

# Congratulations to Pablo Rivera

## Artist of the Year - 2023

Congratulations to Pablo on his accomplishments, and earning the honor of being the Artist of the Year for 2023.

### Biography:

Pablo Rivera was born in El Barrio, Spanish Harlem section of New York City, educated in the public school system and graduated from Cooper Union art school in New York City where he also attended classes at The Educational Alliance and the School of Visual arts. Pablo taken classes with Charles Reid, Mary Whyte, Pam Wengerer and Don Andrews.

A multi-disciplined artist, Pablo has shown his work in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, California and Florida and private collection of Lindsey Tackett. Locally He has exhibited at The St. Augustine Art Association, The Museum of Contemporary Art, the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, CoRK Art District, the Jacksonville Watercolor Society, He is a member of The Florida, Watercolor Society, the Ritz Museum and Southlight Gallery. His works included many portraits of African Americans included in "Through Our Eyes" Ritz Museum Show which traveled to South Africa. He also has created "Portraits for Change" for children victims of violence, the "Elever Children" portraits.

Pablo has contributed to JWS over a number of years in a variety of ways. He served on the AOTY selection committee. He has given several demos at JWS monthly meetings and held a 4 week class instruction at the Westminster Woods Julington Creek art class. Pablo also was the instructor for a one day JWS summer workshop that was well attended and enjoyed by all. He has volunteered to take photos of members' works for entry to JWS shows - this offer is still available for those who need it.

