



January 2025



# Wet Paint

The Waterloo Watercolor Group Newsletter

## Upcoming Dates

- **January 6, 1–1:30**  
new strike date **WWG and CAS Texas State**
- **January 11, 2025**  
Richie Vios  
Figurative workshop  
Putting people in your paintings.
- **February 8**  
Janet Fulk  
Neurograph Art Workshop
- **April 2 to May 2**  
WWG Member Juried Show
- **Sunday, April 27**  
Lynn Ferris demo
- **April 28-30**  
Lynn Ferris workshop

Banner art courtesy of **Helen Green** from Rabbits and Crows college. See more on page 6

## From the WWG President

Dear Members

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are beginning the year 2025!

In the past, December and January were membership renewal months. Since we went live with our new website in August of 2023, membership renewal is a rolling process. Most of you are still in the December/January renewal window. You should have received an email reminding you that it is time to renew.

If you stored your payment method (Paypal or credit card) in your WWG account last year (2024), your renewal will be automatic. You will receive a follow up email to let you know the transaction occurred and your membership is up to date for 2025. If you declined to store a payment method, you will need to access your account on the website and enter the payment information. You will receive a follow up email confirmation using this method also.

Your email is your user name for our website, [waterloowatercolor.org](http://waterloowatercolor.org). If you have forgotten your password, you can request to reset and then access your account. Please make sure all contact information is current. Our primary means of communication with members is by email.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH RENEWAL OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE REACH OUT TO EITHER BETH FOX OR ME, COLETTE SIRHAL.

We hope to have more activities this coming year that bring us face to face as a group to share our love of watercolor and camaraderie, so watch the newsletter or your email for announcements.

Our Member Juried Show is on the horizon. Entry for the show will be available at [Onlinejuriedshow.com](http://Onlinejuriedshow.com) from early February until March 10. The show will be exhibited at **The Hive** in the Galleria shopping center in Bee Cave from April 2 to May 2, 2025. **The Hive** is a beautiful space open Wednesday through Saturday from 1–5pm. We are also planning a gala reception, date to be determined. Entry drop-off will be on March 29 between 3 and 5pm. Lynn Ferris will judge the show.

Our Saturday one-day workshops resume starting January 11 and the **Lynn Ferris** workshop is open for registration on our website. Lynn's demo will be Sunday, April 27. The workshop will run April 28-30.

*The WWG Board and I wish you joy and blessings throughout this New Year.*

*Colette Sirhal, WWG President*

## Memories from the WWG Holiday Party 2024

Thank you, Nancy, for a very fun WWG pARTy  
*photos courtesy of Martha Ruth*



## More Memories from the Party



## Workshop News—Directors: Lonni Swanson & Kathleen Stafford

The Lynn Ferris 3-day workshop, April 28 to 30, 2025 is now open for registration. Lynn saves her whites and uses layer on layer of mixed color to produce the shadows that define the objects of her focus. The approach is clear in the detail of the patio furniture painting, and in “Parked” which is a recent award winner in the Transparent Watercolor Society.

You can register at the link below and read more about Ms. Ferris.

<https://waterloowatercolor.org/event/lynn-ferris-3-day-workshop/>

Paintings by Lynn Ferris



## Show News—Helen Green

### Date change.

The WWG and CAS Texas State in Round Rock has changed our strike date to January 6 from 11:00 to

1:00. Artists will be able to park in the circle with your flashers on while retrieving paintings.

## One Day Workshops—Sue Kemp, Chair

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### Richie Vios

January 11, 2025

10–4 pm at St. Matthews Episcopal Church Huffman Hall

8134 Mesa Dr. Austin TX 78759

Almost full! Please check our website: <https://waterloowatercolor.org/events/category/workshop/>

Richie Vios is an award-winning artist who lived and studied in Cebu City, Philippines and worked as an architect before becoming a full-time plein air artist in 2021. Currently, he lives in Austin Texas but travels most of the time to compete in Pleinaire events all over the United States and conduct watercolor workshops along the way.

