

HAWAII WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

APRIL 2022

Calendar of Events

April 12

9:00am Paint Out, Chinaman's Hat
49-479 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe
Meet up in the parking area right in front of
Chinaman's Hat Island*

April 16

2:00-4:00pm Members' Celebration at DAC

April 26

9:00am Paint Out, Kailua Beach Park
526 Kawailoa Road, Kailua
Meet up by the canoe club*

Until April 30

Members' Show at DAC

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President's Letter

I've been thinking lately about the importance of community and how we find it. Through this pandemic period we've all come to realize the crucial role our connections play in maintaining our mental health, our sense of belonging, and our feeling of being supported. During the lockdown days of 2020, I remember making a rare visit to the post office where I ran into a friend from a writing group. Though we normally saw each other once every couple of months and spoke at those gatherings only briefly, our meeting that day felt like a monumental event. We recognized each other, recognized the losses we'd both felt and experienced, and felt an electric jolt of warmth that instantly deepened what had been a glancing friendship.

As we begin to take tentative steps back into more active lives, we have a chance to make our connections intentional and vital. HWS and our Board have worked hard to keep communication lines to our members open and active during the past two years. Now that we are able to gather in person again, we can all refresh our creative friendships through participating in paint outs, taking workshops, and gathering at events like our April 16 Members' Celebration. I hope you'll join in, become involved, talk with some of our members who may be new to you, and reap the benefits of connection.

We join arts organizations for different reasons—to learn skills, to enter shows, to take classes, to network. The great thing about a volunteer-run group like HWS is that anyone who's a member has an opportunity to shape and influence the organization in a major way. Any of us can jump in with both feet, volunteer to run a show or join the board and make our own vision become reality. And you'll have a crew of like-minded friends to listen, help grow ideas, and make dreams come true right alongside you. If you're craving connection, get into the mix and make HWS yours!

Aloha,
Tamara



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Newsletter Gallery

Several attempted this month's challenge to paint the weather or atmosphere. Did they succeed? Yes! Next month's theme is Local Landmarks. Images for May's newsletter are due April 30; send your artwork to info@hawaiiwatercolorsociety.org with "newsletter gallery" in the subject. Include your name and the title of your work. Limit one submission per artist per month.



"Landscape" by Sherry Cavin



"Jynx Loves Her Sinks" by Stephanie Batzer



"Running Before the Storm" by Keri Harris



"Haze and Sea" by Martine Cooper

Come Together April 16 (2-4pm) at DAC

Through this long pandemic era we have not been able to gather but things are changing. We're planning a party while our Members' Exhibition is up on the walls at the Downtown Art Center. Let's celebrate ourselves and get to know each other again! We have lots of new members who we'd like to fold into the mix—come join us so we can all put faces to names and enjoy a few fun activities together.

Along with refreshments, Patrice Federspiel will be giving a free demo, a few of our award-winning artists will be talking about their work, and we'll have a raffle for some great art supplies.

Come to DAC, 1041 Nuuanua Ave., 2nd floor gallery; parking entrance is on Bethel between King and Hotel (Chinatown Gateway Plaza).

BOD Profile: Sheyla Stevens, Workshops

I joined HWS as a member after moving to Hawaii a few years ago. I was looking to connect with other local watercolor artists and to see what opportunities were available through the organization. After almost a year as a member, they announced a few volunteer position opportunities within the organization. At that point I got involved as a workshop coordinator and a Paint Out coordinator.

What I enjoy most about volunteering for HWS is getting to know other artists. Helping to put together shows has been fun and very interesting. So many hands come together to make things happen. I just love being part of a group of people who are incredibly passionate and enthusiastic about art and painting.

I am a self-taught artist. I feel awkward saying that because I did not teach myself to paint. I have actually taken many, many, many online courses from other professional watercolor artists through the years. That is how I know what I know about watercolor painting.

I think most people in the organization may not know that I am a full-time artist and designer. I have a business named Art & Crochet and I go to local markets often to sell products I have designed from my paintings. I also went to culinary school and I love to cook, but I hate washing dishes!

On weekdays, I am up at 5am most days. I prepare breakfast and lunch for myself and my family. By 7am

everyone is out the door to face their day. After that, I visit the gym. This is because I have a very active mind. If I do not exercise, I cannot sleep at night. I then start work at around 11am, after finishing all my morning routines. I have to be very intentional about what to get done for the day because by 2:15pm I have to be back on the road to pick up my children from school. Back home I work until 5pm then start cooking dinner. On weekends, you will find me either snorkeling, painting, or hiking out in nature. Spending time outside is also a must for me. It helps me keep my sanity.

As an artist I am always working on how to render specific subjects. I love painting and challenging myself to paint new subjects. I pick at least 2 subject matters per year to master. Long term, I would love to someday have a studio/gift store where I sell watercolor art and gifts from artists and designers from all places. A watercolor-themed store/workshop space is my dream. I am just waiting for my husband to finish his military career so we can choose a permanent home and for me to get started on that dream.



