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## JUROR AND WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR:



CARLA O'CONNOR

By Liz Walker

Carla O'Connor has graciously agreed to come from her home in Gig Harbor, WA to be our Juror and Workshop Leader for the Portland Convention. Her dynamic figure paintings are well-known to our members, 20 of whom had their names drawn from a hat and will be taking her 3-day workshop after the Convention.

Carla O'Connor received her BFA in painting from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. She has done additional

# "One Fine Day"

## ...in the Heart of the Rose City on April 14, 2012



Convention Chair Jennie Chen

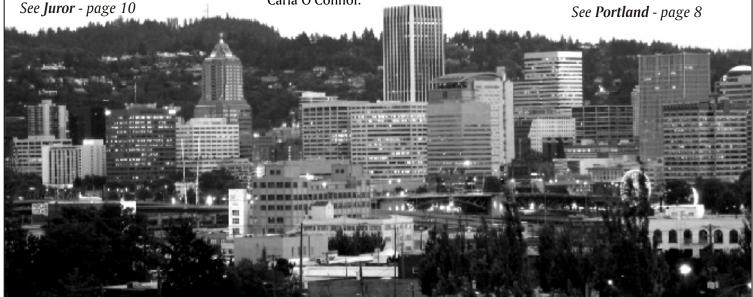
By Liz Walker

The Spring Convention Chairperson, Jennie Chen, and her Committees are ready to share the splendor of Portland, Oregon and welcome international watercolor artist Carla O'Connor from Gig Harbor, Washington.

Meet your old friends and make new ones as we share and learn about art, and prepare to be dazzled with all that Portland has to offer.

The site of the day's lecture, demos and break-out sessions is the First Presbyterian Church at 1200 SW Alder St. in downtown Portland. The architecture of the church is breathtaking. Although we can't hold art activities in the Sanctuary, you may want to take a moment in there for quiet reflection. Right outside the Sanctuary is the Narthex area where our vendors will be located. Members can also visit the Chapel between 9 am and 4 pm to admire works by our New Members.

The morning will begin with a Convention Introduction and the Welcoming of 59 New Members and their paintings, followed by a Lecture/Demo from Carla O'Connor.







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WSO PRESIDENT:

Mary Coppett

#### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

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ROSTER CHANGES: Jayne Ferlitsch

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION: LaVonne Tarbox-Crone

#### **Enclosed with this issue:**

- 1. Early Registration Form
- 2. 2012 WSO Membership Roster
- 3. Bonney Lamb Scholarship Application
- 4. Awards Donor Form
- 5. New Member List

Please contact Jayne Ferlitsch for any missing items.



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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy new year, WSO! Ignore all the Chicken Littles in the world. 2012 is going to be a great year. Let's think of the newborn baby analogy - full of potential - eager for new experiences - full of curiosity, and fearless to go forward into the unknown.

WSO is in good shape. We have 59 New Members in our organization and, take my word for it, they're wonderful artists whose talent is



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outstanding. They met the requirements of WSO with flying colors! Watch out for some competition. Thank you, Lavonne, for your great work as Membership Council Chair. WSO Members, be sure to check out the New Member paintings at the Spring Convention in Portland.

As you know from the last *Watermark*, we have a number of new Board Members and WSO is grateful to have them as well as new volunteers within the Councils (Tara Choate in Website, Cindy Briggs in Exhibition Tours and Bobbie Matthews as our new Education Workshop volunteer.

However, notwithstanding all the good news, Deanna St. Martin as WSO Convention Consultant still needs volunteers. Take a look at Deanna's 'Help Wanted!!!' article on page 4 and ask yourself - can I help? Has my area hosted a Convention? If so, was it a long time ago? Can I chair a Convention? Please give it some thought.

Our Spring Convention in Portland will be a one day event. The "Pull-Out" section in this issue of the *Watermark* lays out all of the wonderful activities you may choose from. Come to Portland and enjoy this exciting WSO Convention with Carla O'Connor, one of the Master watercolor painters in the country. The Rose City awaits. I hope to see you there.

Mary Coppett

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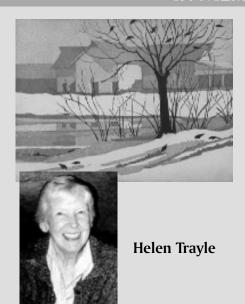
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#### In Memorium



Helen Trayle Kreps passed away from natural causes on Sunday, November 6, 2011, at the Hopewell House Hospice Center in Portland. She was 94 years old.

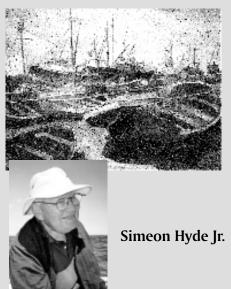
Helen was born in Portland on July 22, 1917, to Eldridge and Florence Trayle. Growing up in the southwest hills of Portland with her two brothers, Howard and Ray, she attended Lincoln High School, graduating in 1936. She attended a number of art schools, including the Portland Art Museum, as she developed her skills in watercolor and fine arts oil painting.

In 1942 she married Orville F. Kreps and had two children, Terry D. Kreps and Raymond A. Kreps. She made her home in Cutler City on the Oregon coast, and spent many hours painting and teaching art at the Lincoln Country Art Center in Ocean Lake. In 1954 she moved back to the family estate in Portland, where she resided for the next 57 years.

Helen was one of the finest artists in the Pacific Northwest. After 35 years of fine art portrait painting, she branched off in the late 1960s into a number of varied art forms, including stained glass work, impressionistic painting and prints. It was in prints where she excelled and concentrated her talents. Her prints were shown across the country, as far away as New York. In the art world, H.X. Trayle, her painting name, was very well known.

Helen had been an Active WSO Member since 1983 and was also a member of the WSO 100 Club. She was a member of the Northwest Watercolor Society, the Northwest Print council, Lake Area Artists and Painters Showcase. Her etchings have been included in numerous national, regional and local juried exhibitions and are found in several public and private collections both stateside and abroad.

The Oregonian



Born Feb. 25, 1919, Simeon Hyde, Jr. passed away peacefully on Dec. 26, 2011at Hopewell House Hospice in Portland. He is survived by his wife, Ann (of 69 years); daughter, Beth and her husband Ted; son, Simeon; son, Cutty and his wife Diane; grandchildren, Sally, Julia, Ben; and his sister, Anne Long, of Virginia.

A graduate of Phillips Andover Academy and Princeton University, Simeon then spent five years in the U.S. Navy serving in the Atlantic and the Pacific in World War II. Honorably discharged, he enrolled in a Harvard University Master's in English program. Following this Simeon spent 23 years at Phillips Andover Academy as a teacher, administrator and acting headmaster.

Retiring from the Academy, he and Ann moved to Albuquerque where he enrolled in the School of Architecture. After graduating he worked for two architectural firms, during which time he designed a Navajo Community Center and an Albuquerque Senior Center. In his retirement years, Simeon joined family members in San Diego for five years, and spent his final 18 years with family in Portland.

He was a member of the Rose City Yacht Club and the Multnomah Friends Meeting, where he will be particularly remembered for his active involvement in the Meeting House remodel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Central City Concerns, an organization that particularly interested Simeon because of its emphasis on helping the needy of Portland learn to help themselves. Simeon had been an Active WSO Member since 1998.

The Oregonian

Submitted by Jayne Ferlitsch

#### **BOARD ACTION REPORT**

By Gina Locke

Mary Coppett called the WSO Board meeting to order on Saturday January 14, 2012 at 11:30 am; 17 members were present.



#### **Financial Business:**

Treasurer Dianne Lay reported total assets of \$ 81,787.56.

It was discussed and voted to set aside \$5,000 for the WFWS 2017 Exhibition that WSO will be hosting. A request was made to make a yearly allocation.

#### **Financial Statements:**

 2011
 2010
 2009

 Income \$ 84,836
 \$76,041
 \$ 82,276

 Expense 88,419
 80,687
 94,468

 Net Loss \$-3,583
 \$-4,646
 \$-12,192

#### **Budgets:**

Dianne will work with the various councils this year to develop a budget that can be voted on at the October Board meeting.

It was decided that an audit for 2011 would not be necessary.

#### **Reimbursement Procedures:**

The WSO Member Page has the reimbursement form to be used for reimbursement requests. The list of Expense Accounts is also on the WSO Member Page. The Council Chairman should approve all requests prior to sending to Dianne. If at all possible please select the appropriate expense account to put on the reimbursement form.

WSO reimburses 14 cents per mile for WSO Board meetings and 55.5 cents for exhibition deliveries (when UPS is not used). These are based on IRS allowances for charitable work and business expense, respectively.

It was voted to donate \$1,500 to the WSO 100 Club at this time.

