

Highlights



Baltimore Watercolor Society

A Mid-Atlantic Organization of Watermedia Artists

September 2009

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PRESIDENT'S Palette



Hello fellow artists!

Since June marked my first anniversary as President of the Baltimore Watercolor Society, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect on my experience as such over the past year. So here goes.

The Top Ten Things I Have Discovered While Being President of BWS.

1. You get the chance to meet a lot of very nice people. I have really enjoyed chatting with so many of you who have approached me at our various events.
2. You get to hear all the wonderful accolades bestowed upon the paintings in our exhibits. I don't know how many times over the year I heard someone comment on the very high quality of our exhibits.
3. You get to meet some very prominent artists from around the country. These artists come to town to jury our Mid-Atlantic Regional Exhibit and/or conduct workshops for us and it is always fascinating to hear their stories.
4. Grandmom duties compete with BWS for my time. I can't help it. I love being with my new grandson!
5. You get to work with a wonderful group of men and women who make up the Board of Governors. I can't say enough about the sixteen people who work together so well and do their respective jobs so professionally.
6. It is a challenge to write "President's Palette" every month. Well, it's not hard to write it really – it's hard to come up with idea. So please send suggestions for future issues!
7. There is a wealth of talent existing within the membership of BWS. It never ceases to amaze me how many expertly executed and downright beautiful paintings are submitted to our exhibits.
8. Working part-time job competes with BWS for my time. I wish I could retire but, given the economy, it may be a while.
9. A lot of work goes into making the BWS run smoothly. Here I want to mention Sharon Green who took over the momentous job of Mid-Atlantic Exhibition Chair; April Rimpo, who ceaselessly maintains the membership data base, a rather mundane job but a vital one; and Sherry Morell, who expertly keeps track of all BWS finances and keeps us out of trouble with the IRS. But many others contribute in various ways and I am thankful to all of them.

Upcoming Events

Ron Ranson Demonstration

September 22, 2009, 7-9 PM

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

Ron Ranson Workshop

September 23 - 27, 2009, 9:30-3:30

New Four-Day Option!

September 23 - 26, 2009, 9:30-3:30

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

Deadline: September 16, 2009

See tear-off.

Semi-Annual Jurying for New Artist

Members

October 3, 2009

See info inside.

Plan Ahead

Dec-Jan - Holy Cross Hospital Exhibit

10. You get to play a key role in supporting the BWS mission – to encourage, educate and promote professional excellence in the creation and development of original works of art executed in water-based media.

All in all, I have very much enjoyed the experience of being President of BWS this past year. I am looking forward to another productive year.

Chris Dodd

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Members' News

Rod Cook's show, "Retrospective Restart," runs until September 26th at the Stevenson University Gallery, 1525 Greenspring Valley Road, Stevenson, MD 21153. There will be an art talk on September 16th at 12.

William C. Gardner will be displaying his watercolors and prints in Shrewsbury, PA at Evensong Antiques & Enhancements. The show is open to the public from Aug.30th through the month of Sept. A reception will be held on Sept. 13th from 1pm to 5pm.

Marit Gretz, Sandra McKeehan, Karen Norman, Harold Walpert, and Patricia Zannie are all featured in the show "September Splendor" at the Ratner Museum, running from September 3 - 27. 10001 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814.

A professional video was filmed at **Katherine Hillis'** studio at The Workhouse Art Center in Lorton, VA. "Learn How to Paint in Watercolors" can now be viewed at: www.Monkey-See.com. She believes the video is an excellent representation of her teaching style.

Barbara Kirchner is presenting a one-artist exhibit of 26 paintings at the Cultural Arts Board in Bel Air, MD during the months of July and August. Her work is also presently in the Rehoboth Art League Members Show, and in Arts By the Bay Gallery in Havre de Grace, MD.

Stephanie Lyon will show her still life paintings in watercolor at an exhibit entitled "Objects and Vessels" September 1 through October 30, 2009 at The Lakeside Café, American City Building, 10227 Wincopin Circl, Columbia, Maryland. The reception will be Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Kay Sandler's painting "Solomon's Poppies" was juried into the National Watercolor Society's 89th Annual Exhibition.



