



SEPTEMBER Newsletter

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Our September 22 meeting will begin our Fall Season, and **WE ARE GOING TO HAVE IT!**
Robert Leedy will demonstrate for our JWS Members via ZOOM***

ROBERT LEEDY

Robert is an amazing local artist who loves working In Plein Aire.

The artist says: “I think it was growing up around all of this water and light that must have influenced my choice of **watercolor.**”

He will show us how to loosen up our paintings with bold color.

He conducts many workshops throughout the year, both locally and internationally—and after you see this demo, you will probably want to sign up for the one in Tuscany this June!

Robert has exhibited his work throughout the US and Puerto Rico and has past affiliations with Asociación de Acuarelistas de Puerto Rico, The Indiana Plein Air Painters Association and The Colorado Watercolor Society. In 2013, **his painting, “Ocean & Ahern” was included in Splash 14: Color & Light – The Best of Watercolor** published by North Light Books. He is currently a member of The National Watercolor Society.

Check out the paintings on his website: robertleedywatercolors.com. They vibrate with color!



***The ZOOM meeting application has saved businesses and education during the pandemic, and Robert is currently using it for some of his classes and will use it to reach our JWS Members. Read about using ZOOM on page 4,



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I have so much news for you that I don't know where to begin. You are probably wondering about many things in the JWS organization. I will try and cover all your concerns in my message below.

First of all, here is the slate of Board Members for 2020-2021:

President - Chris Olmoguez	VP Shows - Barbara Holt and Tuni Weiss
Secretary - Mary Ellen Carrier	Programs - Katherine Ryan and Roseann Egidio
Treasurer - Geri Groenert	Workshops - Karen Zelenkov
VP Membership - LuAnn Dunkinson	Library - Janet Killackey
VP Communications - Fran Grandy	Publicity - Carol Doyle

At the beginning of our ZOOM meeting on September 22 I will ask for confirmation of the proposed 2020—2021 Board Slate as presented at our last in real life meeting but not confirmed in April as we were unable to meet.. We need to make it official!

Some not so good news, **the Ponte Vedra Cultural Center is up for sale**. This impacts us very much as we do not have a place to hold our general meetings nor our 2021 Spring Show as planned. They have an interested buyer but no dates of sale in mind yet.

As there will be no signing of contracts, we will not be utilizing the Cultural Center for our Spring, 2021 show. We need to start looking for a place now or soon in the future. We can hold monthly meetings at the Cultural Center until November if we want. But they are only set up for 10-16 people in a room. Until further notice we will continue to have monthly ZOOM meetings.

A special committee of Board Members have worked hard all summer practicing the ZOOM application to hold our monthly meetings.

You will receive an email from Barbara Holt with instructions on how to join the September 22 general meeting and demonstration.

This special committee has put together a “savvy tech team” of Board Members you may call for help. Please watch for Barbara’s email for our September ZOOM meeting with the ID, Passcode, and “savvy tech team” phone numbers. We will assist everyone to get into the meeting. After the brief meeting, Robert Leedy will do a demonstration for us through ZOOM. October and November Demos are yet to be determined.

Throughout the entire summer this same special committee of board members have worked diligently preparing an online show for our members. COVID guidelines will not allow us on the premises of Westminster so therefore we are not able to hang our Fall show in their gallery. **This special committee has put together detailed instructions on how to take photos of your paintings and how to email your photos to the committee for uploading to the online show. Please watch your emails as you will receive separate instructions on how to enter our first ever JWS online show.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED...**

Again, the "savvy tech team" will be available to assist you with any questions or difficulties you may run into. The very good news is that you may enter up to three paintings this fall. Our online show will be promoted on our JWS Website and our JWS Facebook page.

We will not vote for an Artist of the Year in 2020. This will allow Tuni Weiss, our current Artist of the Year to display her art either online or at a gallery.

Tuni has continued watercolor lessons via email for our Westminster Wednesday morning class residents. We may resume classes when virus guidelines change for the better.

The Fall Workshop with Linda Kemp has officially been cancelled. If you were attending this **workshop your fees should have been refunded to you by now.** Spring 2021's workshop with Don Andrews is still on schedule at the Gem and Mineral Society. Please stay updated through your newsletters for any changes that may happen.

We have a bookmobile! Yes, that's right! Janet Killackey and Barbara Holt have offered to deliver to you books, DVD's, and CD's from the JWS library. If there is an item you would like from the library please contact Janet Killackey (992-7293), or via email: jkillack@comcast.net. Two new DVD's were added to the library . . . Thomas Schaller and Keiko Tanabe. Read your newsletter about the bookmobile coming to your area.

