

# Western Colorado Watercolor Society



## January 2014 newsletter

### GREETINGS FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I wish for all of us a fun, creative New Year! Eleven members attended the Christmas Pot Luck at Dani's with TOO MUCH delicious food, lots of laughs and fellowship. It's great to have a fun group with a common interest. Our gift exchange was lively, too, when Susan stole Lou's painting and Dani had assistance from Judy to steal the snowman plate from Loretta. I apologize for being devious! All in good fun and Loretta ended up with some really neat hand-painted bookmarks; so I think we are still friends!

I encourage all of you to consider taking the Ratindra Das workshop. The price, you can't get anywhere else (it would be more than double plus you'd have other expenses to travel for it.) You'll find information about it later in the newsletter.

The disc of images have been sent to our juror and the acceptance letters will be sent out by January 15. I am excited about viewing the images for the 2014 national show. Please save January 8 to come view them with us at our meeting.

I helped Pat Stelter get her images on a member's page on our website and some artists have renewed for the coming year with new images, including me. Check them out at [www.westerncoloradowcsociety.org](http://www.westerncoloradowcsociety.org)

**VIEW THE ENTRIES FOR ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL 2014 EXHIBIT  
at the  
JANUARY 8, 2014 MEETING  
WEDNESDAY NOON LUNCH AND PROGRAM  
HOSTESSES: DELTA MEMBERS AT THE ART CENTER GRAND JUNCTION**

### RATINDRA DAS WORKSHOP

"With an eye for design in watercolor"

Our juror, Ratindra Das, will be offering the workshop March 5 -7.

Dani will be glad to take your registration and deposit at the January meeting or can be sent to:

Dani Tupper, 960 Willow Wood Lane, Delta, CO 81416.

Cost of workshop is \$225.00 to members.

\$100.00 will hold your place (refundable until February 1.)



Ratindra Das is a signature member of AWS & NWS and has won many awards. Ratindra remarks on his website, " *There is no better reason to paint than just for the love of it. I struggle and I exalt.*

*Sometimes I will not follow the norms and rules of watercolor.*

*Those who write prose will go by the rules, poets will not.*

*Painting is a visual poem."*

To see more of his work and read his bio visit: [www.ratindradas.net](http://www.ratindradas.net)



## **BUSINESS:**

1. Rockies West National 2014- 2014 co-chairs: Dani Tupper- Judy Chapman. This will be Dani's 4th time at the helm and definitely her last, so think about volunteering for 2015! We already have a great juror and workshop instructor hired.
2. We still need a President

## Secretary Report

### Montrose Member's Meeting

Hosted by Montrose Visual Arts Guild

November 13, 2013 Minutes

Board Members Attending - Gayle Rupp, Treasurer; Darcy Johnson, Secretary, Bev Dwire, Member at Large; Susan Thiele, Membership; Loretta Casler, Newsletter Editor, Virginia Blackstock, Member at Large

Board Members Absent - Dani Tupper, Vice President and Judy Chapman, 2nd Vice President

**Announcements:** The society has 118 members spanning 27 states. The membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. Membership booklets were handed out to those in attendance. Those not at the meeting were mailed their copy. The club has \$5,960 in the money market; \$747 in checking. Congratulations were extended to those receiving awards at the member's show. A special thanks to Roger Millway for coordinating the member show. Officers in attendance were introduced. Next meeting will be held in January in Grand Junction. Warning was issued regarding unsolicited emails received 'out of the blue' seeking to purchase art. Please resist the temptation to call and respond as these are typically scams. The best advice is to just ignore the email. Susan Thiele provided a demonstration of portrait painting on YUPO.

### From the Membership Chair

Wow, we have already lots of changes to our month-old membership directory! Since we don't want to publish personal contact information in our newsletter, which is subsequently added to our website, we will send the details of these latest changes to you via e-mail. Please print this page out and keep with your directory. If you receive your newsletter by regular mail, you will receive a hard copy.

Please remember to always send address changes of any kind to the membership chair, [susan@susanthiele.com](mailto:susan@susanthiele.com)

#### Please note Signature Status for:

Deborah Jansen

Elaine Katzer

Barbara Yoerg

#### Members' News

Dani Tupper sold a print through Fine Art America.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

Helen Stenmark has agreed to be HOSTESS CHAIRMAN - she will remind and coordinate the hosts for each meeting. Thanks Helen!

