

JWS ARTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD - 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO R. TUNI WEISS



Tuni is married and has 3 grown sons. She moved from New York area to St Augustine in 2003. Tuni is being honored for bringing her award-winning artistic talent and her leadership and support of JWS since she joined JWS in 2009. Tuni has been active in leadership and supporting roles ever since, as Show Chairperson, VP of Workshops for 4 years, President for 4 years, and currently as Co-VP of Shows. In addition, she continues teaching in the Watercolor Class at Westminster Woods (WW) in Julington Creek which she began as an Outreach program. This benefits JWS by WW hosting the JWS Fall Show in their Museum Gallery. Tuni has attended nearly every take-in for shows since she joined and has spent much of her time helping entrants with framing issues with her trusty screwdriver in hand.

Tuni has consistently entered her paintings in the JWS juried shows and won many awards since her first watercolor show in Fall 2009, including honorable mentions, merit awards, bronze awards, and a gold award. She has also been recognized with awards from TAWS Tri-State (GA, TN, FL) and the Florida Watercolor Society. In addition to JWS, Tuni belongs to several art organizations including the American Watercolor Society, St. Augustine Art Association, Tallahassee Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, and Florida Watercolor Society.

Since starting her watercolor classes with Shirley DePasquale in 2008, Tuni has taken many classes and workshops with local and internationally recognized artists including Soon Y Warren, Jamie Cordero, Mike Bailey, Ted Head, Anne Abgott, Mike Grecian, Miles Batt Sr., David Daniels, Chen Kee Chee, Lian Zhen, David Lobenberg, Kathy Durdin, Morton Solberg, Anne Kittle, Janet King, and David Smith. Her artwork is proudly hanging in galleries and shows, in private collection across the nation and in museums in Texas, Florida and Ohio

