



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

**GUEST ARTIST: MARY O. SMITH
CYPRESS VILLAGE EGRET ROOM
6 TO 8 PM**



Most of Mary O.'s watercolor paintings are done on location or en plein-air. Developing a love of painting en plein-air from the very beginning of her career in watercolor as well as oil, she is always striving to develop and grow as an artist. She teaches workshops in both mediums. Each painting is a new challenge. The mix of each color and value to recreate a scene from life is the challenge. Conveying a moment of space and light with color and shape intrigues her with every painting. Mary O. engages the viewer with her suggestive and loose brush strokes and use of color and composition.

Her work has been represented in galleries in the Southeast. She is a member of Plein Air Painters of the Southeast, Signature member of the Southern Watercolor Society, Georgia Watercolor Society, the Tallahassee Watercolor Society and a board member of Pines and Palms, Thomasville, Ga. Her most recent achievement is winning Best in Show at the Shadow on the Teche juried Plein Air Event in 2023. See Mary's website for more information: www.maryosmith.com

Come early at 5:30 to socialize with fellow artists. Refreshments will be served. Our general monthly meetings are at Cypress Village, 4600 Middleton Park Cir E, Jacksonville, FL 32224 in the Egret Room.



To see more about monthly meetings, locations and upcoming schedule, [click here](#).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all you wonderful watercolorists!

What a crazy year 2024 has been- wouldn't you agree? Major hurricanes, floods, wars, national elections- we have all most likely been touched in some way by recent events. If we are artists, then it's a bit of a relief to be able to get lost in a painting and block out the noise. It really does help. Have you noticed time seems to move in a different way when we are at work painting? Especially with watercolor! Is it dry enough to correct that? Is it still wet enough to go back in? My husband knows if I have retreated to my drawing table and am spending large amounts of time there, then I am re-booting. And if things go well I will come out in a better frame of mind. And if things did not go as planned I have still spent time learning this art of watercolor. It's a definite truism-the more you paint the more you will improve.

One thing I would like to celebrate is the ever-expanding membership of JWS. Our last membership count was 138. This is up significantly from 2020 when we had 104 members! We all have been conscious of bringing new members into the world of watercolor, and its nice to recognize these efforts are paying off. Now, we hope this will also increase our participation in our juried shows! Please enter your masterpieces! The Spring show in St Augustine is not far off and is a great place to start.

I also want to say congratulations to all our artists who made our Fall show a success. Thank you for exhibiting. And thanks to all who pulled the show together-it takes a village. The Spring show will be here before we know it so..... Keep those brushes wet!

LuAnn Dunkinson
JWS President

RENEW MEMBERSHIP AND PAY DUES FOR 2025

Accepting 2025 dues at November meeting.

Reminder: Early Spring Show Deadline is Jan. 24, 2025 to be eligible to enter.

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

Only members who have paid dues for 2024 will receive email communications and the newsletters from JWS. If you are not receiving the newsletter and think you should be, please contact Rebecca at rebecca.mentz@gmail.com. News about JWS is always available on our social media and website, www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org

2024 FALL JURIED SHOW

Congratulations to the award winners for the Fall Show. The show will continue to be exhibited through December 2, 2024 at the Christ Church Ponte Vedra. Please make arrangements to pick up paintings from 10 to 12 on Monday, December 2.

2024 FALL JURIED SHOW - AWARDS

GOLD AWARD

**Michael Tibor -
"St. Catherine's Church"**



SILVER AWARD

**Pablo Rivera -
"Bird in Hand"**



BRONZE AWARD

**Mary Walker -
"Showtime in the Rookery"**



MERIT AWARDS

**Linda Hawkins -
"Surprise in Color"**



**Cynthia Pierson -
"Ximenez Fatio House - Interior"**



**Patricia Dougherty -
"Agapanthus in the Wild"**



HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS

**Judy McDermott -
"Study in Green"**



**R. Tunj Weiss -
"Mythical Forest"**



**Julie Hynes -
"Morning Exercise"**



**Jennie Szalts -
"Seasons are Changing"**



**George Tobi Memorial Award -
Ted Head - "Ancient Jerusalem"**



2025 SPRING TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

Plein Air Watercolor Techniques 2 day Workshop with Mary O. Smith



February 5th and 6th (Wed/Thurs)
9:30am to 4:00pm
1 hr lunch break (Bring your own lunch)

Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society
3733 Crown Point Rd, Jacksonville

Sign up! Limited seats!
\$250 members \$285 non-members
jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.org/workshops



Learn how to take your watercolors outdoors. Mary O. will share with you the techniques she uses to stay loose and expressive while keeping to a plan.

Day 1: I start with a simple demo on deciding what to paint on location, my plan (combination of value, placement and design) is how I start every painting. You can use my photo reference or bring your own. It is not a drawing class but we will be talking about perspective and helpful tips. Half sheet of good watercolor paper will be the goal each day. Individual help along the way.

