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## Calendar & Events

### Exhibitions

**May 2023** Nassau Valley Vineyard and Winery May 1st-31st 2023.

**Digital images due: March 1st-31st 2023**

**Reception: TBD**

**Drop off: May 1st 2023**

**Pick up: May 31st 2023**

**August 2023** DWS Signature Artist Exhibition at The Peninsula Gallery. Each signature artist may submit three digital images using the theme 'sunrises and sunsets'

**Digital images are due July 1-17th 2023**

**Reception: Sept.2nd 5-6:30pm 2023**

**Drop off: Aug 22nd-26th 2023**

**Pick up: Sept. 30th 2023**

**November 2023** Ocean city Center for the arts. October 30 2023 through November 26, 2023

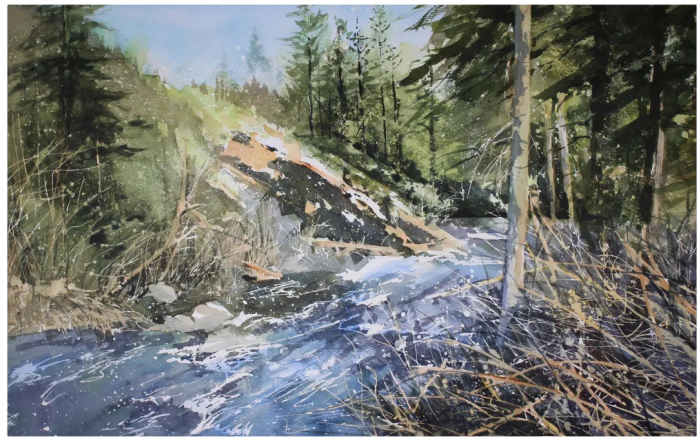
**Digital images are due Sept 2nd- 25th 2023**

**Reception: Nov 3rd 5-7pm 2023**

**Drop off: Oct 30th 2023**

**Pick up: Nov 26th 2023**

## Recent News Items



### Rick Surowicz Zoom Workshop

Over 30 DWS members were able to enjoy Rick Surowicz's zoom demonstration on January 4th. Rick Surowicz is a watercolorist from Medina Ohio. The topic of the demonstration was "creating textures with watercolor". Mr. Surowicz uses negative space, masking fluid, and the white of the paper to take advantage of viewpoints, textures and, the patterns of nature. Learn more about Rick Surowicz at his website: [www.rsurowiczart.com](http://www.rsurowiczart.com)

### Robin Poteet Workshop

Fifteen artists were given the opportunity to explore new techniques to create interesting backgrounds for paintings. On January 30th, 31st and February 2nd artist Robin Poteet shared her style of backgrounds at the workshop. See more on her website [www.robinpoteet.com](http://www.robinpoteet.com)



"Old Crow"  
Robin Poteet

## DWS to get new website

Brad Hastings and his committee continue to work closely with Techno Goober in creating the new website for DWS. In addition to board members being able to post information, members will also be able to submit applications for exhibits and also renew their yearly membership.



“Stretch”

Kim Johnson Nechtman

## Kim Johnson Nechtman Workshop “Animals and Birds” April 12th, 19th and 26th

Kim is a signature member of the [AWS](#), [NWS](#), [SDWS](#), [TWSA](#), [WW](#), [WFWS](#) and [AWA](#). Kim’s works have been featured in many Splash art books and are included in many corporate offices in private collections. As Kim explains on her website, <https://kj-art.com> she will be able to show you how to overcome the daunting challenge of the ‘blank paper’. She will show you how to approach the art of expression watercolor with enthusiasm and determination. As Kim states, “I started taking art classes and it was so exciting I loved creating paintings and amazed myself with my accomplishments the whole process from the composition to drawing the painting is thrilling”

DWS workshop chairman Wendy Leddy has scheduled DWS a workshop with Kim Johnson for three consecutive Wednesdays; April 12th, 19th and 26th. Visit [www.delawarewatercolorssociety.org](http://www.delawarewatercolorssociety.org) for information and sign-up.

## Member News

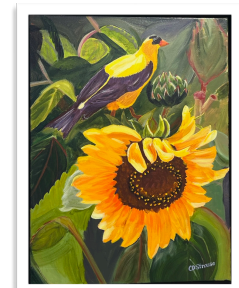
Annie Strack’s painting “Toes in the Water” is featured in the 48th edition of *The Art of Watercolour Magazine*. Congratulations Annie!



“Toes in the Water”

Annie Strack

Cindy Strouse was the featured artist in January at the Spotlight Gallery at the Art League of Ocean City. Cindy had 13 paintings hanging, some of which have been in DWS shows and over 40 paintings and drawings in a bin for sale. Cindy’s paintings are watercolor and acrylics. Kudos to Cindy!



## DWS Board Members

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## Welcome New Member

Welcome new member Joan Orcutt  
Joan is transitioning from her home town of Elliott City Md to the Eastern Shore and is excited to enjoy the “slower lower” lifestyle. She is currently also a member of BWS

## Freezing Weather Conditions offer Opportunities for textured backgrounds



During these freezing temperatures it’s possible to use a interesting signature technique of Kathleen Conover’s.

Kathleen has developed this technique over a period of 30 years she claims that some people refer to her as the “ ice crystal lady”.

As Kathleen describes on her website she mixes the pigments inside and take some out into the sub freezing winter air pouring water on the water color paper then pouring the thick pigment onto the water. Mother nature freezes the water and pigments forming intricate crystallized patterns. From there the patterned paper may be used in creative paintings.

Check out the technique on her website,

[www.Kathleenconover.com](http://www.Kathleenconover.com) .

## Signature Artist Jury Process due April 1 2023

Have you ever considered becoming a DWS Signature Artist? Attaining signature artist status indicates a high level of artistic achievement supported by a strong knowledge of design and composition and usage of water-media. Review the following criteria and see if you meet the qualifying requirements.

- Has your work been accepted in three juried shows within the past five years?
- Does your work show a strong knowledge of composition, design, and use of color?
- Does your work show originality?
- Does your work indicate a knowledgeable use of water-media?
- Is your work of consistent high quality?

The directions, further information and application are available on our website, [www.delawarewatercolorsociety.org](http://www.delawarewatercolorsociety.org)

Submit images, documents and applications to Isabel Pizzolato, Signature Jury Coordinator. Inquiries may be directed to Isabel at [izpizz@comcast.net](mailto:izpizz@comcast.net), or 302-519-6934, or 302-684-1457.