



APRIL 19TH POT LUCK AND CRITIQUE

AT DANI TUPPER'S HOME IN DELTA

See page 2 for directions to Dani's home

Gathering at 11:30 A.M. Lunch at NOON.

(Drinks, dishes, and utensils will be furnished.)

RSVP TO DANI, PH. 874-3088 EMAIL:kdtup@msn.com

BRING ONE OR TWO PAINTINGS YOU WOULD LIKE COMMENT ON.

Dani will lead the critique but ask everyone to participate.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Does the membership want a local member's exhibit this fall? Possibility is to have it at The Artist's Haven in Grand Junction or at the Creamery in Hotchkiss. We would need one or two people willing to chair it.
2. Our next meeting will be June in Glenwood Springs. Does the membership want to plan a plein air outing sometime this summer?
3. Election and installation of officers. We are pleased to present a full slate this year. They will serve from June 2014 to June 2015.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will be electing officers for our 2014 -15 year.

This Slate of officers have agreed to serve for 1 year.

President: Virginia Blackstock

Vice President - Dani Tupper

Secretary - Darcy Johnson

Treasurer - Gayle Rupp

Board Members: Loretta Casler, Judy Chapman, Susan Thiele

Also willing to serve are:

Loretta Casler - News Editor

Susan Thiele - Membership

Judy Chapman - National Show Co-Chair

Roger Milway - National Show Co-Chair

Helen Stenmark - Hospitality Chairman



- Hard at work
hanging
the show

A Big Shout Out! -
for all those helping
on hanging day-a big
crew made light work



- Ratindra Das Workshop
Eleven artists took the
three day workshop held at
The Artist's Haven. We
want to thank Carol and her
staff who treated us so
nice.

ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL 2014

The reception was well attended. We congratulate all the artists who were juried into the show and give a big round of applause to our winners. We do recognize our two top winners (photos shown below). Susan Thiele is a double winner since her painting sold two days after we hung the show!



- **Best of Show**
Red Shirt and
Teepees
Howard Kaye,
Lincoln, NE

Best Colorado Artist -
Susan Thiele,
Montrose, CO



More Award recipients

1st Francesca Brayton

2nd Ken Call

3rd Dani Tupper

Val Wright
Wilmer Anderson
Susan Moyer
Marilyn Lee
Patricia Rucker
Diane Stoltz
Curt Gillespie
Evelyn Lail
Sam Bailie

Arena Shawn
Micheal Davis
Evie Huhta
Carol Hubbard
Sy Ellen
Karen Stanridge
Virginia Blackstock
Fred Honchell
Workshop Participants

Pick up a brochure at the Art Center when you go see the show for photos of all the accepted entries and more winner details.

COMING EVENTS

- April 5 TAKE DOWN OF ROCKIES WEST AND PACK UP THE SHIPPED PAINTINGS.
- April 19 POT LUCK LUNCHEON AND CRITIQUE AT DANI'S IN DELTA.
- June 11 MEETING IN GLENWOOD SPRINGS
- September 10 MEETING AT ART CENTER
- November 9: MEETING IN MONTROSE
- December CHRISTMAS PARTY AT VANGIE HANSON'S
In Grand Junction (date TBD)

Congratulations!

to our 9 new Signature Members
after Rockies West National 2014!!

Current members who gained Signature Status are:

Jan Archuleta (CO), **Joan Clark** (TN),
Micheal Davis (CO), **Jeanette Falconetti** (CO),
and **Nancy Lewis** (CO).

Non-members who achieved Signature Status are:

Denise Athanas (SC), **Kathleen Dworak** (NY),
Rosemarie Lohnert (CO), and **Val Wright** (FL).

They all had 3 acceptances into Rockies West National
within 10 years. All Signature Members can gain Master
Signature Status by achieving 10 total acceptances (no
time limit) into Rockies West Nat'l

New Signature Members please note - all Signature
Members must pay yearly dues to keep their Signature
Status. Membership renewals will be in June
for the year July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015.

Also welcome New Members!!

Ron Kasprisin from Langley, WA
Lucy Anthony from Grand Junction, CO

An update for the Member directory will be sent out
shortly to all members, including all the changes
since the last changes of Dec 2013.

WCWS currently has 127 members.

Good news

Francesca Brayton had five paintings included with 30 artists
published in "A Conversation in Art " published Dec. 2013,
received the First Place Award in the Western Watercolor Society
Rockies West National Show juried by Ratindra Das with "Balboa
Pavillion", had two paintings *Nene in Hawe and Crystal Cove* juried
into the Hawaii Watercolor National Show by Jan Ledbetter, and
had a painting, *Todos Santos*, juried into the Spring Women
Painters West show at the FIVE 08 Gallery in Santa Monica.



