LOUISIANA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

54th Annual International Exhibition

Kathleen S. Giles AWS, NWS-M Juror



2024 FIRST PLACELaurin McCracken LWS A Very Personal Collection

From the President



Tracy Hebert LWS

Welcome to the 54th International Exhibition of the Louisiana Watercolor Society!

It is with immense pride and joy that I extend a warm greeting to all entrants, participants, viewers, and supporters of this esteemed event. Over the past five decades, our society has grown and flourished, nurturing a vibrant community of watercolor artists and enthusiasts from around the world. This year's exhibition is a testament to the resilience and creativity of our artists. LWS had a total of 169 artists submitting 350 works. These artists represented 7 countries, 33 U.S. states with 122 accepted. The works displayed here reflect a diverse range of styles, techniques, and themes, showcasing the incredible versatility of watercolor. Each piece tells a story, offering us a glimpse into the artist's world as they invite us in to a part of their world and what inspires them.

A special thank you to our juror, *Kathleen Giles, AWS, NWS-M* who faced the daunting task of selecting from an array of exceptional submissions. Your expertise and discerning eye have helped shape an exhibition that truly celebrates watercolor excellence.

Our journey to the 54th exhibition has been marked by dedication, collaboration, and a shared passion for watercolor. I want to express my deepest gratitude to our members, sponsors and volunteers whose unwavering support has made this event possible. **Our Board**: *Your leadership and vision have been the backbone of our society.* Special thank you and appreciation to:

- ◆ Peggy Kirby 1st Vice President and International Exhibit Chair: In addition to these roles, Peggy has taken on the task of Tech Chair, which involves keeping up with membership, assisting our web developer in creating our new website and braving MailChimp to keep our society members informed. Your tireless attention to detail has helped us keep our eyes on the goal and ensured the success of this exhibition.
- ♦ **Chryl Casso Corizzo Publications Chair**: You were tireless in your efforts to roll out this catalog while publishing our newsletters, handling our social media content, and promoting our many activities. You make it seem effortless and we are deeply grateful for your dedication and hard work.
- ♦ Emily Efferson Recording Secretary: Your coordination of the group viewing of the international virtual workshop at the Art Guild of Louisiana provided an enriching experience for those who chose to participate as a group.
- ◆ Claudia LeJeune Treasurer: Your meticulous management of award donations and ribbons is much appreciated. Even in the midst of losing a loved one, you persevered and ensured that award ribbons and checks were prepared. Your strength and dedication did not go unnoticed.
- ◆ Theresa Beaubouef Miller Programs: Thank you for taking the extra time to check and recheck each painting submitted to ensure that the prospectus guidelines were followed.
- ♦ Suzanne Shumate Director at Large, Baton Rouge: Thank you for preparing the Signature and Master Signature certificates for the event. Your willingness to step up and take tasks off others add up to a significant amount of time. It has been a great help to our society.
- Our Sponsors and Donors: Your generous support has been instrumental in bringing this exhibition to life. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to the arts and your belief in our mission.
- Our Volunteers: Your hard work and dedication throughout the year and behind the scenes ensure the smooth running of this event. We could not do it without you.

Thank you all for joining us in celebrating the beauty and power of watercolor. We hope that the exhibition leaves you inspired and moved. As we look to the future, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what lies ahead. Together we will continue to foster a thriving community where creativity and artistic expression can flourish. Enjoy the exhibition!

Tracy Hebert, LWS President

Juror's Statement KATHLEEN S. GILES AWS, NWS-M

I was honored to be asked to be the workshop instructor and juror for your watercolor society. It was a joy to see the wide range of subject matter and so many impressive paintings. It is like a peek into the minds of all the artists.

It is always difficult to exclude paintings but I could only accept a certain number of works. I had many years of painful rejections when I first started entering national shows. Instead of quitting, I tried to learn from them. I studied the work of more successful present day artists. I found that just studying paintings helps me to develop my eye. I could quickly see if something wasn't drawn correctly and could more easily judge my values. I realized that my subject matter wasn't as interesting or thought provoking as paintings that won awards. I have learned that it is best to paint subjects from your own life and experiences.



Competition is tough, especially in art where everything is so subjective. I feel that it is healthy to be challenged through competition to paint your best and to continually strive to grow and learn. As a

juror I look for paintings that have a balanced composition held together with a strong value pattern. Whether they are realistic or not doesn't matter.

The work that rises to the top has originality, great value and color. I am always drawn to a painting that tells some kind of story. I also need to find the work appealing to me personally.

