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Calendar & Events 2023 at a glance

May 1st-31st Nassau Valley Vineyard and Winery Exhibition

May 11th Nassau Vineyards Opening Reception 5-7pm

May 31st pick up

June 7th Plein Air Paint Day.

July 1-17th Digital images due for the **Peninsula Gallery Exhibition**. Each signature artist may submit three digital images using the theme 'Sunrise, Sunset'

August 22nd-26th Drop off **Peninsula Gallery Exhibition**

Sept 1st 1-3pm Leslie Lambert Demo

Sept 1st-30rd DWS Signature Artist Exhibition at **The Peninsula Gallery**.

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

Sept 2nd- 25th Digital Images due **Ocean City Exhibition**

Sept. 30th Pick up **Peninsula Gallery**

Oct 23,24,25 10am-2pm David R. Smith Workshop

Oct 30th Drop off for **Ocean City Center Exhibition**

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

Nov 3rd Reception OC center 5-7pm

Nov 26th Pick up OC Center

Recent News Items

New Website for DWS has Launched

Brad Hastings and his committee worked closely with Techno Goober to create the new website for DWS. Board members will be able to post information and members will be able to submit applications for exhibits. Members may also renew their yearly membership.

Be sure to check out the Member Gallery and perhaps submit your own paintings.

Each member will now have their own individual **password**. Username will be the member's email address.

Step 1. To initially set up your password follow the link below.

<https://www.delawarewatercolorsociety.org/login/>

Step 2. Press the link at the bottom of the page "lost password"

Step 3. Have the website send you a link to reset your password. They will send it to the email that you provide.

Step 4. Access your email account and press the password reset link.

Step 5. Reset your password to be personalized. You are now set.

New DWS Signature Members

We are excited to add the following members to our growing list of DWS Signature Artists. Congratulations to Kym Bellerose, Brad Hastings, Joan Judge and Winifred Way. Their distinctive style, approach to watercolor, and quality of work has earned recognition at many exhibitions and met the requirements needed to be added to this distinguished group. Well done!



“Autumn Color” -Kym Bellerose



“Big Hair” -Winifred Way



“Colorado High Country” -Joan Judge



“One Canal” -Brad Hastings



Kim Johnson-Nechtman Zoom Workshop

For three consecutive Wednesdays in April, Kim Johnson Nechtman held a Zoom workshop. The subject of Animal portraits in watercolor was explored. Fourteen participants learned Kim's unique technique for creating her paintings.

Kim's down-to-earth and relatable style shined through making the workshop totally enjoyable

Upcoming Events

Open Reception Nassau Vineyard

The opening reception will be held Thursday, May 11th at the Nassau Vineyard Gallery between 5-7 pm. The exhibit will run thru May.

The juror for this Spring exhibit is Ellen Elmes. Her paintings have been acclaimed for their unique collage style blend of symbolic imagery and flowing naturalism. Ellen has designed and painted numerous large-scale murals in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia

Ellen displays and sells her artwork on a regular basis in southwest Virginia and West Virginia. She is a signature member of the Virginia Watercolor Society and 'Round the Mountain Artisans. See her website: ellenelmes.com

Plein Air Paint Day

On June 7th at 11am.(rain dates 8th and 9th) we will have a plein air paint day at the:

4 Acres Living Alpaca Farm
322360 Omar Rd.,
Frankford, DE 19945

- Bring a lunch/snack & drink (there's a refrigerator)
- There will be a brief tour about the farm & animals
- A fee of \$20 is required by farm at the door
- Bring paint supplies, container for water, and/or cameras (there's a big sink to wash & cleaning supplies)
- Tables and chairs will be set up for us
- Animals will be free to roam in the field where everything is set up
- Babies are expected to be born by that time (females are currently pregnant)
- Entrance is a gravel road leading to a white & black house, white & black barn, blue sign at the entrance

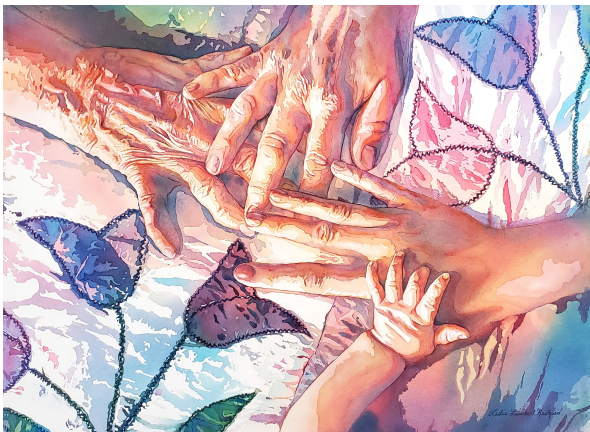


Leslie Lambert Demo

A demo with Leslie Lambert is scheduled for Friday, September 1st 1-3pm.

Discover the excitement and joy of poured water colors. Leslie Lambert will show how to produce luminous works by painting and layering with flowing pigment this is done with thoughtful planning and design that works well with the freedom of poured paint.

Cost \$30 DWS Members \$35 Non-members



“Past, Present and Future” by Leslie Lambert

David R Smith Workshop

Join our David R. Smith workshop on October 23, 24, 25 Monday -Wednesday 10am to 2pm.

David will take you on a watercolor journey that will save you hours of trial and error by demonstrating approaches in an easily understood manner. The workshop is packed with demos and guided practice. David will demonstrate a wide variety of techniques including wet on wet, splattering, spraying, and how to link shapes in a composition based on values. Check out his website: dssmithfineart.com

Cost \$250 DWS Members \$300 Non-members

Member News

Annie Strack, DWS, juried the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 2023 Members Exhibit. Her painting “Portrait of Chris” is featured in the April issue of Fine Art Connoisseur magazine.



“Portrait of Chris” by Annie Strack

Her paintings were also juried into Western Federation Watercolor Society 48th National Exhibit, Arizona Watercolor Society National Exhibit, Illinois Watercolor Society 39th International Exhibit, Society of Watercolor Artists International Exhibit, and Watercolor USA Honor Society National Exhibit.

Anne Crown Cyr's painting, *The Hitching Post, New Orleans*, will be on display at the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's National Water-media Show. Juror Judy Metcalfe selected 71 paintings out of 214 entries. Award winners will be chosen May 12. The exhibition runs from May 13 to June 23, 2023, at the RIWS Gallery 831 Armistice Blvd. Pawtucket, RI 02861.

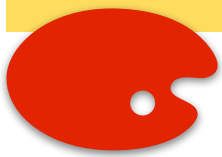


“The Hitching Post, New Orleans”
by Anne Crown Cyr

For more information, call 401-726-1876 or email to RIWS gallery@gmail.com.

Anne's novel, *Evergreen*, won First Place for fiction in this year's Delaware Press Association's statewide Communications Contest and will now advance to the national contest sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women. An awards banquet for this year's entrants is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, at the Ed Oliver Golf Club, 800 N. Dupont Road, Wilmington, DE. *Evergreen* is available at Browseabout Books in Rehoboth Beach and online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Welcome new member Doris Lawson from Oklahoma City OK



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