



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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GUEST ARTIST: DEE ROBERTS **FEBRUARY 28, 2023 Meeting from 6 to 8 pm at** **THE MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB, 2892 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223**

Dee Roberts is an award winning member of JWS and is the guest artist for the February monthly program. Her program will demonstrate various methods of masking, plus how to control watercolor on Yupo and include a short demo using alcohol ink.

Dee has been painting and drawing since she was five years old. Dee went to the Philadelphia College of Art with a major in Illustration. Her goal as an artist is to catch the spirit of what she sees, in abstract form as well as through naturalistic nature and wildlife paintings. Regardless of the medium, her finished works are stunning. She works flawlessly with pastels, watercolor, collage and acrylic, and has garnered many top awards around Florida and Georgia with each of them. She consistently surprises the viewer with the strength and confidence in her work. With minimal brushstrokes her subjects come to life, seemingly ready to jump off the canvas.

Her work has been displayed in all the major museums and galleries in the Jacksonville area. Dee had a two-person show at the Cummer and has art in the permanent collections of the University of North Florida, St. Johns Country Day School, at AT&T and in the homes of many private collectors.

She has won numerous awards for best painting, best pastel, best figure and best watercolor painting in St Augustine Art Association, Jacksonville Watercolor Society, and Art Guild of Orange Park, as well as other regional shows. In 2010, she was named Jacksonville Watercolor Society Artist of the Year. She has attained signature status in the Florida Watercolor Society and was juried into the National Watercolor Society's 2014 International Watercolor Show.

Volunteers, please arrive between 5:15 & 5:30 pm to help set up and socialize with fellow artists before the meeting.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi, all you wonderful watercolorists!

I've been thinking a lot lately about how to choose a subject for my next watercolor. I'm fairly sure all of you may have this same challenge at some point. I mainly use my own photos to paint from, even if I'm just "fooling around". Who knows if something good may come out of it and I may want to enter it into a show with very specific rules about your reference photos. Often the show standards specify that only a photo that you personally took can be used as a reference- even if you have permission to use someone else's.

So, I keep a file on my computer labelled "Possible Paintings". However, sometimes as I browse through it-nothing inspires me. I have now sat in on enough judge's critiques to know that subject matter is often the absolute most important attribute of a good painting. The viewer needs to be drawn into your painting-using color, composition, and most importantly, subject matter. I've often heard a judge say that those items trump being "technically well done". Another piece of advice I've heard which I think about often is- if you are going to paint something common-think palm fronds, beach scenes, or birds of paradise here in Florida-you better be offering something in the painting that is different. Something to make that very mundane subject matter stand out from the other hundred people painting it-be it point of view or unusual color-some other wow factor.

All easier said than done of course. But just a few things to think about before you start your next masterpiece!

LuAnn

RENEW MEMBERSHIP AND PAY DUES FOR 2023

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.jacksonvillewatercolorssociety.org/membership
The cutoff for continuing to receive the newsletter will be coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 SPRING MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Feb 28, 2023 - Dee Roberts

Mar 28, 2023 - Elaine Bergstrom (rescheduled from 2022)

Apr 25, 2023 - Virginia Meadows (Artist of the Year 2021)

May 23, 2023 - Year-end Gathering

2023 SPRING SHOW—Feb 3—26

REMINDER: SPRING SHOW TAKE-DOWN/PICK UP is Sunday, February 26 from 1 to 4 pm at St Augustine Art Association. Please make arrangements to pick up your paintings during that time frame as the STAAA will not store them.

CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS
2023 MEMBERS JURIED SPRING SHOW Feb 3-26, 2023
St Augustine Art Association (STAAA), South Gallery

2023 SPRING JURIED SHOW - AWARDS

GOLD AWARD

Ted Head- "Cast Away"



SILVER AWARD

Rebecca Mentz- "Retired Bouys"



BRONZE AWARD

LuAnn Dunkinson- "Say Cheese"



MERIT AWARDS

**Ruth Tuni Weiss –
"Winged Flight"**



**Patricia Dougherty -
"Coral Bean on Beach Dune"**



Dee Roberts - "Flight"



HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS

**Lois Newman -
"A Living Room"**



**Linda Hawkins -
"Waiting for You"**



**Michael Timor -
"A Stroll by Lake Como"**



**Robyn Freedman -
"Caladium Dreaming"**



**CHEAP JOES PURCHASE AWARD
Pablo Rivera - "Jim"**



Awards were presented at the First Friday Artwalk to a large crowd after the STAAA awards were presented.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the artwork from both shows. Paintings, program, and award winners will be available on the website after take-down on Sunday, February 26.

