

# Highlights



Baltimore Watercolor Society

A Mid-Atlantic Organization of Watermedia Artists

June 2009

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## PRESIDENT'S Palette



Hello fellow artists!

A funny thing happened on the way to New York City. Well, actually it happened a bit later but the story begins on the bus. As you know, BWS sponsors a bus trip every April to New York City to see the American Watercolor Society's annual show. If you've never been on this trip I recommend it highly. The exhibit showcases some of the best watercolorists in the country and it is always inspiring to see their work. After viewing, discussing, admiring, and marveling at the hundred or so paintings, we re-board the bus for a ride to the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art where we are

free to roam to our heart's content – that is until it's time to get back on the bus for the trip home.

This year those of us who made the trip had a marvelous time. Somewhere along I-95, one of our board members, Diane Gibson, announced that she was about to open up shop at the back of the bus. It turns out that, in addition to being an excellent watercolorist (she won the Canson Fine Papers Award at this year's Mid-Atlantic Exhibition), she also designs and makes beautiful glass jewelry. She had boxes of dazzling pendants and ear rings for sale – at a very reasonable price, I might add. Well, many passengers on the bus took advantage of the opportunity to make a purchase and I was one of them. I bought three stunning pendants.

One of them, however, seemed to be a little rough around one edge and Diane kindly offered to take it home and give it another sanding with her professional sander. The plan was that she would then mail it back to me. A few days later I got a call from Diane. You've heard the expression "The dog ate my homework." Well her dog ate my pendant! Apparently, Dolly, her over one hundred pound yellow Labrador Retriever is now two years old and just high enough to eat anything off the kitchen table. Diane was very apologetic and asked if I wanted a refund but I said I was fine waiting to see if it showed up.

The next time I saw Diane was a few days later when she was delivering her entry to the Quiet Waters Exhibit. (By the way, that show is going on through June 14 so there's still time to see it. Quiet Waters Park is a beautiful place and the Visitor's Center is a great venue for an art exhibit.) As soon as she saw me, Diane reached into her purse and pulled out – yes, you guessed it – my pendant! Needless to say, I was delighted to have it back.

Diane assures me that her dog is no worse for wear and my pendant shows no sign of where it's been so all is well. Perhaps it will remind me that the creation of a great work of art often entails a challenging journey!

Chris Dodd

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### Upcoming Events

#### Steve Fleming Workshop

June 12, 13, and 14, 2009

Howard County Center for the Arts  
8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD

#### Quiet Waters Exhibit

May 7 - June 14, 2009

**Pick up:** June 15th, 9 AM - 11 AM

#### BWS Annual Dinner

June 9, 2009, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Matthew's 1600, 1600 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, MD 21228, 410-788-2500

#### Ron Ranson Workshop

September 23 - 27, 2009

**Deadline:** September 16, 2009

*See flier.*

## Members' News

**Rod Cook** is presenting a show, *Struttin' My Stuff!*, in Rehoboth, DE at the Back Porch Café, 59 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth, DE 19971, (302) 227-3674. It will run from June 11 - July 16, with the opening reception on Sunday, June 28 from 4 - 6 PM.

**Jane Halliwell Green** invites you to her solo show of watercolors and rugs. Jane is an expert in negative painting and hand hooked tapestries made of wool. The show will be held at Quiet Waters Galleries, Annapolis, MD from June 21 through July 26. Opening reception is June 21 from 2-4. For more information call 410-200-1143 or go to [www.paintpencil.com](http://www.paintpencil.com)

**Ardythe Jolliff** has had paintings accepted in the Lancaster County Art Association National Juried Exhibition and the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors." She also has paintings on display at the BWS, Quiet Waters Park Gallery Show and the Annapolis Watercolor Club, Gallery 1683 Show in Annapolis, MD.

Dates for sailing with **Christine O'Neill** on their catamaran are June 18th, 19th, or 20th and August 6th or 21st. All times are from 9-12. Contact Christine at 443-822-9153.

## Call for Entries

**Kansas Watercolor Society National Exhibition 2009**  
November 20, 2009 - January 3, 2010. \$30,000 in cash and purchase awards are anticipated. The postmarked deadline for receipt of entries is August 3, 2009. For more information contact: The Wichita Center for the Arts, 9112 E. Central, Wichita, KS 67206, (316) 634-2787, [www.wcfta.com](http://www.wcfta.com).

The Maryland Federation of Art invites all artists residing in the United States to enter its **9th Annual American Landscapes exhibition**, a nationally open-juried mixed media competition. Any two or three dimensional work depicting the American landscape will be considered. Open to all media. September 17- October 18, 2009. Postmark deadline: June 30, 2009. Prospectus and exhibition guidelines are available at <http://mdfedart.org>.

## Welcome New Associates

**Mak Dehejia**  
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Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
Phone: 301-938-9144

**Karen Schuster**  
6612 Towering Oak Path  
Columbia, MD 21044  
Phone: 410-531-5768

**Diane Maurer**  
111 Apel Ave.  
Oreland, PA 19075  
Phone: 215-885-1645

## Address Changes

**Muriel Ebitz**  
701 King Farm Blvd. #512  
Rockville, MD 20850-6182

**Roberta H. Lang**  
168 N Oxford St.  
York, PA 17402

## Quiet Waters Park Exhibit Winners



**First Place: Colleen Sabo** for "Spring"



**Second Place: Kay Sandler** for Twilight Poppies #2"



**Third Place: Katheen Stumpf** for "Tatia"

**Honorable Mentions: Al Bishop** for "Zoe," **Jeannette Birger** for "Blood Toots," and **Kay Sandlet** for "Poppy Worls #2"

### Juror's Statement

As you know jurying an art show is a difficult task especially when the BWS has so many talented artists. To make the job easier I evaluated each painting on a scale of one to ten on four points: technique, composition, emotional impact, and creativity. Each painting scored well in at least one or more categories but those selected scored the highest, I felt, in all four areas. None the less everyone who contributed should be proud of the work they created, it's a beautiful show!

*Linda Gosman*

## Ron Ranson Watercolor Workshop

Ron Ranson is an English artist, teacher and author, who has recently moved from England to Portland, Oregon in the USA. He is one of the world's most traveled watercolor teachers, giving workshops and private tuition to students on every continent for many years. Ron Ranson is an artist of great patience and good English humor!

His style is impressionistic and traditionalist and his work is renowned for its purity of design and clear, transparent colors. He paints with his own version of the oriental hake brush, teaching his students freedom of expression and simplicity. Painting decisively and quickly, Ron is a master of timing.

As an author, Ron is enormously prolific, having written over twenty-five art books that have sold throughout the world. He also writes articles for art magazines in England, Holland, Norway and Australia, and has been the European editor of the prestigious publication, the International Artist.



Woodland Waterfall

by Ron Ranson

### Two Hour Demo

September 22, 2009, 7pm - 9pm  
\$10 BWS members; \$15 non-members  
The Howard County Center for the Arts  
8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
(410) 313-ARTS

### Five Day Workshop

September 23-27, 9:30am - 3:30pm  
\$350 BWS members; \$400 non-members  
The Howard County Center for the Arts  
8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
(410) 313-ARTS

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  - I would like to register for the workshop.
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Please detach form and send with full payment (check payable to BWS) to:  
Yolanda Koh, 8166 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 21045  
(443-956-1656, yolandakoh@comcast.net)

**Registration deadline: September 16, 2009**



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