

ANNUAL ARTISTS' SOCIAL GATHERING MAY 23, 2023 Meeting from 6 to 8 pm at MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB, 2892 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223



Paint...Eat and Mingle Social

Please join us for our last meeting before the summer break.
Let's paint and have some fun!

- **Members Paint around** — 4 artists volunteered to paint for 10 mins on 4 different paintings.
- **Fingerfood Munchies and Beverages** — volunteers signed up to provide a munch or wine or drink.
- **Book Sale of JWS Library Books** —bring cash.
- **Watercolor Classes by local artists**— bring information about classes.
- **Surprise Group Painting projects** —bring your travel paint palette and brush—have some fun.
- **Raffle ...and more.**

Contact Danielle at danielle.helow@gmail.com or Geri at gerigroenert@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1-31, 2023 Summer Exhibit—ReddiArts

July 9, 2023 Summer Exhibit Reception— ReddiArts

July 13, 2023 Summer One-Day Workshop—Watercolor Bootcamp—Pablo Rivera

October 25—27, 2023 Fall Workshop—Watercolor on Yupo—Libit Jones

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all you wonderful artists!

Its very hard to believe another active year has passed and after the next Membership meeting, we will go on our summer break. I am very happy, however, that we will not be totally inactive for the summer. As you've probably heard, in July, we are having a summer show at ReddiArts, and a one day workshop with Pablo Rivera. I think both of these will be really beneficial to keeping watercolor in our lives over our hot summer.

The Board works hard all year long, and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Board members for that fact. We are always busy trying to find artists for Demos, artists for Workshops, places and details for putting our shows together, and new ideas for activities for our members. As well as tending to the newsletter, the website, and countless other details that hold an organization together. We meet faithfully every month for 2 hours on Zoom, and have contact with each other often throughout the month.

I'm telling you this because our Board is running a bit lean right now. We would absolutely love some more help. Do not be shy! If any member would like to sit in on a Board meeting to just see what it is we do, we would welcome you with open arms. Please just contact me or any Board member-we will supply you with the Zoom link to our meetings, every third Thursday at 10:00. Hope everyone has a great Summer, and keep painting!

LuAnn Dunkinson
President

SUMMER EXHIBIT AT REDDI ARTS

We will be participating in an exhibition at the new Reddi Arts location at 1731 Main St., Jacksonville, for the month of July. This exhibit is not juried; it's more of an opportunity to show and maybe sell your work. There will be a 30% commission charged by Reddi Arts for paintings that sell but there is no charge to enter and only a few framing guidelines. In addition to metal, the frame can be wood or plastic frame, but no glass, please. Also, please have a wire hanger attached securely to both sides for ease in hanging, no fixed metal hangers.

We have had a number of people sign up to participate so we will limit the paintings to a medium to small size, no larger than 28" in either direction. The work should be done in watercolor media.

Take in will be Saturday, July 1, from 11:00 to 1:00 and will be hung as entries are delivered. Come early for the best location and maybe help hang!

Take down will be Saturday, July 29, from 11:00 to 1:00. Anyone that cannot be there during those hours should contact Barbara Holt before July to arrange a different delivery or pickup. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Barbara Holt at

barbaraholt@comcast.net.

There will be a small reception at Reddi Arts on Sunday, July 9, from 2-4 pm. There will be a cake and a few refreshments. No awards will be given but Mary McCormick has invited us to join them for a meet and greet with customers at the store.

No online entry for this show. Paintings entered are not disqualified from entry in the Fall show. If your name is not on the sign up list and you would like to participate, please email Barbara. She will contact the names on the list in June to get painting title, size and sale price for each. Currently, we can fit two entries for each participant. Once you submit your painting sizes and information, we will determine if we can fit more. The link to the list can be found on the our website home page at <https://jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/>

ONE-DAY SUMMER WORKSHOP— More details about the date, location, times, and cost below and on the website. Please register and pay the fee on the website or follow instructions on the website to mail registration and check.



Watercolor Bootcamp with Pablo F. Rivera

Thursday, July 13th 2023

9:30am to 4pm

1 hr lunch break (Bring your own lunch)

**Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society
3733 Crown Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257**

\$85 members \$125 non-members

Limited seats! Sign up on jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/workshops.

Sharpen your skills this summer! For all level of artists - from beginning to advanced!

We will start with a postage stamp-size pencil value sketch from photo references. We will do a 20 minute, one color value painting from reference photo. Next, we will do a 20 minute full color or limited palette painting from a sketch of the reference photo. After we take notes and sketches then we'll hide original photo. We will paint a grisaille watercolor starting with an under painting. We will use the photo referenced to the right or feel free to bring your own.



