



April 2024



Wet Paint

The Waterloo Watercolor Group Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

- **April 13–14**
Art on the Bend
- **April 14**
Ric Dentinger demo
- **April 15–17, 2024**
Ric Dentinger workshop. Demo April 14.
- **April–May**
Spring Member show at Northhills Gallery
- **May 26 – June 7**
Spring Member show at the Canopy
- **November 3**
WWG show at Texas State University

From the WWG President

Happy April WWG Members!

April is going to be a busy month. Here is a timeline of events we have planned. I will try to keep this simple!

April 6 is the drop off date for those members participating in the Members Juried Spring Show. All entries have been submitted and paintings have been selected. You should have received notification of acceptance already. Check in your account at Onlinejuriedshows.com to be sure which paintings were selected. Bring those paintings to North Hills Gallery on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am. The show will hang until May 25 at North Hills Gallery. It will then be transported to Canopy Gallery in East Austin where the show will exhibit until June 7. Paintings will be available for pick up on Friday June 7. We will send reminders closer to that date.

Saturday and Sunday, April 13–14, WWG will exhibit at the event, "Art at the Bend" located on the grounds of Riverbend Church on Capital of Texas

Highway and Cedar Street in Westlake Hills. The event is open to the public with no admission fee. Many artists and crafters will display throughout the weekend. WWG will display the work of 14 members. This promises to be a lively event; I hope you are able to stop by.

Sunday, April 14, we will hold a demonstration in conjunction with our workshop happening April 15–17 with guest artist, Ric Dentinger. Ric's demo will be at St Michael's Episcopal Church at 4:00 pm. Please join us for an informative afternoon, even if you are not registered for the workshop. The demo is open to all members.

WWG will have a large exhibit from May 25 through June 7 at the Canopy Gallery on Springdale Road in East Austin. There will be more information forthcoming by email and in the May issue of the newsletter.

Stay Tuned Y'all....
Colette Sirhal

Paint for fun

Many of us have taken up painting after retirement. For some of us, art has always been important in our lives. Whether you are a new artist (since retirement) or a long-time artist, you know that it's fun to paint. It's learning every time you paint and doing something that really captures your imagination.

Watercolor painting has changed my life. After retirement, my husband began to have health problems and I became a caregiver for him. I found a little box of watercolor paints and some paper from a long ago art class (30 years ago) and painted a simple picture: apples. Maybe I could do more. Next more fruit, birds outside, flowers in the yard. It was fun. I began to invest in watercolor paper and tubes of color (so many to choose from). What brushes to get? I asked a few friends and bought some.

While doing this, I found Jerry's Artarama near downtown. My head exploded. So much to buy and experience.

Over the past 10 years I have made many new friends, joined several art groups including Waterloo Watercolor Group, and painted and painted and painted. It saved my soul as my husband got worse and finally died. It rescued me from grief and sadness. It encouraged me to become more of an artist that I ever thought possible.

In all that time, I've pursued art by taking classes at ACC, taking workshops with WWG and more, watching lots of YouTube art videos and painting most days. I've made small paintings, large ones, cards for friends, bookmarks, calendars and more. Now I always have my phone on hand to take pictures that I could use for painting whether I'm in Europe or the local park.

I agree with Jean Haines who says in her book *Paint Yourself Calm* while talking to a friend: "I explained how magical the experience of painting is and how it has changed my life. It has been a rock in time of trouble... I have known stress for the variety of reasons that is life. Each time by picking up a brush and simply watching the color flow I have lifted my spirits." She says and I agree, "when I paint, I feel different."

When painting becomes work, stop. Take a break, start a new painting, watch a video. Everyone who does art loves the feeling of excitement when you watch your artwork come together. I believe each painting takes on a life of its own. The most important thing about painting is to HAVE FUN.

Keep those brushes wet,
Leslie Kjellstrand

Ric Dentinger Workshop — Workshop Directors: Lonni Swanson and Kathleen Stafford

A few spaces are still available and if you register now you can enjoy the in-person workshop with Ric Dentinger on April 15th–17th. Ric paints portraits, landscapes, still lifes, you name it! Some of his former students, delighted for the opportunity to learn from him again, were the first to sign up! We'll meet at the spacious, bright venue of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1500 North Capital of Texas Highway, here in Austin. The discounted Waterloo Watercolor member price is \$350.00. Here is the link to sign up so you can reserve your spot: <https://waterloowatercolor.org/event/ric-dentingerworkshop/> . Mark your calendar and remember to include the free demo on the afternoon of Sunday, April 14th at 4:00 PM.



