

# Highlights



Baltimore Watercolor Society

A Mid-Atlantic Organization of Watermedia Artists

January 2009

Highlights is available on the 1st of each month at the BWS website

## PRESIDENT'S Palette



Hello fellow artists,

It's hard to believe a new year has begun. I don't know about you, but 2009 really snuck up on me. My father always used to say that "time flies when you're having fun". So I guess I can assume that since 2008 flew by, it must have been filled with fun. I know for me the year was quite eventful – two daughters got married. But I have to say the one thing that continues to be fun for me is painting. Even when a particular problem arises in the execution of a watercolor, it is fun to figure out a solution. Of course, some paintings turn out better than others but the process is al-

ways fun.

So at the beginning of this New Year – the traditional time for making resolutions – I resolve to have even more fun in 2009. That means I am going to devote more time to painting. I was once told that it is the obligation of an artist to use his or her talent to help beautify the world. And that's what I plan to do – at least my little corner of it.

So I invite all of you to join me. I know some of you already paint on a regular basis but some of you have let your brushes go idle, your paint dry up, and your paper gather dust. If that sounds like you, renew your desire to help beautify the world! We've got several opportunities to exhibit your work coming up this year. Of course, there is our juried Mid-Atlantic Exhibition coming up in April. The deadline for that, though, is this month – Friday, January 23. (You should have gotten a prospectus in the mail. If you didn't get one or have misplaced it, you can see it on our web site at [www.baltimorewatercolorociety.org](http://www.baltimorewatercolorociety.org).) Also, this month we are exhibiting at the Columbia Center for the Arts (see tear-off) and in May, we will be at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis.

In the meantime, on behalf of the entire BWS board, I wish you all a happy, healthy, and fun-filled (due to lots of painting) New Year!

Chris Dodd  
[chrisdoddbws@comcast.net](mailto:chrisdoddbws@comcast.net)

### Upcoming Events

#### Columbia Center for the Arts Exhibit

Columbia Art Center  
6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD  
**Delivery:** January 9th, 10 AM - NOON  
**Opening:** January 14th  
**Reception:** January 17th, 3 - 5 PM  
**Pick up:** February 15th, 11 AM - 2 PM  
*See tear-off.*

#### Bob Coe Watercolor Workshop

Saturday, January 17, 2009,  
9:30 AM - 4 PM  
The Howard County Center for the Arts  
8510 High Ridge Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
*See tear-off.*

#### Frank Francese Workshop

March 31 – April 3, 2009  
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
Howard County Center for the Arts  
8510 High Ridge Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
**Registration deadline:** March 1, 2009  
*See tear-off.*

#### Mid-Atlantic Exhibit

Mansion at Strathmore  
North Bethesda, MD  
April 11 - May 23, 2009  
**Entries Due:** January 23, 2009  
**Delivery:** April 5, 2009, 10 AM - 2 PM  
**Reception:** April 19, 2009  
**Pick up:** May 26th, 11 AM - 1:30 PM

## Members' News

**Jean Uhl Spicer's** 2009 workshop schedule is as follows: March 27, 28, 29, Latrobe Art Ctr, Latrobe, PA; May 11-15, Community Art Assoc, Allendale, NJ; May 18-22, Community Art Ctr, Wallingford, PA; Sept. 22, 23, 24, Art League of Ocean City, Ocean City, MD. For info: Contact Jean Spicer at - juspicer@aol.com.

## Mid-Atlantic Entries

The deadline for Mid-Atlantic entries is Friday, January 23. This year it's easier than ever to submit your paintings for consideration by juror, Frank Francese. No slides are necessary (although they will still be accepted this year). Just put your digital images on a CD, and SEND IT IN. Complete directions are on the BWS web site as well as answers to many questions that have been asked in past years. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the annual exhibit at beautiful Strathmore Mansion.

## Newsletter in Color

Now you can read Highlights in color! Just go to our website - [www.baltimorewatercolorsociety.org](http://www.baltimorewatercolorsociety.org) - and download a PDF file. You can then print it out on your color printer if you like. Usually the newsletter is posted on our web site even before you get the black and white copy in the mail.

