2022 Fall Watercolor Exhibition



"Cold Spring" by $\,$ Kim Smith - $\,$ Best in Show

Elsinore Framing & Fine Art Gallery October 1st to 31st, 2022



The President's Message



Winnie Givot WSO President

Once again we have a fabulous exhibition. It was a pleasure to look at each painting as it arrived at the take-in on Thursday morning of Convention weekend. There was so much creativity exhibited in this show where media is restricted primarily to watercolor. We often think that the Spring Watermedia Show as more creative, because people are experimenting with new media. But on looking at the paintings in this Fall Watercolor Exhibition, I realized that people were finding new ways to express themselves within the limitations, that limitations can sometimes help us to be more creative. That less can be more.

Then on Friday morning after our juror, Linda Kemp, had chosen the awards, as president, I had the chance to walk around Elsinore Gallery with her. She spoke on the strengths of different paintings and what would make some better. It was a pleasure. I learned a lot. I have to admit that years ago I had heard of another president who had had that experience and it was one that I had hoped for too.

The exhibition only continues until Saturday, October 29. It is inspirational. Go see it if you can.

Our Juror - Linda Kemp



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The Watercolor Society of Oregon is a thriving community that comes together to celebrate the joy and beauty of watercolors.

I extend my congratulations to everyone whose work was eccepted. A special call out to the award winners on your captivating and skilled paintings. I am pleased with the final collection of unique works.

As artists, we visually express our intimate thoughts, ideas, personality and interpretations through our artworks. We create for ourselves, for our own reasons, so perhaps the best judgment of the success should be left up to the individual artist. However, in a juried exhibition, success is determined according to a juror's standards and criteria, and the selection is restricted to a limited count.

I would like to share some insight into the selection process, especially for the many competitors who faced disappointment when their best efforts were not accepted. It might be helpful to keep in mind that in order to select 80 paintings, it was essential to eliminate many handsome, skilled paintings.

That is the reality of a juried show. As juror, I was set the task of choosing 80 paintings from 194 paintings from 116 members. The number of outstanding and extraordinary works of art made this competition extremely challenging.

I always strive to present a show that offers a visual feast and presents a broad variety of artistic statements. I look for paintings that have been executed with sincerity, honesty, creativity, good design and creative use of colour. A unique vision wins my favour and I have a hard time resisting artwork that displays a sense of place, or captures a fleeting moment or sentiment.

It takes a bit of courage to enter a juried show and expose your efforts to critique. So, to everyone who took a chance and submitted their paintings to the Watercolor Society of Oregon, I wish to extend my congratulations! I truly appreciate each piece that was offered for selection, and it was a difficult task to exclude so many fine paintings.

I wish you happy painting and offer congratulations to the accomplished artists included in this exhibition. I send my thanks to Jean Lea, Kathleen Buck, Chris Helton, Winnie Givot, Mary Holt, Nancy Fraser, Linda Burgel, Rebecca Sentgeorge and the many other WSO members for their assistance during the jurying process and my time in Salem, Oregon.

Best of Show WSO 100 Club \$680



Kim Smith, Prineville Cold Spring, 22 x 22, \$950

2nd Place Founders' Award \$510



René Eisenbart, Portland Night Vision, 40 x 30, \$2200



3rd Place Pacific Coast Region Award \$425

Sarah Bouwsma, Portland Forest Park, 20 x 25, \$900

Linda Kemp

Awards of Distinction \$170

4th Place - High Desert Region Award \$340



Mary Jo Hull, Portland Treasure Box, 25 x 25, \$2400

5th Place - Willamette Valley Region Award \$297

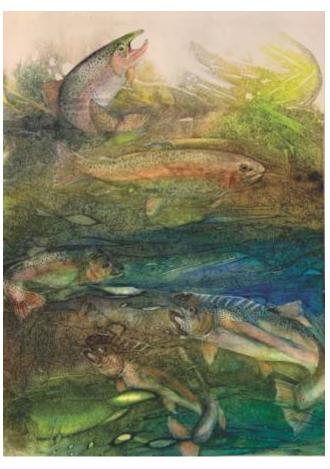


Harold Walkup, Beaverton Midnight Mechanic, 24 x 30, \$1100





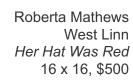
Mary Fran Anderson, Tualatin Dublin Pub, 19 x 16, \$350