If your work wasn't chosen, keep painting! If you didn't win an award, it was because there were other paintings that I found more appealing for the reasons I stated. I still get rejected from shows myself and try to use the pain to motivate me into being more creative. Best of luck to all of you and remember to enjoy the creative journey.



Life is a Portrait of a Young Musician, a watercolor by Kathleen Giles

Sincerely, **Kathleen**

2024 FIRST PLACE AWARD



A Very Personal Collection
Laurin McCracken LWS / Fort Worth, TX
28 x 40 / NFS

I am very proud to have won the First Place Award in your annual watercolor competition.

This is a commission piece for a gentleman who wanted a record of some of the items in his personal collection. The range of sizes of the items created a composition challenge, the largest being a cigar box and the smallest being a key fob. The same was true of the wide variety of colors, textures and finishes in the items. An unusual challenge was the client's wanting smoke rising from the cigar.

I am a realist watercolorist. I start by setting up the still life and taking a lot of photographs. I add and subtract objects until a composition begins to present itself. Then I twist and turn the objects to get the best light on each item. I usually select three photos that I believe will make an acceptable painting and then let the client make the final selection. I send the client progress photos during the painting process so that there are never any surprises. Commissions give me the opportunity to paint objects to which I would otherwise not have access.

Laurin McCracken AWS, NWS, LWS

SECOND PLACE AWARD



Impression of Angkor – Bayon Temple No. 3 Liu Yang / Weehawken, NJ 29.9 x 41.7 / \$11,300

THIRD PLACE AWARD



Prayer
Zhou Tianya / China
22 x 15 / \$3,000



HONORABLE MENTION

Cecile's Satsumas Tracy Hebert LWS / Port Allen, LA 16 x 27 / \$4,500



HONORABLE MENTION

Sunset Harmony Lynne Kroll LWS-M / Parkland, FL 15 x 21 / \$600



PRESIDENTS AWARD

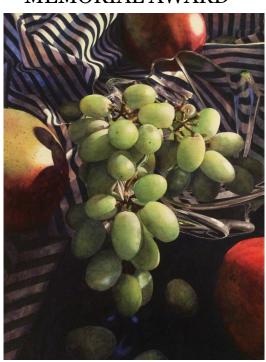
His Passion Lyudmila Tomova LWS/ Cary, NC 18 x 24 / \$1,600

MONICA BISHARA MEMORIAL AWARD



Out of My Depth
Lana Cease / Port Charlotte, FL
30 x 20 / \$2,390

WEIMER CONGEMI MEMORIAL AWARD



Catching the Light
Chris Krupinski LWS-M / Maineville, OH
30 x 22 / \$5,000

LARRY CASSO MEMORIAL AWARD



Sunshine of the Cold Forest Yan Liang LWS / China 31 x 21 / \$10,000

BYRON LEVY MEMORIAL AWARD



Legendary Cindy Wilson of the B-52's Jackie Dorsey / Athens, GA 36.75 x 24.5 / \$4,000

MERIT AWARD



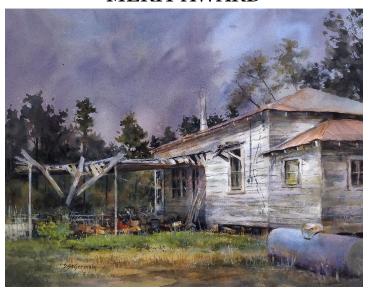
Sparkling Water on the Rocks Jane Fritz / Las Vegas, NM 21 x 14 / NFS