### Janet Fulk

February 8, 2025

St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Huffman Hall

10–4pm

Register online. \$60 for members (are your dues current?)

\$75 for guests

Janet Fulk is presenting her Neurograph Art Workshop on February 8th.

Neurgraphic Art is a way for the conscious mind to talk to the sub-conscious mind through images. It has proven useful in easing stress and anxiety, breaking negative thought patterns and reoccurring thoughts, as well as, setting intentions to change future thoughts and actions. This was a well received and fun workshop two years ago. Don't miss this chance to

think about art in a different way. You only need to bring your watercolors. Paper and pens will be provided.



## Bookworms

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The art book club Bookworms is open to all members of WWG. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8, at 9:30 am.

We will discuss *The Art of Rivalry* by Sebastian Smee. Smee has chapters on four pairs of artists: Matisse and Picasso, Manet and Degas, Pollock and de Kooning, and Freud and Bacon. These are all artists that were instrumental in various stages of breakthroughs in modern art. Smee emphasizes friendship as well as competition and includes lively stories about these eight artists.

If you are interested in attending Bookworms and are not already on our mailing list, send an email to

[bookworms@waterloowatercolor.org](mailto:bookworms@waterloowatercolor.org) in order to be added to the list for notices. We move around to the homes of different members, so each meeting will be held at a different location. This information will be sent to you in an informational email.

There are four meetings a year: February, April or early May, September, and early November. We try to avoid conflicts with holidays and summer vacations. At each meeting we decide on the book and the exact date and location for the next meeting.

## News from WWG Members

**Helen Green** is making fun collages from old watercolor paintings and assorted papers. She says, "It is a fun way to use parts of paintings to create something new."



Flower Child 18x24



Rabbit 9x9



Crow's Treasure 9x12



Rabbits and Crows  
12x16

**Larisa Anaya**, a member of Waterloo Watercolor Group, will have a solo exhibition with Georgetown City Hall January–March 2025. The exhibition features pleinair works created in the streets on Georgetown in the last 3 years. Free admission Reception is January 21st 2025 at 5:30–6:30.

Address: 808 Martin Luther King Jr, Georgetown TX 78626

Larisa offers a free pleinair demonstration of a street scene on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 10 am, in downtown Georgetown.

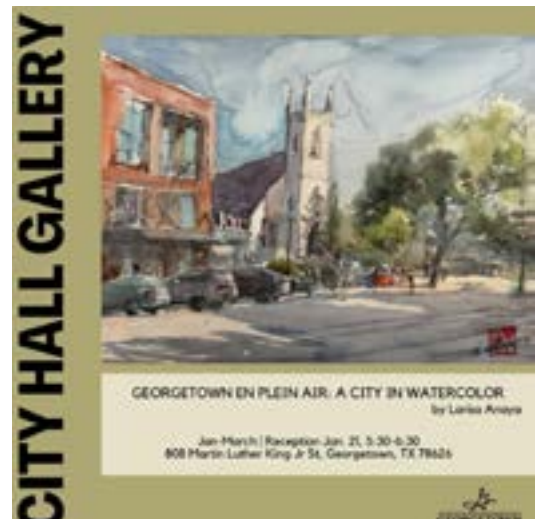
Cost: Free

The location will be updated on her Instagram page

@larisa\_anaya\_watercolors

And on her website

[www.Lanaya.art](http://www.Lanaya.art)



In October 2024, **Larisa Anaya** participated in Fabriano in Watercolor in Fort Worth Texas as a demonstrating artist. There were 27 artists demonstrating in Texas.

Larisa's demo recording is available to watch at this link:

[https://YouTube/Szmytm2xl5c?si=b550DVrQ\\_i7MYQD0](https://YouTube/Szmytm2xl5c?si=b550DVrQ_i7MYQD0)

To the left is the demonstrated painting watercolor 18x24"

In Saunders 300g/m2 CP

All 49 recordings (both from Italy and Texas) by American and international watercolorists are accessible to watch on YouTube.

