, and a huge supply of professional art supplies.



Every year, Joe was at the Florida Watercolor Society with samples from his catalogue and gifts. He has done demonstrations at the Jacksonville Watercolor Society and sponsored a number of awards and gifts over the years. He was a friend to many artists who brought “goodie” bags of art stuff from Cheap Joe’s when they conducted workshops for JWS. He will be missed by many across the country; there are many tributes on the internet from national and local art organizations.

More of Joe Miller’s story and legacy are available on his website and YouTube

<https://www.cheapjoes.com/> [Cheap Joe’s Story in his own words](#)