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From the President...

Happy New Year! As we begin 2018, we say goodbye and thank you to Elizabeth Collard, long-standing board member and DWS President. Beth has been instrumental in seeing that our society has continued to grow in a professional manner. Her many ideas, initiatives, and continued thinking outside of the box have raised the bar for our membership, outreach, exhibitions, and more. Beth and her husband Marc have always gone out of their way to be supportive of our events and to get things done. Although Beth will no longer be a board member, she will continue to play an active role as a member of DWS. Thank you, thank you Beth and Marc.

The New Year also typically brings with it new beginnings, new ideas, and of course, the familiar “resolutions.” As you begin to think about what you might do differently this year, consider your art. Maybe you want to paint more, take a workshop, enter your first exhibition, or try a new technique. We hope that DWS will be a part of your planning and wish list.

We would also ask you to consider helping us by volunteering. We need folks for hospitality and greeters to our regularly scheduled and new events, a couple of people to create some lists on the computer (you could sit at your home computer in your pj’s), some volunteers at workshops, exhibitions, and library programs. None of these involves more than a couple of hours here and there, as needed. So if you’d like to be more involved with DWS, please just send an email to delawarewatercolorsociety@gmail.com with subject line *voluntee* and indicate how you might like to help.

We look forward to a fun and exciting year.

Anne Crown-Cyr, President

Elections and Holiday Luncheon

Thanks to everyone who attended the annual meeting and who voted. As a result, Charlotte Hughes is the new Secretary to the Board of Directors, and Anne Crown-Cyr is the new President. Marjorie Wuestner remains as Vice President, Pat Hoey as Treasurer, Joan Fabbri as Exhibitions Director, and Isabel Pizzolato continues as our Workshop Director.

At the 2017 annual meeting, board officers summarized and reported on activities for the year. Afterwards we enjoyed a wonderful holiday get together. Thanks to Marjorie Wuestner, we had a wonderful lunch catered by DeFibo’s restaurant. Charlotte Hughes created the beautiful table centerpieces, and we had some DWS bakers who delivered great desserts: Robi Cavagnaro, Isabel Pizzolato, Joan Fabbri, and Charlotte Hughes. Elizabeth Forsythe brought some huge honey crisp apples from her orchard as well as some healthful bananas for us fruit lovers.



Pam North and Robi Cavagnaro received small tokens of appreciation for their participation in and assistance with the library “come paint with us” Outreach program.

We had a very good turnout and an opportunity to sit and socialize and learn new things about each other. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

Changes in 2018

This year we are trying some new approaches to our programs. For example, we plan to meet on the Second Wednesday every other month instead of our former Second Tuesdays. By doing so, we hope to be more flexible and attract other artists from surrounding organizations who could not previously participate..

February 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be our kick-off Second Wednesday at the Glade clubhouse. We will focus on flower painting and color. This is not a how-to session but rather an opportunity to get your creative juices going, to think about spring, color, and design. You should bring your paints, paper, and any reference materials. Also recommended are tools that allow you to crop and look at different elements of your flower photographs, such as a 2-in-1 cropper, ViewCatcher or view finder, or L-shaped pieces of mat board or cardboard. This is just for fun in an informal setting. Watch for the upcoming announcement.



Another change is the DWS newsletter. We plan to do six, bimonthly issues and hope that you will send us your news the first week of the month before the issue is due. For example, for the March-April issue, you will need to submit your material the first week in February. You will see that the newsletter may undergo changes in format and layout until we can find a consistent way to produce it. Changes in Adobe no longer allow us to use our stand desktop publishing program because it no longer converts to PDF, so we are exploring other options.

We are also working to schedule events for the year so you can plan well in advance of upcoming happenings. Once complete, they will be listed on our website calendar as well as sent to you.

2018 Exhibitions

Sunday, January 7 - Delaware Humane Association, Pick up art work - 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Note that DWS will no longer be showing at the DHA. The Board of Directors voted last year to discontinue exhibitions at the DHA in Rehoboth due to lack of interest from DWS members.

Monday, January 22 - Biggs Museum of American Art, Pick up work – 10:00 a.m. - Noon. If you need to make alternative arrangements please, contact Joan Fabbri at poohbearmomma@yahoo.com.

Watch for more details on these upcoming exhibitions:

April 3-30 – Lewes Library Gallery

July 2-31 – Nassau Valley Vineyards and Winery

November – February - The Painted Stave

2018 Workshops

We are in the process of planning at least two workshops for this year. At the annual meeting, Isabel Pizzolato gave members a one-page workshop survey, which will be available online and sent to you. We would like your suggestions and ideas about possible workshops you would enjoy. If you have certain instructors, techniques, and types of watermedia you would like to explore, we want to hear from you. You can complete the survey or email your recommendations to “Workshops” via our gmail account.

DWS Contact Information

DWS Board Members

Anne Crown-Cyr – President
Marjorie Wuestner – Vice President
Pat Hoey – Treasurer
Charlotte Hughes – Secretary
Isabel Pizzolato – Workshops Director
Joan Fabbri – Exhibitions Director

All officers also can be reached at delawarewatercolorsociety@gmail.com where you may direct any questions or concerns.

Website Address

The DWS website URL is www.delawarewatercolorsociety.org where you can keep up to date on events and programs.

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