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CWA 2024/25 Workshop Series

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ATERCOLOR Association

ZOOM Demo for Members and Guests at 7:00 pm PDT, Wednesday, October 16, 2024.



October ZOOM Demo Artist Barbara Tapp, CWA

There will be a **ZOOM General Meeting and Demo** by Barbara Tapp for CWA members and friends to participate, on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 7:00-9:00 pm PDT.

Keeping it simple, the ZOOM link and passcode will be the same for all our General Meetings in 2024.

To join, just click on the **Join Icon** on the right. Meeting ID: 880 6742 4194 Passcode: 319828







He's a Beauty, and Welcome to the Neighborhood by Barbara Tapp

Barbara is a narrative plein air watercolor painter from Sydney, Australia. After a trip around Europe and the USA in the late 1970s, she returned to San Francisco in 1980. While raising three kids, Barbara worked at home as an illustrator for the Academy of Sciences, Sunset Magazine, Karen Brown Travel Guides, and many Architects and Real Estate Firms. For 37 years, her home has been in the hills of Kensington overlooking the San Francisco Bay, where she finds inspiration.

In 2013, Barbara started painting watercolors outdoors. She describes painting plein air watercolors as her passion, as she observes life and searches for natural

arrangements in nature or manmade environments. This passion grew from sketching thousands of houses for the real estate industry. She focuses on a wide variety of subjects, from vehicles to structures, looking for shadow shapes and complex perspectives. Curiosity drives her, and every painting has an intent. Strong color and accurate drawing are the foundation of her paintings. She loves the fluidity and transparency of watercolor, completing her paintings with her calligraphy.



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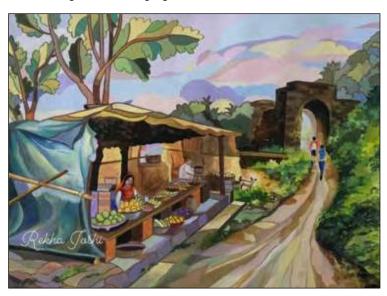


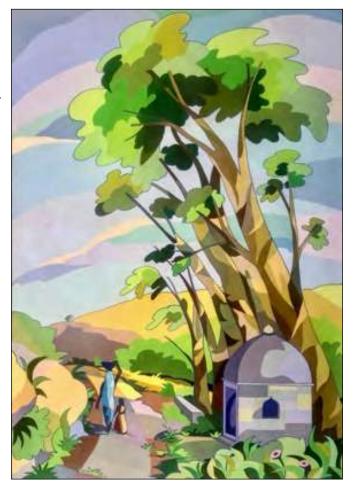
The Drawing Board

Each month a different member of the CWA Board of Directors has the opportunity to write an art-related article for our members.

Creative Landscapes by Rekha Joshi

Today, I'm excited to share insights into my painting style, 'Creative Landscapes.' My journey with art has always been an exploration of various forms and mediums. During my college years, I immersed myself in plein air painting and focused heavily on realism. However, after mastering the fundamentals and experimenting with different techniques, I discovered a passion for watercolors, both transparent and opaque.







Nature serves as my primary inspiration. My process begins with selecting a subject, followed by a detailed sketch where I emphasize composition and design. Once the sketch is complete, I start painting in sections using transparent watercolors. This wash technique infuses the work with a refreshing, ethereal quality. Then, I refine the details using both watercolors and occasionally opaque watercolors, adding shading, shadows, and textures to enhance depth and perspective.

A distinctive feature of my work is the inclusion of living elements—such as animals, birds, or human figures—which breathe life into the landscapes and add a dynamic touch.

Over the years, I've learned a few valuable lessons about art that I'd like to share:

- Enjoy the creative process.
- Embrace mistakes and experiment with new techniques.
- View art as a form of meditation and savor the creative journey.
- Trust in your creation; remember, art is deeply personal and subjective.

I have included a few examples of my creative landscapes. I hope they inspire you to enjoy your own creative process and have fun along the way!

Rekha Joshi Member At-Large

Community Outreach — Oakland Veterans Painting Portraits

The veterans are struggling to paint portraits. I've pointed out to them that it's a matter of practice. By the time they finish the first portrait, the self-portrait won't be so daunting. As the master portrait painter, Dongfeng Li says, "Don't worry about likeness in a portrait. Just paint a good painting."

