



DECEMBER 2025

# Wet Paint

The Waterloo Watercolor Group Newsletter

## Upcoming Dates

### December 6

Holiday Party  
Cheryl Christian,  
Host, 11:00 am

### January 17, 2026

Saturday Workshop  
Carol Sue Witt  
Painting with gold  
foil

### February 6, 2026

Bookworms,  
9:30 am

### February 21, 2026

Saturday Workshop  
Helen Green –  
Collage

### March 21, 2026

Saturday Workshop  
Rashmi Thakur  
Watercolor  
“pouring”

## From the WWG President

Greetings WWG Members,



### ***Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays***

We are looking forward to our holiday gathering at the home of Cheryl Christian at 11:00 on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Cheryl's beautiful home will be decked out to put us all in that holiday spirit.

There is plenty of parking and easy access for those who don't do stairs.

Our annual painting exchange will take place. We will also be voting for our new officers; the term beginning January 1, 2026. The slate is:

Rashmi Thakur, President  
Dan Spanton, Vice President  
Susan Dunning, Secretary  
Nancy Charbeneau, Treasurer

We are very grateful to these members who will take over the leadership of our organization. We are also grateful to the member volunteers who will guide our standing committees. All will be introduced at the party.

Don't forget to contribute an appetizer or dessert. Additional information can be found on our website.

I know I repeat myself, but, it is a pleasure to be a member of this group of creative, talented artists.

*Colette Sirhal*

## Spring Three-Day Workshop

“All I want for Christmas...” is a WWG WORKSHOP!

What a great idea and Christmas surprise!  
Someone recently purchased the Alicia Farris workshop for a loved one and we think it's a brilliant gift that will keep on giving.

Put April 22-24 2026 on your calendar and join us as we paint landscapes, animals, and learn a little about the joys (and surprises) of watercolor on yupo, with internationally known artist Alicia Farris. The recent article about Alicia in Watercolor Magazine will assure you you'll be learning from a recognized pro!

We'll be meeting at :  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
1500 North Capital of Texas Highway  
Austin, Texas 78746

Tickets are now on sale click here to register.

<https://waterloowatercolor.org/event/3-day-alicia-farris-workshop/>



## One-Day Workshops

**January 17, 2026**

Carol Sue Witt

Glitz Up Your Art with Gold Leaf

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Learn techniques to add gold leaf foil to enhance your paintings. Gold leaf, hot press paper and supplies provided.



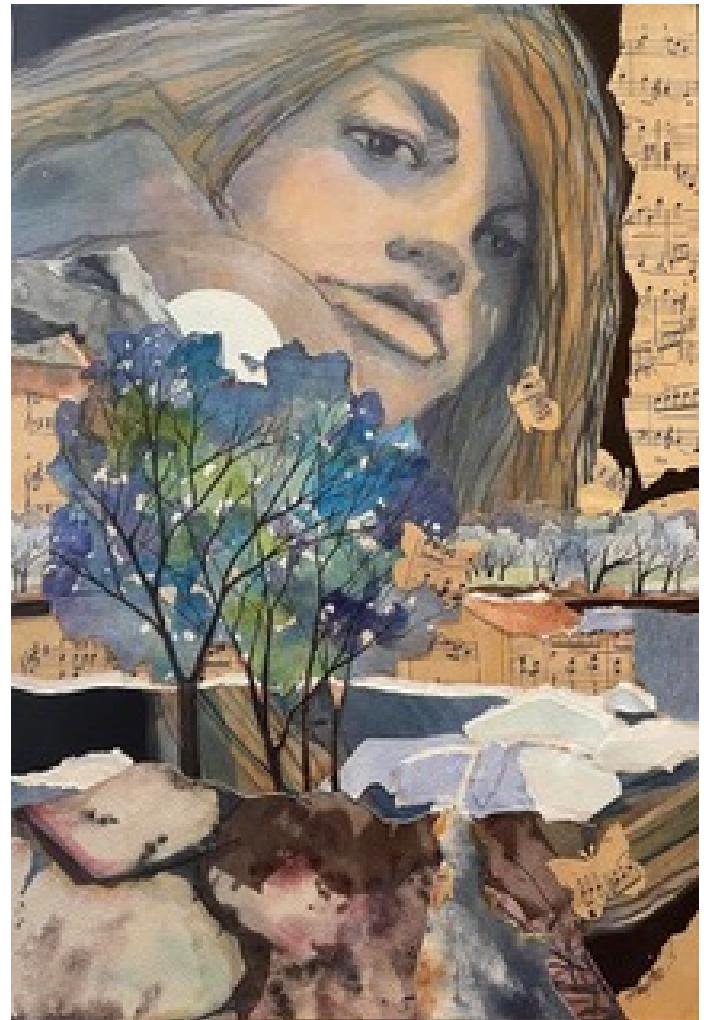
**February 21, 2026**

Helen Green

Collage

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Create paintings from old watercolors, colorful papers and other materials using collage techniques.