Day 2: Very similar to Day 1 but a little more difficulty and practicing mingling the colors on the paper. Understanding distance in my painting style. Don't panic, we can trace drawing on paper. I paint with an easel up-right. I usually like to do a positive discussion on each student's painting. It helps everyone.



Mary O. Smith Bio *Born and raised in Louisiana. She studied in fine arts and design at Louisiana State University. After graduating, she worked as an interior designer for an architectural firm in Valdosta, Georgia and used her drawings skills for their architectural and interior renderings as well. Her interest and love for watercolor developed and she was intrigued with the loose and fluid qualities of the medium and incorporated these qualities in her own loose and expressive style. Her studio is in Steinatchee, Florida. Her work has been represented in galleries in the Southeast. She is a member of Plein Air Painters of the Southeast, Signature member of the Southern Watercolor Society, Georgia Watercolor Society and the Tallahassee Watercolor Society and a board member of Pines and Palms out of Thomasville, Ga.*

2025 SPRING JURIED SHOW

The Spring Show will be on exhibit from February 7 through March 1, 2025 at St. Augustine Art Association (StAAA), South Gallery, 22 Marine St., St Augustine, 32084. Open Tues-Sun 12 to 4 pm.

JWS Awards will be announced at a reception/awards ceremony during the First Friday Art Walk on February 7 at 7 pm. For more information about the First Friday Art Walk, parking, free shuttle, see Art Galleries of St Augustine (AGoSA) brochure.

Note: StAAA charges a commission for artwork sold through StAAA - 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 24, 2025 through midnight January 30, 2025. Please see online entry instructions. If you would like help with entering online, please contact Barbara Holt at 904-874-4916.

Use of remote drop-off locations is encouraged due to the limited time frame and parking for take-in. Please call contact at remote drop-off locations to make arrangements for time and location before dropping off.

--Barbara Holt - (Westminster Woods at Julington Creek)(Jan 29 Wed 10-12 only but call first)

--Barbara Holt - Jax Beaches area—904-874-4916

--Dee Roberts - Orange Park area—904-654-5982

---Geri Groenert - Saint Augustine area-904-940-7621

Delivery/Take-in of framed & matted paintings- Tuesday, Feb 4, 11 am to 1 pm at St Augustine Art Association.

Jurying and judging by Mary O. Smith on Feb 4 immediately after take-in/delivery closes at 1 pm.

Take-down/pick-up at St Augustine Art Association on Sunday, March 2 from 12 pm to 2 pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your paintings during **this time**.

REMINDER: Dues must be paid by Friday, January 24 in order to be eligible to enter the show.

Go to website for more information about entering online, show standards, and requirements for this show. [Jacksonvillewatercolorsociety/Exhibitions](https://www.jacksonvillewatercolorsociety.com/Exhibitions)

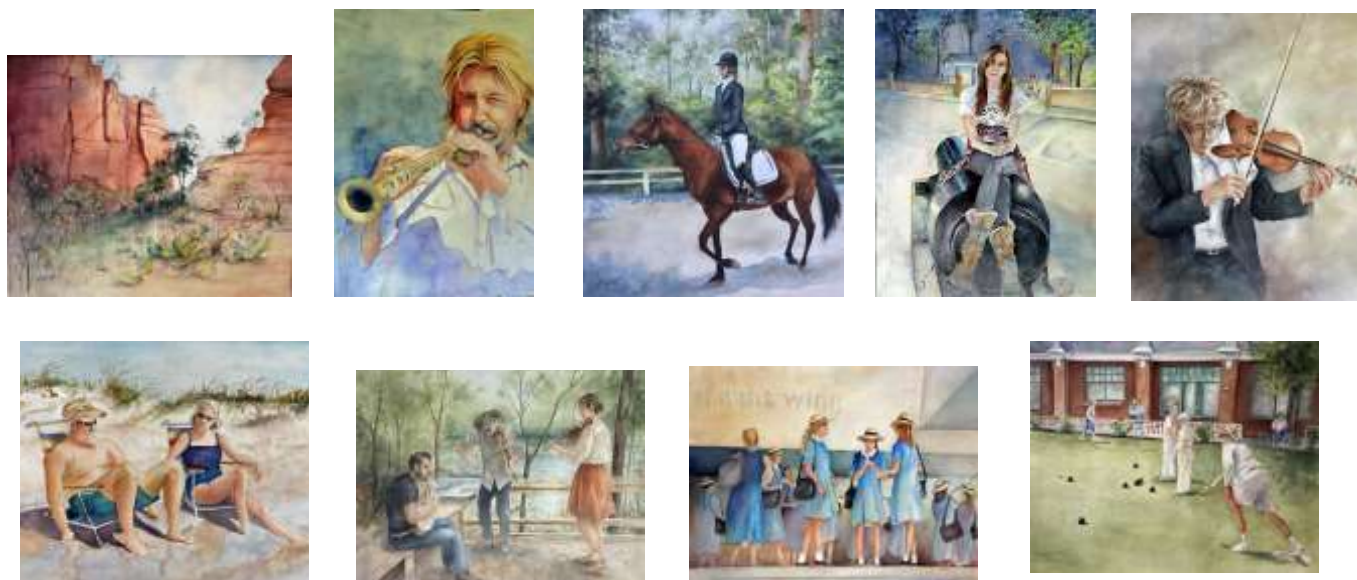
OTHER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS!
BARBARA HOLT—ARTIST OF THE YEAR - 2024**