Communication is very important for our society so please read every piece of email you receive from Fran Grandy. She works day and night compiling a wealth of valuable information for our members. Especially now, you will receive zoom instructions, online show detailed instruction, in addition to your September newsletter. Read everything!

Through the years you all have proven to be dedicated, creative, and a caring bunch of artists. We are going through a turbulent time and I ask that all of you keep up your talents, enthusiasm, and **creativity to keep our society together. Our society's challenges are not easy and as other** organizations may have doors to open when we get through the pandemic, JWS does not. We have no meeting space nor wall space at the moment. So with all of your help, energy, and positive thoughts we will regroup to a new, stronger Jacksonville Watercolor Society.

Thank you and God Bless,
Chris Olmiguez
President

**IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE FALL SHOW!
IT WILL BE ON-LINE!
2020 DUES MUST BE PAID BY 9/30 TO PARTICIPATE IN SHOW**

Yes! We are moving into the world of virtual events. For those of you that are members of the Florida Watercolor Society, or some other painting group, you will have seen or participated in an on-line show. The Jacksonville Watercolor Society is now venturing into this realm! For some this is great news, for others, maybe not. If you are among those that find this news a little scary, be assured that we are doing everything we can to make it easy for everyone to enter.

Over the summer, the Show Committee met to work on providing instruction sheets to send to everyone to explain how you **photograph, edit, and submit** a painting on-line. We will also have contact people who have done this in the past who will be happy to help if you run into problems with the process.

The most important first step is to paint! Most of our existing rules will still be adhered to but you will not necessarily have to frame your work. You may prefer to go ahead and frame it, however, **only because there may be an opportunity to show some of the paintings in a small gallery.** I'll share more on that a little later.

The **"take-in"** for the on-line show will be in the week of Oct 12th, thru the 17th. We are allowing a week for this process so that you can submit works at your convenience, within that time frame. This allows extra time for you to resolve any issues you may encounter. The show will be judged as we have done in the past, and will be available on the website for viewing by the end of October.

If you are entering a painting that was entered and hung in the spring show, we will allow that painting to be entered in the on-line show without paying an additional entry fee. This will not apply to any additional paintings you may want to enter. We are allowing up to **three entries**.

Keep the instructional sheets in your files for reference when you are ready to submit your entry. It would be a good idea to practice the steps up to actual submission so that you know what questions you have. The earlier the better.

Our Tech Savvy Gang:

Karen Zelenkov..... 904-287-5411	Maryellen Carrier.....757-717-4882
Fran Grandy.....904-247-7988	Tuni Weiss.....904-540-4040
	Chris Olmoguez.....904-662-5614 (unavailable 10/16 and 10/17)

I know there are other members that have submitted to an on-line show so check with any of those people to see if they may be able to help.

Hope to see entries from everyone!

Thank You,

Barbara Holt, Co-Chair of Shows

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JUST CALL US **JWS ZOOMIES!**

On Tuesday, September 22nd we will conduct a **ZOOM** meeting, for the Jacksonville Watercolor Society's **first meeting of the Fall**. **Robert Leedy is our demonstrating artist and he is currently using ZOOM** in the instruction of some of his classes.

ZOOM is a web-based video conferencing tool that allows users to meet online, with or without video on your device: phone, Ipad, laptop or computer. During the current Pandemic environment, it has been a lifesaver for organizations, business and education. Understanding that **ZOOM** may be new to our members, we are providing simple, yet precise instructions on "How to **ZOOM!**"

How to **ZOOM**

- Before joining a **ZOOM** meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the **ZOOM** app from the app store. Or, your browser may take you right to the meeting.. Otherwise, you may be prompted to download and install **ZOOM** when you click on the join link which will be provided in an email to members from Chris Olmoguez, or Barbara Holt on the day of the meeting.
- The link should take you right to a **ZOOM** "join a meeting" screen and you can usually just click to join.
- In the event of a glitch, your email provides a meeting number and password and you can join by entering that information.



Joining the Meeting if the link does not take you directly there!

1. Go to Zoom.us
 2. Click the "Join a Meeting" tab. You can find the tab on the top right corner of the home page
 3. When prompted, add your designated Meeting ID (The Meeting ID can be a 9, 10, or 11-Digit number) that will be provided in your email from Chris..
 4. You're in!
 5. Click on "participate" to open a side panel where you can text chat if you have questions during the meeting/demo
- If you want to practice, you can join a test meeting ahead of time to familiarize yourself with **ZOOM** at zoom.us/test. There are also [youtube demos](#) for beginners.