## BWS 125th Anniversary Celebration

Preliminary planning for our big celebration in 2010 for our 125th anniversary are underway! The board is considering many options. But we would like to hear from you. We want to make it an event that appeals to our membership. We want a lot of people to come! So please e-mail out Vice President, Jeannette Birger, with any ideas - big or small. [jnette6935@aol.com](mailto:jnette6935@aol.com)

## 2008 Annual Dues

First let me thank the many members who have already paid their 2008 dues. A special thanks also goes to the Life members who decided to donate this year. Their contribution will be used to support the BWS scholarship to the Maryland Artists Equity Foundation to be awarded to Maryland Institute College of Art for his or her college education.

If you have not yet provided your dues, please send you checks to:

April Rimp  
Membership Chair  
14032 Howard Rd  
Dayton, MD 21036-1020

2008 dues should be paid by January 31. Associate dues are \$20. Signature Artist dues are \$30.

## Orphan Works Bill

In an effort to keep our membership informed about issues that affect us all, the BWS board is currently following the progression of the Shawn Bentley Orphan Works Act of 2008. This bill was introduced by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) on Apr 24, 2008 and passed in the Senate on September 26. It is now in the House of Representatives pending a vote.

The intent of the bill is to make orphan works more easily accessible to museums, libraries, archives, nonprofit educational organizations, documentary film makers, etc. An orphan work is a copyrighted work (book, music, record, film, painting, illustration, etc.) whose owner cannot be located.

Proponents of the bill point to the fact that thousands of artistic creations in this country are unavailable for the general public to enjoy because the owner is unknown. No one wants to use any of these works for fear of being sued should the owner eventually step forward. Under the new law, potential users would be able to use an orphan work if they conduct and document a diligent search but are unable to locate the copyright owner for permission to use it.

Many artists' groups have come out against this bill (you may have been receiving e-mails urging you to contact your congressman) because they believe it will have disproportionate impact on visual artists since pictures are often published without credit lines or because credit lines can be easily removed by others. They also feel that there will be an undue burden placed on artists to digitize and register their work in a certified data base or their work will become available for anyone's use for any purpose for free.

If you want to learn more about this controversial issue, go to [govtrack.us](http://govtrack.us).

## Call to Artists

**Reflections on Chrome**, a juried exhibition running May 20 to July 17, 2009, seeks work representing unpretentious chrome objects, in familiar scenes or in detail. The exhibit will accept all media; 2D or 3D welcome to apply. There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee, resume, statement. Submissions must be postmarked by **March 20, 2009**. EMAIL OR SEND SASE FOR A PROSPECTUS at [eb@ambrestudio.com](mailto:eb@ambrestudio.com), Ambre' Studio, 310 West Broad St. Bethlehem, PA 18018, [www.ambrestudio.com](http://www.ambrestudio.com).

## FYI

The Pike's Peak Watercolor Society's **International Water-media XVI biennial exhibit** will be held in the King Gallery at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, 210 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado from August 15 through October 24, 2009. For more information see their website at <http://home.pcisys.net/~ppwsart>.

## For Sale

### Arches Watercolor Sheet Paper

300lb cold press  
22"x30"

18 sheets for \$73.00  
Plus shipping cost

Cheap Joe's price for 18 sheets would be  
\$147.20

Contact me at  
Dorate@comcast.net  
Or 443-607-8800

## Congratulations to 2008 Signature Artist

**Myhanh E.T. Bosse**  
38 Militia Hill Rd.  
Warrington, PA 18976  
Phone: 267-620-1129  
Email: drmb@gastropa.com

## Address Correction

**Martha Zink**  
106 Flyway Drive  
Kiawah Island, SC 29455

## Address Changes

**Lynn Gordon**  
136 Greenbrier Dr.  
Radford VA 24 141-3854  
Phone: 540-639-0382

**Sydney Morgan**  
3917 Bentley Brook Dr.  
Raleigh, NC 276 12

**Arwana Schoemer**  
12044 E SR78, #261  
Moore Haven, FL 33471

## Welcome New Associate

**Lori McQueeney**

## Columbia Center for the Arts Exhibit

### Columbia Art Center

January 14 - February 14, 2009

6100 Foreland Garth  
Columbia, MD

Commission: 30% to Columbia Association

**Exhibits open to Signature Artist Members and Life Members only. BWS reserves the right to reject any painting deemed unacceptable.**