Barbara is being honored as Artist of the Year for her many years of service to Jacksonville Watercolor Society and her talent in entering JWS shows. She will receive once in a lifetime award — the AOTY pin and plaque at the 2025 Fall Show. In addition, her artwork will be featured in a separate show. Barbara joined the Jacksonville Watercolor Society in 2012 after she had taken many years of watercolor classes from Hercel Stallard, and entered her first show in 2013. She has entered almost every spring and fall show that the Jacksonville Watercolor Society has held since then and has received 2 Honorable Mention awards. She has served as VP of Shows for JWS for 8 years and continues to enjoy it.. Barbara initiated and conducted the student show for the Pine Forest Elementary School for the Arts for the last two years. She has volunteered at Westminster Wood Retirement Community - JWS outreach program teaching watercolor to the residents for many years.

Barbara’s husband was career Navy, and she moved around a lot, she had worked as a substitute teacher while living in Maine, a Girl Scout leader in California, a Regional Cookie Distribution Coordinator in Pennsylvania and now is retired and has devoted her time to art and volunteering. In additional to taking classes from Hercel Stallard, she has taken classes from Ted Nutall, Pat Weaver, Mel Stabin, Suzanna Winton, Nicholas Simmons, Lian Zhen, Charles Reid, David Lobenberg, Ted Head, Mary Whyte, Michael Holter, Lorraine Watry, John Salminen, Linda Wokoun, Libit Jones, Robin Makowski, Pablo Rivera, Linda Kemp and Pam Wenger. Barbara is also a member of the Jacksonville Urban Sketchers group.



OTHER NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

ENTER THE JWS PROMOTION CONTEST

The Jacksonville Watercolor Society (JWS) is sponsoring a promotion contest to encourage new people to join. The winning design(s) may be displayed in print materials, at or/in libraries, art stores, or locations that would give the public more information about JWS.

Submissions may be horizontal or vertical, measuring approximately 12" x 14". Two (2) entries per member are permitted. The design should attract and promote watercolor for potential members regardless of skill level or experience. **JWS information and text will be added to the art once a design(s) is chosen.** Entries must be submitted to Heather Hill on or before the next meeting, November 26, 2024. Good quality digital images will be accepted if you cannot bring the original to the November meeting, please send by email to [Heather Hill](#).

Reach out to Heather Hill, Co-VP Membership, at 614-562-3343 with questions.

Links to the rules and entry form are available on the [website home page](#)

Thank you Robin Lee Makowski for your demo at the October meeting and the 2-Day workshop. So much goes into each painting! Beginning with thinking through each composition, photographing the set-up, drawing the image and then the detailed



painting! We learned how Robin plans and executes the most amazing paintings of shiny objects! In her words "this is hard work!" It was hard work but Robin made it fun! Thank you to all the participants and especially to Robin for the camaraderie and fun while learning!

2025 CALENDAR—

January 28, 2025 Meeting— Nancy Banks Demo

January 24-30, 2025 Spring Show—online entries

February 5-6, 2025—Spring Two-Day Workshop—Mary O. Smith

February 7– March 1, 2025, Spring Show—St Augustine Art Association

February 7, 2025—Spring Show awards and reception—7 pm

February 25 Meeting—Chris Flagg

March 25, 2025 Meeting—Rosamond Parrish

April 22, 2025 Meeting—Pablo Rivera—AOTY 2023

May 27, 2025 Meeting— Social gathering & Installation of Board

MEMBER NEWS

Please join Pablo Rivera, the Jacksonville Watercolor Society's Artist of the Year, along with Danielle Helow, JWS Co VP Programs and Workshops, at the CoRK Art Studios Open Studios event this weekend Nov 23rd & 24th! Many of the pieces of beautiful artwork will be for sale in time for the holidays.

Check out the Wall of Photos that Pablo will be displaying at the [Southlight Gallery](#) for First Wednesday Artwalk in downtown Jacksonville—12/4!

Ted Head received a \$10,000 Artist Grant Award!!! This Individual Artist Grant Pilot Program grant award is funded by the City of Jacksonville and administered by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville. 60 Jacksonville artists were awarded this, with over 500 applying. The funds will be used for art related expenses over the next year, and will allow Ted to expand into new opportunities. Now onto making instructional videos and new paintings!

Jacksonville Public Library is pleased to provide space for exhibits that support its mission *to enrich lives, build community, and foster success by bringing people, information, and ideas together*. Exhibit spaces at the Main Library include the Gallery on the first floor as well as spaces in the second and third-floor atriums. Ted Head's two month exhibit will end on Dec 5 and LuAnn Dunkinson's two month exhibit will be from Dec 6 to Jan 29

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram accounts to stay up to date with the latest and greatest in the artworld.

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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

