



HAWAI'I WATERCOLOR SOCIETY



MAR  
2026

FEATURED ARTIST:  
KELLY KIMURA  
COVER ART: "SPRING BEAUTIES"





## President's Message

### Aloha fellow artists,

What an amazing turnout for the opening night of our Members' Show—one of the largest in recent years! Mahalo to each one of our treasured award sponsors, our juror Sterling Edwards, Downtown Art Center, HWS volunteers and chairs, The Glass Fusion Collective, and to every artist and supporter of the arts who showed up to celebrate together.

My favorite part of the evening was walking around and speaking with many of you—hearing about what inspires you was incredibly special to me. I can't help but think about how miraculous it is that people are creating artwork, expressing themselves, and having the courage to share their work. The world needs more of this creative spirit, now more than ever.

Whether you entered work into this show or not, whether something was selected or not, or whether you paint only when life allows the space for it—it all counts. The fact that we are connected through this shared love of water and pigment is the point. My hope is that we all feel inspired to keep painting, exploring together, and sharing our voices.

Down at the gallery, you'll find watercolor paintings curated next to skillful glasswork. Please bring your friends and family down to the gallery to visit this beautiful show!

Warmly,

Chloe



## HWS Happenings

**Members' Show at DAC**  
Tues, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sat, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Closing Reception**  
Saturday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Members' Show Take-Down**  
*Downtown Art Center*  
Sunday, Mar 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am - 10:00 am

**HWS Board Meeting**  
Zoom on Thurs, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>  
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Frank Eber Workshop**  
*Downtown Art Center*  
Tues, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - Fri, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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# 99% TRANSPARENT HWS MEMBERS' SHOW 2026

**The comment visitors have said most often:  
"This is a beautiful show!"**

"Transparent Watercolor alongside the work of invited members of Glass Fusion Collective creates a delightful gallery experience."

Bring your friends! Vote for your favorite paintings for the People's Choice Award.

And join us for Closing Reception - Saturday March 28, 4-6PM The People's Choice Award winner will be announced. Award recipients will talk about their paintings. It's a good party!!

If you can't make the show in person, you can view and shop the show online at [www.HawaiiWatercolorSociety.org](http://www.HawaiiWatercolorSociety.org).

We still have a few sitting shifts open if you would like to soak up the energy of the show with a few hours in the gallery. [Sign up](#) today!

Photos top to bottom, left to right. Photos courtesy of Donna Sommer.

1. Carolyn Majewski, Golden Callus Award Winner
2. Andre Toribio, Kelly Kimura, winner of the Juror's Award, Chloe Tomomi
3. Andre Toribio, Yvonne Fong, recipient of Excellence in Watercolor Award in Memory of Candace Fenander, Chloe
4. Andre Toribio, Kyle Nakahara, recipient of Excellent in Watercolor Award in Memory of Estelle Sumimoto, Chloe Tomomi
5. Darold Ramelb with his painting, "Grotesquerie of Ego"
6. Andre Toribio, Dwayne Adams, winner of the Charles E Higa Award, Chloe Tomomi
7. Min Chong Kim, recipient of Excellence in Watercolor Award from M. Graham, and friend on left
8. Andre Toribio, Candace P. Hemmy, recipient of Excellence in Watercolor Award from Hawaiian Graphics, Art Source & Design, and Sunshine Gallery, Chloe Tomomi



# HO'OMAIKA'I - CONGRATULATIONS!

## The GOLDEN CALLUS AWARD for BEST in SHOW

Presented by the Hon Chew Hee Art Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation

**Carolyn Majewski**

*"The Secret"*



## The JUROR'S AWARD

Presented by Alexander & Baldwin

**Kelly Kimura**

*"Blush and Freckles"*



## The CHARLES E. HIGA AWARD

Presented by Peter Drewliner

**Dwayne Adams**

*"From Cosette's"*

## EXCELLENCE IN WATERCOLOR AWARD

Presented in Memory of Candace Fenander

**Yvonne Fong**

*"The Aviator"*

## EXCELLENCE IN WATERCOLOR AWARD

Presented by Bank of Hawai'i & the Hon Chew Hee Art Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation

**Sheree Latif**

*"Mango Delight"*



## EXCELLENCE IN WATERCOLOR AWARD

Presented in Memory of Estelle Sumimoto

**Kyle Nakahara**

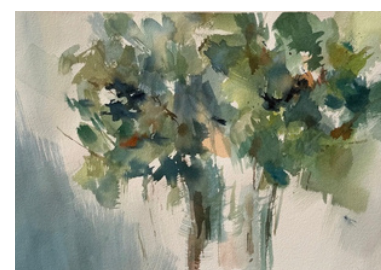
*"Ho'omaluhia"*

## EXCELLENCE IN WATERCOLOR AWARD

Presented by M. Graham & Co.

