

June WCWS 2017 Newsletter

**NEXT WCWS MEETING
Wednesday June 14, 2017
12 noon**

*** Delta Christian Church
795 1600 Rd
Delta**

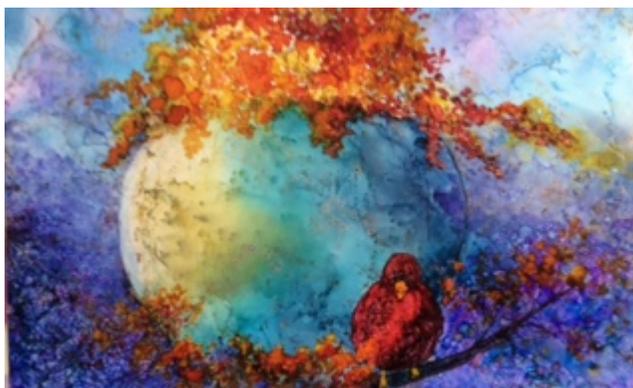
**Hostess: Delta Members
Program: Demo-Fun With Alcohol Inks
By Dani Tupper**

***Go to the last stoplight out of Delta on the way to Grand Junction (first one coming From GJ) turn right (east) and follow H38 Rd, curve into 1600 Rd.
Church will be on your right.**

Fun With Alcohol Inks

Dani has been having a blast experimenting with alcohol inks. They are transparent like watercolor but act a lot differently. There are lots of fun techniques and the texture is luscious and the colors vivid. Dani will show a few different ways of using the inks working on Yupo and tile.





PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am experiencing a dry period in my painting life for a number of reasons. I find myself thinking about painting a lot but not taking up the brush. I am working a part time job for a friend on an extended vacation and I am having to remodel a rental house I own that was badly damaged by a tenant I had to evict. Also the class that I had been facilitating at the Art Center did not fill and was consequently cancelled. All this has led to NO PAINTING. If I relied on painting to make my living, this would be a disaster. As it is a hobby that I love, I will survive this dry period to paint again.

I bet a number of you have gone through similar times for a variety of reasons. My motto of, "Keep Painting," has not held for me at this time but I hope to return with added energy in the near future.

I just learned that Loretta Casler is stepping down from being our newsletter editor after three years of excellent service. We are looking for a new editor and Loretta is willing to train. I know there is someone out there who can take over this very important job. Please consider this opportunity and join the WCWS team as we move forward.

Tim Brady, President WCWS

SEPTEMBER PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP September 1, 2017 with Patricia Barr Clarke WCWS Member Show 2017 Judge

Pat lives in Highland Ranch and teaches in the Denver area. She loves plein air and has been afforded the opportunity to travel around the world to paint.

The workshop will start at 8am meeting at the Safeway (old Albertson's) on west Broadway. We'll paint in the National Monument in the morning and after lunch return to Grand Junction

to complete a larger painting inside. Complete instructions will be sent after you register.

The workshop is \$60. To register, email or phone Dani Tupper at kdtup@msn.com or phone 970-874-3088. After registering, you may send your check to WCWS, P.O. Box 3584, Grand Junction, CO 81502-3584 Please mark it: Plein Air Workshop

**WCWS MEMBERS' SHOW
AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 30
THE ART CENTER
7th & Orchard
Grand Junction, CO**

**Entry Deadline: August 5, 2017
Entry form to be sent in separate email**

From the Membership Chair

The WCWS membership year ends June 30. All current members will receive a special return envelope in early June to use in paying dues. Your membership card is included, and sent in advance, to save time & postage.

Please remit your dues (\$35) and fill out all the information so that we can make sure our records are up-to-date. Volunteer information is also included in this envelope.

Welcome New Members!

Alan Morris from Leechburg, PA
Carla Reed from Carbondale, CO
Joan Engler from Carbondale, CO

**MESA COUNTY LIBRARY EXHIBIT
443 N. 6th Street
Grand Junction**

**SEPT 29 THROUGH OCTOBER 26
Take-In Sept 29, 10am to 12 noon**

WCWS has been asked to show. We coordinated take in to coincide with our Members Show take in. There is room for approximately 25 pieces - please keep them medium size. If you want to show, contact Dani Tupper. It will depend on how many participate as to how many each artist may show. They want the Artist Name, Title, Price and your email and phone number on the back of the paintings. They do not sell the work, but will refer interested buyers to the individual artists. The library

will make the title tags and hang the show. Please contact Dani by August 15 so it can be decided how many pieces we will limit an artist to.