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

E-mail

Title

Price

Send form and check for \$5 (made out to BWS) by Friday January 2nd to Alice Webb, 4700 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, MD 2 1042-63 12, 410-461-9243. (alicewebbsunburst@hotmail.com)

Baltimore Watercolor Society Exhibition Agreement:

I acknowledge that, in the event of damage, loss or theft, neither the Baltimore Watercolor Society, Inc., nor its officers, volunteers, nor any receiving agent or gallery will be held responsible. Insurance, if desired for shipping, exhibition, or any other reason, is the responsibility of the individual artist. BWS will not be responsible for any painting not picked up at the designated time.

Signature

Date

## Bob Coe Watercolor Workshop

January 17, 2009, Saturday.

The Howard County Center for the Arts –  
8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 2 1043  
(410) 313-ARTS

An easy, step-by-step process for turning your ordinary photos into professional paintings.

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

E-mail

Cost: \$40 BWS members (\$50 non-members) full payment with registration. Send form and fee (check payable to BWS) to: Yolanda Koh, 8166 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 2 1045 (phone 443-956-1656)

Registration deadline: January 5, 2009.

Refund policy: 80% refundable registration fee until January 5, 2009. No refunds after this date unless slot is filled from waiting list. Maximum registration: 25 people



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[www.baltimorewatercolorssociety.org](http://www.baltimorewatercolorssociety.org)

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Ads will be accepted at the following rates:

- Full Page (7w x 10h) \$60
- Half Page (7w x 5 1/2h) \$30
- Quarter Page (3 1/2w x 4 3/4h) \$15
- Business Card (3 1/2w x 2 1/4h) \$10

BWS members may submit a 45-word announcement of their classes or workshops gratis.

Send information to the editor,  
 Jeremy Rimpo (left) and a check payable to BWS to:  
 Sherry Morell, Treasurer  
 3 Southerly Court, #401, Towson, MD 21286

# WATERMEDIA WORKSHOP

March 31 – April 3, 2009

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

With nationally acclaimed artist  
**Frank Francese, NWS**

Howard County Center for the Arts

8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City MD 21043

## LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

Frank Francese has been a professional artist and instructor since 1976. Watercolors came to the forefront of his attention in 1983. His liquid style is uniquely distinctive--he enjoys working on a very wet surface, letting the pure color mix itself on the paper. Frank has taught numerous watercolor workshops throughout the US and Canada, and is a Signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, and others. He has been published in many prominent art magazines and has served as a judge in numerous juried exhibitions throughout the nation. Frank has won several awards with his paintings, including second prize in the Artist's Magazine's 2001 art competition, out of 11,800 entries.

Frank's favorite subjects are visually complex, but he doesn't transfer drawings to watercolor paper and hardly mixes any color on his palette, painting fast and loose. He captures most scenes in two to three hours max. Colors run, shift and mix together; and to balance all the color changes, he includes less detail to illustrate subjects, though his paintings are anything but simplistic. A complete review of Frank's work is available [www.ffrancese.com](http://www.ffrancese.com).

Each day's workshop will include 45-minute morning and afternoon painting demonstrations; one-on-one instruction; group critiques, and ample time for personal painting. The subject matter will be different each day, covering nature scenes, country scenes, cityscapes, the tropics and nature's moods.

Refund policy: 80% refundable registration fee until March 1. No refunds after March 1 unless slot is filled from waiting list. Maximum registration: 25 people

### **Frank Francese**

#### Landscape Workshop

March 31 - April 3, 2009

Howard County Center for the Arts, Ellicott City MD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_(h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$325 BWS members (\$350 non-members)--full payment with registration. Send form and fee (check payable to BWS) to:

Colleen Sabo, 6920 Konrad Court, Friendship MD 20758  
(301-855-6128, [colleensabo@comcast.net](mailto:colleensabo@comcast.net))

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