Yvonne Knoll, Sandy Cold Water Rainbows, 31 x 25,



Mila Raphael, Portland *Modesta*, 24 x 20, \$600





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Lynda Hoffman-Snodgrass, Phoenix *Chinook's Journey*, 30 x 38, \$1800



Phyllis Meyer, Beaverton *Acrobats*, 28 x 22, \$500



Linda Nye, Portland We See Eye to Eye, 20 x 27, \$475



Judy Hoiness, Bend Save Oregon Wildlife and Wild Places #58 37 x 29, \$1400



Tim Gault, Oregon City
Tea and Romance, 31 x 25, \$1575



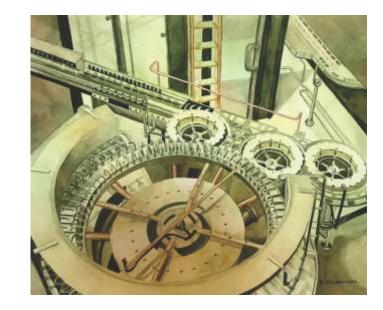
Winnie Givot, Sisters Regal, 26 x 22, \$1200

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Jenny Armitage, Salem Woodland Drama, 21 x 29, \$1300



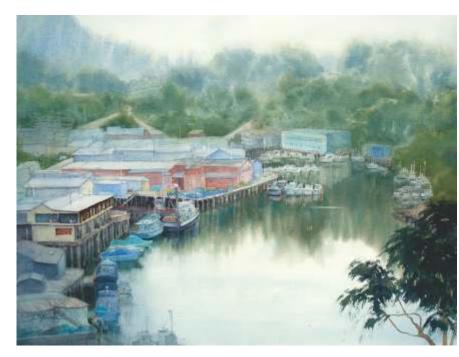
Elizabeth Haberman, Bend Beer Gears, 22 x 26, \$850



Leslie Dugas, Beaverton Studio Painting, 16 x 20, \$450



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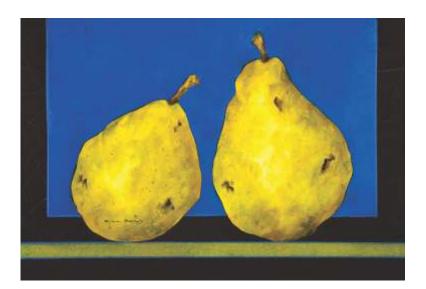
Sandra Pearce, Manning Safe Harbor, 28 x 36, \$1300

The Peoples' Choice Award \$127



Mary Rollins, The Dalles, Extravagant Harvest, 22 x 34, \$1200

And the 58 Others Who were Juried into the 2021 Fall Exhibition...



Bill Baily, Lake Oswego Green Pair, 22 x 28, \$850



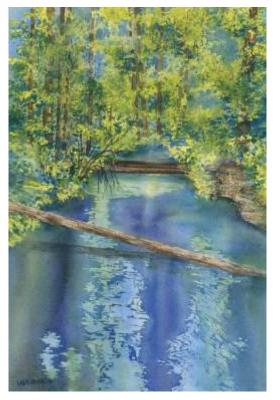
Katherine Abdun-Nur, Grants Pass *Girona Barista*, 17 x 18, \$300



Sally Bills Bailey, Mt. Hood Mountain Shadows, 36 x 29, \$1700



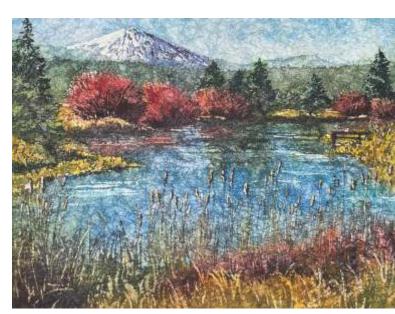
Paul Bourgault, Elmira Garden Bungalow, 25 x 20, \$450