JWS MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

JWS Members, thank you for responding to our SURVEY. Your wishes and comments have guided **the Board in researching ways to “artfully” deal with Covid 19’s challenges to our organization.** It’s going to require some work for all of us to use the tools that will thwart the Pandemic.

Though it has been several weeks since Karen Zelenkov compiled and summarized the SURVEY results, we thought you would like to see what you told us you wanted. (Special thanks to Karen for pulling all the results together Thanks, too, to members who took time to write in suggestions and comments; they have been very helpful!.)

Support - How can JWS help support our members during this pandemic?	
Survey Question	Responses
Provide training and practice support for participating in online events, Taking photos and entering shows	25 YES training and practice support a. 24 taking photos, b. 26 entering shows.
1. Inform me of online sites or videos that are interesting. Any special interests?	35 YES Inform me... 16 Special interests?
2. Help and encourage special interest groups for members to meet, email, and/or talk.	21 YES
3. Leave me alone, I’ll be back when it is over	
4. Other suggestions or comments.	9 Suggestions
Monthly Meetings – (Our usual meeting place in the Scene Gallery at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach (CCPVB) is unavailable for September and October and we will have to meet in a small group in the studio/workshop room, instead	
1. Do you usually attend the monthly meetings? Y/N?	38 YES
2. If so, when will you feel comfortable attending JWS monthly meetings at CCPVB? a. September, ___ October, ___ November, ___ January. ___ b. Or do you prefer to wait for group meetings until there is a COVID 19 vaccine available? Or a proven treatment is available? __	September, 15___ October, 2___ November, 3___ January.5 ___ 14 YES
3. If we are unable to have real life meetings for the remainder of 2020 with social distancing, would you participate in a potential online meeting with a program/demo that you can view live at home and ask questions, if you like? Y/N?_	37 YES, 7 NO, 2 Not Sure
4. If unable to participate live and the guest artist agrees, would you be interested in viewing a recorded YouTube program online? Y/N?	34 YES, 7 NO, 3 Not sure

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Juried Show – (Westminster Woods (WW) may not be available for the Fall Show due to visitor restrictions)	
1. Do you usually enter JWS juried shows? Y/N?	37 YES
2. If a gallery is available in October, would you be comfortable a. entering your artwork b. going to see the show c. attending an awards reception?	d. 33 YES, 3 Not Sure e. 30 YES, NO 3, 1 Not Sure f. 22 YES, NO 7, 3 Not Sure
3. If a gallery is not available, would you enter your painting if the show is juried with awards and shown online instead of hanging in a gallery? Y/N? __	37 YES, 2 NO, 2 Not Sure
4. If entering my painting in an online show – with easy to follow instructions, I know how to photograph and submit my artwork.	21 YES, 2 NO. 2 Not Sure
5. Or I may need help and possibly someone to photo my work at a reasonable cost.	11 YES
3-Day Workshop – (Linda Kemp’s workshop was scheduled for October 28-30 at the Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society (JGMS) with the usual 4’ workspace allocated to each student and we had 10 members signed up. The workshop was cancelled.)	
1. Do you usually attend the 3-Day workshops? Y/N?	27 YES
2. If yes, would you be comfortable attending Linda Kemp’s workshop at JGMS? Y/N?	15 YES, 10 NO
3. Would you be interested in participating in an online interactive workshop with a nationally recognized artist – may be 1, 2, or 3 days at a reduced fee? Y/N?	28 YES, 6 NO

Zoom meetings, they’re not just for Boards and Business and Education..

The JWS Survey tells us you would be interested in a JWS sponsored online workshop, and Zoom may be the way we do it!

- Instead of all the attendees, you would see and hear the instructor and their painting/palette on your computer/tablet/phone screen.

What we can’t get in real life, we will get “virtually” !



Janet Killackey writes our book reviews.

Well, it's been a very tough couple of months. Some of us have been able to continue painting and creating and I am so very proud of you!!!! Others, like myself, managed to just barely lie on the floor and moan while clutching paintbrushes!

Wanting to keep the library up to date during this time, we received two very wonderful donations. You will love both of them.

