



**OCTOBER 24, 2023 MEETING
GUEST SPEAKER: LIBIT JONES
WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES
6 PM to 8 PM
MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB**



Come to see a demonstration of watercolor techniques and experimentation by Libit Jones. Libit is our Fall Workshop instructor and the juror/judge for the Fall Show. She is an award winning artist and a signature member of FWS.

Libit has spent the last 20 plus years devoted to exploring water media and its many possibilities - 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 popular instructor, she is continually learning new things and is inspired with new ideas from her students. That is why she loves teaching as much as she loves 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.

Come early at 5:30 to help setup and socialize with fellow artists.
Refreshments will be served.

Please note: there are still seats available for Libit's Workshop

Contact Danielle at danielle.helow@gmail.com or
Geri at gerigroenert@ymail.com for more information.

Bring a guest and receive a free raffle ticket.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow watercolorists!

I would like to remind everyone that beginning in January we will be having our general monthly meetings in a new and exciting location- Cypress Village. To give you an idea of where that is-Cypress Village is next door to the Mayo Clinic. It's always difficult to please all members in choosing a place to meet. Jacksonville is big, and our members are spread out across the area. We simply can't use location as a determining factor.

We were very impressed with the facilities at Cypress Village-the meeting room is very nice and they will be supplying the TV set up for our demos. You have no idea how happy Geri and Danielle will be about that! They, and Karen before them, have been lugging around that huge TV and that is just not an easy task for anyone.

The Art Club at Cypress Village will be invited to attend our meetings and demos and we will be happy to welcome more artists and get them interested in watercolor.

We will have some additional information on parking and other details as January approaches.

In the meantime, we have a full October with Libit Jones' workshop and our Fall show. Details about both these events are here in the newsletter.

Happy painting!

LuAnn Dunkinson
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting Oct 24, 2023 - Libit Jones (Workshop Instructor) Watercolor Demo

Meeting Nov 28, 2023 - Robin Makowski, FWS NWS NMWS WFNS - Demo

Fall Workshop October 25—27, 2023 with Libit Jones

Fall Show Oct 20—Nov 27, 2023 (see details on page 3)

December Holiday Break

Meeting Jan 30, 2024 - Linda Wokoun (Workshop Instructor) Watercolor Demo

Spring Workshop Jan 31-Feb 2, 2024 with Linda Wokoun (see details on website)

Spring Show February 2-25, 2024 at St Augustine Art Association—coming soon

For details on these and other events, please visit the website for Programs, Exhibitions, and Workshops.

2023 FALL SHOW

The show is up and waiting for the judging! It looks great and can't wait to find out which paintings catch the eye of our judge. Maybe yours!

The 2023 Fall Show will be exhibited from October 20, 2023 through November 27 at Christ Episcopal Church in both Westbury Parish Hall and Formation & Arts buildings located at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach during their normal operating hours.

Make sure to see the special exhibit by Geri Groenert, Artist of the Year for 2022 in Westbury Parish Hall, running concurrent with the Fall Show. Also the award winners of the 2023 Student Show will be on exhibit.

**Opening reception and awards will be on Saturday, October 28
at Christ Episcopal Church, Westbury Parish Hall from 1 pm to 3 pm.**

Wine and snacks will be served.

Artist of the Year for 2023 will also be announced during the reception.

Show will be hung on Friday afternoon. Jurying and judging by Libit Jones will be completed by October 24. JWS Awards will be announced during the opening reception on Saturday, October 28 at Christ Episcopal Church from 1 pm to 3 pm. Paintings and award winners will be posted on after the reception on our website and social media— www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/exhibitions.

Take-down/pick-up at Christ Episcopal Church on Monday, November 27 from 10 am to 12 pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your painting.

Barbara Holt and Tuni Weiss

Co-VPs Shows

2023 FALL WORKSHOP—LAST CALL

There are still a few places available in Libit Jones Workshop

More details about the location, times, and payment are on the website—including Libit's supply list, video demonstration, and Arbus featured article at

<https://jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/workshops>

Please register and pay the fees on the website. Contact Geri or Danielle if you would like to participate or have any questions.

Join us on November 28th to welcome Watercolorist, Illustrator, Author and Instructor Robin Lee Makowski. She will be demonstrating her watercolor techniques for achieving realistic paintings featuring glass and other shiny objects. Robin will be working on watercolor paper and Aquabond. She is proficient on both these substrates and uses both for her award winning paintings.

Visit her website for more information on Robin and to view her work. rlmartist.com

2024 SPRING WORKSHOP

Instructor: Linda Wokoun

Jan 31 - Feb 2nd 2024 (3 days)

Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society

Linda teaches workshops regularly throughout Florida. She enjoys leveraging the natural characteristics of water to bring energy and movement in a painting. The process is wet into wet blending colors and creating textures which incorporate both abstract and representational elements into a painting. More information will be available soon on the website. In the meantime, visit Linda's website for information on the artist and to see samples of her work lindawokoun.com

2024 SPRING SHOW—

The Spring Show will be early again this year, so get your paintings ready over the winter holiday break for a fantastic show in February!

Paintings will be on exhibit from February 2 through February 25, 2024 at St. Augustine Art Association (SAAA), South Gallery, 22 Marine St., St Augustine, 32084. Open Tues-Sun 12 to 4 pm.

This venue is available through the generous donation of long time JWS member, Virginia Meadows. JWS Awards will be announced at a reception/awards ceremony on Sunday following the First Friday Art Walk on February 2 at 7 pm. For more information about the First Friday Art Walk, parking, free shuttle, see [Art Galleries of St Augustine \(AGoSA\) brochure](#).

Note: SAAA charges a commission for artwork sold through SAAA - 30% for STAAA members and 50% for non-members. STAAA membership is \$60 annually. Price your artwork accordingly. There is a size limitation for this show - no longer than 28" on the longest side of the frame and no less than 12" on the shortest side.

Online entries will be accepted from January 22, 2024 through midnight January 28, 2024. Please see [online entry instructions](#) on the website, If you would like help with entering online, please contact Tuni Weiss at 904-540-4040 or Barbara Holt at 904-874-4916. The paintings will be hung by Friday afternoon for the First Friday Art Walk . Jurying and judging by Linda Wokoun on January 30 right after take-in closes at 12 pm.

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 Dues paid after the Fall show will be applied to 2024 membership.

OTHER NEWS



Mary Walker invites you to an Art Exhibition in her home on Sunday, October 29th from 1 PM to 5 PM at 1236 Orange Circle North, Orange Park, FL 32073.

Mary is an award-winning artist who has consistently entered paintings in JWS juried shows for many years. She is currently serving as the JWS Media Librarian.



The First Coast Plein Air Painters invited JWS members who are interested to come to a Paint Out on Saturday October 28 from 8am to 1pm at Westminster Woods on Julington Creek.

Unfortunately, it is the same day as the JWS Fall Show reception which is from 1 to 3 pm at Ponte Vedra. If you are an early bird, you can get in 4 hours of painting and still make it to the reception at 1.

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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. Follow us on