Members' Show Opens!

Our first in-person reception since Covid came to town took place April 1 at the Downtown Art Center. Many members attended to view the paintings and ceramics of our partner artists, including special guest Charles Higa (a longtime member of HWS whose paintings and pottery are featured near the gallery entrance). All five of our award winners were present to receive their awards. Congratulations to all who entered the show, all who were accepted, and all who received special recognition!



At the Members' Show reception (clockwise from top): Jimmy Tablante's "Hokulea"; artists in the gallery; award-winner Rochelle Weidner with Tamara Moan and Dwayne Adams; award-winner Dawn Yoshimura; award-winner Linda Umstead; and award-winner Donna Sommer

Mahalo Hawaiian Graphics!

We at the Hawaii Watercolor Society wish to honor our generous supporters. Over the years, many of our local community have come forward with monetary donations that have allowed us to offer prizes at our juried shows.

We would like to begin by thanking our beloved Florence Matsuoka, who has been a loyal friend of the society for decades, and who provides the community with a wonderfully comprehensive artists' supply store.

She was an art student at UH when she began working at the business that eventually became Hawaiian Graphics Art Supply Store, where she is now manager. The store, dedicated only to art supplies, carries a vast array of creative materials. Unlike chain craft stores, knowledgeable assistance is readily available, including two staff members with MFAs in drawing and painting ready to discuss the merchandise and advise. If you get bogged down with your watercolors, Florence suggests a browse through the store for new creative inspiration from the many new mediums that have entered the world of graphic art in recent years.

She also supports society members by offering us a 10% discount, plus 25% off single sheet, fine watercolor paper. Thursday is Seniors' Day with a 15% discount.

The store can service the outer islands as well. Orders can be called in and mailed out. Considering the shipping charges when ordering online from the mainland, not to mention delivery times, this is a real blessing.

If you get a chance, stop in and say hello. Aloha and Mahalo nui loa, Florence.

Plugging the Pukas

Our HWS Board could use your skills! If you're willing to pitch in, we are looking for help with Membership (managing a database, no need to be on Oahu) as well as someone to help in the Vice-President role then step into the limelight of President next year.

If there are pet projects you want to foster, a particular artist you'd like to bring to Hawaii for a workshop, or a special show you want to add to our exhibition calendar, the role of HWS President may be for you! It's your chance to shape our organization to your vision.

The fun of it is in working with a good board team, meeting more amazing HWS artists, and sharing in our creative community. HWS is what we all make of it! Send a note to info@hawaiiwatercolorsociety.org to volunteer.

HWS Online Gallery and Sales

While our artwork is up on gallery walls again, our online exhibit galleries continue to share our work with a world of viewers far beyond Hawaii's borders. In recent months, painting sales have materialized from that online presence. To keep our online display current and accurate, we ask all show participants to check their work on the website for accuracy. **Check through ALL exhibits for 2021 and 2022.** If you find works that are no longer available (sold or given away), please email those titles by May 1 to info@hawaiiwatercolorsociety.org. Mahalo!

Our Friend Joan Fleming

If you have some history with HWS, you surely remember Joan Fleming, a faithful member and for many years our Membership Chair. Joan was ever-present at shows, demos, and anything watercolor, her red hair always visible and her laughing voice always positive. After living with Parkinson's these last years, Joan passed February 13, 2022. We value her contributions to the Hawaii Watercolor Society; she was also very active with the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle.

A third-generation kamaaina, Joan graduated from Punahou and began her watercolor studies there. She continued studying art in college, returning to watercolor after a long pause to raise four children and work at Punahou for 15 years as a graphic designer. After retiring, she began to take classes at Linekona to freshen her painting skills. Her great legacy, the Windward Wanderers, was born at that time. "At the end of the classes," she wrote, "I went around the room and asked everyone if they would be interested in continuing meeting once a week on the Windward side to paint. Thus the Windward Wanderers was born."

The weekly paint-out group is still going strong, their meeting locations now coordinated by Roger Tinius. Some of Joan's fellow painters shared their memories of her:

Louisa Cooper: "When I first returned to the islands, I read about this group the Windward Wanderers and imagined they were a closed circle of friends who had been painting for years together. Later I found that it



was an open group that welcomed everyone who enjoyed the great outdoors and painting! Joan was an inspiration and left the group in the good hands of Roger who has kept it in the same spirit."

Helen Slaughter: "Joan Fleming was always a very friendly and welcoming person. She was the membership chair for the HWS when I joined and made me feel so welcome. Later after I retired I joined the Windward Wanderers, in 2011, and have enjoyed being part of the group. Joan was very active in the group when I joined, and again made me and everyone else feel welcomed and comfortable. I miss Joan and am sure many others do, too."

Indeed, we do!

Welcome New Members

Suzanne Keyser
Honolulu

Tamara Montgomery
Honolulu



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