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## Public Relations Council:

Margaret Godfrey contacted Gale Webb as a potential juror for the Spring Convention in 2015. Her fees are in alignment with other jurors. Gale would like to do a 4-day workshop.

It was voted and passed for Margaret to write up a contract to send to Gale Webb.

#### **Nomination Committee:**

Vinita suggested that we wait until the Fall Convention for the Service

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Award because there is not a Banquet at the one day Spring Convention to honor the recipient. It was voted and passed to wait until the Fall Convention.

#### **Convention Council:**

Lynn Powers has agreed to take on the Image Coordinator position.

We have Convention Chairs through 2012. Rob Robinson and Stephanie Low



Lynn Powers

would like to chair a convention in Albany for Spring 2013. We still need a chair for fall 2013. Bend would like to have a convention in 2014.

#### **Publications Council:**

Rob is turning over the web job to Tara Choate. You can send information to both of them for now. Rob is taking care of the online entries.

#### **Education Council:**

Bobbie Mathews is the Workshop Chair on the Education council. Bobbie replaces Susan Greenbaum who has held the position for several years.

#### **Western Federation of Watercolors:**

It was voted and passed to send our delegates, Ruth Armitage and Jayne Ferlitsch to Las Vegas for the spring Western Federation show.



Board Members prepare to get down to business. The two quarterly board meetings that fall between conventions are currently being held at the home of LaVonne Tarbox-Crone.

#### HELP WANTED!!!

By Deanna St. Martin

We have wonderful Conventions and Chairpersons lined up in the future, and are still looking for Convention Chairs



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for Fall 2013 and beyond.

Portland, Spring 2012 - April 14 Chair: Jennie Chen Juror: Carla O'Connor

Welches, Fall 2012 - October 5-7 Chairs: Beth Verheyden & Connie Athman Juror: Chris VanWinkle

Albany, Spring 2013 - April 5-7 Chairs: Stephanie Low Rob Robinson

Juror: Mary Ann Beckwith Fall 2013 (Bend Possible)

- October 4-6 Chairs: Open Juror: Connie Adams

Spring 2014 (Open) - April 5-7 Chairs: Open Juror: Open

Fall 2014 (Open) - October 4-6 Chairs: Open Juror: Open

Spring 2015 (Open) - April 10-12 Chairs: Open Juror: Gale Webb

Please make note that we have a suggested location and venue for the Fall 2013 show but are in dire need of a Convention Chair. If you would like to help Chair a WSO Convention in your community please contact Deanna St. Martin.



## WESTERN FEDERATION OF WATERCOLOR SOCIETIES

By Ruth Armitage, Delegate

The results are in for the 2012 Western Federation Exhibition. 41 WSO artists entered 87 paintings; eight were accepted.



That's 5.125% - I'm proud of all the artists that entered! We had to withdraw one artist's work because it had been exhibited before in a national show, which is not allowed per the prospectus. How unfortunate that they overlooked that item.

Nine of our WSO artists have only 2 more shows before they can claim signature status in WFWS. Accepted artists were:

Jenny Armitage Sarah Bouwsma Cindy Briggs Leslie Cheney-Parr Mary Coppett Margaret Godfrey Mike Hill Charlotte Peterson

I hope that some of our members will be able to travel to the show, which will be in Las Vegas this year, April 12 -15. I'm sure Gerald Brommer has chosen a wonderful show. If you are interested in attending, please email me for the hospitality information.

I've just gotten an email tonight that NVWS has had to change the exhibition venue as the Marjorie Barrack Museum is closing unexpectedly. The show will now be exhibited at the Ham Concert Hall on the UNLV campus. The good news is there will be lots of foot traffic viewing the art.

Costs for Jayne & Ruth to attend as representatives this year will include:

Hotel: \$119+tax per night x three nights = \$360 + tax as well as airfare of between \$230-270.00 each. Total cost should be about \$860. I have not received any notice of transportation, meals or other

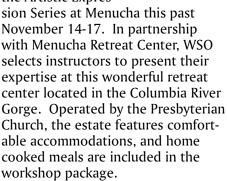
expenses from the Nevada Watercolor Society, but would not expect them to exceed \$150.

We have started forming our committee for our turn to host WFWS, which rolls around in 2017. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jayne or Ruth!

#### MENUCHA ART CAMP FOR ADULTS

By Mary Burgess

Four art filled days were enjoyed by the attendees of our first workshop in the Artistic Expres-



Students were treated to two exciting days of instruction by Jacqueline Newbold, who divulged her many secrets and insights into visual travel journaling including stamping, lettering, painting and preparing the watercolor journal ahead of time to be ready for some quick and satisfying journal pages. Jacqueline has shared her techniques

in articles for the popular magazine *Cloth Paper Scissors*, and has just completed filming for a DVD which will be released soon.

Two more days of hands-on instruction by Mary Burgess were packed with three amazing decorative paper techniques including the magic of paper marbling, a definite favorite among participants. The two days culminated in students creating their own hand-bound watercolor journal book to be used on their future travels. In the end, everyone came away with a bundle of unique, beautiful papers to be used for everything from collage and bookbinding to gift wrap.

Anyone who has had the pleasure of spending time at Menucha will agree... art camp for adults is absolutely *the best* experience! Please check out the website, *menucha.org* for upcoming workshops scheduled for March and November and register online.



Liz Manczak prepares to bind her journal.



Caroline Anderson and Deanna St. Martin watch as Mary Burgess demonstrates paper marbling.



Jacqueline Newbold demonstrates as Liz Manczak, Bernice Rust and Claudia Breese look on.



#### **EDUCATION COUNCIL**

By Geoffrey McCormack

As new Education Member-at-Large this is my first column. The first thing I want to



report is that my predecessor, Diana Nadal is still involved in WSO education. She has created a new position on the Education Council; she is now the WSO Liaison to Menucha with the goal of continuing the Artistic Expressions Workshop Series at Menucha's beautiful facility. See complete information for the next Menucha/WSO event at end of this column.

I strongly support two WSO programs that fall under its education umbrella: Critique Groups, and Critique Group initiated workshops. If your Critique Group wants to create your own workshop, the starting place is the WSO website. Once in www.watercolorsocietyoforegon.com click on "Members Page" and scroll down to "Workshop Request Form and Information." Here you will find just about everything you will need to know. If you have additional questions, email me at: Education@ WatercolorSocietyofOregon.com

## Recent and Upcoming Critique Group Workshops:

## Ruth Armitage 'Spark Session' at Umpqua Valley Arts

J. Lynn Peterson organized a three-day workshop in Roseburg in November, featuring Ruth Armitage as the instructor. The class was designed to provide 'sparks' of inspiration for later exploration. Eight artists worked diligently, experimenting with dominance and exercising their creativity muscles. Demonstrations focused on value studies, yupo techniques, watercolor & gouache, acrylic, collage and encaustic.

Umpqua Valley Art Center provided a wonderful classroom, and Nancy

Wolf served as a generous home-stay host for Ruth, keeping the cost down for members and instructor alike.

Each artist received a lot of personal attention and feedback. The group enjoyed visiting two different local art shows and a group dinner together as well.

Thanks to the WSO Education Foundation, J. Lynn, Nancy, and UV Arts for making this workshop possible. The reviews were wonderful and we hope to be able to do it again one day.

#### Bev Jozwiak Workshop

The Color Wheels Critique Group, led by Susan Lyslo in the West Linn area, organized a workshop with Bev Jozwiak for January 30-31. The Color Wheels found an instructor they wished to learn from, enrolled enough members to spread out the cost, then presented it to the WSO Education Council for funds. Again WSO helped make their local art experience really affordable.

#### Beth Verheyden Workshop

Alice Tetamore's Brownsville Critique Group has created their own two-day workshop for February 24-25. The Brownsville Art Center will host popular WSO instructor Beth Verheyden. Beth's fees will be offset with WSO Education funds. New Critique Groups: I've sent emails introducing New Members and Regional Critique Group Coordinators inviting them to participate in existing groups or create a new group. When needed, WSO offered help starting a new group by supplying printed materials and participation by an Education Council Member.

Two new Critique groups have formed this quarter: one in Gresham with the direct help and participation of Diana Nadal and another in Corvallis with my help.

The new Gresham Critique Group is headed by Gail Johnson and was formed with mostly New Members including Connie Athman, Glennda Field, Lori Baker and Pam Eckert. In mid-November they had their first meeting, which was also attended by Diana Nadal for support and guidance. A comment about this critique experience the next day was, "I learned a lot and enjoyed every minute. I'm going to get busy making some changes to my paintings from the suggestions given last night. I think the changes will improve my work."