<https://fabrianoinacquarello.blogspot.com/2024/12/december-2027-2024-webinar.html>

## More News from WWG Members

**Lynn Zwern** will be having an Art Show at the Lakeway Library through the month of January.

The reception will be on Jan. 11 from 1:00–2:30

All but 3 paintings in the show will be brand new, and recently painted for the show.

I would love for Waterloo to see my new watercolors.

Where: Lakeway Travis County Library.  
1938 Lohmans Crossing Rd., 78734.



A New Year's suggestion from **Kathleen Stafford** and **Lonni Swanson**

A Yale study showed that older people with more positive beliefs about aging lived an average of 7.5 years longer than people who equated aging with disease and decline. Actress and activist Jane Fonda and anti-ageism advocate Ashton Applewhite present "Sunday Morning" viewers with a key to living a longer life, by maintaining a better outlook.

And research proves a great way to do that is to take art classes!

So, it's time to make the New Year's resolution to improve your health by registering for a WWG one- or three-day workshop!

Of course I forgot to say, we could say, make a new year's resolution to improve your health!

Here is a link to Jane Fonda's short talk about art classes last Sunday Morning show on CBS .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQXAJRY6XYs>.

From WWG member, **Sara Jane Parsons**

My friend can help anyone with social media/tech issues.

Her name is Ro. You can reach her at 707-968-1428 or [xo.rowanmusic@gmail.com](mailto:xo.rowanmusic@gmail.com).

Photographing, creating posts & reels as the more basic packages but she can also do as much as creating ads or campaigns, up-keeping messages/ comments, creating analytics reports & updating profiles or websites. She charges \$30/hour.

She's been helping me create reels, it's great!

## Opportunities to participate in international watercolor contests

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**FABRIANO 2025** deadline is January 10th, submission is free. Artist pays a participation fee, only if selected. The dimensions requirement is half a sheet. Here is the link

<https://fabrianoacquarello.blogspot.com/2024/11/platform-opening-for-2025-edition.html>

### FRANCE

International juried exhibition and festival in Ceret ( it's French Catalonia)

Deadline for submission: Jan 5, watercolor on half-sheet, free entry, registration fee only if selected

Details are here

<https://aquarellepyreneene.com/exposition>

## Other opportunities to participate in contests

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### 2nd Annual Women in Watercolor

#### Members Only Online International Exhibition 2025

Open for Entry NOW through January 8, 2025

<https://womeninwatercolor.com/members-only-exhibition/>

### Wildlife Painting Showcase

hosted by OCPA (Online Catalog of Professional Artists)

Opening January 15th, 2025

Call for Entries

<https://professional-artists-catalog.com/wildlife-painting-showcase-call-for-entries/>

### Calling All Women Artists!

#### WIVA Presents the 3rd Annual Women in Art Exhibit

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpw75OMP3zqB91uyFkE\\_uavyX-Z2D4\\_uwUtVuTFfw94wtkSw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpw75OMP3zqB91uyFkE_uavyX-Z2D4_uwUtVuTFfw94wtkSw/viewform)

## Open Calls for Artists in Austin

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Art for the People Gallery: [Open Call](#)

Good Dad Studios: [Open Calls](#)

Women in Art: [Enter Women in Art 2025](#)

Bee Cave Arts Foundation: [Call for Art](#)

Dougherty Art Center: [Submit Your Work](#)



**"Farewell and stay in touch. ....you will be missed"**

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to these members who are/have moved:

Janet Sopp-Sims. Florida

Carol Keller. Colorado

Eileen Pestorius. Maryland

Pictured to the right:

Eileen Pestorius. with WWG President, Colette Sirhal



**2022 WWG Board of Directors**

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