



MARCH NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING—TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

GUEST ARTIST: LINDA F. HAWKINS

**"TEXTURE! YOU CAN'T "PAINT" THIS!"
CYPRESS VILLAGE EGRET ROOM 6 TO 8 PM**

Linda Hawkins will demonstrate how to create texture in your watercolor paintings using charcoal washes. This process creates texture that cannot be accomplished by simply painting it. Using powdered charcoal, water and a crummy paint brush, she will show us how she created the texture in her award-winning piece: The Wild Hawk to the Wind-swept Sky. Let's explore and have some fun!



Linda has been an artist for as long as she can remember. She is inspired by the beauty and gifts of nature around her whether at home, on the St. John's River or traveling the Caribbean Islands. Her favorite subjects are what she calls "God's Little Treasures", the things we often pass by during our busy day without seeing. It helps her remember to take time to smell the roses each day and to savor and be thankful for each moment shared with the world the Lord has created for our pleasure.

Linda has participated in many art shows locally since 2000 and has won numerous awards for her artwork. She is a member of Art Guild of Orange Park, Florida Watercolor Society, Jacksonville Watercolor Society, and Jacksonville Coalition for the Visual Arts. Her artwork has been published and is in several galleries. Linda has also done many demonstrations, workshops, and classes in the local area over the years. To learn more about Linda and her work, see her website [Linda Hawkins—Artist](#)

Come early at 5:30 to socialize with fellow artists. Refreshments will be served. Our general monthly meetings are at Cypress Village, 4600 Middleton Park Cir E, Jacksonville, FL 32224 in the Egret Room.

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

2025 MEMBERS SHOW—NON-JURIED

JWS will have its first 2025 Members' Non-juried Show from April 1 through May 30, 2025 at the Grace Gallery (2nd floor of the McCord Building) of the Riverside Park United Methodist Church, 819 Park Street, Jacksonville, 32204. (904) 355-5491 www.riversideparkumc.com Hours: Monday - Thursday 9-3:30 Friday 9-1.

This is an opportunity for members to show and sell your artwork. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned award-winning artist, please share your artwork! There are no judges or prizes; it is a great feeling seeing your artwork hanging with others.

Framing: We will relax our framing standards as we have done in the past for Members' non-juried shows and allow frames of any material. The work should be done in watercolor, of course and if framed behind "glass", it must be plexiglass. Please have a wire hanger attached for ease in hanging, not fixed metal hangers. There is a size limitation for this show - Framed paintings should be no larger than 28" in either direction.

Pricing: There will be a 25% commission paid to Riverside Park UMC by artist for total sales at the end of the show as a charitable donation. Buyers will write a check to the artist and the office manager at Riverside Park UMC with forward checks to the artist and the purchased painting to the buyer.

Entry & Payment of Fee: You may enter two paintings for this show. Please fill out the online entry form for each painting in the non-juried show by March 30 so that cards may be prepared for the show hanging on April 1 (no image is required). JWS is charging a \$15 "Member Show Fee per Artist" to defray costs – see details on JWS website www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety/exhibitions and go to "**2.Scheduled Non-Juried Shows**" section. We ask that paintings in the show remain hanging until the end of the show.

Take-in: Take-in/drop-off of framed, matted, ready to hang paintings is from 10 am to 12 noon on April 1, 2025 at the Grace Gallery at Riverside Park UMC.

Take-down: Take-down/pick-up of paintings is from 10 am to 12 noon on May 30.

If you have any questions you can contact Cathy Salzer or Barbara Holt via the contact information on the last page of newsletter.



2025 MEMBERSHIP—FINAL NOTICE BEFORE MARCH 31**RENEW MEMBERSHIP AND PAY \$35 ANNUAL DUES FOR 2025—**

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

Only members who have paid dues for 2025 will receive email communications and the newsletters from JWS after the March 2025 cutoff. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please contact Rebecca at jws.membership@gmail.com. News about JWS is always available on our social media and website (see links on page 1),

Remember that when members bring a guest who is not a member—they will receive one free raffle ticket per guest for a chance to win the raffle prize.

SCAM ALERT: Members emails are protected by blind copy distributions, and never given out on membership rosters. However, Board members email contact information that was on the website has been used in several scam attempts. The Board decided to remove some of the personal emails from the public website. Contact information via phone is still available and some emails. For specific functions, jws.membership@gmail.com or jws.shows@gmail.com or jws.workshop@gmail.com emails are used on the website. Personal emails for contacting Board members are now available at the end of this newsletter that goes out to members only.

In general, please be cautious when reading any emails that ask you to do something out of the ordinary, and never send money or payments to an unauthorized source. Payments through our website are protected by PayPal.com for membership, shows, and workshops payments and by secure technology through our website host and domain.