Corvallis New Member Claudia Weintraub responded to my email to New Members in the mid-Willamette Valley. She told me of a critique group she had recently started in connection with the Corvallis Art



Students at Ruth Armitage's "Spark Session" in Roseburg having a wonderful time



Guild and wondered if there would be a conflict inviting other local WSO Members to her group. I said it was a great idea and saw no problem. I did suggest she request attendees to at least become a subscriber to WSO. They meet in a neighborhood clubhouse meeting room in south Corvallis. This group meets the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm. Contact Claudia for details at: claudiacw@comcast.net

#### WSO-Menucha Artistic Expressions Workshop Series:

A partnership of the Watercolor Society of Oregon and Menucha Retreat and Conference Center.

Head to the Columbia Gorge for Carol Carter's "Watercolor Intuition!" Dates are March 25-29, Spring Break. About Carol Carter:

- She comes highly recommended as a teacher who is incredibly generous with her knowledge and ability to successfully transmit her techniques to her students.
- Watercolor Magazine named her one of Twenty-five Watercolorists to Watch in its 25th Anniversary issue.
- Carol Carter, along with Kathleen Alexander, Mark Mehaffey, Thomas W. Schaller, Keiko Tanabe and Nicholas Simmons are exhibiting their artwork at the Strathmore Foundation in Washington, D.C. from January 7 February 4, 2012. The group formed North American Watercolor Artists (NAWA) in 2010 and have exhibited in international exhibitions in Mexico City and Madrid.
- Visit www.carol-carter.com for more info.

About the Workshop: Participants will gain insight into Carol's wet water-color technique, as well as her approach to watercolor wash, color structuring, imagery and content. The workshop will also include tips on marketing your art, resources for supplies, documenting artwork and developing personal imagery.

Cost per person includes 4 nights lodging, program fee and all meals.

Community Lodging - \$433 Double Occupancy - \$493 Single Occupancy - \$533

Menucha also welcomes commuters. Commuter cost is \$333 and includes 4 lunches. The workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Register by March 2 at:

www.menucha.org/programs/march201 2watercolor



Nearby view of the Columbia River Gorge



Main building at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center





#### **Portland** - (continued from front page)

After the Lecture, if you have not ordered a box lunch, you can walk one block to 9<sup>th</sup> and Alder and find some of Portland's finest food carts to select the cuisine of your choice.



Right after lunch we will begin the following Saturday Activities:

Juror Carla O'Connor will offer a Slide Critique.

- Our own downtown art muse, Gene Gill, will offer a "Photo Safari." He will begin with a short lecture and then lead members on a walk to the photo sites.
- Acclaimed plein air painter Susan Spears will lead a Paint-Out. She has painted all over Oregon and will share her favorite spot for painting in downtown Portland.
- After years of experiencing painting on different surfaces, Rene Eisenbart will introduce you to her new find: painting watercolor on cradled wood panels.
- High desert artist Winnie Givot of Sisters will be presenting a session on Watercolor Journaling. She will show you how to capture the magic of what you see.
- "Paint it, Sell it" will be hosted by Janet Livesay from SCORE. She will provide information on how artists can start and maintain their small businesses.

At 3:45 pm, the first charter bus will transport us from the church to the Artists' Reception and Awards, which starts at 4:30 pm just a few blocks away at the *Oregon Society of Artists* (OSA) at 2185 SW Park Avenue. OSA



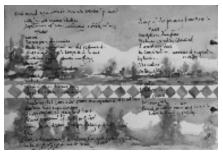
Gene Gill's painting, "Broadway Bright Lights"



Rene Eisenbart's bird series on cradled wood panels

You'll marvel at Winnie Givot's journal pages





will roll out the red carpet to invite you to view the 80 juried paintings chosen by Juror Carla O'Connor. We will sample hors d'oeuvres and toast all the winners.

After we celebrate the successes of our fellow artists, you are on your own for dinner or can join others to experience some fine dining at one of Portland's renowned restaurants. We have included a list of restaurants in this issue of the *Watermark* and have assigned several local WSO Members to the task of making dinner reservations ahead of time. Arlene Millering, Becky Meier, Diane Pinney and Susan Hook are the volunteers on the Dining Out Committee.



For lodging there are plenty of area hotels to choose from, (see suggestion list on page 13 in pull-out section) or consider coming to town early and signing up for a home stay with one of our local WSO Members who are looking forward to having you as their guest. Many Members have already begun making home-stay arrangements – it's a great way to get to know your fellow artists. Email Linda Nye for information about home-stays.

We hope you make the most of your time in Portland. Consider coming in early on Thursday or Friday and spend a few hours at Powell's Book Store, or visit art galleries in the Pearl District. Then before going home on Sunday, check out some of Portland's art supply stores: Dick Blick (formerly Art Media), Muse Art & Design, or Utrecht.

There are plenty of activities for non-artists who come to visit Portland. Jesse Walker, husband of WSO Member Liz, has volunteered to lead a distillery tour/lunchtime excursion. For more information on this tour, see your Yellow Pull-Out section and be sure to sign up via the Early Registration form enclosed with this issue.

Other Portland attractions include Portland Art Museum, the Rose Garden and Japanese Garden, a boat ride on the Willamette River, shopping for handcrafted arts at the Saturday Market, visiting art galleries, or touring OMSI – Museum of Science and Industry. We look forward to seeing you in the Rose City at the Portland Convention on April 14.

If you live in the Portland area and would like to help the planning committees, please email Jennie Chen. We are especially in need of



The First Presbyterian Church at 1200 SW Alder St will be headquarters for the convention.

local volunteers to gallery sit at OSA from 1 - 4 pm Tuesday - Sunday throughout the exhibit dates (April 14 - April 29). Contact Gallery Sitting Chair Rene Eisenbart if you would like to help.

Consider arriving a few days before the Convention to get settled in and enjoy the sights. That will also allow you to hand deliver your accepted painting if yours is among the accepted works.

#### **Prior to the Convention:**

Refer to the calendar in your Prospectus and the dates and times on your Early Registration Form. Remember that Early Registration ends March 20. After that date, registration will be available only at the Hospitality Table. Since several activities (such as having a painting in the Juror's Critique) are limited to 20 or 25 participants. Please note that events are filled on a "first-received, first-registered" basis.

Shipped and hand-delivered, accepted watercolor paintings, must be received at OSA by Wednesday, April 11 from 10 - 4 pm. (Consider "pooling" your hand delivery with other artists in your area). OSA's hanging crew, led by WSO Member Donna Jarvis, will receive your paintings.





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#### **Juror** - (continued from front page)



"Passing Fancy" by Carla O'Connor

formal study at the University of the Americas, Mexico City; University of Dayton, Ohio; and the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. O'Connor is a Signature member of the *American Watercolor Society*, *National Watercolor Society* and *Northwest Watercolor Society* and is an AWS Dolphin Fellow.

A bold and innovative painter, Carla has also been juror for numerous national and regional groups including the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, the Northwest Watercolor Society, Watercolor Art Society - Houston, the Arizona Watercolor Association, and the Watercolor Societies of Florida and San Diego. Carla was Chairman of Awards Jury for AWS 2008 and was sole juror for Western Federation of Watercolor Societies in 2010.

For more information about Carla and to see images of her many award-winning paintings, visit her website: www.carlaoconnor.com





One of Carla O'Connor's amazing paintings

### **REGISTRATION TIME IS HERE!**



Our new WSO Early Registration Co-chairs Jolene Christensen and Joneile Emery

By Joneile Emery, Early Registration Co-chair

It's time to register early to get all the selections you want at Spring Convention in Portland. We are always trying to streamline the form and make this an easy process for you. Here are a few things to remember when filling out your registration form:

- 1. *Make sure you fill in every field completely.* Don't overlook your complete address street/ city/ zip code.
- 2. When registering for a Critique session, remember there are two ways to participate.

If you check <u>"yes - I will send one image,"</u> the first 25 people registered will get a confirmation letter with instructions for how to send their image to be included in the slide show.

If you check <u>"observer/ non-participant,"</u> you will simply be a spectator in the Critique. When there are two Critique sessions, Members may only register an image in one session to allow more people the opportunity.

- 3. **Early registration closes March 20**. If you think your form will arrive later than that date, don't send it and instead register in Portland at the Hospitality Table.
- 4. Look over your form carefully and watch times of events so you don't double schedule yourself! Don't forget to include your check, make it out to WSO, and send it off to Jolene Christensen, 3092 Herald Ln, Eugene, Oregon 97405.

This Spring Convention looks to be full of great opportunities to celebrate art in Portland! Jolene and I are new at serving in Early Registration but we are eager to help you. If you have any questions, please contact us.