Linda Boutacoff, Medford A Quiet Escape, 23 x 18, \$650



Kathleen Buck, Sherwood Glorious View, 17 x 17, \$275



Helen Brown, Sunriver Heaven on Earth, 23 x 28, \$950



Gillian Burton, Redmond Bluebells in Meldon Woods, Dartmoor, 18 x 26, \$495



Jennie Chen, Portland Cliff Crooner, 28 x 22, \$499



Alexandra Coogan, La Pine A Vine Way to Age, 31 x 25, \$1500



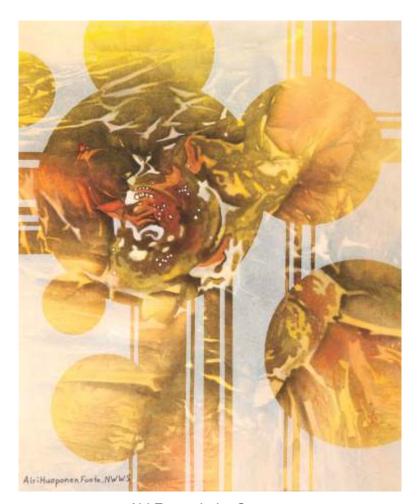
Cathy Cramer, Wilsonville Hurry Home, 21 x 17, \$600



Susan Escobar, Winchester Birds of a Feather, 27 x 20, \$750



Dorothy Eshleman, Amity Celebration, 18 x 21, \$475

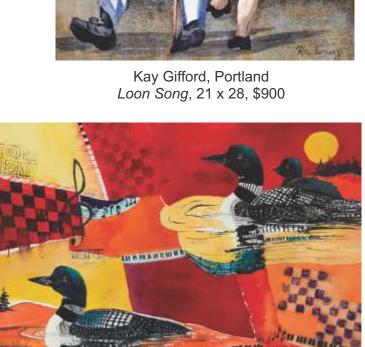


Airi Foote, Lake Oswego *Propagation*, 21 x 18, \$475



Alexandra Eyer, Gold Beach Passion, 36 x 28, \$3000





Rita Furnanz, Lake Oswego *Tête-à-Tête*, 17 x 18, \$800



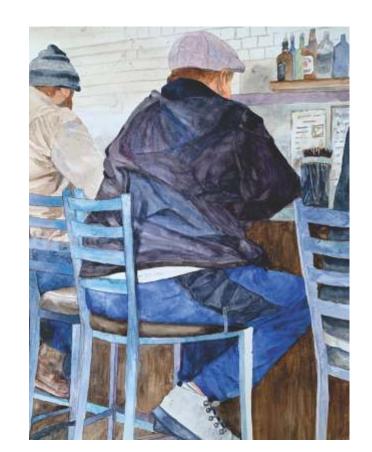
Margaret Godfrey, Blue River Under the Shadow of Calder, 35 x 27, \$1200



Christine Helton, Portland Journey Together, 20 x 16, \$350



Dianne Hicks, Tualatin Monterosso al Mare Baker, 26 x 22, \$850





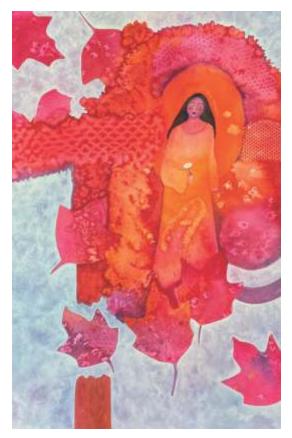
Amanda James, Lake Oswego Rainy Spring Night, 29 x 22, \$775



