

Nevada Watercolor Society

October 2023

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♥ *Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.
Spanish Oaks Clubhouse, 2201 Spanish Oaks Blvd., Las Vegas*

President's Message

Cesar Ceballos, 1st VP and interim president.



As we welcome Autumn with optimism and cooler weather, leaves turn to crisp, beautiful colors. We say goodbye to summer and to Wanda Drake, our dear President of the Nevada Watercolor Society. Wanda passed away in August and she will be sorely missed.

We will not forget what a good friend she was to us. (pg 7)

We opened our NVWS new year with a September membership meeting at Spanish Oaks Clubhouse. It was a marvelous occasion for socializing and reconnecting, with potluck and awards for the summer challenge "Rocks." There were so many good works, the first place prize was a tie! Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to the rest who shared their interpretations of "Rocks." (pg 4)

Congratulations also go out to the winners and invited artists in the 2023 Fall Show, now on exhibit at the Sahara West Library. The show is an impressive mix of admirable work. The reception was a well-attended and enjoyable event. Thank you to all artists who participated. (pgs 2-3) Please spread the word about the exciting things we do in NVWS and continue to engage in future exhibitions and events as we continue to learn and enjoy our art journey with other artists.

♥ October Membership Meeting

We'll be treated to a Jeannie Vodden demonstration as she wraps up her three-day workshop!

This is also the first drop off for Wetlands paintings.

See you on Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 pm!

Events-at-a-Glance

Board Meeting • Wed, 10/5

- 7pm ZOOM, open to all members
(Get ZOOM link from any board member.)

Fall Show • Sahara Library

- Show runs through 11/11

Jeannie Vodden Workshop

Watercolor with Whimsy

10/9, 10/11 • 9am-4pm

- Info in newsletter and on website
☞ There's one workshop ticket available at member early-bird pricing. Contact Linda Smith at 509-499-1156 for info.

♥ Membership Meeting

10/11, 6:30pm, Spanish Oaks

- Jeannie Vodden Demo
- 1st Wetlands paintings drop off

♥ Membership Meeting

11/8, 6:30pm, Spanish Oaks

- Final Wetlands paintings drop off
- Additional meeting details soon

♥ Membership Meeting

12/13, 6:30pm, Spanish Oaks

- Potluck
- Painting gift exchange (min. 5x7, matted and wrapped)

WETLANDS details and dates are listed on page 5.

NVWS 2023 FALL SHOW



BEST IN SHOW
Ashley
Tatsiana Harbacheuskaya



1ST PLACE
007
Edward Holland



2ND PLACE
Melting
Claire Bischoff



3RD PLACE
Tommie from St. Tomas
Linda Smith

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At the West Sahara Library through November 11, 2023.

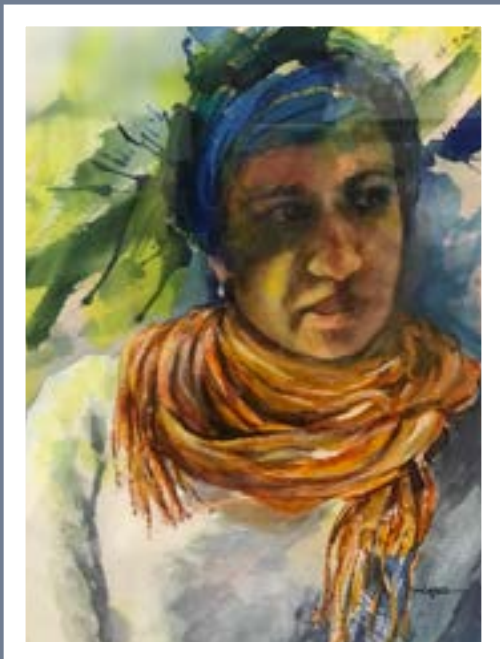
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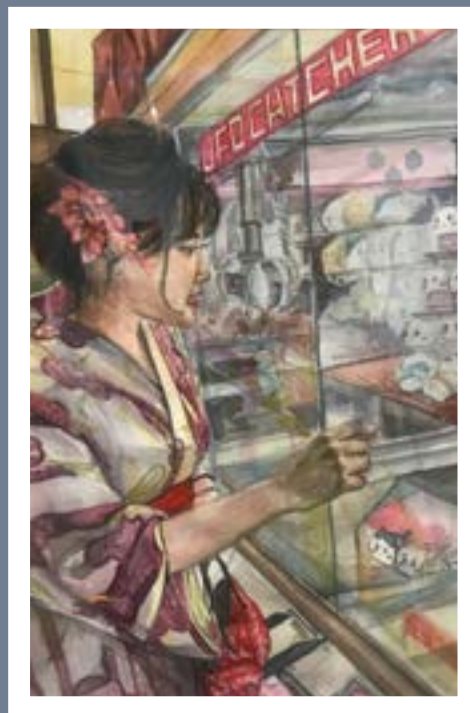
TRANSPARENT AWARD
San Giacomo Maggiore, Italy
Sue Roach



HONORABLE MENTION
Cool Retreat
Mary Herink



HONORABLE MENTION
Reflective
Pam Lopez



HONORABLE MENTION
Time
Clarice Chung

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Summer Rocks Winners

Presentation and judging for the summer challenge **Rocks** was held during the September Membership Meeting.

Congratulations to the winners of this fun challenge and thanks to all who participated.



