



# Hot Press News

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## Art League of Ocean City Signature Artist Exhibition

Congratulations! to the winners of our signature artist exhibit as selected by DWS founder, Anne Crown-Cyr.

The presentation of awards was made by President Marjorie Wuestner at the well-attended opening reception held on November 5, 2021.



Third Place  
*"Classics"* – Christine Heyse



First Place  
*"Salmon Run"* – Ruth Ann Kaufman



Merit Award  
*"Blue Trees"* – Paige Ruby



Second Place  
*"Choices"* – Marjorie Wuestner



Merit Award  
*"Arrival of Delta"* – Gail Zinar

**Reminder – Pickup of artwork is scheduled for Sunday, November 28, 10:00am until 12:00 noon.**

## Alexis Lavine Workshop Recap “Design for Success”

This recent workshop, held via Zoom, was attended by 18 enthusiastic artists, including nine non-members from seven different states. An enjoyable time was shared by all as Alexis presented a well-prepared workshop that included individual attention and guidance as participants worked their way through paintings of a St. Croix Sugar Mill and exotic Pitcher Plants.

The digital world was used to its best advantage as students presented their own images for individual review by Alexis who then provided assistance and direction aiding in the process of the design of strong composition



“Pitcher Plants”  
Alexis Lavine

## A Note on the Rehoboth Art League Exhibit

The selection of works by juror Christine Heyse, AWS, NWS brought many positive comments regarding the elevated level of quality of the works submitted by DWS members. This growth and skill level was evident and supported by the sale of four paintings during this exhibit. Kudos to all who exhibited.

## Member News

### Welcome New Member

**Frank Williams of Lewes, DE**

**Brad Hastings** has been appointed as vice-president to fill this position vacated when Marjorie Wuestner assumed the office of president. Many thanks to Brad for stepping into this position. We wish him success as well as offer our complete support.

**Annie Strack** won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Georgia Watercolor Society Annual Juried Members Show and Merit Award in the Hawaii Watercolor Society National Juried Show. Her paintings were also juried into the Philadelphia Watercolor Society 121<sup>st</sup> International Show, North Star Watercolor Society 7<sup>th</sup> National Show, Northeast Watercolor Society 45<sup>th</sup> International Show and Arizona Watercolor Association Annual Juried Members Show. She earned Signature Status in PWCS. Congratulations, Annie!

Juror, Luis Wolford, selected **Chris Heyse’s** painting “Dog Walker” for the Memorial Award in the Potomac Valley Watercolorists Winter online show. [www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.com](http://www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.com). Congratulations, Chris!



“Dog Walker”  
Christine Heyse, AWS, NWS

Last, but not least, Congratulations to **Wendy Leddy**, recently added to our list of DWS Signature Artist Members. Wendy’s paintings have won several awards in our

exhibits. We look forward to her future endeavors and continued success.



*"The Path Taken"*  
Wendy Leddy

## **A Special Thank You from Westside New Beginnings**

As part of our commitment to enriching our community through the arts, a \$1,000 donation was made to the Westside New Beginnings Inc./West Rehoboth Children and Youth Program. What follows are some highlights from a recently received thank you letter.

The organization" often asks their children what they like to do, and they always say draw, paint, artwork. With this response the staff focused on exploring, creating, and sharing the wonders of watercolor". (The funds provided by DWS were used to purchase materials for their summer and after-school youth programs.)

"Because of your support, our low-income, at-risk, disadvantaged children & youth 5-15 years of age were able to experience a great learning summer". The children created some amazing artwork", some of which will take the form of a mural coming soon to their community in West Rehoboth.

*"It's not what you look at  
that matters; it is what you see."  
-Henry David Thoreau*

## **December is Membership Renewal Month**

DWS is offering a free, two-hour, virtual demonstration with artist Kim Johnson Nechtman, Wednesday, January 12, 2022 to those who pay their 2022 dues prior to December 31, 2021. Don't miss out and pay your dues NOW!

Access to the demonstration will be provided with the renewal acknowledgement letter.

## **The Importance of Edges**

Improve your paintings and create more interest with the use of different edges, hard, soft, semisoft, broken, and varied lengths, and widths.

Each edge helps to tell the story. They denote the hardness or softness of an object, such as a rock or building, versus a tree-top or a cloud.

Since the eye focuses on hard edges, they may be used to move the viewer around the painting and direct you to the focal point. Generally, the focal point will have the most detail, contrast and hardest edges. By softening surrounding edges, it encourages the eye to "move on" and travel to the areas that are more detailed and most important.

Experiment with edges for dynamic results.

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Do you have news or information you wish to share with your fellow members, art related items for sale or suggestions for the newsletter? Please contact Isabel Pizzolato, [izpizz@comcast.net](mailto:izpizz@comcast.net).

Thank you for your input.