One-Day Workshops 2024 — Workshop Director: Sue Kemp

Sue would like to offer one more One-Day workshop on Saturday, May 11, if any of our members would like to share their talents! Or, Fall is coming up before we know it. Contact Sue at kempart64@gmail.com asap!

Show News—Show Directors: Helen Green and Jen Polnaszek

North Hills Gallery of Austin presents
Waterloo Watercolor Group's
Spring Art Show 2024

APRIL 7-MAY 25
46th Annual Member Juried Exhibition



Painting by Yingying Chen

@ North Hills Gallery
7050 Village Center Dr, Austin, TX
Public reception: Sun, April 21, 12-1:15
Call 512-345-1743 for more info

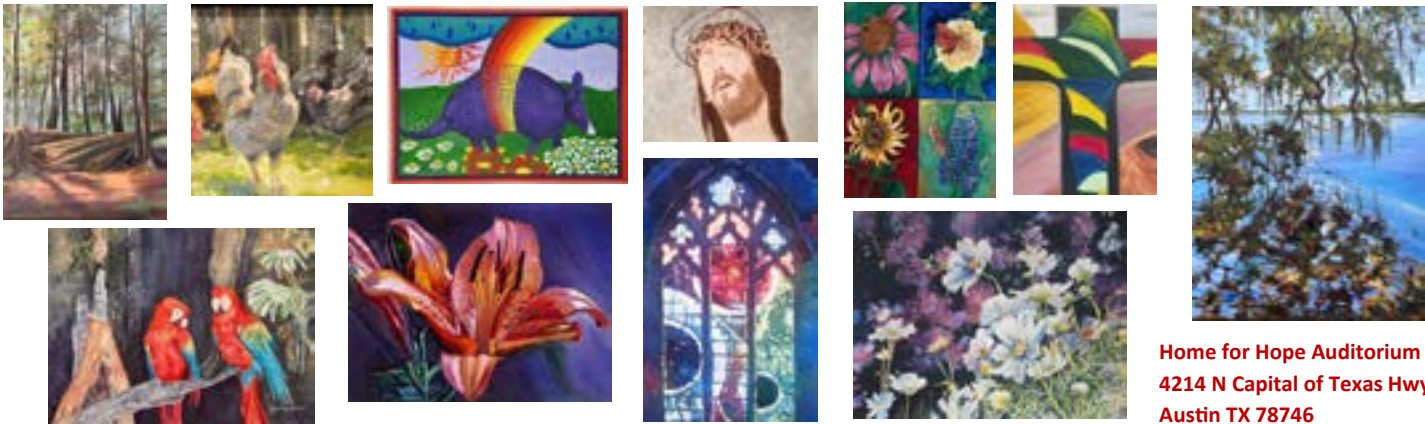
Gallery hrs: M-Th 9a-4p, Sun 8:30a-12:30p

News from our Members

Painters’ Songs of Our Souls Exhibit

Now through May 19th Painters (formerly 620 Group) are showing and selling their paintings and small packaged art products in their *Songs of Our Souls* exhibit in the Inspiration Gallery at Riverbend Church, 4214 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, TX 78746, located in the Home for Hope Auditorium.

17 of the 20 exhibiting artists are Waterloo members! One does not have to attend a service or event to visit this gallery, so please feel free to visit us during any of these times advertised. One different artist will be painting each time. Also, be sure to visit this Gallery Show & Sale during *Riverbend’s Art on the Bend* 2-day weekend art festival on Sat, April 13 (10–5) and Sun, April 14 (10–3).



Home for Hope Auditorium
4214 N Capital of Texas Hwy
Austin TX 78746

Sofia Besondy
 Janet Cavallucci
 Nancy Charbeneau
 Shevawn Eisman
 Jane Flowers

Bijal Ghelani
 Lisa Hoekstra
 Genevieve Holland
 Wendy Holmgren
 Sue Kemp

Painters
Songs of Our Souls

Inspiration Gallery at Riverbend Church

Beryl Kerwick
 Rebecca Lindgren
 Pat Molina
 Eileen Pectorius
 Martha Paisley Ruth

Libby Steckler
 Rashmi Thakur
 Joan B Werner
 Priscilla Wicker
 Carol Sue Witt



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:
 Easter Sunday, March 31, 8 - 1
 Every Sunday from April 7 - May 19, 10 -12:30

Riverbend’s Art on the Bend:
 Sat, April 13, 10 -5 & Sun, April 14, 10 -3

Plus, during special events:
 Fri, April 19, 3:30 - 7 Mon, May 15, 6:30 - 9
 Sat, May 18, 10 - 1 Sun, May 19, 4:30 - 7:30



Meet the Artists

News from our Members

From **Jennifer A Polnaszek**

I was awarded an artist wall to exhibit during the month of April by the Williamson County Art Guild.

