

JWS ARTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD - 2018

CONGRATULATIONS TO TED HEAD & JENNIE SZALTIS



Ted Head is recognized for his service to JWS and his award winning art. Ted served as VP of Communication for the Jacksonville Watercolor Society, judged two JWS exhibitions, and has taught two JWS Workshops. He was also the driving force in obtaining space for our Workshops for several years. Ted credits JWS with "a large part in my growth as an artist" as he was a new painter when he joined in 2005, and all the demos, workshops, shows and friendships have contributed to the artist he is today. More about Ted can be found on his website www.tedheadfineart.com

Artists Statement:

"I like to believe that when my brush dances between imagination and reality, something magical can happen. When it does, the emotional connection between me and my subject says it all. Design, values and color are the means to express a moment in time, captured in dramatic watercolor or oils.

I'm blessed beyond measure to be an artist, and treasure every step in this journey. I've been honored to received many awards over the years, and have been published in *American Artist*, *SPLASH 11* and *SPLASH 16*. I've also enjoyed teaching many wonderful students in watercolor workshops throughout the Southeast."





Jennie Szaltis is recognized for her service to JWS and her award winning art. Jennie has been a Jacksonville Watercolor Society member for over 20 years, and has served the organization as Show Chair, V.P of Shows, President. She currently describes herself as “self- appointed member of the Membership Committee,” encouraging her watercolor students to join JWS.

A warm hearted and enthusiastic local artist, Jennie has been teaching and painting in Jacksonville for 30 years. After studying Fine Arts at Mississippi University for Women, she opened **Studios for Creating**, a Visual Arts School, where she and her staff taught watercolor and the basic art medium to students of all ages.

She currently has a working studio in San Marco and teaches watercolor for adults and continues her personal watercolor painting. Learn more about Jennie and the classes she offers at www.jennieszaltis.com.

Artist's Statement: “I believe art is important and art is fun. It is important for us to expand ourselves through visual art and experience life through the appreciation of art.”