MERIT AWARD



Fly High Our Julie Suzanne Accetta / Birmingham, AL 11.5 x 17.5 / NFS

MERIT AWARD



Past Remembered
Diane St. Germain LWS-M / Slidell, LA
14 x 18 / \$1,200

MERIT AWARD



Voyage of Imagination Matthew Bird / Sykesville, MD 22 x 29 / \$6,300



Afternoon Contrasts Roxanna Alexander / Fuquay-Varina, NC 14.5 x 10.5 / \$350



Red Dress Christine Alfery / Lac du Flambeau, WI 30 x 30 / \$2,200



Light in the Window Rick Anderson /Clinton, MS 22 x 15 / NFS



Nanabah (She Returns) Gina Noelle Ash / Indian Land, SC 16 x 12 / \$800



Jose
Tony Armendariz / Palatine, IL
37.5 x 12.5 / \$3,000

Appearently
Sally Baker LWS / Sebastopol, CA
11 x 11 / NFS



Denouement Kate Aubrey / Maryville, TN 22 x 23 / \$2,330



Reverence #3 Gloria Baker / Evansville, IN 21 x 29 / \$3,500



Seven Sisters
Christine Berlinson-Esser LWS / Germany $22 \times 30 / \$2,000$



Child's Joy
Anne Bradham / Suwanee, GA
14 x 11 / \$750



Dance of Seven Sails

Marilynne Bradley LWS-M / Western Groves, MO
22 x 15 / \$2,200



Hope
Coral Ye Chen LWS / Canada
22 x 15 / \$3,800



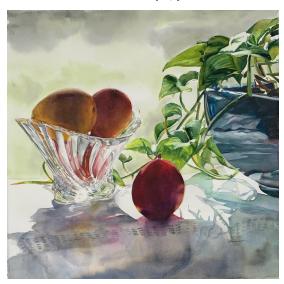
A Little Broken
Joy Brinkley-Hill / Albuquerque, NM
22 x 30 / \$2,800



Cleat Hitch, Dock Line Chryl Casso Corizzo LWS / Mandeville, LA 8 x 13 / \$750



Flat, Peaches, Cherries, Containers Winifred Breines LWS / Brookline, MA 12 x 16 / \$900



Sunlit Pears
Sharron Burns / Mint Hill, NC
22 x 22 / \$895



Sunnyside Up! Alan Butt / Concord, NC 30 x 22 / NFS



The Reception
Nel Dorn Byrd / Aubrey, TX
22 x 30 / \$3,000



Chains on Blue Walt Costilow LWS / Vestavia Hills, AL 12 x 16 / \$950



Peeking Brenda Cretney / Brockport, NY 11 x 14 / NFS



Angel of Havana Ken Call / Northbrook, IL 28 x 21 / \$5,000



Aerial View
Nancy Dias LWS / The Villages, FL $22 \times 15 / NFS$



Grazing Field Stella Dai / Canada 14 x 21 / \$980



David D: Remembering Kathleen Durdin LWS / Tampa, Fl $22 \times 15 / \$750$



Between Acts
Nancy Murphree Davis / Pensacola, FL
22 x 30 / NFS



Wicker Thrones
Carolyn Epperly / Charleston, SC
21 x 28 / \$4,800



Northern Winter Sky
Sue Evans / Covington, LA
12 x 16 / \$500



 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Mosaic} \\ \textit{Terry Evers LWS / Tucson, AZ} \\ \textit{29 x 41 / \$5,000} \end{array}$



Phalaenopsis and Glass Lan Fang / Canada 24 x 22 / \$3,500





Lowcountry Fisherman
Patrick Faile LWS / Rock Hill, SC
30 x 22 / \$2,200



Boating at Moon River #2 Z. L. Feng / Radford, VA 40 x 30 / NFS

Succulent Collection Ellen A. Fountain / Tucson, AZ 20.5 x 13.5 / \$800



The Selection Committee
Charlie Frances / Virginia Beach, VA
22 x 22 / \$900



Girls Night Out Leslie Guo / Watkinsville, GA 16 x 20 / \$1,200



Florence Twilight
Carla Gauthier LWS / Houston, TX
11 x 15 / \$700



Cut Glass Chaos Laurie Goldstein-Warren LWS-M/ Buckhannon, WV 22 x 22 / \$3,500



Women Who Are Asian Immigrants Series—Ling Tang Yidan Guo / Pocatello, ID 48 x 36 / \$8,500



Rust in Peace Ann Hart LWS / Harwich, MA 9.5 x 19.5 / NFS



Shanghai Clotheslines #2 Travis Hicks / Greensboro, NC 27 x 20 / \$1,500

Lost Faith William Hook / Davidson, NC 10.5 x 10.5 / NFS





 ${\it John}$ Tatsiana Harbacheuskaya LWS / Las Vegas, NV ${\it 16 \times 16 / NFS}$



Greet the Morning
Richard William Haynes / Fairfield, NJ
18 x 24 / NFS



Blue, White and Red Anne Hightower-Patterson LWS / Leesville, SC 15×20 / NFS



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Steeple of Time \\ Mary Houser / Hartsville, SC \\ 11.5 \times 8.5 / NFS \end{tabular}$



Audience of One Larry Hughes / Memphis, TN 19 x 42 / NFS



Covid Vaccines Created: Think I'm Seeing Some Hope Mary Sorrows Hughes LWS / Shreveport, LA 27×20 / NFS



Tales of Wheel No. 7 Lok Kerk Hwang / Malaysia 30 x 22 / \$4,000



Done for the Day
Sue Kemp / Austin, TX
19 x 19 / NFS



Sweet Tea Afternoon Ellen Jenkins / Baton Rouge, LA 14 x 10 / \$425



Sunny Sully at Attention Gina Judy / Richmond, OH 28.75 x 21 / NFS



Textic of small delivery.