WORKSHOPS

JWS SPRING WORKSHOP—February 1-3 was held at Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society. Lorraine Watry's instruction on a white swan and water reflections was enjoyed by a full workshop.

Geri Groenert and Danielle Helow transitioned as the new Co-VPs of Workshops during this workshop. They are hard at work planning future workshops for next Fall and Spring, plus some one day workshops.

Check the JWS website, social media, and newsletter for news of upcoming workshops. Geri and Danielle would like to hear from members about their interests in future workshops. Members can contact danielle.helow@gmail.com or gerigroenert@ymail.com for more information.



JWS will be offering a one day "Watercolor Boot Camp" workshop taught by Pablo Rivera in July. More information, date and the location to be announced soon.

The Fall 3 Day Workshop will be October 25, 26 and 27 at JGMS. An award winning FWS signature artist will be joining us. More details to follow. Register when plans and details are published.

MEDIA LIBRARY

THANK YOU JANET!!!

Janet Killackey has maintained and grown our media library for many years. She has educated and entertained us through her articles and lively meeting reports.

The Board was saddened when Janet reluctantly had to resign her position as Media Librarian, a role that she really loved. Janet wrote with affection:

"You all know just how much I have loved serving with all of you and being an active member of the JWS. I can't remember when I have enjoyed a group of women more."

The library of books will be discontinued and the entire inventory of books will be offered for sale at the May meeting.

At the last Board meeting, Barbara Holt agreed to work with Janet to obtain the library of DVDs and bring them to the upcoming meetings. The Board is asking for volunteers during the meetings to oversee the rentals and returns during the meetings. Please consider volunteering and contact Barbara Holt if you can help with a specific meeting.

When the DVDs are available at the meetings, check out the extensive inventory of quality DVDs that Janet has collected over the years. Also if you have any books or DVDs to return, please bring them to the meetings. We will be monitoring usage and interest over the next several months.

Visit the Media section of our website to see what DVDs are available for rent and what books will be available for sale in May.

<https://jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/programs>



2023 STUDENT SHOW

JWS is announcing a new outreach program with Pine Forest Elementary School for the Arts, Fishweir School for the Arts, and Christ Episcopal Church students. We will be hosting our first online art show for these young artists. This is a juried show open to students in 1st through 5th grade. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented.



Entries will be submitted online by the teacher or adult sponsor through the Jacksonville Watercolor Society website in March. Paintings chosen for the final online show will be displayed on their own Student Show gallery on our website in May 2023. A panel of award winning members will jury and judge the entries.

The process and guidelines for entry are described on the website. Barbara Holt is working closely with the teachers and sponsors to ensure a smooth process.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners' artwork will be displayed along with artwork of the members of the Jacksonville Watercolor Society at our Fall Watercolor Show at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra.

OTHER NEWS



FWS Deadline Approaching: The FWS Annual Exhibition is a prestigious and anticipated event open for entry only to eligible FWS members in good standing no later than midnight March 31st.

In addition to entry in the Annual Exhibition, FWS has added a number of other benefits for its members. Check them out at floridawatercolorsociety.org/

Carol Doyle is our Social Media Editor. Please contact her with any personal news or recognition to share in a more timely way than the once per month newsletter. Carol also posts key events such as the recent show in STAAA and the award winners and reminders of upcoming meetings and show.

FROM THE EDITOR

We will be sending the newsletter from our own Jacksonvillewatercolorsociety@gmail.com email account. The last time we tried this, some could not find their newsletter email. If you have any trouble receiving the newsletter, please contact Karen Zelenkov so that we can diagnose the problem.

In the meantime, know that you can always check the JWS website www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org for the latest issue of the newsletter and the latest on upcoming meetings, workshops, and shows.