#### THE YELLOW PAGES - YOUR HANDY "PULL-OUT" FOR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

### YOUR GUIDE TO SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR... "ONE FINE DAY"

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 14th

#### WSO Spring Convention & Exhibition in the Heart of the Rose City April 14, 2012

at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Portland and Oregon Society of Artists (OSA)



Show Chair Jennie Chen welcomes you to the WSO Spring Convention in Portland

#### **Board Meeting** (Friday night)

7:00 pm Calvin Library in the Church Basement

#### Registration

8:00 am - approx. 4:00 pm Narthex

The Registration Table opens at 8:00 am. This is where you will pick up your registration materials. Pre-registered and unregistered attendees need to check in to get name tags, etc. You will receive a folder containing a Restaurant Guide and other items of interest. Make dinner reservations for Saturday evening after the Artist's Reception & Awards using the Restaurant Guide in your folder. Arlene Millering, Becky Meier, Diane Pinney and Susan Hook are heading up the Dining Out committee.

If your painting was one of the Fall Award winners, be sure to ask at the Registration Table for the location of those paintings and pick them up on April 14.

#### **New Member Show**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm The Chapel

Paintings by our New Members will be on display in the Chapel throughout the day.

#### Convention Introduction

9:00 - 9:20 am *Geneva Room* 

The Convention will begin with a welcome from our President, Board announcements and a Fall Convention update.

#### Welcome of New Members

9:20 - 9:55 am Geneva Room

LaVonne Tarbox-Crone will introduce New Members with their paintings.

#### Carla O'Connor Lecture/Demonstration

10:00 - 11:30 am Geneva Room

Juror Carla O'Connor from Gig Harbor, Washington will help us discover the power of her "what if" approach to painting. Carla likes to stay in the moment while discovering the message of a painting, and as a result she always creates something unexpected. We can all look forward to an exciting morning.

#### Lunch (on your own): Explore Portland Food Carts

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

If you have not ordered a box lunch (see registration form) you can walk one block to 9<sup>th</sup> and Alder to find some of Portland's finest food carts and select the cuisine of your choice.

#### [Non-Artist Activity] Distillery Outing/Lunch at Portland Pies

10:30 am - 3:00 pm Church Narthex

Cost: \$15 to cover tasting fees, plus the cost for lunch.

As part of WSO's Portland Convention, Jesse Walker will lead a tour of three distilleries. Portland is enjoying a boomlet in boutique distilleries and we will visit three. The first stop is the Stone Barn distillery, known for its whiskeys. For lunch we will eat at

Portland Pies, an Eastside purveyor of both savory and dessert pies in the \$5 to \$7 range. After lunch the tour will visit the New Deal Distillery, a gin shop, and finish at Clear Creek Distillery, world famous for its pear brandy. Once you sign up via the Registration Form you'll be emailed with Jesse's contact information (cell & email).

#### Juror Carla O'Connor's Critique

1:00 - 2:15 pm *Geneva Room* 

Juror Carla O'Connor will critique 25 Members' paintings (*The first 25 who enrolled and checked "yes," that they will be sending a digital image*). There is plenty of room for any observers.

When you receive your confirmation letter from the Convention Registration Chairs that you are one of 25 selected for the Critique Session, please take the time right then to email your digital image to Suzi Blaisdell. Resize your jpeg file to 1200 pixels on the longest side with a resolution of 72 ppi, naming the image as follows: last name, first initial (example: NadalD.jpg). The deadline for receiving images is April 2.

#### Gene Gill Photo Safari

1:00 - 3:30 pm Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Gene graduated from the Art Center School in Pasadena, CA, had a successful advertising career in Detroit, and eventually moved to Portland in the 1970's. He attended



Portland Museum Art School (now known as the Pacific Northwest College of Art). Besides a thriving career in watercolor painting, he also teaches, lectures, designs advertising and does private commissions.

Gene's muse is the City of Portland. He often walks around city blocks taking pictures of what inspires him and capturing moments that evoke emotion. Sometimes he even hires a model when necessary. He admits it's too dangerous to set up his easel on the street, so he instead develops his paintings in his studio with lively color and skillfully executed brush strokes. Gene paints

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with vibrant colors, using his delightful story telling ability to craft his realistic and impressionist style paintings.

On Saturday, he will begin with a short lecture in the classroom and lead members on a walking tour to several of his favorite photo sites. "A good photo can inspire a successful painting," says Gene. Please let him inspire your next cityscape, figures or abstract painting.

Susan Spears Paint-Out

1:00 - 3:30 pm Church lobby

Susan Spears received her BA in Art and teaching credentials from California University at Fullerton. She then obtained a degree in Commercial



Art, worked in the illuminated sign business, and taught high school art for several years. Currently, she leads a plein air workshop called *Eye on the Sky Outdoor Workshop*, held at different sites every Friday from April through October. Susan revels in the chance to paint outdoors. "Only by painting en plein air can light and depth be achieved as it is," says Susan. When the rain arrives in Oregon, she teaches a drawing class called "Inside Line."

Many of Susan's paintings are individual or corporate commissions. Her work is on display at companies including Intel, Portland City Grill, Salem Hospital, Willakenzie Winery, and Marywoods Retirement Center. Her creativity and use of clean, vibrant colors define her unique style. It will be a great opportunity to follow her on an outing, pick your city scene and create your own masterpiece on location in downtown Portland.

Winnie Givot -- Watercolor Journaling

2:30 - 3:45 pm Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Begin or continue a watercolor journal in this hands-on class as we explore ways to record our journeys, whether traveling or at home.



We'll play with painting, writing and page embellishments on watercolor paper in a simple handmade journal.

Her inspiration can come from a face, a flower, a still life or landscape, whatever she sees with the eye of her heart. That seeing is what she teaches, along with drawing and handling the wonderful medium of watercolor.

In 2002 she presented 24 paintings to members of the U.S. Congress as

inspiration so that instead of basing decisions on greed and fear, they might find new and better solutions. Her paintings are in collections internationally, including those of President and Mrs. Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Colin Powell, Deepak Chopra, Senator Ron Wyden, United Parcel Service, Colorado College, Harley Brown, the Gov. and Mrs. John Kitzhaber, and the Congress of Chile.

She lives in a straw bale house on a small ridge overlooking the Three Sisters and Cascade Mountains. Her studio in the barn is welcoming to students, collectors and those who simply want to share the beauty and peace. To visit Winnie Givot's Barn Studio and Gallery near Sisters and see her work, or for information about classes and workshops in her studio and abroad, contact her.

#### René Eisenbart Painted Surfaces: Watercolor on Cradled Wood Panels

2:30 - 3:45 pm Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Artist/instructor René Eisenbart will introduce you to her process of permanently sealing watercolor paintings using acrylic medi-



ums, so there is no need to frame under glass. The wood panels she uses have a contemporary look and feel that can be preferred over traditional framing with no mats to cut and no reflective glass. It is also economical.

Pros and cons of adhering finished artwork (versus attaching blank water-color paper to the board before painting) will be addressed in this session. Instruction will cover archival techniques and how to add acrylic to a watercolor without smearing the paint. René will also demonstrate using a wax medium to protect art from the elements. One 8x8 cradled panel, handcrafted by American Easel in Salem, Oregon, will be provided to each workshop participant.

René writes about transferring her painting, "Free As A Fish" from a frame with plexiglass to a cradled panel on her blog. See "Out of the Frame - Onto the Cradle," March 9, 2011 http://renesnews.blogspot.com

René is well known for her plant and wildlife renderings published in the Homes & Gardens section of The Oregonian. While her passion for gardening continues to inspire her art, she now enjoys working with portraits and other figurative images as well. Her contemporary work images that speak to

her heart are expressed with vibrant color and rich texture. René teaches watercolor painting in classes and workshops at Oregon Society of Artists and throughout the region. On a sunny day though, you're just as likely to find her making trails in the woods near her home in the Tualatin Mountains northwest of Portland.

"Paint it, Sell it" – Janet Livesay from SCORE 2:30 - 3:45 pm Geneva Room

Are you a hobbyist or a working artist? Are you compelled to paint but not skilled at keeping track of your inventory? If so, this is the presentation you've been waiting for.

Janet Livesay will speak on behalf of SCORE, a nonprofit association and part of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Founded in 1964, SCORE is dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow, and succeed nationwide. They volunteer free counseling in all areas of managing and growing a business.

In this discussion, Janet will touch on working artists' issues such as establishing and maintaining a website, portfolio albums, published albums, and selling artwork through galleries and representatives.

For a minimal fee SCORE schedules marketing workshops which focus on business plans, social media sales, Quickbooks and website management. They connect small business owners (such as working artists) with the people and information they need to start, grow, and maintain their businesses. There are even online workshops available 24/7.

This presentation will feature the opportunity to ask lots of questions. Janet will make every effort to answer your questions and provide a variety of handouts for you to take with you. Don't miss this informative Q&A presentation.