Pablo F. Rivera Bio

Pablo graduated from Cooper Union Art School in New York City where he also attended workshops at The School of Visual Arts and The Educational Alliance. Multi-disciplined artist, Pablo has exhibited his work in photography, sculpture and painting in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, California and Florida. Locally, he has shown work at R. Roberts Gallery, St. Augustine Art Association, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, The Cummer Museum, Avondale Art works, Southlight Gallery, The Vault Gallery and the Ritz Museum, where his portraits, as part of Through Our Eyes show, just returned from an extended exhibit in South Africa. Pablo is currently teaching watercolor, stone carving and charcoal drawing for The Art League of Jacksonville.

THREE-DAYS FALL WORKSHOP— More details about the date, location, times, and cost below and on the website. Please register and pay the fees on the website or follow instructions on the website to mail registration and check.



Fall Workshop: Watercolor YUPO with Libit Jones

October 25, 26 and 27th

9:30am to 4pm each day

1 hr lunch break (Bring your own lunch)

**Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society
3733 Crown Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257**

\$375 members \$425 non-members

Limited seats! Sign up on jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/workshops

In this workshop you will have three days to explore and experiment! No pressure to complete a master piece. "What if?", "Why not?", and "Let's do it!" will be our mantra. We will experience the abandonment of mingling, running and splattering paint. We will explore mark making with stamps, stencils, tools found around your home, garage and in nature. We will be creating backgrounds on yupo and watercolor paper. One day we will use watercolors the next day fluid acrylics or acrylic inks. Once the paint is dry you will utilize negative and/or positive painting and lifting to use your underpainting to your advantage. A process with endless possibilities for the casual realists, impressionistic and abstract painters.

"Watercolor on yupo was never my favorite until I tried this technique. I start with no preconceived idea of what I will eventually paint. Yes, it's kind of scary but this technique is so fun you forget your fears."



Libit Jones Bio

The last 20 plus years have been devoted to exploring water media and its many possibilities. I've gone from using only transparent watercolors, to rolling on gouache, from watercolor to fluid acrylic and back to watercolor, and from hating yupo to loving it. As a teacher I am continually learning new things and am inspired with new ideas from my students. That is why I love teaching as much as I love painting.

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

2023 STUDENT SHOW



JWS is announcing the award winners and entries in our online art show with Pine Forest Elementary School for the Arts. On Friday May 19, members of the Jacksonville Watercolor Society visited the school and presented 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and honorable mention awards, along with certificates of appreciation to the young artists. Students from grades 1 through 5



who entered paintings were gathered for the awards and certificates and were excited about being part of the show. See the gallery for the award winners and all the entries on <https://jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/student-show>

The Jacksonville Watercolor Society would like to thank all the young artists who participated in our first ever Student On-Line Show and the parents and guardians that assisted with the entries. A big thank you also goes out to Pine Forest School's art teacher, Ms Moser, for her effort in making this show possible.



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 love the watercolor medium and are so glad to see it alive and flourishing in the work of these young people. We are also planning to display the award winning paintings at our JWS Fall Show at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra in October.



GEORGE TOBI - REMEMBERED

George Tobi passed away this year and will be remembered fondly by those who knew him for his beautiful peaceful landscapes and his gentle manner.



He was a charter member of the Jacksonville Watercolor Society and actively participated in juried shows from 1983 through 2018. George was also on the JWS board and show committees during the 80's. He left a legacy of artwork over the 40+ years he was a member of JWS.

Before his passing, George donated art supplies and frames that he was no longer using to JWS and they were put to good use in our outreach programs at Westminster Woods. JWS is appreciative of the generous donation made in George Tobi's name and plans to use it for a George Tobi Memorial Award at future shows. At George's passing, his family asked that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to Jacksonville Watercolor Society or other charity of choice.



Over the years, JWS has received generous donations, in the name of members, past and present. We want to gratefully acknowledge these gifts. JWS now has a place for donations on the website /membership page—a work in process. Thanks to all for their generosity.

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

MEDIA LIBRARY—Book Sale May 23rd**REMINDER:**

Please return any JWS books or DVDs at the next meeting or contact Barbara Holt to let her know if you have any books or DVDs to return. There appear to be a number missing based on inventory records.

All JWS books will be available for sale at the May 23rd Meeting.

OTHER NEWS**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 that 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.

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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 on their logo.