Feeling Small
Bev Jozwiak LWS-M / Vancouver, WA $22 \times 15 / \$1,200$



Moonblind John James LWS / Virginia Beach, VA 23 x 17 / \$1,250

Hombre de Peru Lyna Knight / Lithia, FL 21 x 21 / \$1,000



Estonia Remembered Ellen Kruse / Canada 12 x 9 / NFS



Crucian Carnival Series XLIX Michele Tabor Kimbrough / Marianna, FL $10 \times 8 / 450



Desk Diego Larguia / New Orleans, LA 14 x 10 / \$500



Sunrise #3
Kathy Kitz LWS / Lawrenceville, GA
20 x 26 / \$1,800



Tuscan Villa With Rosemary Path Susan Knowlton / Gulf Breeze, FL 12×18 / NFS



Delivery
Alexis Lavine / Greensboro, NC
22 x 13 / \$2,850



The Loss
Rebecca Krutsinger LWS / Xenia, IL
18 x 24 / \$1,200



Barn and Creek
Barbara Kuxhausen / Casper, WY
21 x 29 / \$1000



Northern Border Kevin Leahy / Omaha, NE 22 x 30 / \$1,800



Might and Mind Jessica Lily / Lawrenceville, GA 10 x 10 / NFS



Grocery Store Orchids Maureen Lewis / Houston, TX 16 x 20 / \$750



 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Hanging By A Rope} \\ \text{Rebecca McDuffie} \ / \ \text{Charlotte, NC} \\ \text{15 x 15 / NFS} \end{array}$



Visby's Hollyhocks Melanie Long / Baton Rouge, LA 14 x 12 / NFS



Sams Knob Pio Lyons LWS-M/ New Orleans, LA 20 x 14 / NFS



Eats and Edits
Stacy Lund Levy /
Owings Mills, MD
22 x 30 / NFS



Heart Beat
Maura Kenny /
Pawleys Island, SC
30 x 22 / NFS

Always the Showman Carol McSweeney LWS / Scottsdale, MT 11 x 15 / \$900



Our Colorful Past
Theresa Beaubouef Miller LWS/
Independence, LA
18 x 13 / \$950



 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Blue Boats} \\ \text{Setsuko Ohara LWS / Canada} \\ \text{25 x 20 / $1,400} \end{array}$



Waiting Lok-Hou Pang / Grand Prairie, TX 20 x 16 / NFS



Alone in New York
Natalia Outkina / Canada
22 x 15 / NFS



At the Edge of Darkness There is Hope Donna F McGee LWS/ West Monroe, LA 21 x 15 / \$1,850



Poetic Peony Ann Pember / Keeseville, NY 21 x 14 / \$1,200



Floral Tapestry
Lisa Pope LWS /
Puyallup, WA
18 x 14 / \$1,000



Drama Queen Trish Poupard / Celina, TX 25 x 17 / \$950



Out of the Blue George Politis LWS / Greece 22 x 15 / \$3,200



But the Greatest of These is Love Marsha Pyner / Indian Land, SC 14 x 11 / NFS



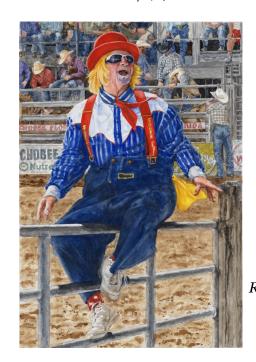
Unified: Playing as One
April Rimpo LWS / Dayton, MD
20 x 16 / \$1,600



Angels Over Berlin Cathy Schuster / Tomball, TX 21.5 x 11.5/ NFS



An Afternoon in Balboa Park
Joleen Schiller LWS /
Covington, LA
23 x 16 / \$1,500



The Chalk Artist XV
Kathy Simon-Mcdonald LWS A
Bradenton, FL
30 x 22 / NFS



Rodeo Clown, Okeechobee, FL Michael Scherfen / Atlantic Highlands, NJ 28 x 19 / NFS