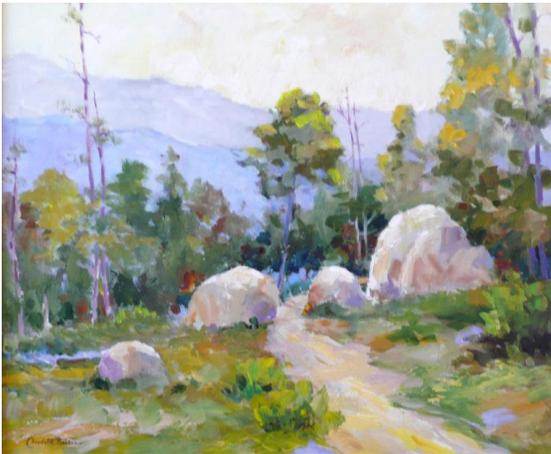
ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL 2018

When you see Judy Chapman and Roger Milway, give them a pat on the back! They have again accepted Co-Chair for the national show next year. We are starting to get advertising out there and the prospectus updated and printed soon. We did get a grant from the Grand Junction Arts Commission for our next show.

(thanks to Carolyn Andres for grant writing and oral presentation.)

Our juror and workshop instructor is Fealing Lin.

Her workshop three years ago completely filled and we have had an inquiry from Denver already. Don't wait too long to get your name on the list. Let Dani know if you want to register. \$100 deposit will hold your spot and is refundable until February 1, 2018. The workshop is always the Wed through Friday of the first week of March. It is still a bargain at \$235 for WCWS members.



"Vibrant Watercolor Landscapes" a Workshop with Claudette Barker.

Ouray County Arts Association is pleased to join with Weehawken in presenting a watercolor workshop with Claudette Barker on July 28-30 in Ouray. Visiting artist, Claudette is also serving as the

Fine Arts Juror for the 57th annual Artists' Alpine Holiday Show this year.

Painting the landscape opens up an endless variety of possibilities from mountains streams and aspen groves to quiet country roads. In this 3-day workshop, you will explore a creative approach to well-designed, colorful watercolors. We'll discuss composition, value patterns and negative painting in a positive way. You'll learn to adjust and interpret your photographs to bring life and energy to your landscapes with bold, clear colors that sing. There will be plenty of painting time with individual instruction and positive critique.

\$285 per student 18 and up.

Please contact weehawkenarts.org to sign up.

WCWS MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

- Removal day for Rockies 2017 Show at the Art Center. Several (10?) members packed up pix for mailing. Done by 11 am.
- 1pm - REGULAR members meeting at First Presbyterian Church, GJ. Coffee and snacks. 11 attending. Program: Cindy Brabec King, professional artist, 1st place winner in Rockies Show.
- Meeting opened by Pres. Tim Brady.
- Treasurer Carolyn Andres report: Ch.\$761; MM \$5,431. Still to come: art sales from Rockies Show.
- Outgoing Membership Ch. Susan Thiele is conferring with incoming Membership Ch. Karen Fogelquist to set up an effective computer mgmt. System. Carolyn Andres will add her expertise to this effort.
- Need someone to take over the 2nd VP job of arranging programs and demonstrations - Dani Tupper has done this important job for many years. (My suggestion: We spread this job around so a local "VP" from each area (GJ, Montrose, Delta) could contact local artists they know about - something like my Hospitality job - I only do GJ; local members chip in for refreshments in the other towns.)
- Jodine Broscovak from Montrose announced the Plein Air Festival will be held there in July. Also Mike Simpson, Montrose Gallery owner, will hold a Plein Air workshop in July.
- PROGRAM: We were extremely fortunate to have a critique by Cindy Brabec-King of Grand Junction. She says she is a "rule person" and proceeded to point out relevant artistic principles on each of our paintings. Here is a list for us to apply in the future:
 - eyes too big. Make smaller
 - lower 1/3 of painting often uninteresting. Crop or darken
 - watch for shapes ending up vertically and horizontally across the middle
 - warm and cool hues for texture in interior of shapes - ala "red barn"
 - 3, 5, 7 (not 2) distinguishable objects. Dot, dot, dot effect
 - classical theory of "3rds" - 3 dark corners, 1 light
 - NO BIRDS to fill the sky - a crutch!
 - Works in Progress good time to critique
 - 300# paper, she likes Rough
- We could order in bulk for the club from Cheap Joe (or other) and split w/members. -Let's do it!
- Cindy also touched on the aspect of "Art Show art" v/"Sales Art"
- NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2017 (2nd Wednesday) in Delta.
- WCWS MEMBER's Show (Sept 2017) contract signed with Art Center today. Show Chair tbd -Delivery Tuesday August 29; Pick-up Saturday September 30. 1-2 paragraphs and 3-5 images due to Art Center by mid-June for their Newsletter.
- Inventory of artists name, title, media, to Avery by August 1, 2017 (Sales lists generated from list) -We do labels (who?) and we will hang.
- Art works done in last 2 years, not shown previously in Grand Valley
- Art Center Commission 20%-WCWS Commission tbd

Meeting adjourned. Helen Stenmark, Secretary



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