1st place tie
Sue Roach & Sharon Menary



2nd place, Debbie Mays



3rd place, Barbara Stanton

David Lobenberg Zoom Workshop was a big hit



Attendees really enjoyed this high-energy workshop, courtesy of Mary Shaw's gift to NVWS.



Donating Art

Hyrum Huskey is still donating any of your individually standard sized hand-painted or printed **greeting cards or post-cards**, so please help us with this community project to distribute cards to nursing homes and elder care settings.



Promoting Art

At our September meeting, Cesar Ceballos gave an informative and inspirational talk about his process of applying to—and being accepted into— various art shows, both nationally and internationally! He spoke about the application processes, shipping artwork, traveling, the importance of choosing a title and of writing a compelling artist statement. If you want to know more, Cesar is happy to share his experiences.

Calls for artwork sources:

[CaFE](#)

[Wooloo](#)

[Contemporary Art Gallery](#)

President's 2023 Community Project: Wetlands for the Holidays & a Paint Out

As the President's Community Project for the NVWS 2023–2024 year, we will be donating paintings by our membership to **Friends of the Wetlands**, a non-profit group that conducts educational programs for children of all ages. They may also elect to make greeting cards from these paintings.

We are hoping for at least 20–30 paintings so please consider donating more than one. This is a very important way for us to expand our profile, attract members and generate publicity for the Nevada Watercolor Society through the Friends of the Wetlands' website, mailings to all their members, and radio ads.

NVWS is providing 11" x 14" frames, so all paintings must be matted to fit that size. You may also donate a painting that you've already framed at 11" x 14" if it is in keeping with the Wetlands theme. Paintings will be sold by and on behalf of the Wetlands for \$150 each.

Drop off your matted paintings at the October 11 and/or the November 8 ♥ Membership Meetings. They will be framed and delivered to the Wetlands on November 11.

The Friends of the Wetlands will be hosting a reception for us on Sunday, November 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. That will also be the soft opening for the show and sale that will run into December.

Wetlands Event Dates to Note

🌸 Paint Out

Sat, 10/7, 10am–1pm

Meet in front of the Visitor's Center at 10am. If you miss us, you can wander back and look or just find your spot. We'll be in various locations anyway. Barbara Stanton's number is 702-371-7052.

Matted Painting drop offs at ♥ Membership Meetings: 10/11 and 11/8

- 6:30pm Spanish Oaks Clubhouse
- They will be framed at 11" x 14"

Friends of the Wetlands hosted reception Sun, 11/12, 1–3pm



PAINT OUT 🌸 Paintings must be Wetlands-themed, reflecting the flora, fauna, and/or wildlife that is found in the Wetlands. Barbara Stanton has generously offered to facilitate the Paint Out on October 7 so we can meet outdoors at the Wetlands and get our creative juices flowing for a good cause! It will be a great opportunity to gather with friends and get inspiration by painting and/or taking photos. **We hope to see you there!**

Wetland photos can be found at wetlandsparkfriends.org. Copyright issues should be considered.

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There's still time to sign-up for this workshop!

Don't miss Jeannie's demonstration at the October ♥ Membership Meeting.



Jeannie Vodden Workshop

Watercolor with Whimsy


In this watercolor workshop Jeannie Vodden will share ideas and inspiration for paintings with a whimsical touch... maybe a little Steam Punk. She will reveal techniques for adding subject matter and shapes from multiple sources to create interesting compositions and magic. Jeannie will demonstrate her unique techniques and talk about why she loves using a limited palette. You will be amazed with the range of colors and values! Join us in an adventure that will surely bring a smile and spark your creativity.

Dates: October 9, 10, 11, 2023 (M-W)

Time: 9 am - 4 pm each day

Location: Spanish Oaks Clubhouse

Member Rate: \$340.00

 *There's one workshop ticket available at member early-bird pricing. Contact Linda Smith for info.*

Non-member Rate: \$365.00

To receive Member Discounts

[JOIN NVWS](#)

[REGISTER ONLINE to reserve your spot](#)

PayPal and Credit Cards are accepted.



Deposits and full payments are non-refundable, but transferable. Feel free to sell your spot if you need to cancel. For more information, contact Linda Smith—email: lsmith.lv@outlook.com; phone: 509-499-1156.

In Memoriam



Wanda Drake
February 15, 1944 – August 29, 2023

Many of us attended the Celebration of Life of Wanda Rae Sudweeks Drake on September 5, 2023. Wanda treated all with kindness. She was a thoughtful, inclusive leader for our Society as well as a talented artist. Her husband talked of how they met in college. A class assignment was how to ask someone out on a date. So he tried several approaches and, trying one approach, asked Wanda to dinner and a movie. She said, "It depends." That threw him. He asked, "Depends on what?" Her response? "What's the movie?" After petite Wanda and tall Ron married, they moved around the country while he was in the Navy and then settled in Las Vegas where she helped him establish the Emergency Medical Services operations. Her family and old friends came to the reception at the Sahara West Library. Many of her vibrant paintings were on display that day and some are shown here.

Here is the text of the program of the Celebration of Life written by her family, which describes her best:

Today we lay Wanda to rest at Bunker Memory Gardens in Las Vegas, NV. Her legacy will live on forever in her husband Ron, six daughters, twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, who all love her deeply.

Wanda loved with her entire being. She was an artist, a friend, a listener, and always had a warm meal and kind words ready for anyone who needed it. A constant provider of love and togetherness. Her door and arms were always open for each and every one of us. May her compassion and empathy be carried on by her family.