JWS will never ask you for payments outside of the authorized links on our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2025 Take in for Online Student Show

March 25, 2025 Meeting—Linda Hawkins and nominations for Board positions

April 1—May 30, 2025—Members Non-Juried Show

April 22, 2025 Meeting—Pablo Rivera—AOTY 2023 and election of Board

May 27, 2025 Meeting— Social gathering & Installation of Board

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Watercolorists!

It is that time of year again—we have several open Board positions! And elections are scheduled for the April meeting.

Becky Mentz is hanging up her Membership mantle at the end of her term, so we are in need of a Co-VP of Membership. The great thing about this Board position is that it comes with a built-in partner to help! Heather Hill, as Co-VP of Membership, has been helping Becky at the meetings with greetings and raffles, and leading the membership campaign with Posters. Your main responsibility would be receiving membership fees, checks via mail or in person, and via PayPal, and keeping the membership list up to date.

Danielle Helow has sadly decided to step down as Co-VP of Programs & Workshops. Danielle and Geri, as Co-VPs have worked closely together to make sure we have great monthly programs and workshops. For the upcoming year, Geri will continue as VP of Workshops only. This leaves a position open for VP of Programs. In this Board position, you will be instrumental in bringing in guest artists for monthly meeting programs, with help from Geri and the whole Board. Exciting!

For those that do not know—our Board meets once a month via Zoom—usually the third Thursday from 10am to noon—no reason to even leave your home! We are all in touch via calls and email whenever the need arises.

So, if you are interested in any of these positions and would like to give back to the organization we enjoy so much—please contact Janet Killackey, our recruiter, me or any other Board member for more information. We would love to have you join us on the Board!

Many of you have expressed an interest in some of our other activities and events, so please contact us even if it is just to help out on a limited basis. We always welcome new ideas and additional help from members and the opportunity to share some of the fun of being active members.

We are indebted to Becky for her years as VP of Membership and to Danielle in her years in handling the challenges as Co-VP of Programs & Workshops! Thank you, ladies!

See you at the next meeting,

LuAnn Dunkinson

JWS President

Editor's Note: Contact information and general descriptions of Board positions may be found in Section V of the **JWS Bylaws**—Link available in the [About Us page of the website](#).

MEMBER NEWS



Glynn Visual Arts is sponsoring a plein air workshop by Kathy Rennell Forbes on April 24-26. For more info check the Glynn Visual Arts website: <https://glynnvisualarts.org/painting-the-golden-isles>

Congratulations to Pablo Rivera. Pablo was commissioned to paint the portrait of Federal Judge Timothy Corrigan in watercolor. The portrait was unveiled on February 21st at the courthouse in a ceremony celebrating Judge Corrigan's legacy and service.



Pablo Rivera was also chosen to create the portrait of Johnnie Mae Chappell, Jacksonville civil rights martyr. A video of the First Coast New story can be found on JWS Facebook post February 27.

Congratulations to the talented members of JWS who artwork was chosen for the 2025 Associate Member Online Show. To see their paintings on FWS website, click on the FWS Logo:



Nancy Banks— Beach Access

LuAnn Dunkinson—A Walk On Jones Street

Gail Karson—Lady With Hat

Lynn McClow—Florida Snowbirds

Pablo River—Joni

Svetlana Shorey-Lemon-Scented Day

Jennie Szaltis—A Secret Place

R.Tuni Weiss—Passionate About Purple

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to award winning artist, Chris Flagg, for being our guest artist at the February meeting! We can't thank you enough for the lively discussion about your workshop with Master Z, Joseph Zbukvic, an amazing watercolorist, and then demonstrating some of your techniques by painting a wonderful shrimp trawler right before our eyes! A standing room crowd enjoyed the presentation and demonstration and the generous gifts donated by Chris for the raffle.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Members' names are listed on the website and new members for 2025 are indicated with an asterisk (*). Many members offer instruction and support for new watercolorists. Becky Mentz and Heather Hill are our Membership Co-VPs and may be able to help you to get in contact with another member, for instruction, guidance, carpooling, etc.

Links to JWS members' websites are on the Membership List (section 2) of our website. If you would like your classes or website linked, please contact Rick Godke. JWS members are also active in the art community and are members of other art organizations. If you would like to add a link to other art organizations that may be of interest to JWS members in our Communications -Links to Other Websites (section 3), contact Karen Zelenkov.

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram accounts to stay up to date with the latest and greatest in the artworld.

Carol Doyle is our Social Media Editor at 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.

To follow us, click on the Facebook and Instagram icons.



CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BOARD

Please contact one of the board members if you have a question or suggestion or would like to volunteer and get more involved in one of our many activities. Click on the email address to send an email or call the phone number listed. Additional information is available on the JWS website ["About Us"](#) (section 1).

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