**Min Chong Kim**

*"Orchids on the Tree"*



## EXCELLENCE IN WATERCOLOR AWARD

Presented by Hawaiian Graphics, Art Source & Design, and Sunshine Gallery

**Candace P. Hemmy**

*"Banyan Tree"*

Paintings pictured top to bottom, left to right in order listed. View and shop the show [online](#).

Mahalo to our generous sponsors and congratulations to all of our artists!

# March Tips & Tricks

By Tamara Moan

Even though I love to paint, I can get distracted by the rest of life and fall out of my painting groove. Maybe this happens to you, too. How to keep yourself going? I find three things really help: making a date, making it easy, and plugging in to a community.

1. Put it on the calendar – block out time to paint on your own, paint with a friend, or go out with a group. I find the more regular and routine, the better. Paint 9am - noon every Thursday at Foster Garden. Bingo!
2. Set out your materials ready to use – put paper, palette, brushes, water on your work table or get your plein air kit prepped the night before so you can sit down or step out the door and paint. Presto!
3. Find your tribe – nothing beats having a gang to play with. HWS is a great place to find like-minded creatives who can share inspiration, information, commiseration, and connection. Make a painting friend; it's good for your mental and physical health as well as motivation!



Pictured above: Debby Atkinson and Donna Sommer, HWS painting friends!

## HWS Private Facebook Group - Creativity Community

Super excited to announce we are now 85 members strong as of March 5, 2026. Well on our way to 100 members...please invite fellow HWS members to help grow our 'ohana.

Note: We don't accept non-members- they have to join HWS to be part of the fun.

Update on our "Weekly Challenge," over 250 entries so far. We started with the theme "Pineapples" and currently we are painting "Aquatic Plants". All skill levels welcome. We all get better by putting in the "brush miles". The creativity has been off-the-charts, and the best part is the camaraderie. Getting to know our HWS family has been fantastic.

What else is happening in this group? We share upcoming local opportunities for watercolorists, post reminders and links to HWS events... and talk story about art.

Please join us and engage. There is magic in community!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hwscommunity>

Jimi T  
Hawaii



**Volunteer with HWS - Sign up [HERE!](#)**



# DISCOVER THE HEART of Honolulu

**FAMILY FRIENDLY ART FESTIVAL**

*Nu'uanu Avenue, from King Street to Chaplain Lane*

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Art, Crafts, Food, Music  
Make & Take Workshops & More!*

**EXPERIENCE YOUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY**



More info: [downtownarthi.org/heartofhonolulu/festival](https://downtownarthi.org/heartofhonolulu/festival)



## Featured Artist

### Kelly Kimura

#### *Signature / Life Member since 2009*

Born and raised in Hawai'i, Kelly grew up in a small sugar plantation town on the island of O'ahu. She has spent most of her career as administrative support in the healthcare industry, while actively pursuing her passion for watercolor. A signature member of the Hawai'i Watercolor Society, Kelly's artwork has earned awards and recognition in exhibitions held by various Hawai'i art organizations, and has been accepted into juried web-based shows. She has also created commissioned paintings for the Westin Princeville and for individual collectors.

While there is no shortage of beautiful scenery in Hawai'i, Kelly also finds inspiration while traveling. She hopes her images capture the emotion felt while viewing the scene. Be it joy, awe, sadness, respect, or any reaction, she hopes to share it with you through her work.

[www.miyuki-arts.com](http://www.miyuki-arts.com)

<https://www.instagram.com/miyuki.arts>



Clockwise from top: 1. Heavenly View 2. Spring Beauties 3. Alaskan Beach 4. Raindrops on Summer Snowflakes

## Officer Slate 2026

<b>President</b>	Chloe Tomomi
<b>Vice President</b>	Andre Toribio
<b>Secretary</b>	Lindy Colpo
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sharon Billingsley
<b>Member at Large</b>	Lovelyn Voorhees Deidi Zapinski
<b>Trustee</b>	Patrice Federspiel
<b>Membership</b>	Kelly Kimura
<b>Awards</b>	Rochelle Weidner
<b>Exhibitions</b>	Sharon Billingsley
<b>Workshops</b>	Donna Sommer
<b>Communications</b>	Deide Zapinski
<b>Tech Committee</b>	Carolyn Majewski Joyce Ono Emily Kearney-Williams
<b>Newsletter</b>	Debby Atkinson ( <i>Editor</i> ) Paige Su ( <i>Designer</i> )
<b>Social Media</b>	Kayla DuBois
<b>Volunteer Outreach</b>	Helen Turano

## Member News

**Patrice Federspiel** flew to Hawai'i Island last week to have her photo taken with her painting, "Life in the Meadow," which is on exhibit at the Hualalai Realty Office in the Four Seasons complex. The painting measures 48" x 44" and is framed in koa.