#### Bus Ride, Church to OSA and back

first bus - 3:45 pm (returns at 5:45) last bus - 5:45 pm (returns at 6:30)

Because of limited parking at OSA, we highly recommend that you take the bus provided by WSO to and from the OSA reception. Be sure to indicate how many will be riding the bus on your Registration Form (included with this issue).



#### Artists' Reception and Awards

4:30 - 6:00 pm Oregon Society of Artists (OSA) 2185 SW Park Place

The Gallery opens at 3:30 pm to reveal Juror Carla O'Connor's selection of 20 award winners amid the 80 selected aqueous media paintings. There will be People's Choice Award slips so you can vote

for your favorite.

Light food and wine will be provided. After the reception, plan to dine out at one of the many restaurants in Portland and the surrounding area. Make your own reservations, or sign up to join a dinner group that will be led by one of our hostesses. A restaurant guide will be in your registration packet.

#### **NEW MEMBER EXHIBIT**

By LaVonne Tarbox-Crone

New WSO Members will need to show up early on Saturday, April 14 for the Spring Convention in



Portland. The New Member Orientation will kick off the day of activities at the First Presbyterian Church. We invite all newcomers from all over the state to be part of a separate nonjuried show by bringing along a painting for the one day exhibit.

The 9:20 am meeting will take place in the Geneva Room downstairs in the church. After the meeting the show will move upstairs to the Chapel. So if you are new, start planning now to bring one of your best smaller works for this show. The orientation will help answer many questions you might have. It will also give you a chance to meet each other. We even hope to arrange for you to have dinner

that evening with one of our Board volunteers.

I will be contacting you soon with a special invitation and details on bringing in your painting. For those of you who have entered the competition and been accepted into the regular Spring Exhibition, this will be a double opportunity to show us what you can do.

Fourteen New Members were left off the November Watermark list. I hope you can check this reprinted list for folks who live near you, and make them feel included by inviting them to join in nearby art activities. Those of you coming to the Convention might consider inviting a new person from your area to 'ride along.' It is always a challenge to venture into the unknown, so help the new folks get acquainted.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions...I love to share my enthusiasm for my favorite events.

LaVonne Tarbox-Crone

#### New 2012, 59 Members sorted by town:

Debbie Janssen Astoria Sandra Pearce Banks Joanna Hay Beaverton Liz Thoresen Beaverton Chris Elliott Bend Pam Talley Bend Mary Heflin **Brookings** Ireta Sitts Graube Cannon Beach Glennda Field Corbett Martha Dayton Corvallis Victoria Martinez Corvallis Corvallis Ernest Richter Claudia Weintraub Corvallis Kay Beckham Creswell Raejean Steele Carter Eugene Patty Duncan Eugene Chuck Roehrich Eugene Betty Vail Eugene Joyce Cannon **Grants Pass** Gresham Gail Johnson Joyce Cheatham Happy Valley Sue Anne Seckora Hillsboro Kathy Gunson **Junction City** Hong Bai Lake Oswego Karen Berg Lake Oswego Amanda James Lake Oswego Patricia Bargen Medford Marilyn Zupan Medford Susan Benski **Oregon City** Oregon City June Clapp Mary Ann Beutick-Warren Portland **Ierry Dickason** Portland Hebe Greizerstein Portland Julie Harris **Portland** Steve Kleier Portland Mason Parker Portland Gayatri Vasudevan Portland Don Weltv Portland Winky Wheeler Portland William Woods Portland Dorothy Roth Redmond Becky Jacob Rhododendron Jani Brown Roseburg Nancy Jolley Roseburg Judy Waller Roseburg Catherine Wayne Roseburg Kathrvn Decker Salem Janet Orso-Allen Salem Nita Wipper Salem Dana Hamburg Sandy Linda Robison Sisters Alisha Whitman The Dalles Dianne Hicks Tualatin Elaine Frances Moriarty Umpqua Ellen Swets Veneta Sheila Parsons Warrenton Mary Holt West Linn John Miller West Linn

## WHERE TO STAY Home-stays and Downtown Hotels

By Jennie Chen

We are very fortunate to have Linda Nye as the chair for the Home-Stay program, which pairs out-of-town Members with local Members who have generously offered weekend lodging in their own homes. Email Linda and let her know if 1) you would like to host a guest or 2) you are coming in from out of town and would like to stay with a local Portland Member.

Alternatively, you can stay in the

suburbs and ride a TriMet bus or MAX light rail into town. You can also stay in the city center downtown close to the main events.

Unlike past Conventions, WSO hasn't made contracts with the hotels, so it is best if you book through an internet discount website or your discount agent. A word of caution about parking: downtown hotels often charge you for parking along with your room fee. Since parking is a big concern in Portland, we highly recommend members car pool with local WSO Members or take

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**Judy Robinson** 

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public transportation if they are not staying in the downtown area.

Here are a few hotel recommendations located near the First Presbyterian Church:

The Governor Hotel 614 SW 11th Ave 503-224-3400 \$\$\$

Hilton Portland & Executive
921 SW 6th Ave
503-226-1611 \$\$\$

**Mark Spencer** 409 SW 11th Ave 503-224-3293 \$\$

University Place Hotel 310 SW Lincoln St 503-221-0140 \$\$

Econo Lodge City Center 1889 SW 4th Ave 503-226-7646 \$\$

Travelodge Ptld City Center 2401 SW 4th Ave 503-226-1121 \$

#### **Downtown & Church Parking**

Next to the church is an underground parking garage (city-owned). The entrance to the garage is located on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. On Saturday, the maximum cost is \$8.50/day or pay the following:

Saturday Day Rate \$1.00 / Hour (until 5:00 PM)

## PORTLAND DINING SUGGESTIONS

By Jennie Chen

**Brew Pubs:** 

North 45 517 NW 21st Ave 503-248-6317 Pub Burgers, etc. www.north45pub.com

Ringler's Pub W. Burnside at 12<sup>th</sup> 503-525-0627 Fish dishes, steak, veggies, and appetizers Plates & entrees from \$9.50 to \$12.75. Most dishes are under \$15.00 www.mcmenamins.com

Henry's 12th St. Tavern 10 NW 12th Ave 503-227-5320 Large brewery blocks restaurant, great onion rings www.henrystavern.com

### Deschutes Brewery & Public House

210 NW 11th Ave 503-296-4906 Traditional brew pub, good food and beer, lively atmosphere www.deschutesbrewery.com

NW Public House 2327 NW Kearney 503-228-5553 www.northwestpublichouse.com **Ethnic and small plates:** 

Masu Sushi 406 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Ave 503-221-6278 salads, soup and hot entrees Salads \$8 - \$9. Hot dishes vary from \$2 for miso soup to \$14 for short ribs www.masusushi.com

Andina
1314 NW Glisan
503-228-9535
Peruvian food - not highly
spiced, more like Caribbean
food than Mexican
Price range \$19 to \$29
andinarestaurant.com

#### Italian/ Mediterranean

Pizza Oasis 2241 W Burnside 503-228-5260 www.pizzaoasis.com

Mama Mia Trattoria 439 SW 2nd Ave 503-295-6464 www.mamamiatrattoria.com

Serrato 2112 NW Kearney 503-221-1195 Upscale atmosphere, good Mediterranean www.serratto.com

Blue Olive 500 NW 21st Ave 503-528-2822 Greek, Mediterranean, seafood www.blueolivepdx.com Ristorante Roma 622 SW 12th Ave 503-241-2692 Www.ristoranteromaportland

Meriwether's 2601 NW Vaughn St 503-228-1250 Mediterranean influences Prices \$20-\$30 www.meriwethersnw.com

#### Mexican/ Tex-Mex

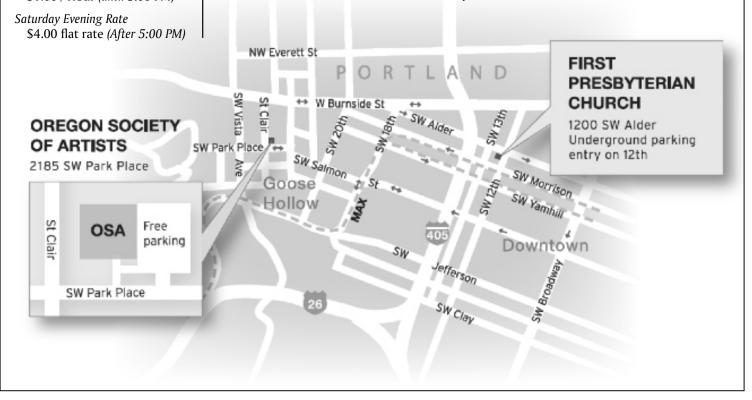
Casa del Matador 1438 NW 23rd Ave 503-228-2855 Authentic Tex-Mex, original and fresh recipes. Tequila bar and margaritas www.matadorrestaurants.com