Nancy Holzhauser, Blue River

Ah! The Craziness of the Desert, 20 x 27, \$550

Laura Hopper, Hillsboro *Cheers*, 21 x 17, \$395



Nancy Jolley, Roseburg Nature Girl, 27 x 20, \$500

Ed Labadie, Hillsboro

The Last Red Snapper, 35 x 28, \$1675



Karen Kreamer, Corvallis Hope, 20 x 16, \$300

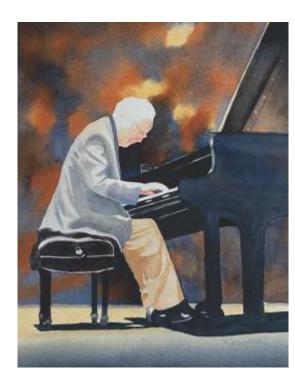


Jean Lea, Salem Ebb Tide, 36 x 28, \$1000

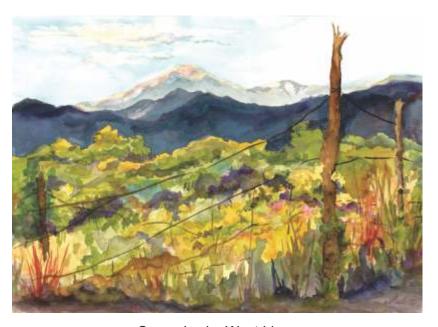


Doyle Leek, Corvallis

Pablo at The Met, 36 x 26, \$900



Debbie Loyd, Aumsville Farewell Concert, 20 x 24, \$750



Susan Lyslo, West Linn Utah Color, 16 x 20, \$600



Geoffrey McCormack, Beaverton Sea-Tac Layover, 24 x 30, \$800



John Mohney, Stayton Go by Train, 20 x 23, \$600



Judy Mohney, Stayton Only on Golden Pond 26 x 16, \$600



Charlotte Peterson, Medford Brown Bunny DeZign, 25 x 23, \$1250



Judy Nigh, Roseburg Fall Reds, 26 x 16, \$700



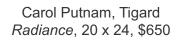
Jane Means, Lake Oswego *Upheaval*, 20 x 17, \$325



