



SUMMER 2012 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Have you visited Littlehouse Galleries in Birmingham and seen the fabulous 71st National Exhibition? It's truly a NATIONAL show with 80 paintings by artists from 20 states! The show will be taken down July 6th, so visit the gallery soon. Hopefully those of you unable to make it to Birmingham have viewed the show on the web site. Thanks to each of you who entered. Remember, although not every entry was accepted, it doesn't mean that the work isn't good, competition was stiff! Just plan to continue to paint and paint and enter again and again.

Summer is with us and everyone is traveling, caring for children and participating in summer activities. It's a good time to read some of those art magazine and books, and view art videos. My favorite book this summer is Joan Blackburn's new book, "Exploring the Abstract, an instructional journey." We were fortunate to have her introduce her book during our workshop in May.

Nanette Jones, who faithfully has written, compiled and edited the WSA Newsletter for a long time, has expressed a wish to find someone to assume her job. Surely there are a few artists in our organization with talents and abilities to take on the responsibility of our newsletter. Please give it serious consideration and let us know.

Diane Shepherd will not be able to chair the National Exhibition in 2013. Would any one be interested and willing to "step up to the plate" and chair the show? If you have any inkling of interest, please contact me as soon as possible.

Tora Johnson

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MEMBER NEWS:

TOBY KLEIN

Recent Publishing's:
"Crossing Time & Space" & "Seeing Both Sides" are published in *Journey's To Abstraction* by Sue St. John, a North Light Book.

"Dancing Colors" & "In & Out Of Time" are published in *Eyes On: Abstract*, by Blaze Hill Press.
Available July 1st.

Exhibitions:

"A Colorful Journey" was juried into the Watercolor Society of Alabama's 71st National Exhibition May 2012 in Homewood, AL.

"Twisting & Turning", "Giving You My Heart" & "Round Hole, Square Peg" have been juried into the Fifth World Federation of Miniaturist 2012 Show in Moscow, Russia.

IAIN STEWART

His painting "Into the Quarter" received Third Place honors in the First Annual International Watercolor Society competition.



CHRISTOPHER WYNN



Christopher Wynn (BWS, MWS, VWS, WSA) was recently awarded an Award of Excellence in the current 2012, 33rd Virginia Watercolor Society juried exhibition for his painting of "Richmond Views: Maymont Sketch".

His artwork will be exhibited in a photographic step-by-step-demo of how he paints, in the upcoming issue of the widely circulated publication "American Artist: Watercolor", to be published in the summer of 2012.

Also, his painting "New Dehli Taxi" was accepted into the Southern Watercolor's 35th Annual Exhibition.

Lastly, the upcoming Kennedy Publication "The Best of the Best" will include a series of my work, to be published in May 2012.

On April 15th, Christopher held a solo show opening of 25 of his watercolors at the "Arts Depot" Abingdon, Virginia. The showing will be up until June 2nd.

Ardythe Jolliff's painting entitled "Autumn Blue" has been accepted in the 35th International Exhibition of Watercolor of the Watercolor Art Society of Houston(WAS-H) which runs from 13 March through 20 April in the WAS-H Gallery in Houston, TX. Her painting entitled "Tropical Splendor I" was accepted in the Georgia Watercolor Society's 2012 National Exhibition which will be held in the Clayton Art Center in Jonesboro, GA from 2 April through 26 May 2012. As a member of the Watercolor Honor Society, her painting entitled "Natural Sculptures" will be part of the Watercolor Now 2012 Exhibition at the Springfield Art Museum in Springfield, MO during the period 5 May through 8 June 2012.

ELLEN JEAN DIEDERICH
Won a Merit Award at the Watercolor Art Society-Houston's 35th annual International Exhibition for her piece *Fiesta*.



Fiesta

WORKSHOPS

Time to register for the 2012 McDowell Fall Watercolor Workshops, October 21-26, with Sue Archer (www.archerville.com), Joan Fullerton (www.JoanFullerton.com), and Wayne Spradley, Pell City. Camp McDowell web site: www.campmcdowell.com
Contact Tora Johnson for further information at toradave@earthlink.net or 205-423-0922

NEW! ART IMMERSION WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS

Each event starts with Sunday evening cocktails and art reception, hosted by [Galerie Werner](http://www.galerie-werner.com). It includes 3-nights accommodations at the Mansions on Fifth Hotel, breakfast, lunch, and three full days of group and one-one one art instruction for all levels. Renew your love of painting, or take your skills to the next level, while immersing yourself in the beautiful surroundings of the newly-restored Mansions.

There are two retreats scheduled for 2012. For pricing and registration information, please e-mail [Mary Del Brady](mailto:marydelbrady@mansionsonfifth.com) at mdb@mansionsonfifth.com.



Three-Day Retreat

"Creating Portraits That Tell A Story"

August 6-8, 2012

Private cocktail and art reception on Sunday evening, August 5

[Mansions on Fifth](http://www.mansionsonfifth.com), Pittsburgh, PA

The workshop is led by watercolor instructor Peggi Habets and will focus on creating expressive, contemporary watercolor portraits that tell a story. To view Peggi's work or to find out more about the workshop, go to [Peggi Habets](http://www.peggihabets.com) at www.peggihabets.com.



Four-Day Retreat

"Strong Figurative Works of Art"

October 8 - 11, 2012

Private cocktail and art reception on Sunday evening, October 7

[Mansions on Fifth](#), Pittsburgh, Pa

The workshop is led by watercolor instructor Jeannie McGuire and will focus on creating paintings of people as works of art versus formal portraits. To view Jeannie's work or to find out more about the workshop, go to [Jeannie McGuire](#) at www.jeanniemcguire.com.



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