#### American/Steak House

Ringside Steakhouse 2165 W Burnside St 503-223-1513 www.ringsidesteakhouse.com

Cassidy's 1331 SW Washington 503-223-0054 Prices \$20-\$30 www.cassidysrestaurant.com

Call for reservations. For additional suggestions, check out <a href="https://www.yelp.com">www.yelp.com</a> or <a href="https://www.portlanddiningguide.com">www.portlanddiningguide.com</a>





## **EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

46<sup>th</sup> Transparent Show Fall 2011, Sunriver Juror: Ted Nuttall

**20 Touring Paintings** 

February 1-24, 2012

Emerald Art Center 500 Main Street Springfield 97477 Commission 40% (Members 30%) Tues-Sat 11am-4pm Guy Weese March 1-31, 2012

Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center 900 E 11th St NE Bandon 97411 No Commission, donations accepted Open daily 7am-7pm Victoria Tierney

47th<sup>th</sup> Aqueous Media Show Spring 2012, Portland

Juror: Carla O'Connor

All 80 Paintings

April 15 - April 29, 2012
Oregon Society of Artists
2185 SW Park Place
Portland 97205
No Commission
Tues-Sun 1-4pm
Hal Wright

20 Touring Paintings

May 11 - July 6, 2012

Umpqua Valley Arts Center 1624 Harvard Avenue Roseburg 97471 Commission 40% (Members 30%) Tues-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm Aleta McGee

For questions and suggestions about the traveling show, you may contact Cindy Briggs.

## CARLA O'CONNOR 3-DAY WORKSHOP:

FIGURE IN DESIGN



"The Courtesans" by Carla O'Connor

Carla O'Connor's 3-day Workshop, to be held April 16-18 at OSA in Portland, will stress bold composition and strong design using the human figure for inspiration. Each day's lesson will focus on a different aspect of design: shape, light, linkage, texture, space, etc. You will explore abstraction, emphasize "the process" and concentrate on composing the entire page.

Each participant's preferences, originality, and creativity are most important. Carla will be using transparent watercolor and gouache, and include frequent mini-demonstrations in a direct painting method.

Sessions include clothed models as your subject for finding as many different ways as possible of "seeing." "If a model is posing for the workshop, I insist that people work and not waste time chatting, breaking for snacks, or allowing themselves to be distracted," O'Connor says. "We're paying for the model's time and we need to have a collection of drawings available when we start painting, so it's imperative that we take full advantage of the opportunity to draw. The model is a precious commodity, and drawing is the basis of all art."

"My painting process is so open-ended that I don't even attempt to complete a painting during one of the demonstrations I offer in a class," O'Connor adds. "It is a process of trial and error back and forth, put it down, lift it off, experiment until all the effort used to produce the painting is no longer evident. There are so many changes taking place that students can get confused, frustrated, and sometimes bored if I made them sit through it all. Instead, I just do short demonstrations of specific ideas, materials, and approaches to illustrate some of the points I cover in conversation. I may go back and work on the same painting, but only if there is a point I can make that might be helpful to the participants."

Carla has a lot of clear ideas of how she might be able to help other artists derive more enjoyment from the creative process, and that's one of the reasons she is willing to conduct so many workshops and why students return to work with her year after year. "One of the best ways to grow and develop as an artist is to teach someone else, and I certainly have learned about myself as I've tried to help others," she explains. "The creative process is almost 80 percent mental and 20 percent physical."

Under Carla's watch, that creative process happens in a very structured workshop program that includes minidemonstrations, clear recommendations, group discussions, and individual conversations. "I suggest to people that they take on a new identity when they participate in one of my workshops," she says. "I want them to be prepared to try something completely new. I presume they signed up for a workshop with Carla O'Connor or someone else because they want to learn from that instructor. Why spend all that time and money taking a workshop if the student only intends to demonstrate what he or she already knows?"

This workshop, which is full with a waiting list, promises to be an extraordinary experience for our Members who are fortunate enough to take it. Workshop coordinator Harold Walkup encourages attendees to brown bag their own lunch or enjoy nearby eateries on their noon break.

#### **Workshop Information:**

Dates: April 16-18, 2012

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Place: Oregon Society of Artists 2185 SW Park Place, Portland



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## ART WITH ALTITUDE! RESORT AT THE MOUNTAIN, WELCHES - OCTOBER 2012

By Beth Verheyden and Steve Ludeman



Plan now to visit the Villages of Mount Hood, centered in Welches, for the WSO Fall Convention. Chris Van Winkle, award winning artist and past-president of the National Watercolor Society, is our featured Juror and Workshop Instructor. Mark your calendars for October 5, 6 and 7 and plan to bring your family to enjoy the scenic beauty and many recreational opportunities near Mount Hood!

Convention Co-Chairs Beth Verheyden (Boring) and Connie Athman (Sandy) are working with their Show Committee to plan an educational and fun weekend.

The Resort at the Mountain in Welches will be the center of this Convention. The activities will take place in various locations between Welches and Timberline Lodge the area known locally as "Hoodland."

#### Friday, October 5 Events:

- Special event! "SYD Round-a-Bout." In memory of fellow artist, friend and WSO member, Syd Kruse, an acronym-influenced round-robin painting experience awaits you! Suzi Blaisdell will teach you how to "Spray Your Drips;" Kara Pilcher will help you "Strip Your Dancer", and others will share their tips on "Saving Your Dog" and other fun and witty activities.
- Your "Meet & Greet" starts with a hosted bus ride up to Government Camp to the Mt. Hood Cultural



Watercolor painting by Chris Van Winkle



Chris Van Winkle - Juror and workshop instructor

Center and Museum. This alpine venue will provide our members and guests with a relaxing and beautiful setting in which to enjoy visual art displays, and local historical artifacts and photographs.

#### Saturday, October 6 Breakout Sessions:

- Jan Rimerman will share her insight and tips on how to host an open studio without becoming lateral afterwards!
- Angi Grainger will lead participants in her steps to creating dynamic reflections in water drops.
- Susan Spears and Hyon Fielding will lead a dual Paint-out at the overlook on the 1st tee of the golf course, as participants are serenaded by bagpipes in the distance.
- Bill Baily will lead a Paint-in for participants to practice their own still life compositions against a black background.
- Dyanne Locati will show how to paint an abstract using fluid acrylic and watercolor pencils.
- Lynn Powers will explain her secrets to choosing and painting a portrait subject.
- Harold Walkup will lead a Paintout to Trillium Lake, where he will challenge you to see and paint a beautiful but typical scene in an anything but typical way.
- Join Jayne Ferlitsch and other WSO Members and their guests at

the Croquet Court dressed in Victorian Costume. Observe and join a few of our WSO quick draw artists for a fun plein air sketching opportunity.

#### **Our Juror Chris Van Winkle:**

For the past 21 years Chris has been teaching watercolor at Citrus College, California. He has conducted workshops in California, traveled and painted throughout the United States and Canada, and has led painting trips to Spain, Holland, Britain, Middle Europe and Russia. Chris is a member of National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, and Whiskey Painters of America.

Chris has never been to Oregon. He is excited about coming here and doing some workshop plein air painting! His website is www.chrisvanwinkle.com. Chris' art philosophy:

"The minute we use line, we are abstracting. Some art is more realistic, some more non-objective, but all art must be poetic. The artist does not just report. The artist re-interprets; he experiences his subject with all his senses. He sees art through 360 degrees. He is touched by sounds, smells, colors and a myriad of other elements. And from all of this, he paints the essence of place and time.

I enjoy art in all its forms and isms. I like to experiment in abstract and nonobjective themes. But I love to travel,





Watercolor painting by Chris Van Winkle

see new places, meet new peoples. I like the music, color and dress in foreign cultures. I react to the country's landscapes, animals, architecture and machines. My art tends to reflect this interest. I want my art to communicate."

Hoodland also offers a wide variety of recreational activities for the artist and non-artist alike. These activities include hiking, golfing, fishing, biking, tennis - all located at or near the Resort at the Mountain. Visit the Wildwood Recreation Site, hike some of the many trails in Mt.

Hood National Forest, go downhill skiing (weather permitting), take several scenic drives, or hike, fish and boat at Trillium Lake. A visit to historic Timberline Lodge on the south slope of Mt. Hood is a must! This national treasure will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September.

We look forward to seeing you at WSO's "Art with Altitude"
Convention in October 2012!