The following have agreed to host the meetings for this year:

JAN: Delta members-Art Center in Grand Junction

APRIL: POT LUCK & CRITIQUE:  
Need hostess

JUNE - GLENWOOD SPRINGS

### Welcome New and Renewing members!

Janet L. Archuleta, Arvada, CO

Jeanette Brewster, Grand Junction, CO

Valerie A Chitvanni, Roswell, GA

Edmond Gallegos, Pueblo, CO

Evie Huhta, Montrose, CO

Heidi Keshet, Paonia, CO

Kathleen Murray, Colorado Springs, CO

#### Members with e-mail address changes:

Jonathan Frank

Lou Cain

Joan Clark

Amanda Schuster

### ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL

#### 22nd Annual Watercolor Exhibition 2014

#### March 5 -April 4 exhibition and sale

January 15	Notifications mailed
Feb 20-Mar 1	Receiving of shipped artwork
March 3	Hand delivered work 10am-12pm
March 5-7	Workshop 9am-4pm

#### March 7 Reception at the Art Center 7pm-9pm

#### Gallery talk 6:30pm

April 5	10am -12pm Work picked up
April 12	Unsold work shipped out by

### SHOWS TO SEE:

GO TO [www.westerncoloradowcsociety.org](http://www.westerncoloradowcsociety.org)  
TO CHECK OUT ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL 2013 and the past national shows since 2010. Also check out the MEMBERS' PAGES. Your name is listed as a member, but did you realize that you can have your very own web page for a small amount per year? We put one of the

SEPT. -TBD  
NOV.-TBD

## ROCKIES WEST 2014-- good news

We are starting to get sponsors.

1. **Quality Inn** has agreed for the 4th year to provide 4 night's lodging for our juror
2. **U.S. Bank** will again sponsor Best Colorado Artist Award which is \$1000.00
3. 2 brush sets - **Royal Brush Co.**
4. Atelier International Paint set- **Chroma Inc.**
5. Paint boards - **Fredericks**
6. 3 gift certificates (\$125, \$100, \$75) **Richeson Co.**
7. Scrub brush sets - **Silver Brush** (They will be given to all who take the workshop).

## NOVEMBER MEETING DEMONSTRATION



Susan Thiele provided a very entertaining demo of portrait painting on YUPO, polypropylene, a plastic originally invented for printing menus. Susan worked in 3 stages. First she painted the hair and face, then the garment and finally the background. Susan ended the demo with a drawing for a piece of YUPO. Darcy

artists on the home page as featured artist for 3 months. It is easy to get your page started. Just go to the website, click on the palette to go to the members' gallery. Once there, click on "How to join our members' gallery". Follow the instructions. If you need help getting your photos attached, call Dani (970 874-3088) and she'll be glad to help you, or better yet, grab your son, daughter, grandson or a friend to help.

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Classes at the Grand Junction Art Center-register by phone 970-243-7337 Ext 2 or [www.gjartcenter.org](http://www.gjartcenter.org)

### DANI TUPPER CLASSES

Ph: 970 874-3088

email:kdtup@msn.com Website:www.danitupper.com

### Tuesday Watercolor classes start again January 7.

9 am to 12 noon On going class with demos, critiques and painting fun. Limit to 10 students. \$25 per class or \$80 per month (4 classes).

### Friday Open Studio 2nd Friday

of month, 1 - 4 pm \$10 per session. Dani will be available to give advice and critique if asked.

### JAN. 11 Color Theory & Values

- drawing, color mixing & painting. 9 am to 2pm \$35. or \$60. For Color Theory and Composition & Design. Bring a sack lunch.

**FEB.15 Composition & Design-** planning your painting, then drawing & painting it. 9 to 2 pm \$35 Bring a sack lunch.

**Saturday Workshops** - 9 am to 3:30 pm \$55 Some supplies and Lunch included

**MARCH 15 - PAINTING ON RICE PAPERS** (Rice papers will be furnished.)

**APRIL 5 - CASEIN EXPERIMENTS** (paint will be furnished.)

**TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:** FRANCE - MAY, 2014

Think Paris in the springtime with trips to Versailles, Monet's Garden and Lake Geneva area all possibilities

## Members-HELP!

Please let Susan Thiele or Loretta Casler know if you have good news that could be shared in newsletters. Your good news will inspire all of us!

won the chance to try out what was learned at the demo.

Darcy Johnson took many notes from the demo. Contact Darcyatjohnsonda111@gmail.com or loretta@aldea-art.com if you would like a copy of all the notes

Colorado Watercolor Society 2014 State Watercolor Exhibit

March 4 to March 30 at Lone Tree, CO  
[www.coloradowatercolorociety.org](http://www.coloradowatercolorociety.org)

Don't miss the Passport to Paris Exhibit at the Denver Art Museum until February 9, 2014  
[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

**Use code  
ALLIANCE 12\_5%  
when you  
check out.**

AMERICAN FRAME gave us \$100.00 award for The 2013 show. We are still a member of their Alliance Program so when you purchase items from American Frame, you will receive a 5% discount when you use the code ALLIANCE 12\_5% when you check out. This also lets them know you are from WCWS and we are good customers.

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