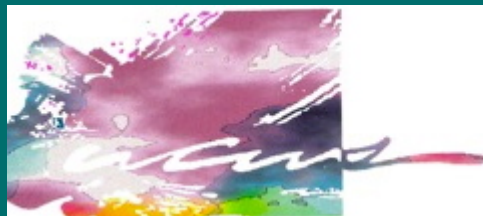


January 2016 Newsletter



January Meeting

Grand Junction
Center for the Arts
12 noon

Delta members will be
serving lunch.

Program will be a
slide show of all
entries for Rockies
West National show
2016

From the Membership Chair

Please welcome the
following new members:

Marty Cognata from
Franklin, TN
Donna Rozman from
Crested Butte, CO
Pat Brown from Montrose,
CO
Laurie Jones from
Montrose, CO
Susan Neiry from Las
Vegas, NV
Dorothy Shepherd from
Sunland, CA
Maura H Kenny from
Pawleys Island, SC
Tatsiana Harbacheuskaya
from Las Vegas, NV
Julie Crouch from La
Canada, CA

From the WCWS President

The Western Colorado Watercolor Society is proud to present its 24th annual, juried exhibition. Each year the WCWS juror selects the best of the entries, and there are over eighty submissions.

The final selection will include many artists of national recognition. This year's juror is watercolorist Tom Francesconi (Homewood, Illinois). Tom studied watercolor at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He combines a loose, energetic style with passion and is known for his decisive brushwork and richness of color. In his workshop at the Art Center, students will learn how to create stronger, more effective visual statements.

I have registered for this workshop and I hope many of you will do so as well. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you.

The opening reception is Friday evening, March 4, from 7 to 9 P.m. An introduction from WCWS leaders and the presentation of awards will begin at 6:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public so please encourage friends to attend.

Keep painting,

Tim Brady,
President Western Colorado Watercolor Society.

Tom Francesconi

aws, nws, twsa

Workshop

Eileen McCullough from
Huntington Beach, CA
Betty Jo Mckinney from
Crawford, CO
Don Van Horn from
Colorado Springs, CO

The last 8 new members
joined with their Rockies
West Entry

We now have 142
members.

ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL 2016

The entries are with our
juror so the show is being
selected. As usual, we
received a lot of great
looking painting so the
exhibit should be
wonderful. Email
notifications will be sent
early in January. We have
gotten some award
sponsors but could use
help if anyone has
suggestions who to
contact.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Only twelve members
braved the snowy weather
but we had a wonderful
time, lots of delicious food
and drink. The gift
exchange showed how
creative some of our
members are.



March

2,3 &4,2016

**Three (3) day workshop 9am-
4pm**

Art Center in Grand Junction

**\$225 WCWS members
(\$255 non-members)**

There are still spots available in the workshop. Dani has asked Tom Francesconi, our instructor, to include a landscape, a cityscape, and figure subjects. The workshop will be an excellent three days to learn a lot and have fun, too.

If you plan to stay in Grand Junction, Quality Inn is again offering rooms for \$50.00 a night. (If you share, that's only \$25. each). Call the Inn directly to book and say you are taking the WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP.

Phone No.: 970 245-7200.

WCWS MINUTES

Nov. 11, 2015

The regular quarterly meeting of WCWS was held at the Hillcrest Church in Montrose. The meeting was hosted by the Montrose Art Guild, and they brought the food! 22 people present, 8 of those were WCWS members.

President Tim Brady (Grand Junction) opened the meeting at 1 pm, everyone introduced themselves. Minutes were not read, members were referred to the 10-24-15 Newsletter for approval.

Old Business: ROCKIES WEST 2016: ROGER MILWAY, (Cedaredge), Rockies West show chairman, had Prospectuses available for distribution. We have lost the US Bank as a sponsor (\$1000 2014, and \$500 2015). We need to approach new prospects - regional bank branches should be good to ask. Roger has copies of a letter that can be sent as an introduction to possible sponsors

Entries for the show are due by Dec. 1, 2015. There is room for more people to sign up for the Tom Francesconi workshop, March 2-4, 2016.

Tim Brady talked to Art Center Director Mikkell Kelly regarding INSURANCE coverage - it will remain in effect for this show (Rockies West 2016). We will have to work out changes for next year's show. The Prospectus is correct for this year.

The Art Center has reduced their commission for sales from 30% to 20%!

The GJ ARTIST'S HAVEN is going out of business, everything is for sale, to close end of December.

Treasurer GAYLE RUPP (Palisade) is stepping down after many years of her most excellent job. Gayle will offer to train a new volunteer with Quicken.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK at Dani Tupper's house in Delta, 960 Willow Wood Lane. Wednesday, December 9, 2015, noon. Bring a small artsy gift or painting for exchanging. Please RSVP to Dani at kdtup@msn.com.

Next regular meeting Wed. JANUARY 13, 2016, noon, at the Grand Junction Art Center. Slide show of entries for the 2016 Rockies West National Show. Lunch by the Delta area members.

PROGRAM today by our Newsletter Editor LORETTA CASLER (Ridgway). She reported on recently attending a 5-day "Paint Camp" given by Fran Larson in Santa Fe, NM. She used Dr. Ph. Martin's watercolors and demonstrated a direct and simplified way to apply the colors and break up the space for an Abstract painting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Stenmark, Secretary