Kristie Mooney, Oregon City Yellow Bird, 40 x 30, \$1495

Kelly Morrison, Milwaukie *The Art Critic*, 28 x 24, \$1200





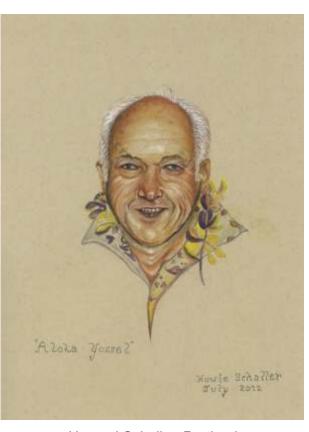


Patricia Renner, Gold Beach Osprey vs. Fish, 16 x 20, \$500



Elizabeth Schilling, Gresham

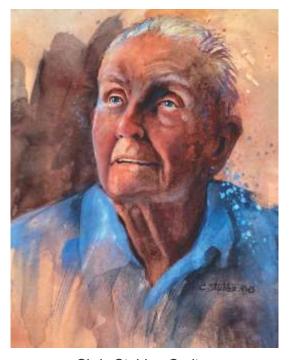
The Struggle Is Real, 20 x 20, \$350



Howard Schaller, Portland *Aloha Yossel*, 20 x 16, \$400



Rebecca Sentgeorge, Redmond *Annie's Kitchen*, 25 x 20, \$600



Chris Stubbs, Carlton Chronicles of Dementia: Hope 22 x 20, \$1500



Sandra Takabayashi, Lake Oswego *Dusk Visitor*, 23 x 29, \$1500



Lynne Taylor, Gaston Ribbon Riffle, 22 x 17, \$395



Victoria Tierney, Bandon Ilsa's Flowering Ginger, 31 x 23, \$1000



Kathy Tiger, Eugene The Sandpiper Shuffle 18 x 27, \$500

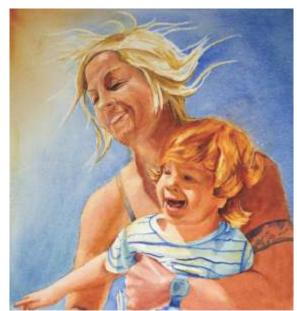


Cindy Triplett, Ashland Canyon Wren, 36 x 28, \$900

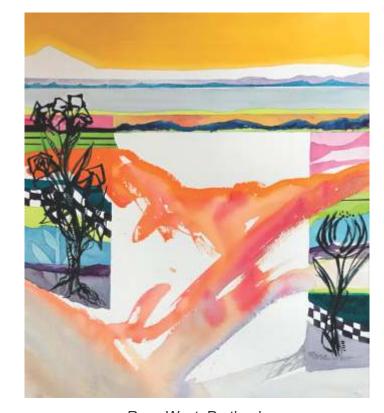




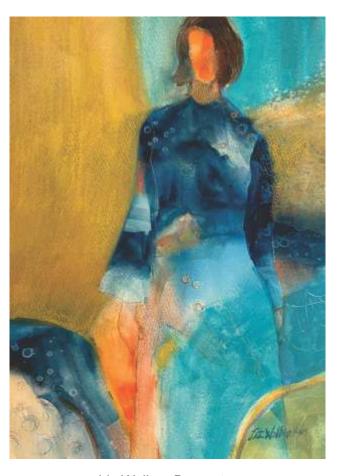
Bergen Todd, Salem American Bittern, 26 x 26, \$850



Beth Verheyden, Boring Finish Strong, 35 x 30, \$1200



Rose West, Portland Landscape Interrupted, 27 x 25, \$500



Liz Walker, Beaverton
Inner Confidence #10, 24 x 20, \$600



Sandra Wood, Portland, Jazz Memories, 20 x 30, \$600



Roxanne Williams, Cottage Grove *Twiga*, 36 x 25, \$1800



Alisha B Whitman, Lebanon Layers of Connection, 21 x 24, \$900

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In addition to all of the above-mentioned volunteers, a big **Thank You** to the WSO membership for entering the show with their paintings and to everyone who registered and attended our convention. It has been a pleasure to work with so many talented, kind, and generous members of our organization.

Thank you all! Jean Lea 2022 Fall Convention Chair



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The best part of belonging to WSO 100 Club is knowing that your contribution will ensure continued opportunities for WSO members for many years to come.



Since 1850, when the American Society of Painters in Watercolor was founded, watercolorists have joined together in national, state, and regional societies. The American Watercolor Society, which evolved from the earlier organization, and the National Watercolor Society emerged in 1866.

The Watercolor Society of Oregon began in 1966 with 38 members. Its purpose was "to further the interest of transparent watercolor painting and to encourage a wider experience, enjoyment, and education to the painter and the viewing public." Its bylaws provided for semi-annual meetings in April and September, each hosting a juried show which would travel throughout the state for a year. The first slate of officers included: Fred Smith, President; Tom Allen, Vice-President; Gertrude Rigdon, Secretary-Treasurer; and Peg Stuart, Tour Chair. In the beginning, only transparent watercolors were admitted to the shows, but in 1975, it was decided to admit all aqueous media on paper to the spring show.

Since 1966, when the original membership was 38, the Society blossomed by traveling around the state of Oregon gaining new members in this outreach. By 1985 the membership reached 500, and by 2012 it was nearly 1000.

Early jurors for the semi-annual shows were members of the Society, but in 1980 the Society began to engage nationally-recognized professional artists as jurors. Each juror conducts a workshop in conjunction with the meeting. The first professional juror was the late Millard Sheets who returned to jury the 20th anniversary show

The opportunity to exhibit and participate in peer and professional critiques, workshops, and artistic networking has benefitted Watercolor Society of Oregon members for over five decades. The professional camaraderie continues to encourage growth and creative excellence, promoting watercolor painting across the state.

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