

Western Colorado Watercolor Society



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November 2017 Newsletter

Wednesday, November 8 Meeting in Montrose

Time: 12 Noon Luncheon

Hosted By: Montrose Visual Arts Guild Members

**Location: Hillcrest Congregational Church
611 S. Hillcrest Drive
Montrose, Colorado**

Program: Loretta Casler, Abstract Painting Demonstration



Loretta Casler, "Homecoming"

Loretta Casler is a WCWS signature member, has a BFA from the University of NE, worked in the graphic arts industry for 20+ years, loves watercolor most of all, and has taught a variety of art classes on the Front Range, Ridgway and Montrose. She paints and draws both realistically and abstractly. Watercolor is fabulous for creating textures and vivid colors.

DEC. 6 CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

SPOUSES INVITED

TIME: 12 NOON-BRING A COVERED DISH

**DISHES, UTENSILS, DRINKS WILL BE FURNISHED
FUN TIME: EXCHANGE OF ITEMS YOU HAVE PAINTED**

**SMALL PAINTING, BOOKMARK, MAGNET,
TILE, SCARVES, ETC.**

**LOCATION: DANI TUPPER'S IN DELTA
960 WILLOW WOOD LANE**

CALL FOR DIRECTIONS: 970-874-3088 RSVP is appreciated!

Message from the President

Hello WCWS Artists,

I hope you are all getting your submissions ready for the upcoming Rockies West National Show December 1st deadline. The prospectus has been sent out to all. Fealing Lin will judge the show and hold a must attend workshop at the Arts Center. She was our judge two years ago and her workshop filled up and was

fantastic. Please get signed up for that as soon as possible as well. Hasn't the fall weather been marvelous? I participated in the plein air painting workshop in the Colorado National Monument this October. Twenty four artists participated and the work was displayed at the Visitor's Center but only for a twenty four hour period. The weather was great and it was a lot of fun. Think about joining us next year as I would love to have seen more water-colorists. Our business meeting is coming up Wednesday, November 8 in Montrose. I hope to see you there.
Tim Brady

FEALING LIN WORKSHOP



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FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2, 9 am to 4 pm

There is still room to sign up for this wonderful workshop. Lin will be teaching both landscape and portraits. Just send \$100.00 deposit to WCWS, PO Box, 3584, Grand Junction, CO 81502-3584. Your deposit saves your spot but is still refundable until Feb. 1, 2018. Call Dani Tupper for more info: 970-874-3088

ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL 2018 ENTRIES DUE DECEMBER 1st!

The deadline for entries is December 1, 2017.

You can send images by email and then send in your entry form and fees or you can go online to wcwsociety.org to access the entry form and do it all online including paying by PayPal or sending a check after you complete your entry.

Sponsors Needed for Rockies West National show

If you have ideas of who to ask or are willing to contact a business or two, we will furnish a sheet explaining about the show and awards we give. Please contact Roger Milway, 970-856-4090, if you can help.

WCWS Vice President Needed

We need a new Vice President to plan programs for 4 meetings a year, get items in for the newsletter and help with the 3-day juror's workshop each year. Dani Tupper is willing to still maintain the website, contact a juror for shows and make the show brochure and get it printed. She will no longer serve as Vice President after June, 2018. Please contact Dani Tupper, 970-874-3088, if you can volunteer.

Member News

Dani Tupper judged the Montrose Visual Arts Guild 26th Annual exhibition at Camelot Gardens. It

was a beautiful show with entries from Glenwood Springs to Ridgway. Dani also demonstrated a charcoal throw with watercolor over the design made by the charcoal.

Galleria de La Luz in Delta closed at their present location with plans to reopen at a Main Street location in January. The Gallery is owed by Fred and Annie Honchell. Fred is a member of WCWS and Annie is a great supporter of the arts. She has been instrumental in starting the Second Saturday Stroll in Delta and the plein air event in Confluence Park.

Just a reminder: The Brush and Palette Club annual exhibit paintings come down November 11 at the Art Center.

Winner's Circle

We congratulate these WCWS members who won awards for their paintings in recent Colorado art shows and competitions:

Montrose Visual Arts Guild 26th Annual Show, October 2017

Virginia Blackstock, WCWS

3rd place (Professional) "Earth to Earth"

Jodine Broscovak

Honorable Mention (Professional) "Storybook Farm"

Joyce Baker

1st Place (Advanced) "Peace"

Pat Brown

3rd place (Special Theme) "Autumn Glow"

Honorable Mention (Special Theme) "Ghost Trees"

Loretta Casler, WCWS

Honorable Mention (Special Theme) "Fiesta"

