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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello from Muir Beach, California!

Here we are, in a delightful home, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, watching the sun go down, with clouds sitting on the peninsulas, the light house blinking its beacon as barges slowly depart San Francisco Bay into the Pacific. Condors soar in the sky, ravens make their presence known, a horse gallops through the surf, and a Golden Retriever runs back and forth into the oncoming waves, returning his ball to children on the beach. I see people climbing the long trail to the top of a long peninsula hill as the ocean sends waves running onto the beach and spray over its rocks. What better place to dream about putting a brush to paper to capture God's unbelievable gifts? It's best for me to sit back and enjoy His gifts and forget about going to Scotland or Tuscany to capture such beauty. Beauty surrounds me, leaving me in awe!

Be sure to consider joining us for Taylor Ikin's workshop September 25-27. It will be fun to play with watercolors on Yupo. My experience with her workshop at Camp McDowell a few years ago was rewarding resulting in two works I felt worthy of framing. Come play!

Tora

WSA members can get a 20% discount on the strongboxes made for shipping artwork from Air Float Systems.

The coupon code you will need, whether ordering online or by phone is: WSA

Its website is: www.airfloatsys.com the toll free number is 1-800-445-2580

MEMBER NEWS:

Ardythe Jolliff's painting entitled "Ornamental Blues" was accepted in the 36th Southern Watercolor Society's Annual Exhibition. Her painting entitled "Starburst" was accepted in the Georgia Watercolor Society's 2013 Annual Exhibition and her painting entitled "Waltz of the Flowers" was accepted and won an "Honorable Mention" at the Watercolor Art Society of Houston's 36th International Exhibition. **Congratulations!**

Remembering our members:

Louise H. Garrett, Alabama, passed away in February of this year. She was a long time member with WSA and one of her first paintings, as a member, was exhibited during the 40th WSA National Exhibition.

Harry Shields, Texas, passed away in March of this year. He was a member for many years and his painting was included the 57th WSA National Exhibition.

Ed Starnes, Alabama, passed away in early February of this year. He was a long time member and his painting was included the 54th WSA National Exhibition. Ed also served as WSA president in 2002.

WSA appreciates their long time membership and support.

Watercolor Society of Alabama has become an

affiliate with Dick Blick Art Materials. When purchasing art supplies go to: www.wsalabama.org/sponsors and click on the Dick Blick banner, which will take you directly to the website where you can shop.

CALLS FOR ART

NWS Call For Entries

Deadline: July 27, 2013
NWS National Watercolor Society 93rd Annual Exhibition, 11/9/13-1/12/14
NWS Gallery, 915 S Pacific Ave, San Pedro, CA 90731
Opening & Reception: 11/9/13
\$30,000+ in Awards
Jury of Selection: Gerald Brommer, Chair; Dean Mitchell, Kathleen Conover
Juror of Awards: Roxana Velasquez Martinez del Campo, Ex. Dir., San Diego Museum of Art
Prospectus at www.nationalwatercolorociety.org or email NWSAnnualExhib@gmail.com or SASE to NWS Gallery at above address.
Check website for Annual Demos and Workshops

The 28th Grand National Show of the Mississippi Watercolor Society will be held in Jackson, Mississippi October 5, 2013 - January 5, 2014. Submissions of art are due by July 10, and more information is available on their website.

PROSPECTUS AVAILABLE ONLINE
mississippiwatercolor.org

HISTORIAN

Any articles, photos or other material concerning WSA and its exhibitions or other events should be sent to:

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WORKSHOPS

It's time to register for the 2013 McDowell Fall Watercolor Workshops, October 20-25. **Lana Grow**, AWS/RRWS/SLMM, from Arden Hills, MN, will be teaching Abstract painting. Her class is full. **Wayne Spradley** is a worldwide recognized artist for his exceptional watercolors and has taught at Camp McDowell for many years, with a devoted following of students at all levels. There are only a few spaces left in Wayne Spradley's class. **Leslie Frontz**, AWS, SWS, is teaching a class called "Watercolor – A Fresh Start", which is for advanced beginners to professionals. Leslie, an award winning watercolorist, has paintings in numerous art magazines. She is a member of the faculty of art at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, NC, and she teaches watercolor workshops nationwide. Leslie will introduce students to unconventional painting exercises that build on their strengths and minimize the challenges of watercolor painting. Participants learn to paint luminous darks and handle color relationships and create winning designs. To view Leslie's work, visit her website:

www.frontzstudio.com

If interested in attending a class, please contact:

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Taylor Ikin

DON'T MISS THE WSA MEMBER WORKSHOP September 25 – 27, 2013

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – September 10, 2013

The workshop will be held at Forstall Art Center September 25-27, 2013 — 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Forstall Art Center, 402 Palisades Blvd., Homewood, Birmingham, AL 35209 To view and/or print the Workshop Brochure, go to:

<http://www.wsalabama.org/workshops.htm>

DISCOUNT FROM AMERICAN FRAME
American Frame is now offering a 5% discount directly to WSA members. Artists who are members of WSA will receive the discount by using the following code when ordering:
ALLIANCE12_5%
Free UPS Ground shipping on orders over \$50

Camp McDowell
Episcopal Conference Center
205-387-1806
www.campmcdowell.com

The sixteenth annual Watercolor Workshop will be held October 20-25, 2013, at the Camp McDowell Episcopal Conference Center nestled in the beautiful woodlands of Winston County, off AL 195, between Jasper and Double Springs. There are trails for hiking and Clear Creek for canoeing and fishing. Enjoy colorful fall leaves, unusual plants and interesting terrain in the cool autumn weather. McDowell has very comfortable lodging facilities, with kitchenettes and fireplaces in the common areas of Miller Commons and Stough Lodge, and porches with rockers for relaxation. For more information about Camp McDowell go to the web site listed above.

The workshop offers a choice of three instructors selected for their excellent use of watercolor media and teaching experience. Each group of students, beginners to "master" artists, will have one teacher for the duration of the workshop and will share equally in the expertise of the "professors."

The cost includes tuition for instruction, room and board from Sunday dinner through Friday lunch. Classes will be held Monday through Friday noon.

If not eating a meal, please inform Tora the day before.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm in Stough Lodge. Evening programs will begin at 7:00 pm, location to be announced. Reservations may be made for Miller Commons or Stough Lodge. Each room has two double beds with private bath. Linens and coffee are provided in the lodges. A room may be reserved for single occupancy or shared at a lesser cost. Handicap rooms are available in each lodge.



Dear WSA Member:

Please, notify us of any changes in your mailing address, phone, or Email address so that we may be able to contact you if necessary and to keep you informed. The majority of WSA correspondence is done via Email these days.

WSA appreciates your membership.

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If you have a website and would like a link from your name on the WSA Members page of the WSA website to your own website, send the information to Nanette L. Jones at wsalabama@gmail.com
Because of the current privacy law, we do not add links to your website automatically. We do this only upon request.

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