Bailey's Barn Alan Smith / Belton, SC 20 x 33 / \$1,300



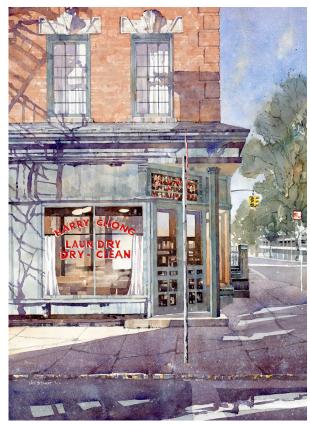
Abandoned Barn in Winter
Kay Smith LWS / Big Spring, TX
9 x 12 / \$399



Sensual Waters
Constance Spencer / Teag Cay, SC
14 x 20 / \$1,200



Italy Collamato Castle #3 Gabriel Stockton / San Diego, CA 12 x 18 / \$1,245



Harry Chong, West Village, NYC Iain Stewart LWS-M / Opelika, AL 26 x 19 / NFS



Here's Looking at You Kid E. Jane Stoddard LWS-M / East Amherst, NY 21 x 16 / \$2,200

Medusa Oak
Kathy Miller Stone LWS-M /
Baton Rouge, LA
11 x 30 / \$800





Marshlands VIII
Adriana Toso-Schulze / Germany
15 x 22 / \$500



Artificial Fairies No.10 'Dissonance' Yuqian Sun / Canada 19 x 29 / NFS



Artilleryman III Don Taylor LWS-M / Panama City, FL 22 x 15 / \$1,200



Shipyard in the Morning Jiangang Sun / China 22 x 30 / \$2,800



After Party
Carmella Tuliszewski /
Flourtown, PA
18 x 13 / NFS



New Territory
Linda Vanek LWS /
Houston, TX
14 x 11 / \$850



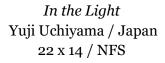
YUM Kim Voisin / Schriever, LA 12 x 9 / \$350



Shrimpersrow—Summer Afternoon Calm Jonathan Vizina / Lafayette, LA 30 x 22 / \$1,100



Up There
Kathryn Wedge / Neenah, WI
22 x 15 / \$1,200

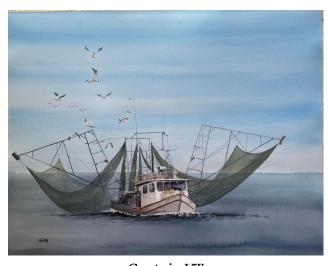




Hide and Seek
Carrie Waller LWS-M / Jacksonville, AR
15 x 22 / \$3,500



The Christmas Orange Jane Wise / Denver, PA 11.25 x 15.25 / \$1,000



 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Captain VT} \\ \textit{Herb Willey LWS / Waveland, MS} \\ \textit{16 x 20 / NFS} \end{array}$



Behind the Scene Voon Wong / Clayton, NC 18 x 24 / \$1,800



Baskets of Summer's Gift Keiko Yasuoka LWS-M / Houston, TX 13 x 25 / \$3,500



Morning Sunlight
Jianzhong Zhou / China
21 x 28 / \$3,000

2024 AWARDS

1st Place \$2,500

♦ Laurin McCracken LWS, A Very Personal Collection

2nd Place \$1,000

♦ Liu Yang, Impressions of Ankgor-Bayon Temple No. 3

3rd Place \$700

Zhou Tianya, Prayer

Honorable Mention \$500 each

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- Tracy Hebert LWS, Cecile's Satsumas
- Lynne Kroll LWS-M, Sunset Harmony

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\$500 In memory of Monica Bishara

♦ Lana Cease, Out of My Depth

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In memory of Larry Casso

Yan Liang LWS, Sunshine of the Cold Forest

Byron Levy Memorial Award \$300 Carol Levy

Jackie Dorsey, Legendary Cindy Wilson of

Weimer Congemi Memorial Award

\$300 In memory of Dominic G. Congemi, Sr.

♦ Chris Krupinski LWS-M, Catching the Light

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Coral Chen LWS

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Theresa Beaubouef Miller LWS

Joleen L. Schiller LWS

Herb Willey LWS

Congratulations also go to LWS members who received *Master* Signature Status (also known as Fleur-de-lis) in 2024:

> Carrie Waller LWS-M Keiko Yasuoka LWS-M Chris Krupinski LWS-M

and to **Don Taylor LWS-M** who received his Master Signature Status in 2023



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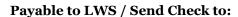
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