



JANUARY Newsletter

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JANUARY JWS MEETING: ,JANUARY 28, 7 to 9 pm
Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach
GUEST SPEAKER ROBERT LEEDY
Come at 6:30 to help set up /View Library Collection

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

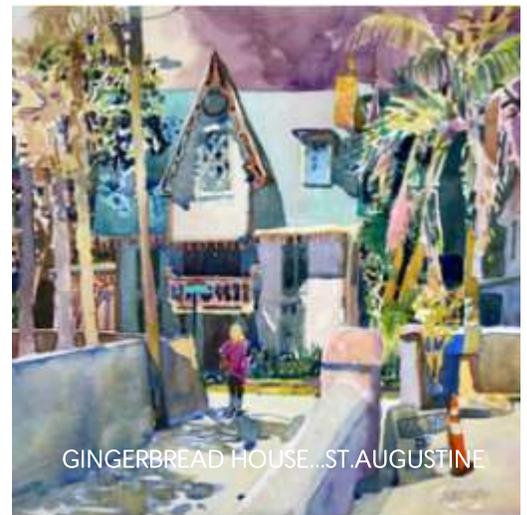
The artist says: "I think it was growing up around all of this water and light that must have influenced my choice of watercolor."

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!



GINGERBREAD HOUSE...ST.AUGUSTINE



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING, MAYPORT FL

FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATION

Jennie Szaltis will host our first JWS 2019 Artist of the Year demonstration, As she is a well known watercolor instructor, we can look forward to a colorful and instructive meeting.

Jennie currently has a working studio in San Marco and teaches watercolor for adults and continues her personal watercolor painting.

Learn more about Jennie and the classes she offers at www.jennieszaltis.com.

Artist’s Statement:

“I believe art is important and art is fun. It is important for us to expand ourselves through visual art and experience life through the appreciation of art.”

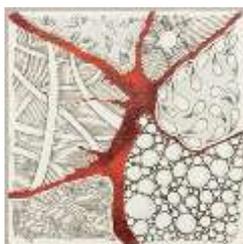
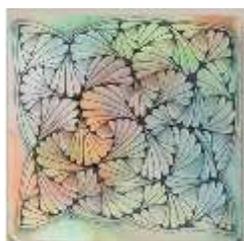


DORIAN ENG—ZENTANGLES NOVEMBER PRESENTATION

What fun!

Once again, Dorian brought JWS members hands-on fun as we each fervently Zentangled the little birds she passed out to us. **They were flat when she gave them out, but after we’d gotten them all tangled up, she showed us how to make them three dimensional by pulling their wings into place.**

Then, we put them all on a table and talked about how pretty our flock would look on a Christmas tree.



President's Message

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Time went flying by so fast! I hope you found some quiet moments to yourself between shopping, baking cookies, and visiting families and friends.

You all have accomplished very much this past watercolor season. I'm proud of you for entering shows, volunteering to help at take in and take down, helping to set up our openings, inviting guests and finding new members, participating in our very own library, and so many more events that took place. Behind the scenes of any successful event there are a multitude of tasks that need to be accomplished. We have done it!

And in 2020, I will be asking for more volunteers, more help, and more participation. You are one great group!

Peeking ahead to 2020, which has just rounded the corner...Remember, January is renewal month for your membership to JWS. I would be pleased if everyone paid their dues in January to continue your membership. Please read this entire newsletter for more renewal membership info. It's important!

Again, thank you all for sharing of your artful talents and energy to this great group of artists!

Chris Olmoguez
President, JWS



The New Year is a time of renewal! How appropriate, then, that this is the time when we renew our Jacksonville Watercolor Society Memberships!

Only thirty five dollars! Where else can you find an investment with such a high rate of return?

- Monthly meetings, curated with demonstrations and lectures designed to whet the watercolorist's imagination and inspire further artistic growth
- Two workshops presented by nationally/internationally recognized watercolor artists/instructors
- Fall and Spring Exhibits highlighting the skills of our members, and rewarding those with artistic skills and expertise

Your January-paid membership brings all these benefits and entitles you to enter the Spring and Fall Shows. Membership fees must be fully paid at least 1 month prior to the Shows as we no longer accept membership payment during Show take-in.

SPRING SHOW DETAILS



What is that we've heard about the "20's"? That they were "Roaring"! That was true 100 years ago, and it looks like it is happening again as we enter this new 20's decade!

We have exciting news! We have been invited to participate at the Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach in conjunction with an **extraordinary exhibit depicting the life of Beethoven, "Loving Beethoven"**. Our show will be hanging in the Main Gallery and throughout the building for nearly 2 months. This is a very special opportunity for us to show how wonderful watercolor is and show off the great talents of the Jacksonville Watercolor Society members.

Please pay special attention to the dates for take-in, a special reception at the Cultural Center, the Jacksonville Watercolor Society awards ceremony, and take-down.

- Saturday, February 29 - 10 am - 1 pm Take-in at the Cultural Center
- Friday, March 6 - Cultural Center Exhibition Opening Reception- \$35 ticket will need to be purchased for this event (a limited number of tickets will be sold)
- Sunday, March 29 - 1 pm - 3 pm - JWS Awards Ceremony at the Cultural Center
- Monday, April 27 - 10 am - 1 pm Take down at the Cultural Center

As always, members may enter 2 paintings. Please review [JWS standards](#) for juried shows and [entry guidelines](#).

