



# Desert Wash

Nevada Watercolor Society Newsletter

November 2020

November 11th Meeting Will Be Virtual Via Zoom Due to Coronavirus – invitation to follow  
Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, November 5th at 5 pm Via Zoom

## President's Message



I can't believe the holiday season will soon be upon us. What happened to the rest of 2020 (maybe a better questions is, what didn't happen to 2020)? At any rate, the holiday season is always a good time to not only look back and reflect, but to also look forward with an eye toward what we each can do for our loved ones and for our community. The Nevada Watercolor Society is part of your community, and is always looking for volunteers to help our organization thrive. Next year could bring a number of open positions on the NVWS board. In a "normal" year, we would appoint a nominating committee in February or March, publish a nomination list in April, and vote for board officers in May. But once again, this is not a "normal" year, and I'd like to alert you to openings sooner than February, especially since our forced virtual meetings limit the opportunities we have to interact. In that vein, I will be asking board members at our next board meeting whether each plans to continue serving next year. I will announce the results during our November 11 general meeting and publish in our December newsletter. So please, carefully consider volunteering. We're relying on you to keep NVWS alive!

Sincere thanks go to our October presenter **Kristi Grussendorf**. And, it was great to have so many of you join the virtual presentation. Kristi almost completed an entire painting in her 45 minute demo. She was good enough to complete the painting after our meeting, and this issue of the **Desert Wash** includes a photo of the finished product.

Our November monthly meeting promises to be an exciting one featuring **Temma Hammond**, President & CEO of **Golden Network TV**, which produces programs showcasing artists' skills, then broadcasts nationally and globally. Monitor your email for your special invitation to the virtual meeting. The email will be sent within a few days of the November 11 meeting. You will have a chance to ask questions via a chat feature. We hope you can join us on **Wednesday, November 11th, at 7 p.m**

As a last item, our monthly Board meetings are open to any member wishing to attend. Since our current board meetings are conducted virtually, please contact me or any board member and we will send you a sign-in link.

*Gail Montoure, President*

## Summer Painting Challenge

In May, we announced "**Reunion**" as the theme for this year's Summer Painting Challenge. It has been decided that we will hold off displaying the Challenge paintings until such time as we can actually have an in-person reunion. If you haven't completed your entry yet, the "**Reunion**" theme can be with people, places, or things. The only limit is your imagination.

## Member Notes from Molly McClain

Update!! My proposed NVWS Member Introductions and Profiles won't begin until January 2021. We will highlight three members, long term members and new members each month,

If you have someone you would like to know more about or someone you would like to "share" with the Membership, please let me know.

### **Put a link to your website in the Member Directory**

It's simple. Login to [www.nevadawatercolorsociety.org](http://www.nevadawatercolorsociety.org) and edit your member profile and insert your link.

If you teach art, and would like your information in the Member Directory, do the same thing! Login to [www.nevadawatercolorsociety.org](http://www.nevadawatercolorsociety.org) and edit your member profile.

Please make sure that your contact information is correct and complete. If you have never logged in or are unable to, please contact Molly McClain, Membership at [mollymc.art@icloud.com](mailto:mollymc.art@icloud.com) (corrected from last month) or call me at 702.769.4852.

## Dues Reminder

We still have a number of people who've overlooked their dues payments this year. Many of you pay dues in person, which may account for why the unpaid list is longer than usual. For that reason, we decided to extend the grace period to November 15. After that date, you may receive a notice your membership has lapsed. You can always pay dues by accessing your profile on the NVWS website, or you can remit by sending a check to **Nevada Watercolor Society, P.O. Box 27224, Las Vegas, NV 89126**. Thank you!

Any payment made to the Nevada Watercolor Society using a credit card or Paypal account will show up on your credit card or bank statement as "Paypal Nevadawater" followed by a transaction number. This information is also highlighted on the email payment receipt you are sent. We have no control over how our name appears on your credit card and bank statements, and regret any confusion.

## Searching For...

We are still looking for a volunteer to act as Scholarship Committee Chair. The current chair, Sheila Spargo, has resigned. Once per year, the Chair reviews scholarship applications sent to NVWS by the **Public Education Foundation**, and makes a recommendation to the NVWS Board for approval. If you can volunteer and/or have questions, please contact any board member or Sheila at 702-254-4817.

## Fall Show Pickup Reminder from Carmen Egolf

A quick reminder to artists exhibiting in the 2020 Fall Show: Pick up is scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd from 12 noon to 1:30 PM at the West Sahara Library.

Stop by the West Sahara Library any time between now and November 21st to see these and other beautiful paintings in person.

You can view this and previous shows on our website.

## In Memoriam – Pat Caspary



Our friend and member since 2006, Pat Caspary, passed away on October 20, 2020.

Pat served as Program Chair for the Nevada Watercolor Society, and gave generously of her time and talents. She also encouraged fellow artists to join the Society, and often set them to work!

Most recently, Pat has been unable to be with us as she has been caring for her

husband Gerard, age 101. Pat is additionally survived by John, Rosemarie, Ruth, Steven and grandchildren Jake (8) and Chris (5). Our heartfelt condolences go out to the entire family.