Victor Celebrates the Arts 18th Annual, September 2017

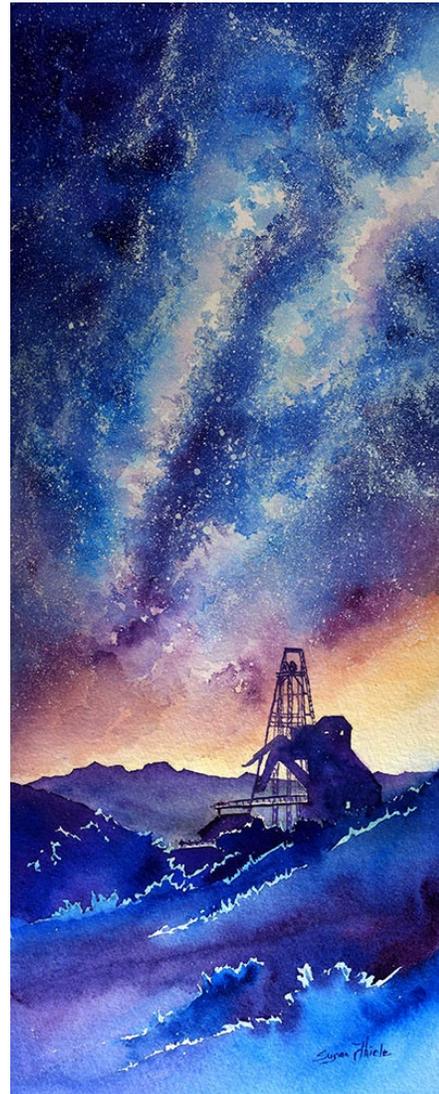
Susan Thiele, WCWS

People's Choice Award, "Vindicator Galaxy Sunset"

Plein Air Miniature Award, "Toni's Garden"

Quick Draw in the Park Award

Cripple Creek/Victor Mining Company Award



Susan Thiele, "Vindicator Galaxy Sunset"

Membership

WCWS now has 149 members, although 12 members and 3 signature members haven't yet renewed their membership. Reminder notices were mailed in September; please renew now to keep your membership active and avoid losing your WCWS signature status. Thank you!

It is with regret that we note the passing of these watercolor artists and WCWS members:

**Joan Clark of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee
March 2017**



Barbara Maxwell of Kansas City, Kansas
July 2017

Ann Knutson of Cedaredge, Colorado
August 2017

A note from member Mike Simpson, who taught the plein air workshop in Montrose in July 2017

A New Chapter Begins

So...I guess there is no other way to say this than my wife [Kathy Simpson](#) and I are very excited to announce the closing of Simpson Gallery at the end of this year. We are retiring off of Main Street.

However, we are NOT going out of business but merely closing the gallery. In January we will be moving the framing service and my studio to a shop/studio on our property where our home is located. Additionally, we are offering a MOBILE design service for your picture framing needs, which begins immediately. We will come to your home or office, we can meet in town or you are welcome to come out to the new shop in January for some savings.

With over 30 years of loyal customers we will continue to make our services available at our new location beginning in January, 2018. In the meantime we will continue to offer our framing services at the gallery until the end of the year when we will make the move. Our phone number, 970-249-1098, will remain the same.

This change will allow me to focus on my art career, entering more shows/events and seeking other gallery representation for my art and expanding my art classes. I will also continue to carve and gild frames for myself and a few clients. I'm really excited about the opportunities this will allow.

With that said, everything in the gallery, fixtures, prints, original art, must go. If you have had your eye on a particular painting, NOW is the time to come and get it. Word has leaked out about our closing and already people are buying my paintings at SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED PRICES. This won't last long so come in and get your painting while the selection is still good.

If you've wanted one of my original paintings but have been putting it off, don't wait any longer. Christmas is right around the corner. Whether for yourself or as a gift for that someone special, NOW is the time. As with anything of an original, unique design, once it's gone...it's gone.

Although the gallery will cease to exist on Main Street. I'll still be around and will continue to entertain you good folks with this column and stories about my travels, art shows, great places to camp, good hotels and restaurants I come across and of course my cheeky opinions on stuff that doesn't really matter anyway.

I've been on Main Street for over 31 years and the decision to close didn't come lightly. When Kathy retired from her job last spring and joined the effort at the gallery it was the best of those 31 years. We will still be working closely together however.

It's amazing what an accumulation of stuff that has to be moved, tossed or sold. I remember when I first moved into that space I couldn't imagine how I would utilize it all. It soon filled up however and today it feels like a maze.

I stood out front the other day, gazing up and down Main Street and wondered what it's going to be like, not opening up anymore. It's a bitter/sweet decision but now Kathy can join me on my adventures and that was always our goal.

Stop by if you get a chance. I'll see you downtown.

<http://mikesimpsonart.com>

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Mike also has stuff to get rid of: Furniture, fixtures, art, a number of work stations, easels and more.