At last week's gathering, some people finished their portraits while others started drawing their self-portraits. We started with a meet and greet, and Pat brought Bruynzeel Expression Watercolor Pencils. One participant used a blue pencil to add shadows to the head, while another used a grey pencil to create monochrome dog portraits and a person. Then Pat Moseuk played easy jazz on her phone, and we pretty much zoned out to paint and draw.

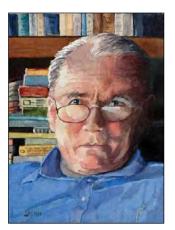
We shared our work at the end of class. It's funny how when you see your work from a distance with others looking on, it is easy to see that a nose is too long or that the face is turned and not straight on as the artist had drawn it. Working in a group makes the time pass quickly, plus we get to learn about each other; for example, one vet will be vacationing in El Salvador, her country of origin.

Next month, we will continue drawing and painting selfportraits, with an emphasis on composition and creating great paintings without worrying too much about achieving perfect likeness.

Sheila Cain

Co-Director, Community Outreach

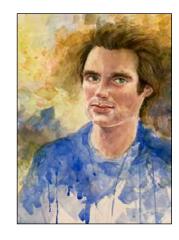














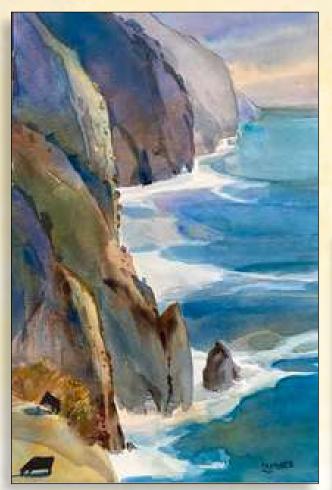








CALIFORNIA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION 2024 WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP SERIES



Dale Laitinen Shapeshifting the Western Landscape

LIVE

4-Day In-Person Workshop | October 20–23, 2024 Intermediate to Advanced

CWA Members \$400 Non-Members \$460

A painting rich with shapes, colors, and details, complete to the final brushstroke belies its beginnings in observation, sketching, composition, and ultimately washes of color that bring it to life. Painting, especially watermedia requires an unending enthusiasm for experimentation and a hands-on approach to the discipline.

Artist's website at dalelaitinen.com

WAIT LIST ONLY







CWA is dedicated to offering our students some of the best workshops with top professional artists. We invite you to join in the fun and look forward to meeting you. In-person workshops will be held at the Danville Ranch Clubhouse, 1895 Ridgeland Circle, Danville, CA 94526.

For detailed workshop descriptions, pricing, and online registration, please visit http://www.californiawatercolor.org/classes.php.

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CALIFORNIA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION 2025 WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP SERIES





Mike Hernandez — Painting the Landscape in Gouache 2-Day Online Workshop January 11-12, 2025 | All Levels CWA Members \$335 Non-Members \$395





Michael Holter — Watercolor Impressionism, Landscapes and Cityscapes 4-Day In-Person Workshop February 24-27, 2025 | All Levels

CWA Members \$510 Non-Members \$570 Artist's website at michaelholter.com

Artist's website at mikehernandezart.com





Gary Tucker — Finding Confidence with Watercolor 3-Day Online Workshop March 21–23, 2025 | Advanced Beginner (some experience helpful) CWA Members \$250 Non-Members \$310 Artist's website at garytuckerartist.com





Michael Reardon — Watercolor Techniques 4-Day In-Person Workshop

April 23–25, 2025 | All Levels (some experience recommended)

CWA Members \$275 Non-Members \$335 Artist's website at mreardon.com





Amit Kapoor — How to Capture the Magic of Light and Shadow, and How to Simplify a Complicated Subject

3-Day In-Person Workshop May 16-18, 2025 | All Levels

CWA Members \$395 Non-Members \$455

Artist's website at amitkapoorwatercolor.com





Thomas Schaller — Design and the Power of Imagination 3-Day Online Workshop

June 16–18, 2025 | All Levels (some experience helpful)

CWA Members \$350 Non-Members \$410 Artist's website at thomasschaller.com





Keiko Tenabe — Keep it Simple and Strong

3-Day In-Person Workshop

October 27–29, 2025 | Intermediate (previous experience is strongly recommended)

CWA Members \$425 Non-Members \$485

Artist's website at ktanabefineart.com



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General Meetings

Monthly General Meetings are held on 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, PDT, via Zoom, unless otherwise specified.