The first is *THE POWER of Design*, by Thomas Schaller. This DVD is so much more than just a "how To." In this DVD Schaller takes you beyond just painting "what you see" to "what you are feeling about what you are looking at." "Getting to the interpretation" is what most artists are seeking. We all know that looking and seeing is not the same thing. He will show you how to get there. The best part of this DVD for me was watching how he gets gravity and water and paint to move on the paper to create beautiful visceral designs. Moving around architecture is always a treat but in this DVD architecture is married to nature and man. **Breath taking!**

Our next one is Keiko Tanabe's *PAINTING SUNLIGHT*. This is a tour de force for those of you who are plein aire painters. For those of us that prefer the studio get ready for a kick in the pants. Even I thought about going outside after watching her and the possibility of truly enjoying it.

Careful review of her subject is the first thing. Next, comes drawing. For her, the drawing is the most important. Getting those bones down allows her to creatively edit making sure the perspective is on point and that the focal point is clearly defined. Then get ready for the ride on the roller coaster. Her brush literally dances across the paper leaping and bounding with joy! Do you have a hard edge? Soften it. Need texture and detail? Just a little pirouette of a brush full of paint and viola! We need to have a workshop with her!!

Other things we need and are working on is getting our library on the road. It's killing me to have all our goodies here with no one borrowing them and therefore no cash to buy more! At our last board meeting we talked about logistics. Maybe even one location in Jacksonville a month? Just have to get our treasures into your hands. As we get more details we will be letting you know. Also it is becoming very heavy to tote all our books around. Look for an updated listing of all our many books on our website. You simply have to get your request to me and you'll have it at the next meeting. Of course I will be taking any of our new books to our regular meetings so you won't have to wait.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Stay safe, stay healthy and keep your brushes wet!

About the JWS *Bookmobile*... "You simply have to get your request to me and you'll have it at the next meeting or we will make arrangements for our "bookmobile" to meet you and get it to you. Of course I will be taking any of our new books to our regular meetings (when we get back to "regular" meetings so you won't have to wait.

Janet Killackey 992-7293, jkillack@comcast.net



MEMBER NEWS



Jacksonville Watercolor Society members are saddened to learn of the loss of two of our long-term members during recent weeks:

Betsy Lewis

Kathryn Hannan Milkey

Marie Shell

Both were talented and inspiring artists, and we will miss them. You will be notified by email if we become aware of scheduled memorial services.



We are so proud! Judging for the Florida Watercolor Society's Fall Show (which will be online!) has been completed and 3 Jacksonville Watercolor Society artists have had their works selected for the Show:

Xi Guo - *A Portrait of a Boston Fern*

Rebecca Mentz - *Four Feathered Friends*

Arlene Tabor - *The Essence of Kathryn*

Congratulations to Chris Olmoguez, who is displaying her watercolor paintings in a one woman show at the *Twisted Compass Brewing Co.*, 585 State Rd 13 #101, St Johns, FL 32259 from October 3, 2020 until December 31, 2020. The theme of her exhibit is "Come to My Beach" which illustrates her love for the ocean and the beach. Chris will be in the coffee shop every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 to talk about her artwork, answer any questions, and perhaps do a demo or two. General hours for the coffee shop are 6:30 am to 5:00 pm. Stop by for some coffee and see her beach watercolor paintings!

Jennie Szaltis is offering live watercolor classes via Zoom during September:

[Making it Shimmer and Dance](#) , [Beginning Watercolor](#) , [Distributing Color as a Base](#) , [Creating Atmosphere in your Painting](#)

Contact her to find out what she has planned for October. You can reach and follow her at [Jennie Szaltis, Watercolorist and Instructor on Facebook](#).



JWS Calendar

Coming Attractions

COVID-19 Permitting

Planned Programs (Covid status unknown)

September 22. – Zoom Mtg. Guest Artist -Robert Leedy

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October 12-17– Take In for Fall Show

October 27 Zoom Mtg. Guest Artist To Be Determined

November 24 Zoom Mtg. Guest Artist– Pablo Rivera

FALL SHOW

January 2021 – Tom Jones

Planned Workshops (Covid status unknown)

Spring 2021 Workshop – Don Andrews

BRING A FRIEND! TO OUR ZOOM MEETINGS

Membership Update:

SEND CHRIS OLMOGUEZ YOUR FRIEND'S EMAIL AND A MEETING INVITATION WILL BE SENT TO THEM!.



An Additional Way of Staying in Touch with Members and the Art Community

IMPORTANT DUES REMINDER

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JWS Membership Application

NAME _____
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

New Member ◇ Renewing Member ◇

Individual \$35 Family \$42 Student \$20

I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ◇

Membership is open to those interested in water media
A student must be a full-time high school or college student with
I.D.

Current annual dues are \$35.00 per year and are due Jan1st

Please Mail Application with Check Payable to JWS to:

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