#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Upcoming WSO Conventions

Spring 2012: Portland Juror: Carla O'Connor

www.carlaoconnor.com Convention: April 14 Workshop: April 16-18 Convention Chair: **Jennie Chen** 

Fall 2012: Welches Juror: Chris VanWinkle

www.chrisvanwinkle.com Convention: October 5-7 Workshops: October 3-4 & 8-10

Convention Chairs:

Beth Verheyden Connie Athman

Spring 2013: Albany

Juror: Mary Ann Beckwith www.maryannbeckwith.com Convention: April 5-7

Workshop: April 8-12 Convention Chairs:

Rob Robinson
Stephanie Low

Fall 2013: Open
Juror: Connie Adams
www.watercoloronline.com/connieiadams

Convention: October 4-6 Workshop: October 7-11 Convention Chair: Needed

Spring 2014: Open Juror: **Robert Burridge** 

www.robertburridge.com Convention: April 4-6 Workshop: April 7-11 Convention Chair: Needed Fall 2014: Open Juror: **Linda Baker** 

www.lindabaker.biz
Convention: October 3-5
Workshop: October 6-10
Convention Chair: Needed

If you would like to help Chair a WSO Convention in your Community... Please contact Deanna St. Martin: deannastmartin@gmail.com

## Western Federation of Watercolor Societies

2012

Host: Nevada Watercolor Society Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

2013

Host: Southwestern Watercolor

Society

Location: Dallas, Texas

2014

Host: Arizona Watercolor Association

Location: Phoenix, Arizona

2015

Host: West Texas Watercolor Society

Location: Lubbock, Texas

2016

Host: Colorado Watercolor Society

Location: Denver, Colorado

2017

Host: Watercolor Society of Oregon

Location: Oregon

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#### MEMBER PROFILE



By Blenda Tyvoll

During our last
Convention in
Sunriver, I had the
pleasure of getting to
know Cindy Briggs. She

had a few empty bedrooms that weekend and graciously invited some of us to stay in her beautiful hillside home with a panoramic view of the East slope of the Cascades. Cindy teaches workshops in Bend as well as Seattle and regularly organizes painting tours to Europe and along the US West Coast. She has coauthored an artist handbook of painting techniques and inspiration. But this is only a small slice of who Cindy is. Curious to learn more, I asked her the following questions:

How long have you been creating?

It's always been in my DNA to create. From a family in the arts, I remember watching my aunt paint a portrait and wanting to be like her when I was 14. I've always been encouraged to paint, and was fortunate to have a number of excellent mentors along the way. I had an art scholarship to Brigham Young University and earned a degree in Communication Arts. After working as an Advertising Art Director in San Francisco, LA, and Seattle, creating magazine ads and billboards for clients like Levi Strauss, Universal Studios and California Pizza Kitchen, I changed my focus to painting.

## What are your motivations for creating?

Creating uplifts my soul. Every day that I paint, whether I create a "breakthrough" painting, a "study," or even just a few dabs of paint on the paper, the day is gratifying. I thrive on the unpredictable qualities of watercolors. It's like life, the more I make the most of it, the more interesting it becomes. I am constantly motivated to explore new concepts and grow as an artist, moving away from the technical to making a personal statement.

How do you know when a piece you're working on is finished?

My goal is to reverently capture the essence of my subjects with a meaningful composition and as I proceed I find that the painting is usually finished before I think it is. I've learned to walk away from the painting and let it be.



Cindy Briggs, our new Traveling Show Chair, in her studio/gallery

Are there any other things in life besides art that bring you creative fulfillment?

I adore my family and my dogs - time with them is very fulfilling on all levels. I've worked with teenage girls for 20 years as an advisor and enjoy helping them with their goals. I also enjoy traveling, writing, photography and utilizing my computer for design work.

What other artists or movement influence your work?

With Art History as my minor in college, I've always been drawn to the study of artists throughout time. I have a wide selection of artbooks that date back as far as 1910 gifted to me by my great grandmother, and continue to add to my library. Some of my favorite artists are John Singer Sargent, Georgia O'Keeffe, Judy Morris, Mel Stabin, Richard Schmid, and my mentor and aunt, Ellie Weakley.

Tell us about your artistic goals for 2012.

As always, I would like to paint more - exploring new concepts and compositions, publish another Watercolor book, and experiment with oils. Also, I often paint one-hour demonstrations and want to continue to refine the exhilarating process so I can consistently "nail it" making quick, decisive painting decisions en plein air and in studio workshops.

What would you like your fellow WSO

artists to know about you and/or your work?

My plein air and studio paintings are inspired by my travels and life experiences. I'm fortunate to have been teaching workshops for over 15 years, leading numerous European and West Coast tours through my Seattle based agency. My book, "Make Every Day A Painting, co-authored with Theresa Goesling is in its 6<sup>th</sup> edition. I am a NWWS Signature Member and active Board Member: I also have had 3 paintings accepted into recent NWS shows, the upcoming WFWS Show, and have 3 paintings in the 2012 America's Best of *Watercolorists book. My upcoming Italian* Riviera painting tour in June has a few spaces still available. I have workshops scheduled at Daniel Smith in Seattle, in Bend at the Art Station, and in Florence, Oregon with Art Workshops by the Sea this year. It's an honor to be involved with the WSO: I really respect the organization and the artist members.

What do you find visually stimulating right now?

I love to travel to new places and noticed lately I am drawn to people; faces and figures. The human element is becoming more important to my work - we will see where it leads me.

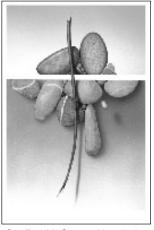
Finally, where can your readers find your art and workshop information?

On my website at www.CindyBriggs.com and at www.MakeEveryDayAPainting.com

## **KUDOS**



LaVonne's Painting "A Cut Above" was accepted in the AWS show earning her 'signature status'



Geoffrey McCormack's painting was accepted in the AWS Show



By Sarah Bouwsma

LaVonne Tarbox-Crone, Lane Hall and Geoffrey McCormack all had paintings accepted in the

American Watercolor Society's 145th Annual Exhibition. With this acceptance LaVonne achieved AWS Signature Status, and she plans to head to New York City on April 20 for the Awards Dinner!

Geoffrey McCormack opened a solo show to well over 150 art lovers on Jan. 6th at the Newport Visual Arts Center's Runyan Gallery. He also will have a painting published in *Splash 13*, *Alternative Approaches: The Best of Watercolor*, due out in mid-2012.

Kris Preslan won the First Place Award at the Northwest Watercolor Society's 2011 Waterworks Exhibition for her transparent watercolor painting, The Perch. Alexandra Eyer won the Excellence Award for In the Pink; Kathleen Haney won the Northwest Vision Award for Seeking Shade: and George Schoonover won the Shirley Jordan Merit Award for Coming Out. Other WSO Members with paintings in the show were Airi Foote, Maud **Durland, Denny Snyder, Beth** Verheyden, and Hal Wright. The Exhibition was held at the Seattle Design Center from October 24 to

January 6. The Juror was John Salminen.

Chris Keylock Williams was included in the National Watercolor Society Donors Exhibition. Her painting titled *Seeking Possibilities* won an award and was used on the show announcement postcard. Phyllis Meyer's painting *King of the Penguins* was also in the show. The jurors were Loa Sprung, Chris Van Winkle and Bonese Turner.

The following WSO Members were juried into the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Oregon Artist's Showcase at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg: Tangie Belmore, Bill Baily, Kathleen Buck and Phyllis Meyer. The exhibition will be open during regular business hours from January 31 to March 30.

Mike Hill was given a full page in the March 2012 issue of *Artist's Magazine* in their annual "Over 60 Art Competition." They will use an image of his painting, *Ain't She A Duesy*.

Beth Verheyden, Airi Foote, Mary Burgess, Cindy Briggs and Mike Hill will each have work featured on two full pages of *Best of America Watercolor Artist*, Kennedy Publishing, 2012. Mike Hill's painting will appear on the cover.

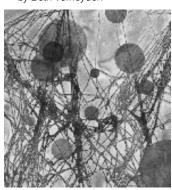
Maud Durland has four paintings in

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Below are three of the five WSO Member paintings that will appear in the 2012 publication of "Best of America Watercolor Artist"



"A Time for Every Season by Beth Verheyden



Airi Foote's "Rising Ambitions 2"



"Toscano" by Mary Burgess

Just one of four Maud Durland paintings in the current edition of "Best of International Landscape Artist"



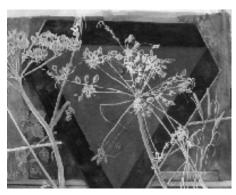
Maud Durland's "Quiet Water"



Kris Preslan's painting "The Perch" garnered 1st Place in the Northwest Watercolor Society Show



Mike Hill's painting "Aint She a Duesy" was featured in Artist's Magazine



Judy Findley's "Red Caution" won a Sponsor Award in the December 'Something Red' Show in Salem.

the current edition of *Best of International Landscape Artist*, Kennedy Publishing, 2011.

Ray Thompson of Shady Cove, Oregon had his transparent watercolor *Garage Relic* accepted in the North East Watercolor Society's 35th International Juried Exhibition, in November 2011 at the Kent Art Association Gallery in Kent, Connecticut. Juror was Jean Uhl Spicer.

