

Welcome Back to a **Special 50th Anniversary Year** for the NVWS

NVWS Newsletter - Sept 2018



Featured Artist for September
Juan Varela

Everyone attending the September meeting will receive a 5" x 7" sample of Winsor & Newton's new cold pressed archival cylinder mould-made 100% cotton watercolor paper.

Thank you, Winsor & Newton!

September's Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 12th 7:00 pm
Spanish Oaks Clubhouse
2201 Spanish Oaks Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

"Inspiration Journaling"

by Ruthie Moller

Potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share. Water and tableware provided.

(If you have any items to donate for the raffle, please bring them to Nancy Buford)

UPCOMING September EVENTS

August 29 - NVWS Board Meeting at 1:00 pm - IHOP

Sept 12th - Sept's Meeting @ 7:00 pm - "Inspiration Journaling" Presentation, Potluck and Summer Painting Challenge!

"Inspiration journals are used to plan, dream, collect ideas, thoughts, and life experiences. Inside these journals we can sketch, test new colors, tools or materials, doodle, practice, plan our larger works of art, try out composition and concepts. Keeping an inspiration journal is a practice that goes back hundreds of years. Artists have been using them for inspiration since the early 18th century.

Developing the journaling habit is easier than you think. Join **Ruthie Moller** at this month's Nevada Watercolor Society meeting at Spanish Oaks Clubhouse on Wednesday night, Sept 12th at 7 pm as she demonstrates the art of inspiration journaling. Ruthie is currently an instructor at Pinot's Palette and co-host of The World of Art on WWDB-TV."

Sept 24th - Fall Show Drop Off at Sahara West Library 12 noon - 1:30

Sept 27th - Fall Show Reception 5:30 pm to 7pm @ the Sahara West Library

REMINDERS!!

Bring your **Summer Challenge paintings** to the September meeting. The winning design will be featured on NVWS products and publications for the coming year. If you've misplaced the outline view of the 50th Anniversary Logo, [click here](#) and trace or photocopy the outline on watercolor paper. No need to mat your paintings as the winning design needs to be scanned for later use.

Don't miss the chance to exhibit your paintings in the **City Clerk's Offices** for up to a year! This is an exclusive invitation for NVWS members only courtesy of the **Las Vegas Office of Cultural Affairs**. Send up to 3 digital images and include painting titles and dimensions to gailmontoure@cox.net by October 1, 2018. Paintings are to be delivered the week of October 22; specific date, time, and location to be announced.

Volunteers are still needed to fill the positions of **Ways & Means Chair** to spearhead our fund raising efforts during the coming year, and **Publicity Chair** to spread the word about NVWS shows and community outreach. We will also have a need for several volunteers to help with our 50th Anniversary activities. Even if you can spare a few hours of your valuable time, it will be most appreciated. We will publish the need for those volunteers as opportunities arise.

NVWS 2018 FALL SHOW

FALL SHOW RECEPTION
Thursday, September 27, 2018
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sahara West Library, 9600 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV
Hope to see you there!!

ACCOLADES TO OUR MEMBERS



Congratulations to **Linda Smith** who won two awards at Helldorado Art show this year: 1st place in Watercolor and also the Best Cowboy painting.



Also *Congratulations* to **Sue Roach** who won 2nd place for her "Fancy Dancer" watercolor.

LOOKING BACK . . .



Seated from left: Alice Atkinson, Founder Myra Coury Da Costa, Alice Nielsen, Carol Wilson Blake

Standing from left: Stephen Lesnick, Lucille Withers, Laura Belle Kelch, Suzanne Zessman,

Clifford Segerblom, Lucille Spiro Bruner, and Betty Twers

This photo from a 1970 issue of *Las Vegas Sun* includes 7 of our original Charter members and Founder, Myra Coury Da Costa. Not shown are Charter members Shirley Oaks and Dorothy Paulsen.

LOOKING FORWARD

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2018 year-to-date!

Donna Gadtke, Cherzz Jennings, Jim Werle, Donna Joyner-Rodgers, Barbara Price, Rigoberto Cardenas, Cesar Ceballos, Devyn DeWitt, Roseanne Heideman, Stormi Holt, Christine LaValle, Sally Jacobs, Lorraine Schneider, Katherine deForest, Mayumi Kosaka, Ramsin Yesfina

NVWS WORKSHOP

Ron Stocke Workshop - Oct 8-10, 2018

TIME: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

PLACE: 2201 Spanish Oaks Drive, Las Vegas, NV

Member Rate After August 1, 2018: \$340 for members

Non-member rate: \$365

[Sign up now](#)

Upcoming NVWS Shows:

Fall Show: September 25 thru December 16, 2018

Sahara West Library - 9600 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas

Juror: Ron Stocke

Drop off: Monday, 9/24/2018, Noon to 1:30

Pick up: Monday, 12/17/2018, 10:30 to Noon

Reception: Thursday, 9/27/2018, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Signature Member Show: March 7 thru June 1, 2018

Historic Fifth Street School - 501 S. Fifth Street, Las Vegas

Juror & entry deadline: TBA

Drop off: Tuesday, 3/5/2019, 10:30 to Noon

Pick up: Monday, 6/3/2019, 10:30 to Noon

Reception: Thursday, 3/7/2019, 6:00 to 7 p.m.

Spring Show: April 3 thru May 19, 2019

Metropolitan Gallery - Neonopolis Complex

450 Fremont Street, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas

Drop off, pick up, receptions dates and juror TBD

2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Kelsey Antolick, 2018 NVWS scholarship recipient, accepts her award at the May luncheon sponsored by the Venetian Hotel. Kelsey is attending the University of Nevada - Reno this fall with a goal of becoming an art therapist.

Congratulations, Kelsey!

President's Message . . .

A hearty welcome back to a very special year celebrating our 50th Anniversary! Although we were chartered on August 4, 1969, did you know the very first meeting was held on April 10, 1969 at Fong's Garden restaurant? There were five people in attendance, a far cry from where we are today. Owner of a local frame shop, Founder Myra Coury Da Costa had a vision of creating an organization that encouraged the artistic efforts of this exceptional group of watercolorists and members of the public. We are grateful to Myra and the original Charter members for their foresight. Each issue of the *Desert Wash* during the coming year will contain interesting information about those early years.

Your NVWS Board has been busy this summer planning many special events to honor that visionary group: A year-long painting exhibit at the **Las Vegas City Clerk's** offices and conference room, a **public workshop** in addition to our two scheduled workshops, **new products** featuring the design of our summer challenge winner, **greeting cards** featuring the art of NVWS members, **interviews** with some of our long-term members, a year of great meeting **programs**, and of course, our NVWS shows in the Fall at the **Sahara West Library**, the Signature Member show at the **Historic Fifth Street School**, capped off by our culminating event of the year, our Spring Show to be exhibited at the **Metropolitan Gallery** including an extra-special reception! Look for more information in future issues of the *Desert Wash*.

Finally, I announce with regret the resignation of Louise Gillespie as Publications Chair. Louise and Doug have sold their Las Vegas home and are relocating to their new home in Idaho. Louise, we will miss you more than words can say and extend our thanks for so many years of service to NVWS. We welcome our new Publications Chair, Nancy Buford and are confident the newsletter will remain in capable hands.

Gail Montoure, President

Featured Artist will replace Artist of the Month.
There will be no Featured Artist during months when there is a demonstration by a workshop leader, which are October and May this year, and the Christmas Exchange. The months of November, January, February, March and April are open. Please see **Nancy Buford** at the September Meeting or email her at njbuford@ttlv.net if you are interested.

View May's meeting photos
from Myra Oberman.



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