DIRECTIONS to DANI's House
960 WILLOW WOOD DRIVE, Delta:

From Grand Junction, turn left at 3rd street, from Montrose, turn right at 3rd street. Come up onto Garnet Mesa and continue to dead end at Hartig Drive. Turn right and come to the 2nd 4 way stop at Hartig and 7th Street. Turn left into Garnet Mesa Estates, take the first right onto Willow Wood Lane. One long block ends in a cul de sac and Dani's is last house on the left.

Classes by Dani

Contact Dani by phone: 970 874-3088, email: kdtup@msn.com, or through the website: www.danitupper.com

Tuesdays 9 to 12 noon in Dani's studio. I have room for a couple more and welcome drop-ins who want to come occasionally.

WORKSHOPS: 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

JUNE 14 WATERCOLOR BATIKS are a wax resist process that give a look of batik. We work on rice papers – the rice paper and lunch is included in class fee. \$55

LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST 3 or 4 day plein air workshop. I am trying to arrange two location – one will be mountains and the other to Victor (an old mining town.) If interested, let me know.

SEPTEMBER 18 – 20 DANI'S FALL FLING 9 am to 4 pm Come paint many different subjects and techniques. Lunches are included for day timers. 3 days/\$165. Those boarding with me \$225.

UPDATE PARIS: 7 of us depart in May for 2 weeks in France. We will spend 8 days in Paris seeing the sights, photographing and painting then board the train for Provence country where some of the impressionists painted. We'll stay in the seaport city of Marseille but also travel to Arles where Van Gogh painted and to the old walled city of Avignon.

**Western Colorado Watercolor Society
Member's Meeting held at the Art Center
in Grand Junction.**

January 8, 2014

MINUTES

Board Members Attending – Dani Tupper, Vice President; Judy Chapman, Second Vice President; Gayle Rupp, Treasurer; Susan Thiele, Membership; Loretta Casler, Newsletter Editor; Virginia Blackstock, Member at Large
Board Members Absent – Darcy Johnson, Secretary
Guests – Jim Sperber, Emily Olbert, Lois Lamppert

Announcements Dani Tupper opened the WCWS meeting by introducing the guests and new members attending the meeting. Dani thanked the Delta members for providing the luncheon.

Dani reported that Darcy Johnson was unable to attend the meeting due to illness so Gayle took the notes for the minutes of the meeting. Susan Thiele reported that the society has 124 members spanning all across the United States. Many members maintain their memberships due to their Signature Membership or Master Membership status. Six members joined with their entry into the National Show. Membership booklets were put together, printed and mailed through Loretta Casler, Dani Tupper and Susan Thiele's hard work. All members should now have their membership booklets.

Susan Thiele reported that Loretta Casler has inputted all of our membership emails into Constant Comment, which will enable members to receive our newsletters.

The Treasurer reported that the club has \$9,121 in the Money Market account and \$577 in the business checking. U.S. Bank has committed to a \$1,000 sponsorship of an award for the National Show and that will be deposited soon. Dani pointed out that our National Show is an expensive undertaking so although the account balances sound large, it will take most of the balance to fund the National Show.

Helen Stenmark is overseeing scheduling hosts for the meetings and reported that people are still needed to host the April and September meetings and asked for volunteers.

Dani reported that she hosted the potluck meeting in December at her home and it was a lot of fun with 10 people attending. Dani offered to host another potluck in December 2014.

There were 73 paintings juried into the National Show out of 186 paintings submitted. Virginia pointed out that our contract with the judge asked that a larger number of paintings be juried in.

Dani reported that we only have 6 people signed up for the Ratindra Das workshop, which will be taught with an eye for design. If more people do not sign up soon, the workshop could be cancelled as there are not enough people signed up to pay for the travel costs of hosting this artist for the workshop. The workshop is \$225 for members and \$255 for nonmembers. Dani then asked for volunteers to form a Nominating Committee to contact current officers to see if they are willing to continue in their positions and suggest nominations for President. Our organization needs a President and Dani warned that she will not run the WCWS for another year. Judy Chapman has offered to help with the National Show again.

Dani then sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for unpacking & hanging the National Show on March 3rd and re-packing on April 5th. Gayle Rupp then presented a life long membership certificate and gift to Dani Tupper as thanks for all of her hard work and dedication over the past few years as President of the WCWS.

Members and guests present then viewed the entries of the 2014 show.



Those of you receiving this newsletter are already past the beginner watercolor stages. No doubt you have friends or family who appreciate your artistic efforts and might like to learn to watercolor, too. They could also discover the joy in watercolor painting, learn about supplies, explore a variety of techniques and how to mix color. Class will begin with a limited palette and simple exercises to get started. Materials provided.

Beginning watercolor with Loretta Casler
Wednesdays May 7, 14 and 21
Around the Corner Art Gallery, 447 Main Street, Montrose
call 970-249-4243 to register