I also have a watercolor in the WCAG exhibit at St David's Hospital for 3 months.

Congratulations, Jennifer!



First Friday Reception
April 5, 5 - 7 pm
Refreshments &
Live Music

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
ART GUILD
gallery

Enjoy New Artwork
by
Guild Members
Throughout the Gallery



Featured Artist: Jennifer Polnaszek
April 1 - 30
@ the WCAG's Rock St. Gallery
708 Rock St., Georgetown

News from our Members

Art at the Bend free event to celebrate the Arts

Sat, April 13, 10–4:00/ Sun April 14 10–3:00

Art at the Bend is an annual art weekend held on the campus of Riverbend Church at Hwy 360 and Cedar Street. We are celebrating Austin's diverse artisans,

over 60 artists many you may know. Music, Art, Food and Drinks with an outdoor Maker's Market and an indoor Gallery as well as an Art Show inside the Home for Hope. We hope to see you there!



From **Helen Mohrmann**

Alexis Lavine taught a workshop for WWG before the pandemic. She now offers on-line classes: 9 weeks, 3 paintings/topics for the 9 weeks from photo references; \$250; Monday morning, Monday evening, and Tuesday morning options for the class. Each class is 2.5 hours long. She has excellent camera technique, constantly explain what she is doing and why, addresses other topics such as signing

your paintings, applying for shows, etc. Students send her a photo of what they are working on and she gives feedback in each class. Students get to hear the feedback on others' work which is quite helpful. alexislavineartist@gmail.com; <http://www.alexislavineartist.com/index.html> She is a signature member of both the American and National Watercolor Society (and many others).

More News from our Members

Sue Kemp was pleased to have “Done for the Day” accepted in the 54th International Exhibition of Louisiana Watercolor Society, which will be online this year, May 1–31. Thanks to the juror, Kathleen Giles and to all who have organized the exhibit! It was included in the WWG show and the SWS show in Dallas previously.

Congratulations Sue!



Danube
WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
River Cruise
with Al Kline

Join us August 19th-26th, 2024 where we
paint Vienna, Budapest and other cities
along the Danube in watercolor.

Go to paintbydestination.com for more
information

From **Al Kline**.

We are planning a watercolor river cruise on the Danube on August 19-26, 2024.

The information will be on the website

[https://
paintbydestination.com/](https://paintbydestination.com/)

More News from our Members

From **Christine Gilbert.**

My art studio, Studio J, is with Thornton Road Studios at 2309 Thornton Rd. We will be participating in the ART04 studio tour April 20-21, 11-5 each day. Come see what artists are doing in the 78704 zip code.

https://www.art04studiotour.com/?fbclid=IwAR1oXDH_orLZHDnIDnZzoHcmfhecd2AHRQoZ_Ik05SAmihrlNa9gd5qpS9I



Supriya Kharod will be participating in Sunset Valley ARTFEST on Saturday, April 27 (10 am–5 pm). There will be live music, food trucks, activities for children (including the Austin Bike Zoo), and over 100 artists participating. Supriya will have her original watercolors, giclee prints, notecards, and books for sale. Come spend the day in Sunset Valley (South Austin) and check out the huge variety of local art!



In Memoriam

We are sad to report the loss of one of our members, **Ron Weidmann**. Despite living in Centennial, Colorado Ron was a member of WWG and joined many of our workshops along with his brother, Duke, who passed 3 years ago. If you met this dynamic brother duo, you were smiling at their obvious affection for each other. They were delightful but took their artwork seriously. Here is one of Ron's mixed media paintings. He will be missed.



Do you know someone who would be interested?

We welcome new members to Waterloo Watercolor Group. We are a non-profit group interested in the advancement of watercolor and other water-based media as an art form. Whether you are a beginning painter or a seasoned one, we invite you to join our group.

Look for us on the web, waterloowatercolor.org. If you are interested in joining, you can find an application on our website and pay the \$40 dues through PayPal.

2022 WWG Board of Directors

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