

the California Watercolor Association presents the
55th International Exhibition
February 15–March 23, 2025

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where can I download the Acceptance Documents?

If your painting has been accepted, please [click here](#).

2. My painting was accepted. Can I withdraw my entry and get my money back?

An accepted painting may not be withdrawn and CWA will not refund your entry fee. In fact, if an accepted painting is not delivered, the artist will be penalized from entering the exhibition for two years.

3. Do I have to pay for shipping?

All artists shipping their work will be responsible for all shipping fees, as well as a pre-paid return label. Please utilize a shipping service with insurance and tracking ability such as UPS or FedEx and package your painting securely. Although not required, we recommend a shipping box like [AirFloat Systems](#) or this from [U-Line](#).

NO STYROFOAM PEANUTS: Any works shipped with styrofoam peanuts will be immediately disqualified and returned back to the artist.

Complete this checklist for shipped paintings:

- \$55.00 handling/storage fee (check or money order made payable to CWA)
- Signed Painting Label, attached to upper back left corner of the painting
- CWA Artist Exhibition Contract (signed)
- Biography, 1 or 2 pages (optional)
- Catalog Order Form (optional)

- Prepaid, addressed return shipping label (FedEx or UPS only). All FedEx and UPS labels must include a barcode.

4. When and where do I ship/drop off my painting?

All art must be received between November 18-22, 2024.

Ship paintings directly to:
California Watercolor Association
c/o Lafayette Christian Church
584 Glenside Drive
Lafayette, CA 94549
925-283-8304

For local artists, all artworks can be dropped off in person at the Lafayette Christian Church (584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549) between the dates listed above between the hours of 9:15AM - 3:45PM.

****All** accepted paintings will have a handling fee of \$55, regardless of being hand-delivered or shipped.

5. I live outside the US, what are my shipping options?

This alternate international shipping information is **ONLY** for any accepted artist residing outside the United States. CWA is offering this method for shipping the painting without a frame. CWA will frame the painting and present it at the award jurying and in the exhibition. The fee for this service for the 55th International Exhibition is \$100 (USD), in addition to the \$55 handling fee for a total of \$155.00 (via PayPal@californiawatercolor.org).

Please note, in order for the painting to be included in the awards jurying (November 23, 2024), the painting will need to reach us no later than Friday, October 25, 2024. If you have any questions, please email Iretta Hunter at iretta.cwa@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like to ship a framed piece, please send your painting directly to:

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6. When and where do I PICK-UP my painting?

Hand-delivered paintings may be picked up on, March 25, 2025, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Danville Ranch Clubhouse, 1895 Ridgeland Circle, Danville CA 94526. Any entry retained in the possession of CWA more than three months beyond the close of the 55 th International Exhibition becomes the property of CWA.

7. If I shipped my painting, when will it be returned to me?

Shipped paintings will be returned after March 25, 2025, according to your prepaid return shipping instructions. A completed return label must be included—FedEx or UPS ONLY.

8. What if my painting sells? How will I be notified and when will I get paid?

If someone is interested in purchasing a painting, they should scan the QR code on the label and complete the form which will be sent to sales@californiawatercolor.org. Committee Member Samanthan McNally will contact the buyer about payment and pick up options and will then alert the artist with the good news! CWA will pay the sales tax (10.25% in Oakland) and send a check less the tax, any credit card fees and the 30% commission to the artist the following month.

9. When and where is the opening reception?

The opening reception will be at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Piedmont Center for the Arts.

Piedmont Center for the Arts
801 Magnolia Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

10. When will the exhibit be open to the public?

The Piedmont Center for the Arts is open throughout the week and weekend for specific events, including concerts, lectures, films, meetings, arts rehearsals, and many other activities during which art on display can be seen and enjoyed. The CWA International Exhibition will be open to the public without other activities in progress on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from February 15 through March 23, 2025.