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DWS Annual Meeting Featuring Demo by Dan Marshall

The Delaware Watercolor Society's 20th annual meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14 2024 and was hosted by Vice President Brad Hastings. Each board member and director gave a brief synopsis of activities. President Marjorie Wuestner, who has been out on leave has plans to return full time in January.

The results for the election were announced with a 56% response. The elected will continue with their duties though out the 2025-2026 term.

Treasurer, Pat Hoey reviewed the society's financial status and reported that it is sound. She announced that DWS has 78 members with 17 members joining in the past year. Details of her report may be viewed on the website under board minutes.

Charlotte Hughes, Secretary, gave a big thank you for all donations collected this past year:

- Patty Derrick, Marjorie Wuestner and Larry Kamlot for generous donations to the general operations.
- Steve and Wendy Leddy, Nassau Valley Vineyard 2024 exhibition First place award in memory of her mother.
- Charlotte and Bill Hughes, Merit awards for Nassau Valley Vineyards 2024.
- Margie Wuestner and Cathy Balsley for Merit awards at the Lewes Library 2024.
- Judy Olsen and Cathy Walls are sponsoring a first place award for 2025, an exhibition.
- Patty Derrick for sponsoring an award for an upcoming exhibition.

The minutes from monthly board meetings are posted on the website after they have been approved at the following meeting. Please feel free to access them.

Melissa McLean was away. Charlotte Hughes gave her report highlighting the new 'Featured Member' section of the newsletters and the planned continuation of the Plein Air Painters in Spring 2025.

Workshop Director, Wendy Leddy recapped 2024 and announced plans to continue ZOOM and In-person workshops for 2025, asking for suggestions from members for Topics/Artists that interested them.

Kath Cropper, Exhibition Director reviewed the society's 2024 exhibits and thanked Nancy Mysak, Joan Fabbri and Melissa McLean for their contributions to the success of the exhibits. Kath announced the plans for 2025:

*The Rehoboth art league prospectus will be available in early January. Paintings are due February 15 2025. The reception will be April 4 2025 with the show hanging until May 5.

*The Lewes Library show will be in August 2025.

*The Nassau Valley Vineyards show will be in October 2025.

The Signature Artist chair, Isabel Pizzolato recognized this year's signature members, Kathleen Cropper and Luis Perez. Congratulations to them for their outstanding effort. The next Signature review will be in due April 1, 2025. Isabel encouraged members who have had their work accepted into our juried shows to consider applying for Signature Status.

Two door prizes were won during meeting by Bruce Simmons and Ruth Ann Kaufman.

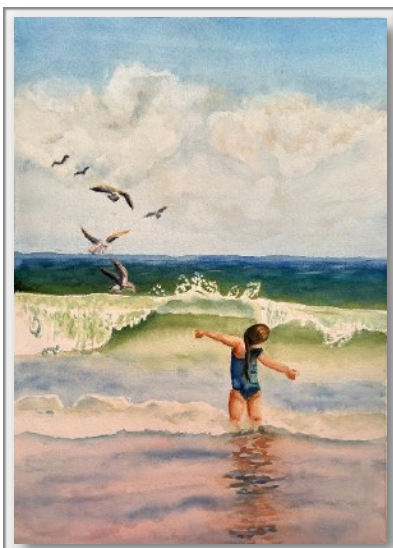
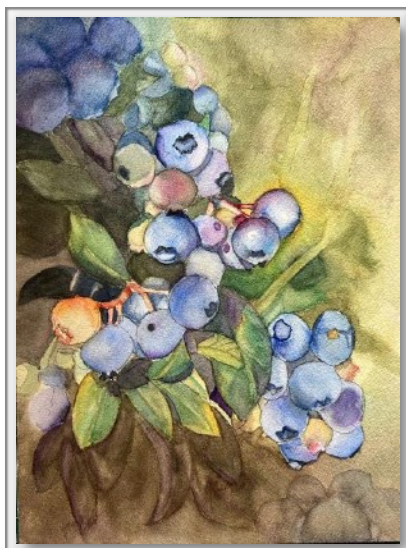
Wendy introduced, Dan Brown, a nationally known watercolorist. She thanked Brad for recommending him. Dan lives in Colorado. He is an instructor and a Signature member of AWS among others. Dan's work is influenced by the American West and nautical locations. He did this excellent demo!



Featured Member-Cynthia Strouse

Cindy grew up in Wayne, NJ and currently lives in Frankford, Delaware with her husband and two Portuguese Water Dogs.

Growing up, Cindy was always interested in crafts, and still sews often. She graduated Cum Laude from Rutgers College of Pharmacy and worked in retail pharmacy where she would design and execute dramatic windows for the store. She then moved into the Pharmaceutical Industry for many years. It was not until she retired from the industry that she was able to return to crafting, which inspired her to take the next steps and learn to seriously draw and paint. Now she paints and exhibits regularly including several commissions, has her own website, CindyStrouse.com and teaches painting classes to adults and children as well as curates a local art show.



Cindy is also dedicated to giving back to her community. She is part of a pet therapy team with her oldest dog, Marina. They spend a lot of time in libraries and schools helping kids improve their reading and other skills as part of PAWS FOR PEOPLE. They have reached the rank of Therapy Dog Distinguished by American Kennel Club for completing over 400 therapy dog visits. This has led to her interest in writing and illustrating picture books. Both of her Portuguese Water Dogs share her love of swimming. She also combined her love of art and volunteering with the Freeman Foundation year-round school arts program, helping with summer concerts and being a docent for the Freeman collection, HerStory. Her love of reading has also led her to be President of the Board of Trustees for the Frankford Public Library.



Cindy teaches art to students at local schools, libraries, communities, and at the Art League of Ocean City. She currently teaches pour painting to adults at the Art League of Ocean City and Selbyville and Frankford Libraries.

Member News

Annie Strack, DWS, had paintings juried into the Missouri Watercolor Society International Exhibition and Society of Watercolor Artists 2024 Member Exhibition. She earned Signature Status in SWA. Congratulations Annie!



Ellen Lawler received an Honorable Mention Award for "Change is in the Air" at the Annual Members Juried Show at the Art League of Ocean City. Forty-five paintings were accepted from the 150 paintings submitted for the show. Congratulations Ellen!

Mark Your Calendars Upcoming exhibit

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The Lewes Library show will be in August and the Nassau Valley Vineyards show will be in October, so artists should start painting!

“Art is not what you see,
but what you make others see.”
Edgar Degas

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