Nicholas Simmons has an eight page feature in the premier issue of *l'Art de l'Aquarelle*, a spectacular new watercolor magazine in France. His "Creativity Workshop" is featured in the June 2009 issue of *Watercolor Artist*. He has done the cover for Manuel Barrueco's new CD, "Virtuoso Guitar Duos," on the Tonar label. Finally, he was awarded the gold medal in the 30th Annual Pennsylvania Watercolor Society International Juried Exhibition.



The North Shore Arts Association will proudly present a major art exhibit of husband and wife Roy Blankenship and **Lois Showalter** titled "Palette Sense and Magic" October 5th through October 25th, 2009 in the Gordon Grant Room. The public is cordially invited to an opening reception Saturday October 10th from 2 to 4 PM.

Patrick Varriano's painting "Final Four" was awarded the HK Holbein Award in the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's 30th annual juried exhibition. The show runs until the 11th of September at the Goggleworks Center for the Arts in Reading, PA.

Debi Watson was voted Best Teacher in *American Artists'* Hot 100 Watermedia artists. She had paintings accepted into the Adirondacks, Pittsburg, Kentucky, and Keystone National Juried Watercolor Exhibitions. Debi was also one of the top 100 in the Art Renewal Center's International ARC Salon, and accepted for the 2009 Art Kudos International On-line Exhibition. She has upcoming workshops at Cheap Joes and for the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society.

Call for Entries

The Maryland Federation of Art (MFA) invites all artists residing in the United States to enter its **Small Wonders Exhibition**. This is the MFA's 5th exhibition of small works. Any two or three dimensional work following the exhibition guidelines will be considered by the juror. The works selected will be on exhibit in the MFA's Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland from November 27 - December 27, 2009. Postmark deadline for entries is Sept. 4. For more information go to www.mdfedart.org.

The 40th Annual River Road Show, sponsored by the Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild, is receiving entries for the December 2 - January 29 exhibit at the Louisiana State Archives Building in Baton Rouge. Deadline for entries is September 14, 2009. Entry fee is \$35 for three entries and \$5 for each additional submission up to 10. This is a national competition with cash prizes of \$2,800. All United States artists 18 years and older are invited to submit any original two-dimensional art except photography or digitally-created/enhanced works. The show will be juried and judged by Don Andrews, an internationally known artist, author and instructor. The prospectus and pictures of the 2008 show are available at www.laag-site.org/River_Road_Show_09.html. Direct questions to June Tuma at junetuma@gmail.com.

Associate Alert - Final Reminder!

Time is running out!! If you haven't already done so, it is time to apply for the next semi-annual jurying for new Artist members. The jurying will be held on Saturday, **October 3, 2009** at Howard County Center for the Arts in Ellicott City. All Associate members are invited to be candidates for Artist membership. Information packets are available but time is short. The deadline for receipt of applications is September 28, 2009. To receive a packet, download from our website at www.baltimorewatercolorssociety.org or send an email or letter to: Brenda Kidera, BWS Jurying Chairperson, 3591 Hipsley Mill Rd, Woodbine, MD 21797, kidera@earthlink.net. To participate, you will need to show four recent paintings or, if you live more than a 45 minute drive from Baltimore, four **digital images** of your recent work.

Ron Ranson Watercolor Workshop

The Howard County Center for the Arts
8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

[] Demo (\$10 BWS / \$15 Others) Sept. 22, 2009, 7-9 PM

[] Workshop (five day) (\$350 BWS / \$400 Others)
Sept. 23-27, 2009, 9:30-3:30 PM

[] Workshop (four day) (\$290 BWS / \$320 Others)
Sept. 23-26, 2009, 9:30-3:30 PM



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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.

"The most consistent obstacle to creative discovery is the reluctance to become involved in free experimentation. Sometimes you have to scare yourself."

- Joe Mayer

Welcome New Associate

Judith Parker
Parkton, Maryland



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- Business Card (3 1/2w x 2 1/4h) \$10

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Send information and a check payable to BWS to the editor: Jeremy Rimpo (left).