As always there is a lively local art scene in the Salem area. The month of November found the following WSO artists at Keizer Art Association's Black, White Gray Show:

**Kathy Decker** with *Budding Artist*; **Sharon Diebel** with *Honor the Sun and Moon* and *Ketchum Idaho Snow Scene*:



## Nancy Ericksen Ward with Disintegration (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); Kathy Haney with Shy One and Woman of Grace

with *Shy One* and *Woman of Grace* (*Merit Award*); and **Pat Matthews** with *Memories*.

In December, Artists-in-Action sponsored their annual *Something Red* exhibit in downtown Salem. Seventy-eight artists were juried into the show, with 106 paintings displayed in 31 businesses. This included the following WSO artists:

Barbara Folawn with Autumn
Surprise and Salem Art Festival; Nancy
Eng with Inferno (Best of Show) and
Our Distant Future (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); Dorothy
Eshleman, Queen of the Pond; Judy
Findley, Red Caution (Sponsor Award);
Kathy Haney with Luscious Grapes and
Taking A Bow (Honorable Mention);
Gerry Hart, A Summer Carnival; Robin
Humelbaugh, Polonaise (Sponsor
Award); Marilyn Krug, Celebration
Scape and Symphony Sky; Jean Lea,
Red Candied Apples; Linda Lowery,
Winter Ride; and Maggie Sams, On the
Bough.

Keizer Art Association's January show, "Pacific NW Artists," included **Gerry Hart**'s *Mountain Stream*; **Kathy Haney**'s *Sunflower* and *Taking A Bow*; and **Dianne Lay**'s *Stillness*.

Let me hear from you. Send your news about shows, awards, and publications to Sarah Bouwsma

#### News from Central Oregon

By Cindy Briggs

The Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend is very much interested in hosting one of the upcoming WSO Conventions.



Is there anyone out there that would like to chair the event? Helen Brown recently did an outstanding job in Sunriver and could possibly tell you what is involved. Dates haven't been set yet, so if you are interested let Convention Consultant Deanna St. Martin know. You can contact her at deannastmartin@gmail.com.

I recently took over the responsibility for the traveling show and would appreciate any suggestions from anywhere in the state; we are in pretty good shape for 2012, but looking for locations for 2013. Just email me with contact information and I'll follow up. It was fun driving over the pass for the WSO Board meeting in Eugene - I'm really impressed with our leaders and volunteers. Fortunately it wasn't snowing too hard on the way back over the pass.

Central Oregon Artists that have news to share, just email me and I'll include it in the next WSO newsletter.

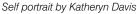






#### A SPECIAL BOOK REVIEW FOR A SPECIAL WSO MEMBER WHO IS MISSED









## **The Art of Katheryn Davis**By Leroy Krzycki Quiet Waters Publishing, 2011



Review by Chris Keylock Williams

Go ahead...take a walk...turn the pages and follow the path through the life and times of one of

Oregon's premier painters. You will be amazed and inspired. You will come to know this wonderful lady, her family, her favorite painting models and her skillful and emotional renderings of numerous subjects.

Katheryn was a prolific, dedicated full-time artist, attributing her talent to God. The quality of her paintings, breadth of creativity, beautiful compositions and exciting color are just part of the story. I found that, page after page, painting after painting, she had a special connection with each subject. She seemed to capture on paper the soul, essence and drama of the subject.

She created over 2,000 paintings in her lifetime. She painted in Florence, OR for decades but she had, at various times, studios in California and Maine. She painted throughout the USA, and in Portugal, Italy, Nova Scotia, Tahiti and Hawaii; she also taught and painted in Greece.

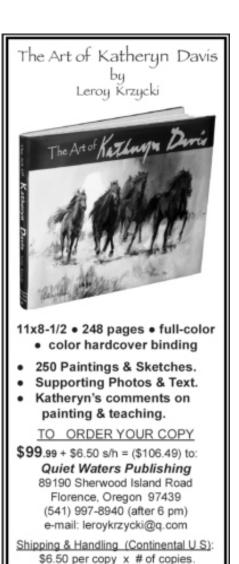
Katheryn painted primarily in

watercolor, occasionally using oil, collage and other mixed media. As a 30+ year member of WSO, she was the ninth member to reach Diamond Level (50 points) and won numerous other awards including the Katherine Wengi Memorial Award. She also exhibited with the Northwest Watercolor Society, Watercolor West and the San Diego Watercolor Society.

Portraits were one of her favorite subjects, and she always painted them from life. Family members, including her husband Leroy, were willing models. The Florence Figure Eight Portrait Club met every two weeks with wonderful, interesting models. One of my favorite paintings in the book is titled "Somber Reflections." It is of a striking young woman (her granddaughter) with strong light and dark shapes...a great composition!!

The Art of Katheryn Davis is a high quality 11 ½ x 8 ¾ inch, hard cover book, approx. 250 pages. The book contains about 250 paintings and sketches in 17 chapters, and includes horses, flowers, children, beaches, lakes and urban scenes. She painted a number of series, two of which are included in the book. One is of a stunning group of portraits titled "Human Tapestry Series" and another is titled "Seven

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Days of Creation" which actually took seven years to complete!

Her students were astonished when she mentioned that she tore up at least 100 failed paintings every year. She said "that's because I experiment all the time. If you take away that risk of failure, painting isn't what it could be and I don't want to play."

This beautiful book full of his wife's art is truly the creation of Leroy Krzycki. What a gift! His life story is as fascinating as hers. A Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering led to the Navy's largest research and development facility in the country. He headed up projects for NASA. Katheryn was the messy artist, but Leroy was the super organized engineer who had previously published a book used at MIT on small liquid-fuel rocket engines.

They were married for 22 years and during that time he framed, photographed and cataloged Katheryn's paintings. He kept records of who bought them and where they were. With the help of her five children, he had a perfect trail to follow. Now, we too, with this book, can walk in her footsteps. She lives in those pages.









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#### SLIDES / VIDEOS RENTAL PROGRAM



By Doyle Leek, Librarian

This past quarter we rented 35 videos, which was a very good quarter.

We have a couple of new videos in the library. They are Design Dynamic Paintings with Ed Labadie, and My Vision in Watercolor by Australian artist Herman Pekel. The Ed Labadie video was donated by Molly Freitag. It is a workshop that includes chapters on Visual Design Theories, Elements of Design, Shapes, Values, Contrast, Focal Point, Conflict and Resolution. It is a video that is loaded with information for artists of all levels and styles. The video by Herman Pekel consists of three 'en plein air' paintings that he does on site in London, and the English countryside. He utilizes traditional impressionist values, and places a strong emphasis on technique to create paintings that are full of atmosphere and light.

In the last *Watermark* we made a *Special Offer* to our members. We have not had anyone take advantage of it, so in an effort to stimulate use

of our library, we are offering it again. If any of you have a favorite painter, or are familiar with a video that we do not have in our library and you are thinking of purchasing it, please let me know. If it is a video that we think other members would be interested in, you can purchase the video and keep it for up to two months, then send it along with your receipt of purchase to me and we will reimburse you for 50% of the cost of the video, and include it in our library. In addition, remember that you will also still receive two free rentals for donating the video. With the currently reduced price of many videos, and the fact that you are receiving 50% rebate, and two free rentals, the actual cost to you is almost negligible. So, be the first to take advantage of this terrific offer, and help improve our library.

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Doyle Leek WSO Slides/Video Librarian







## Book Review

By Carrie Holst

#### **Expressive Figure Drawing**

Author, Bill Buchman Watson Guptil/ paperback, 2010

You had me with the cover! What a great color-charged drawing, and the title, *Expressive Figure Drawing* says it all. Surely these pages will motivate, inspire, and bring new life to all your future drawings.

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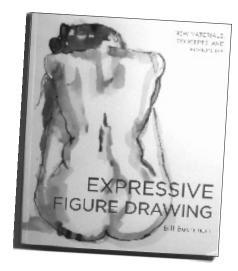
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The table of contents is so well organized. The author, Bill Buchman, has laid out a succession of units each containing the important concepts, principals, and exercises relative to that group. You can start anywhere as long as you get around to all of it. First order of

business is check out the supply list and stock up. An arsenal of new tools and a willingness to take risks are going to be part of your new creative process.

The author's emphasis is on the expressive side, leaning toward the abstract. You can apply these exercises and techniques to realistic (formal) representational drawing styles just as well. You will find good examples of foundation instruction, useful for teachers on any level. These pages are also loaded with good contemporary ideas. Very freeing compared to my previous experience.

I was drawn to this book because so many plein air artists work with the model during the cold wet months. Working from life is fundamental to keeping your drawing skills and powers of observation sharp. I highly recommend this book, in fact I say take it with you to your next life session.



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