Fee for all one day workshops - \$60 members, \$75 guests. Register online on the WWG website:  
**waterloowatercolor.org**

Note: The one-day workshops are held at our new location:

St. Christopher Episcopal Church  
8724 Travis Hills Dr.  
Austin 78735

## Keeping up With Old Friends



Eileen Pestorius was selected as a Signature Member in the Baltimore Watercolor Society. She is also a Signature Member in the Texas Watercolor Society. She loves keeping up with dear friends in the Austin painting community and truly misses all of you!

[eileenthepainter@aol.com](mailto:eileenthepainter@aol.com)

Please visit my websites:

art: [www.eileenthepainter.com](http://www.eileenthepainter.com) (ask about commissions!)

memoir: <https://londonchronicles.co>

## One of Our Own Wins Austin Business Woman Artist of the Year!

The Austin Business Woman Organization features all woman-owned Austin Businesses in one place. The organization of women combines an online directory and digital visibility with in-person events and relationship-building programs that help our members expand their businesses while experiencing personal growth.

From Rashmi: I was recently honored with the Star Award – Artist of the Year by Austin Business Woman. One of the art enthusiasts and members of the organization kindly nominated me, and to my great surprise, I received the award at their annual gala on November 11th.

My heart is filled with gratitude for this recognition. I see this win not just as a personal achievement, but as a small contribution toward bringing more visibility to visual artists in Austin. Let's continue creating meaningful work and making the world a better place—one piece of art at a time.



## One-Day Floral Workshop, with Sue Kemp

**Saturday,  
November 8, 2025  
10am - 4pm**

Our Floral workshop in November was very enjoyable in the new space Helen Green arranged for our workshops. St Matthews is no longer available to us and I found this to be an easy drive.



I supplied the reference materials, demonstrated techniques and encouraged creativity. We had great results! Some even started on the hollyhocks after painting the moonflowers.

Check out our Spring workshops in 2026, with artists Carol Sue Witt, Helen Green and Rashmi Thakur, which will be on our website soon!

*Sue Kemp, Artist  
View my watercolor paintings:  
[www.suekemp.com](http://www.suekemp.com)  
[sue-kemp.pixels.com](http://sue-kemp.pixels.com)*



A great group! One artist spent way too much time trying to duplicate Sue's blue background on lesson one, and didn't get started on lesson two!

Our new location is  
**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
8724 Travis Hills Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78735 (off SW pkwy)**



# Featured Artist

Going forward, we'll feature one artist per month to learn more about them and their work. The content can be any details you'd like to share. You can nominate a friend or yourself! First come, first served.

## This month, we feature Helen Green!

### Artist's statement

My work varies in size, subject and medium but in this collection, I have worked in a small format with a goal of producing images that require close observation. They will not beckon from across a room, but, hopefully, draw the viewer in for an intimate look. After framing, these will not only be easy to transport, but small enough to find a spot in almost anyone's art collection.

Collage is a fun medium and has texture and lots of visual interest. My watercolors are simple and emphasize design.



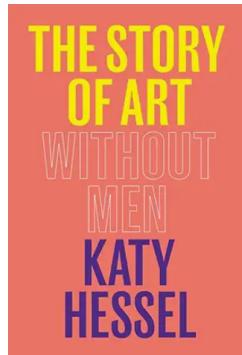
## Bookworms

The art book club Bookworms is open to all members of WWG. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 6, at 9:30 am.

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 November. We try to avoid conflicts with holidays and summer vacations. In addition to the November 21 meeting, Bookworms will meet on February 6 and May 1 in 2026. We are now meeting on Friday mornings.

At our February 6 meeting, we will discuss Katy Hessel's work of nonfiction, *The Story of Art Without Men*. As the title suggests, this book is an overview of many women artists, both the well-known and the little-known, throughout the ages.



At our May 1 meeting, we will discuss Elaine Sciolino's new nonfiction book *Adventures in the Louvre*.

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