*This section of the newsletter typically features HWS Members who have pieces in local, national or international shows.*

**Email us** if you have a painting (or paintings) in an exhibition! Please include a photo of your piece, the title, and show info.

We would love to feature your work!

### Open Volunteer Roles

- Membership for 2027
- Workshops for 2027
- Local Workshops

Interested in serving? **Email us!**

# Sentiments on Entering Shows

By Rochelle Weidner

Award-winning master watercolorist Kathleen Giles, NWS-M, AWS, TWSA, recently posted a quote to Facebook that seemed like an appropriate message to all HWS members. I asked her permission to reprint it in the newsletter, as it is an important reminder to people that even if your painting did not get selected, it doesn't mean the painting isn't worthy. Visit Kathleen's website at <https://www.kgilesstudio.com>.

From Kathleen: "I wanted to say something about entering shows as I am currently selecting the paintings for the NWS online show. I have had several paintings rejected from shows in the past few months and I understand very well how painful and discouraging it is. Especially when you think the painting is great. Try to keep in mind that if your painting isn't selected it doesn't necessarily mean it's not a good painting. When a painting that I think is very good doesn't get accepted, I bitch and complain loudly to my poor husband or anyone else around me. Maybe even the cat. After a few hours I start to get over it. I look at the painting and try to see what, if anything, is wrong with it. Sometimes I do see places the painting could be improved. If so, I rework it and enter it again. Sometimes, I just enter it again somewhere else. The NWS show had almost 1000 entries. I had to eliminate many good paintings. There were tons of portraits and figures entered. I wanted the show to look balanced. It wasn't supposed to be a portrait show. I had to reject many fine paintings in order for the show to include a wide variety of techniques and subject matter. I don't think we always consider that. If you jury a show in which there is an overabundance of any one thing, you need to do some painful cutting. I just wanted to share this bit of knowledge and say that if you aren't selected for a show, don't despair. Keep painting. Get a good honest critique of your work. Try not to take it personally. We all want to be fantastic painters and have all our work succeed, but the reality is, everyone gets a rejection now and then. Use the pain to paint better and never allow one or two people's opinions bring you down."



*Pictured above: Kathleen Giles, "The World Fades Away"*

## A Note from the Editor

Have you run across a fascinating article on painting, watercolor, creativity, or painting-related topic? Send it to us and we'll share it with others, while giving proper credit to the author. Mahalo!

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## Needed: New HWS Membership Chair / Team Leader

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It's sad but true, Kelly Kimura, after 10 years as our Membership Chair, is stepping down at the end of this year. We will miss her! Consequently, HWS is looking for a new Membership Chair. Step up if you're interested in being part of a lively, innovative, and intelligent group (that also enjoys a few snacks and libation at the monthly hour-long board meetings).

Here is a brief description of the work. Kelly spends about 2 hours a week on the job, though HWS is working on a software program (stay tuned!) that will make entering data much easier. The ideal candidate is comfortable working in Excel or equivalent. You don't need to be a whiz, but comfortable enough to do data entry. This can all be done remotely, so it doesn't have to be someone on O'ahu. Kelly will also be available as a resource/advisor.

### Ongoing

- Maintain spreadsheet of current members \*
- Send out welcome letter and membership card to new members
- Maintain list of members' email addresses \*
- Review signature membership applications for recommendation to board
  - if approved, sends notification letter and new membership card

### Monthly

- Prepare board report of activities monthly, attends board meetings
- Send "Welcome New Members" email monthly

### Quarterly

- Send pdf of Membership Roster and Members Only Directory to Webmaster

### Annually

- Conduct annual membership drive\*\*

\*plan is to set up a system to simplify this

\*\*Kelly can help with this if the system is not automated by the next renewal.

### Interested in this role?

Email [info@hawaiewatercolorsociety.org](mailto:info@hawaiewatercolorsociety.org) with "Membership Chair" in the subject line.



# Newsletter Gallery

The February theme was *Winter Weather*. Our prompt for this month is **Wind and Storms**.

Email your images to us with "Newsletter Gallery" in the subject line. Please include your name and title of the work. Limit one submission per artist per month.