Don Andrews, March 25, 26, 27 Workshop

Don Andrews will be the instructor for our Spring Workshop. **"Designing Nature" workshop description:** Seasoned artists and teachers will tell you that their biggest breakthrough came when they began applying design concepts into their paintings. Design concepts are logical, learnable and once you have them, they'll be evident in every painting you paint.

Join us for a great workshop.

- Register at www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org with \$100 deposit or contact Karen Zelenkov at skzelenkov@comcast.net or 904-287-5411.
- The workshop will be held at the Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society Building, 3733 Crown Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257.
- Class is from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, with refreshments and a light lunch provided.
- Total fee: \$350 for JWS members, \$400 for non-members due by February 25, 2020





Janet Killackey writes our book reviews.

We the People
Mary Whyte

If you're like me – I consider Mary Whyte one of today's greatest living watercolor painters. It's not just her unsurpassed artistry but it is also her ability to get the very essence of the people she's painting onto her paper. Far more than just a likeness. Having taken two workshops with her, I am always surprised by her generosity of spirit and her willingness to share her craft.

Her last work was a collection of paintings called "Working South." It was a testament to those working in all-but-forgotten blue-collar jobs disappearing in the Southern United States. It was nothing less than stunning.

In "We the People" she has surpassed herself. The prose with which she describes her thought processes, failures, discarded paintings, starting again and getting past the uncertainties and dead ends is a must read for all of us who have ever doubted our own way. It is as important as the paintings. This set of paintings took her seven years. The ability she has to see another's inner soul burst from the paintings and dares us to look away unaffected by what we have seen.

This book is about patriotism. It's about the men and women who defend this country without expectation of recognition. People with quiet resolve, doing their duty as they see it, then trying to return to the life they left – a life that has gone on without them, many going back to the Second WW. I have to say my favorite is Archangel. I'm sure you'll have a different one but the simplicity of this one is striking. Mary paints these people as and who they are and not what we want them be.

She opens this collection with a quote from Ronald Reagan. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." Seems a fitting way of closing this book review.



MEMBER NEWS



Please keep the Member News about shows and classes flowing. I will try to get the word out in the Newsletter!!

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CONGRATULATIONS to 4 JWS members were accepted to the Florida Watercolor Society Online Show judged by Carrie Waller:



Mary Ellen Carrier
Jessie Doute
Jennie Szaltis
Ruth Tuni Weiss

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Ellen Carrier whose painting "Table for Six" won Third Place!



TED HEAD WORKSHOPS

Saturday, January 25 (10-4) and Sunday, January 26 (1:30-4:30)

ReddiArts, Jacksonville, FL

Cost: \$110 (Class almost filled)

For more information or to register, please call (904) 398-3161 x319 or email

customerservice@reddiarts.com

In this 2-day workshop we'll work on painting convincing skin tones, and shaping features and hair.

March 28 & 29; Watercolor Workshop - Feathered Friends

In this 2-day workshop we'll paint a lovely songbird, exploring ways to paint feathers and backgrounds. All levels welcome!

GORDON MEGGISON WORKSHOPS

Thursdays

Watercolor Mornings

at Reddi Arts

10am - 1pm \$195.

Starting Jan 16, 23, 30,

thru Feb. 6, 13, 20

or

Thursday Watercolor Afternoons

At My Studio

2pm to 5pm open dates

contact Patti for the Reddi Arts set (904)

396-6385) ext 312

to continue mornings at Reddi Arts

or me for the Barn Studio options

Call me at (904)309-0151,

or email gordonmeggison@gmail.com.

3920 Sierra Madre Dr S. Jax FL.32217

JENNIE SZALTIS WORKSHOPS

Watercolor

See our website for class times

www.jennieszaltis.com or

contact Jennie Szaltis (904)

294-3135



DRESS FOR PAINTING SUCCESS!!!

You can get a pristine white apron with the new JWS LOGO at our meetings! The price is \$15. (



JWS Calendar

Coming Attractions

- Jan. 28: Robert Leedy Plein Air Color
- Feb. 25: Jennie Szaltis 2019 AOTY Demo
- Feb. 29: 10 am—1 pm Spring Show Take In
- Mar. 6: Cultural Center Exhibition Opening Reception
- Mar 6-Apr 27 **Artist of the Year** Tuni Weiss Exhibit
- Mar. 24: Don Andrews, Demonstration
- Mar. 25-27: Don Andrews Workshop
- Mar. 29: 1 pm - 3 pm - **JWS Spring Show Awards Ceremony**
- Apr. 27: 10 am -1 pm Spring Show Take down
- Apr. 28: Ted Head, 2019 AOTY Demo
- May 26: Paint Around / Social

BRING A FRIEND!
Membership Update:
 Remember to bring a friend **to this month's meeting.** Any current member who brings a friend who is not a member will receive a free raffle ticket.




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

IMPORTANT DUES REMINDER

Time to think about renewing for 2020





Has your email changed?
 Have a new address?
 Don't forget to tell us so we can stay in touch.