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please contact the Webmaster with the email address at which you wish to receive the newsletter.

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CWA may be taking photos or videos at CWA events. Your presence at CWA events constitutes your "permission, consent and release" to be photographed without Images may be used online and in print exclusively by CWA explicitly for publicity, information and promotion.







Plan Ahead!

Submissions for the newsletter must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication!

November Newsletter Deadline is October 15th.

Click here to make a submission.

CWA Member Show

October 1-31, 2024 at San Ramon City Hall Gallery **Awards Reception** Friday, October 11, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 pm

Congratulations to all the Accepted Artists!

Camino Windmills by Carol Blanton Klimt and Calla Lilies by Kathie Boissiere Girl and Her Fish by Marina Goldberg Canyon View by Glenyse Henschel Bearded Iris by Jenna Hobbs Golden Gate Bridge 1 by Carol Irwin Bonita Morning by Jeff Ishikawa Fernandez Ranch by Glen Jarvis Looking for Gators by Jessica de Jesus Marbella Mermaids by Zelda Kohn Teri by Allen Lavee Dinosaur Cave by Marion Leggett Quietude by Barbara Leitzel Tea House Patio, Gamble Garden by Waverly Liu Willie by Jana Lowe

The Silence of the Redwoods by Michelle McCabe Cliffs at Zion by Meghana Mitragotri Bridge Over Feather River by Craig Moline Make Lemonade by Anne Moore Desert Oasis by Shalaka Mulherkar Autumn Afternoon by Marina Omelianenko Tent Rocks, New Mexico by Patricia Pierce Whispers of the Countryside by Jaladhi Pujara Three Wise Men and a Dog by Judy Rowe Gone Fishing by Dale Rutz

Autumn Barn, Martinez, California by Heidi Schmidt Windy Day at North Beach, Point Reves National Seashore by Allison Spreadborough Meeker Slough by Bernie Stein

> Reflections by Kathleen Stumpfel Twin Palms by Sujit Sudhi Plein Air at Ruth Bancroft Garden by Rosemary Therkelsen Sonoma Farmland by Kirsten Theurer Country Calm by Alka Vaidya The Old Truck IV by Rae Ann Williams

Juror of Selection — Afsaneh Michaels

San Ramon City Hall Gallery 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road San Ramon, CA 94583 https://www.sanramon.ca.gov

Questions: Contact us at shows@californiawatercolor.org

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Plein Air — Downtown Pleasanton, California Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



Downtown Pleasanton is a vibrant and charming destination in the Tri-Valley. It is surrounded by green hills, open space, neighborhood parks, and has an eclectic assortment of restaurants and shops. It is a great place to spend the day, and paint en plein air.

We will meet at 10:00 am at Inklings Tea and Coffee. You can paint anywhere you like. Bring your lunch or pick up something at one of the many restaurants in the area. We will meet back at Inklings to show your paintings at 12:30 pm.

Inklings Tea and Coffee

530 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566 (925) 399-6746 www.inklingscoffee.com



Contact Nutan Singh, Plein Air Coordinator Email: nutan.finearts@gmail.com











CALIFORNIA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION October 2024

Member News



Shop Around the Corner by Judy Rowe

Judy Rowe

Judy's painting, Shop Around the Corner, won a Certificate of Award as a finalist in the Landscape and Water Category of the 5th Annual Women in Watercolor International Juried Competition. The online exhibition can be viewed in its entirety on their website.

Click here to view.

Aritst's website at www.judyrowewatercolors.com



Samantha McNally Demo **October 11, 2024**

Samantha will be giving a demo for the Pinole Artisans on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall (also known as Keislar Hall) at El Sobrante United Methodist Church. The entrance to the parking lot is located at 5151 Argyle Road El Sobrante, CA 94803

> Artist's website at samanthamcnally.com

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Lenka Glassner

From Mt. Diablo to the Czech Countryside

Come see my watercolor paintings at the Czech Festival. You don't need to travel all the way to the Czech Republic to taste Czech food, dance to Czech music, and even visit the Czech countryside through my watercolor paintings.