Deadline: March 31st

Email us your ideas for future gallery themes!  
[info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org](mailto:info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org)



Sherry Cavin, "Winter"



Janna Mihara, "Snow Day"

## E Komo Mai

**Justin Bongco** - Kāneʻohe, HI  
Email: [nitsuj.ocgnob@gmail.com](mailto:nitsuj.ocgnob@gmail.com)

**Sheryl Davidson** - Littleton, CO  
Email: [davidsonyoneji@comcast.net](mailto:davidsonyoneji@comcast.net)  
*Aspiring watercolor artist*

**Patricia Harnish** - Kāneʻohe, HI  
Email: [briecyn@aol.com](mailto:briecyn@aol.com)

**Jayne Montz** - Honolulu, HI  
Email: [jaynemontz@gmail.com](mailto:jaynemontz@gmail.com)  
*Self-taught and still learning*

## Ongoing Paint Outs



**Hoʻomaluhia Botanical Garden**  
Tuesdays (free), 9:30 AM  
Contact Garden Office (808-233-7323)  
or Young Schlack  
([youngschlack@yahoo.com](mailto:youngschlack@yahoo.com))



**Windward Wanderers**  
Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Contact Roger Tinius for locations  
([rtmisawa@netzero.com](mailto:rtmisawa@netzero.com))



**Foster Garden Paint Out**  
Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Contact Tamara Moan  
([tamara.moan@yahoo.com](mailto:tamara.moan@yahoo.com))

# Exhibition & Teaching Opportunities

## "Awakening" - NSWS National Online Exhibition

Deadline for entries, March 22, 2026, midnight

Awakening is the NorthStar Watermedia Society's spring online juried exhibition celebrating renewal, transformation, and creative emergence through watermedia. Artists are invited to explore moments of growth, clarity, and quiet revelation inspired by changing seasons and shifting inner landscapes.

Featuring a diverse range of watercolor, acrylic, ink, and mixed watermedia works, Awakening highlights both artistic technical skills and personal voice. Entries should represent a turning point—where light breaks through, ideas take root, and new perspectives begin to form. Together, the works will create a shared visual experience that honors resilience, hope, and the power of artistic renewal.

View Prospectus:

<https://northstarwatermedia.com/exhibitions/>

## Teaching Opportunity for a Watercolor Artist on O'ahu

"I'm looking for a volunteer watercolor artist to fill in for me (a snowbird) when I'm gone from Kailua from May through October. I am a volunteer teacher of watercolors at the Womens' Community Correctional Center in Kailua. The schedule is flexible, residents are appreciative, and the experience is meaningful.

I feel the right person is far more important than any prior teaching experience."

If you are interested and believe you are the right person, contact Dennis Pollock at [dpollock77@gmail.com](mailto:dpollock77@gmail.com).



## Member Benefits

### Hawaiian Graphics

1923 S Beretania St.  
10% off entire purchase  
25% off fine art paper

### Art Attacks

3390 Campbell Ave, #A  
25% discount on framing

### Art Source & Designs, LLC (Diane Ko)

212 Monohua Pl, Ste C  
15% off framing, call  
(808) 352-8242 for appointment.

### NEW PARTNERSHIP

#### Ki'ikau Printers

675 Auahi St Suite 3-205,  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
10% off printing, call  
(808) 312-3316

### Da Vinci Artists Colors

[www.DaVinciPaints.com](http://www.DaVinciPaints.com)  
Additional 15% off discount with  
coupon code "Aloha." Flat rate  
shipping of \$5.00 for orders \$50+.  
This offer is exclusive to HWS  
members. Not for re-sale.



## New Classes from Tamara Moan

More details at <https://www.tamaramoan.com/teaching>

### Sunday Art Café

When: Second Sunday of every month, 1-4pm  
First session Sunday, April 12, 2026  
Where: Kailua studio  
Cost: \$360/yr  
Class size: 8 max

Each session of this once-a-month gathering will focus on a single technique, subject matter, or project. Jump start your creative month with fresh prompts, technique and materials tips, and the opportunity to explore and fine-tune your ideas. Follow that up with a month of work on your own and a weekly email check-in.

### Draw Your World

When: Thursdays, 10am-noon  
April 2, 9, 16, 30, May 7, 14 (no class April 23)  
Cost: \$160  
Class size: 12 max

Work on your drawing skills while exploring a different O'ahu location every week. Each session will have a specific focus (contour, value, perspective, composition, etc.). Send an email to [tamara.moan@yahoo.com](mailto:tamara.moan@yahoo.com) plus \$50 deposit to register.