



Painting by Sandy King

**Western Colorado Watercolor Society, Newsletter  
April 2018**

**APRIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**Place – First Presbyterian Church**

**Address – 3940 27 . Road, Grand Junction  
(Go to the front door, take a right down a  
long hallway to go to the new addition.)**

**12 noon – Pizza Party**

**1 p.m. Critique by Sandy King**

WCWS is celebrating a successful show and workshop with a Pizza Party! Pizza and drinks will be provided by the society; anyone can bring sides if they desire.

**CRITIQUE BY SANDY KING**

Bring 1 or 2 paintings, either finished or in progress for Sandy to comment on. This is a good learning tool so please participate. Sandy King left her corporate retail career in Chicago in 1989 and moved to Colorado. Gradually she decided to try painting and she became obsessed with learning the technique of painting. She has won numerous awards for her vibrant florals. Her work is in private and public collections. Recently King purchased a building in Palisade where she works and exhibits her artwork. Having a place to work has given her a new artistic freedom which has resulted in art that expresses the intensity of nature.

**MEETING SCHEDULES**

JUNE 13, 2018 DELTA

SEPTEMBER 12 GRAND JUNCTION

NOVEMBER 14 MONTROSE

**ROCKIES WEST 2018**

Our 26th annual show will have been taken down on March 31. Because our take down date was Easter Sunday, we did the packing up at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Thanks to all who have helped with all facets of the show and workshop. It takes a lot of planning and carrying out to put on this show. Thanks to our show chairs, Judy Chapman and Roger Miller and our treasurer, Carolyn Andres. Carolyn has already written the Grant for next year's exhibit and presented it to the Art Commission. We have been awarded \$1500.00. Thank you Carolyn! Dani Tupper is in the process of getting the exhibition on our website and it should be there by April 1.

Congratulations to all our award winners. They are listed on our show brochure and also on our website. We also give thanks to all our sponsors.

**FEALING LIN WORKSHOP**

Twenty-two artists thoroughly enjoyed this year's workshop with Fealing Lin. She demoed a cityscape on the first day, then devoted the next two days to portraits. She continues to delight so we hope to ask her to return a third time in

coming years.

Our next workshop will be taught by David Smith. You can visit his website at: [www.dsmithfineart.com](http://www.dsmithfineart.com). to see his work and to watch his video (Watercolor Journey) of how he teaches and testimonials from students. We have already gotten two inquiries from his listing so I am sure his workshop will fill up. It's not too early to let Dani know you want your name down.

Painting below by David R. Smith -2019 Juror



## **NOTICE OF VACANCIES**

**VICE PRESIDENT – Duties listed below in by-law changes**

**SHOW CO-CHAIR –** Judy Chapman will serve again but Roger Milway will resign. This is an important position as the job starts in July and ends in March, but if you follow the time line, it isn't that time consuming. Also it pays \$1000.00 so there is compensation.

**PUBLICITY –** what little get done, Dani's has been doing it. A better job would be done by someone willing to handle just that.

**HISTORIAN –** Not so important and hasn't been kept up for years – books someone has to store. Can we let the website serve as our history and eliminate this position.

**HOSPITALITY –** Our secretary, Helen Stenmark has been taking over these duties also. It isn't hard as the members are supposed to serve wherever the meeting is held (Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose) so only need a person to oversee and remind each group.

## **VICE PRESIDENT POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED!**

Dani Tupper has served 6 years as your President, 4 years as your Vice President, she also co-chaired the National

Show 2 years – she's old and tired!!!! Really she is still active and willing to serve as 2nd Vice President which includes the annual workshop, getting our show juror and also maintaining our website.

Changes to divided the duties of the Vice and 2nd Vice

Vice President are in the changes to our by-laws. We have not had a 2nd Vice Chairman so Dani has done both jobs. To make the jobs easier, she is willing to continue the duties of 2nd Vice President as listed in the changes to the by-laws.

As of July 1 when our new year starts, there will be no Vice President. Please consider taking this position.

## **CHANGES IN BY-LAWS**

Please read the changes in by-laws. Some are changes to update the laws to include website and other new ways of doing the society's business. Others are to clarify just what certain officers' duties are. We will be voting on these changes at our April meeting. The changes are highlighted in yellow and will be reviewed at the April meeting and then voted on.