Marina Goldberg

Fabriano in Watercolor USA 2024 October 14-16

Join me for my demo in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 15, 2024, and see and mingle with watercolor artists from across the globe. More than 1000 paintings on display, master demos, and social events. At the Fort Worth Community Art Center

Click here for info.

Artist's website at marinagoldberg.com

Jessica de Jesus

Jessica will be a guest artist at the Yosemite Gateway Art Center in Oakhurst for the month of October! She'll be showcasing her works of the High Sierra and will be present on October 17, 2024, for the month's Art and Wine Hop event. If you happen to be in the area, don't miss the chance to see her art up close!

Yosemite Gateway Art Center 40982 Highway 41

Oakhurst CA 93644

Artist's website at sfjessart.com



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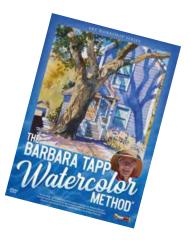


Boots Above the Door, and Good Night Hercules by Barbara Tapp



Artist's website at barbaratappartist.com

The Barbara Tapp Watercolor Method video was published by Paintubetv and Streamline Publishing in 2023.



We Are Looking for Somebody Just Like You!

All board members are volunteers, and there are open positions every year. If you would like to join the board, we have at-large positions available to help you become familiar with the board's activities and responsibilities. There has never been a better time to get involved.

Join us today!

If you are interested, please contact Leslie Wilson at secretary@californiawatercolor.org



Board Members Leslie Wilson and Sheila Cain



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Gallery Tour & Show News

EAST BAY GALLERY TOUR

The Second Annual East Bay Gallery Tour, organized by CWA member Samantha McNally, has added 6 Benicia Art Galleries to the Tour this year! There are now 13 Art Galleries for you to visit during the month of October. You have the entire month to visit them and get your Gallery Tour postcard stamped by all 13 galleries for a chance to be one of 3 winners of a certificate worth \$300! If you have your postcard stamped by 9 galleries, you could win one of 2 certificates worth \$100. The winners will be chosen at random from the turned-in postcards. You can turn in your postcard at the last gallery you visit. The winners will receive a certificate to purchase any artwork at any of the galleries on the Tour! This event is free and open to anyone who would like to participate. Visit any of the galleries listed below in October to pick up your postcard with a map and addresses of all the Art Galleries. The galleries will start stamping postcards in October.

aRt Cottage 2238 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord **Bedford Gallery** 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

Benicia Art Glass 309 1st Street, Benicia

Benicia Plein Air Gallery 307 First Street, Benicia

Blackhawk Gallery, ADAS 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville

Gallery 621 920 First Street, Suite 203, Benicia

HQ Gallery 333-D First Street, Benicia,

JOR Clayton Gallery 1026 Oak Street, Suite 102, Clayton

The Little Art Shop 129 First Street, Benicia

Main Street Arts Gallery 613 Main Street, Martinez

Moraga Art Gallery 432 Center Street, Moraga

NY2CA Gallery 617 1st Street, Benicia

Valley Art Gallery 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek



2024 SMALL WORKS + ITTY BITTY MINI SHOW AND SALE

Deadline for Entries November 24, 2024 Works on Display December 6–29, 2024

CLICK FOR PROSPECTUS

Lodi Community Art Center 110 W Pine Street | Lodi, CA 95240 | (209) 333-3855

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THANKS FOR COMING!

September 2024 General Meeting + Demo

What an incredible night at our first inperson general meeting and demo since the pandemic! A big thanks to everyone who joined us at the Lafayette Library to shop our art supply sale, support our Community Outreach Program, and learn from the amazing Oaklandbased artist, Michael Reardon.

While next month's meeting will be back on Zoom, we can't wait to gather in person again soon. Stay tuned!



















Announcements

Welcome New CWA Members

Barbara Leitzel, Waverly Liu, Rajani Martha, Marina Omelianenko, Courtney Zell

> Click here to email membership, then choose **Membership Director** from the **Recipient** drop-down menu.