### **Proposed changes to By-Laws**

#### **Section II VICE PRESIDENT**

Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence. Shall act as the President's first assistant in all activities and have such powers and duties as the Board of Directors and President give him/her. Serve as Program and special event Chairperson, contact people for programs, get their bios and photos of work to be used in the newsletter. He/she will serve as ex-officio member of the exhibition committee and help as needed.

#### **Section III SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

The second Vice President shall assume all duties of the Vice President in the event of his/her absence. He/she shall assist the President and Board of Directors at their discretion. He/she will serve as the Workshop Chairperson and Juror Selection Chairperson with input from other board members. He/she will serve as overseer of wwsociety.net website and keep it current or work with other members or webmaster to do so and also monitor the website's email account, answering or forwarding emails as deemed necessary.

He/she will serve as ex-officio member on the exhibition committee.

## **ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section I Members of Board**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the immediate past President, the current elected officers and committee chairpersons of appointed committees. They will have such powers and duties as the President will assign them. Other members may be appointed by the President to also serve.

## **ARTICLE III: STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & MEMBERS**

### **Section I PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The Vice President will serve as Program Chairperson, along with any committee members they appoint, shall have the responsibility of organizing all programs, demonstrations, critiques, lectures etc. for the general membership meetings and plan any special program opportunities under the guidance of the Board.

### **Section II MEMBERSHIP**

The President will appoint a Membership chairperson who will accept all Membership applications and keep accurate and updated records. They shall keep Signature and Master Signature records. The Chair will keep the roster current on the website and work with the treasurer to insure all dues have been paid by listed members. Notify by mail each year for dues for current year and when Members' dues have become overdue, after the second notice or 3 months over due, delinquent members will be removed from the roster. Second notices can be by email. He/she will work with Newsletter Editor to keep mailing lists current.

### **Section VI NEWSLETTER**

The Newsletter Editor shall act as Editor of the Society's newsletter and compile the publication's current items for publication. There will be a newsletter sent 7 to 10 days prior to the next meeting. The Editor will also send out notices and

updates in between newsletters as requested. The Newsletter Editor will work with the Membership chairperson to keep mailing lists current.

## President's Message

Thanks so much for all of you that contributed to the Rockies West National Show at the Art Center. We had lots of entries from the Western Slope and a great deal of help hanging the show. Assistance will also be appreciated to pack-up the show and pick-up paintings on Saturday, March 31st at 4:00 PM. We are trying to avoid doing any of the take down work on Easter Sunday.

Our sponsors are greatly appreciated for making this fantastic show possible and for providing prizes for those entries most deserving in our judge, Fealing Lin's opinion.

I am looking forward to local artist Sandy King critiquing member's artwork at our next business meeting at First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81506 at 1:00 PM on April 11. I hope to see you all there.

Keep Painting.  
Tim

## From the Membership Chair

Several artists have qualified for Signature or Master Signature Membership in WCWS due to acceptance of their artwork in the 2018 Rockies West National Exhibition. Congratulations to these artists for this achievement. We are also pleased to welcome our newest members of WCWS.

### Qualified for Master Signature Status

Francesca Brayton, Los Alamitos, CA  
Pat Dispenziere, Poway, CA  
Gene Youngmann, Westminster, CO

### Qualified for Signature Status

Jodine Broskovak, Montrose, CO  
Curt Gillespie, Westcliffe, CO  
John James, Virginia Beach, VA  
Jeffrey Joel Johnson, Vernal, UT  
Dorothy Shepherd, Sunland, CA

### New Members

Sandy Anderson, Montrose, CO  
Elizabeth (Libby) DeStefano, Carbondale, CO  
Susan Newcomer, Palisade, CO  
Barbara Smith, Aspen, CO

## Member News

This from Loretta Casler:

Pat Dispenziere's watercolor "Library Break" was juried into the Rockies West 26th Annual National Exhibition March 2-March 31, 2018 in Grand Junction, CO by Fealing Lin. This was her 10th acceptance into their National shows each year which earned her the Master Signature Membership in Western Colorado

Watercolor Society.