Click here to Join or Renew Today!

Join Us on Facebook & Instagram?



Jessica de Jesus, our Communicatins Director, is sharing some engaging content. Like us on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed on what is happening. CWA Social Media is your resource for information, promoting the CWA, our members, events, and more.

Updated Content Now Online

- Upcoming CWA Events
- Recaps of Workshops and Demonstrations
- Calls for Entries
- Member Highlights, Welcomes, and News
- Updates on CWA Outreach
- Book Recommendations

CWA Social Media Call for Content!

Attention CWA Community: Help us populate the CWA Instagram and Facebook feeds with the latest and greatest member news, member updates, calls for art, etc...!

Follow Us

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/cawatercolorassociation/

https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaWatercolor

Contribute

Click here to submit content.

CWA Monthly Plein Air Outings





Our third plein air outing was on September 14, 2024 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, led by our Plein Air volunteer, Nutan Singh. See page 7 of the newsletter for details on our next destination.

Stay tuned for upcoming dates right here, and be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for the latest updates and inspiration. We hope to see more members come out as it was so much fun to paint together and share our finished (for some, "almost finished") paintings! Click here to learn more.

Join Us!

Other Plein Air Opportunities



All are welcome to paint the beautiful and historic Pleasanton area. You can be painting around town or come join us Sunday afternoon on the 20th at the Museum on Main for art viewing, exciting awards and memorable sales.

SIGN UP ONLINE NOW! www.pal-art.com



Contra Costa Plein Air

Click here for posts of upcoming paint-outs on their blog,or click here to visit Contra Costa Plein Air on Facebook.

CWA Member Resources



Watch Us on YouTube!

Did you miss a general meeting demo? Want to go back and review part of a demo again? Watch now on YouTube.

Check out our YouTube Channel and subscribe to get notified of our latest demos from your favorite artists! Don't forget to subscribe to the channel!

Thank you, and enjoy!





CWA Michael Holter Demo

CWA Stephen Berry Demo





the Harrington Gallery

CWA 50th National Art Show at CWA 50th National Show 2020





CWA Roland Lee Demo

CWA Leslie Wilson Demo

And More!



Click here to go to the CWA YouTube Channel, and don't forget to click the subscribe button!

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CWA Video Library

to take home (or return one), and save on postage!

Staying engaged and creative is easy...just go to the CWA website and view the library catalog, note the video that you are interested in, and send Madeline the catalog number in an email and she will check to see if it's available. She will let you know about its availability and mail it to you if available. It is your responsibility to return the video 30 days after receiving. It can be dropped off at Madeline's home or mailed. All you need to do is pay postage.

Click here to view our entire catalog.

It can also be found by going to our website and clicking the About Us Tab and following the link to Video Library.

Checking out a video will be simple, please follow the steps below:

- 1) You must be a Member
- 2) Once you find a video that you are interested in, note the Catalog Abstract Number.
- 3) Email me at madInshelby@aol.com, with the Catalog Abstract Number and I will check its availability. I will send you a verification if it is available or let you know if it is checked out.
- 4) If the video is available we will mail it to your home via USPS. Your address on your membership records will be used for shipping.

Please log in and make sure your address information is up-to-date.

5) Your rental period is for 30 days. You are responsible to return the video to me. You are responsible for return shipping costs.

Return Address: Madeline Shelby 482 Broadmoor Blvd. San Leandro, CA 94577

6) Members who return videos after 30 days must pay a \$5.00 Late Fee. Lost videos must be replaced at the video replacement value.

We are excited to offer this service and hope it will lead to your creative enjoyment.





2024/25 CWA Calendar

General Meetings & Demos

October 16, 2024 — ZOOM Demo Barbara Tapp (for Members & Guests)

November 20, 2024 (6:00 pm) Don Andrews
December 2024 Winter Break — NO MEETING
Go to Monthly Meetings under the About Us tab at
www.californiawatercolor.org for updates.

55th International Exhibition

at Piedmont Center for the Arts February 15–March 23, 2025

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John Muir Hospital Show, Walnut Creek
Coming January–February, 2025







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