Pat's watercolor "The Play of Light VIII" has also been juried into the Fallbrook Art Center 9th Annual Signature American Watermedia Exhibition Feb 4-April 15, 2018 in Fallbrook, CA by juror Ratindra Das.

Ted Nuttall has juried Pat's watercolor "The Play of Light XI" into the 43rd Annual Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition May 1-June 24, 2018 sponsored by Southern Arizona Watercolor Society in their Guild Gallery in Tucson, AZ.

Loretta asked me to send this. Don't forget how great last year's was.

Sponsored by Montrose Center for the Arts  
**Montrose Plein Air Festival**  
**JULY 17-22, 2018**

To register go to: [www.mc4arts.net](http://www.mc4arts.net)

Celebrate open air painting in Montrose, Colorado! Discover your favorite art destination with jaw-dropping views of the San Juan Mountains, waters that send whispers to your painting from the Uncompahgre River, and tipi dotted grounds of the Ute Museum where you will begin your Plein Air adventure. Choose your painting location all the way from the Black Canyon of the Gunnison to Ouray, the little Switzerland of America.

Check-in Location Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Rd., Montrose, CO  
Entry fees are due by July 1, 2018 and are non-refundable (excluding emergency).

Added features...

July 16 9am to 4pm Pre Festival Plein Air workshop by  
Joshua Been at Ute Indian Museum grounds

July 18 Demonstration by **Frank Francese**, Ute Indian Museum

Dear Artist,

You are receiving this email on behalf of a newly formed committee interested in creating an Open Studios Tour of the Grand Valley, October 13 & 14, 2018. The committee is comprised of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture, The City of Grand Junction, The Arts Center, the Palisade Art Vision, local artists, and the Fruita Art and Culture Board. Our vision is to have participating 2D and 3D artists in Palisade, Grand Junction, and Fruita. This would be an opportunity for you to sell work and increase your exposure at no cost to you. If you are interested in participating there are a few requirements:

Be available October 13 & 14

Have accessible studio space

Available parking

You may collaborate with other artists who have space if you don't.

We invite you to give us your feedback which will help to guide us in the creation of this event. This is strictly an exploratory email. Please respond back to [lorieg@gjcity.org](mailto:lorieg@gjcity.org) with your level of interest and ideas by Friday, April 20.

Artfully Yours,

The Open Studios Tour Committee  
Lorie Gregor Recreation Coordinator  
City of Grand Junction  
970-254-3876

## 4/18 Minutes

Regular meeting held in December at the GJ Art Center with refreshments by Grand Junction members.

-Meeting called to order by Pres. Tim Brady. 16 members present.

-Treasurer Carolyn Andres reports a balance of \$12,344 at Alpine Bank. This compares favorably with our balance a year ago with the show entries included (January 2017: \$12,481). Carolyn is again applying for a grant from the GJ Arts Commission – we received \$1,500 from them last year.

Thanks Carolyn!

-Membership: report from Karen Fogelquist (given by Anne Maurer):

Since July 2017:

142 members, 13 new members, 17 non-renewals.

-Program: Show Ch. Judy Chapman showed slides of all the entries for Rockies West 2018. 88 paintings entered, 70 chosen.

ROCKIES WEST Schedule for delivery to Art Center:

2/26 Delivery and Hanging 9am-12pm

2/27 Judging by Fealing Lin

2/28-3/2 Workshop w/Fealing Lin at the Art Center

3/2 – 3/31 Show

3/31 Saturday 4-6pm: pick up works & pack boxes to mail

4/1 Easter Sunday 1-3pm: pick up works & pack boxes to mail

-Old Business: Still need Dani Tupper's replacement as VP for planning programs and demos.

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--New Business: Draft of meeting Schedule for 2018: (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays):

4/11 Grand Junction at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church - 27 1/2 Rd. off Horizon

6/13 Delta

(7/1 /DUES due \$35)

9/12 (no members show) GJ 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church – 27 1/2 rd. off Horizon Drive.

11/8 Montrose

(12/1/2018 Deadline for ROCKIES WEST entries)

12/5 Christmas party and gift exchange tba

In the works: Art Center Gift Shop, CONM, City Hall, Library, plein air events.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted:

Helen Stenmark, Secretary