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**“Have a Seat”**

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# Louisiana Watercolor Society

## From the President



**Jane Brown**  
**President**

As President and Workshop Chairman for Louisiana Watercolor Society, it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to meet and host some of the world's finest watercolorists. Thanks to the Masters of Watercolor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, watercolor paintings have graduated from the status of "studies" to "fine art". LWS strives to continue to bring the best of the best to Louisiana and we are grateful to the many fine artists who honor us by entering our Annual International Exhibitions.

Our coinciding workshops also add to the standard we wish to uphold, by allowing our participants to benefit from the expertise of our honored jurors. It is with great pleasure that I welcome Laurin McCracken AWS, NWS, LWS to our wonderful city of New Orleans. He has selected a beautiful exhibition for LWS, and it is my sincere hope that many of you will be able to experience being up close and personal with the paintings of some of the top watercolorists from around the world.

Many thanks to our tireless International Exhibition Chairman, Karen Stakelum, and her faithful committee comprised of Julie Woolfolk, Monica and Jim Bishara, Samantha Hallenus, Annie Strack, Tom Stakelum, John Brown, William Crowell, Linda Scott, Susan Martin, Philippa Gillen, Susan Copping, Louise Hansen and Mariloy and Manuel Gallé, for a job well done. I would also like to thank our generous sponsors for their gracious support, Place St. Charles for the use of their beautiful lobby and Café Gambino for the dinner honoring Laurin McCracken.

My sincere condolences go out to the family of Al Zerries, who was tragically killed before he could learn that his favorite new painting had been accepted into this year's exhibition. He will be truly missed.

# **Juror's Statement**

## **Laurin McCracken AWS, NWS, LWS**

Judging an art show is, for me, a multi-stage process. The first look at all the submissions gave me a general overview of the quality of the submissions and sets out the road ahead. When I looked at this year's submissions to your show, I was reminded of how much delight there is in seeing good art. The second look through of the submissions gave me a sense of how difficult it will be to narrow the selection down to the prescribed number set by your committee. With this "look though" I was struck by the joy and happiness represented in the paintings submitted.

I was also delighted by the number of artists with national reputations that had once again submitted for your show. It is a reminder that the Louisiana Watercolor Society's International Exhibition is considered by noted artists as being an important show.

As I started narrowing the field and looking for the best paintings for inclusion in the show, I was making my choices based on a number of criteria; composition, sense of color, and basic drawing skills, such as an understanding of perspective. I was always looking for the quality of the craft of watercolor painting.

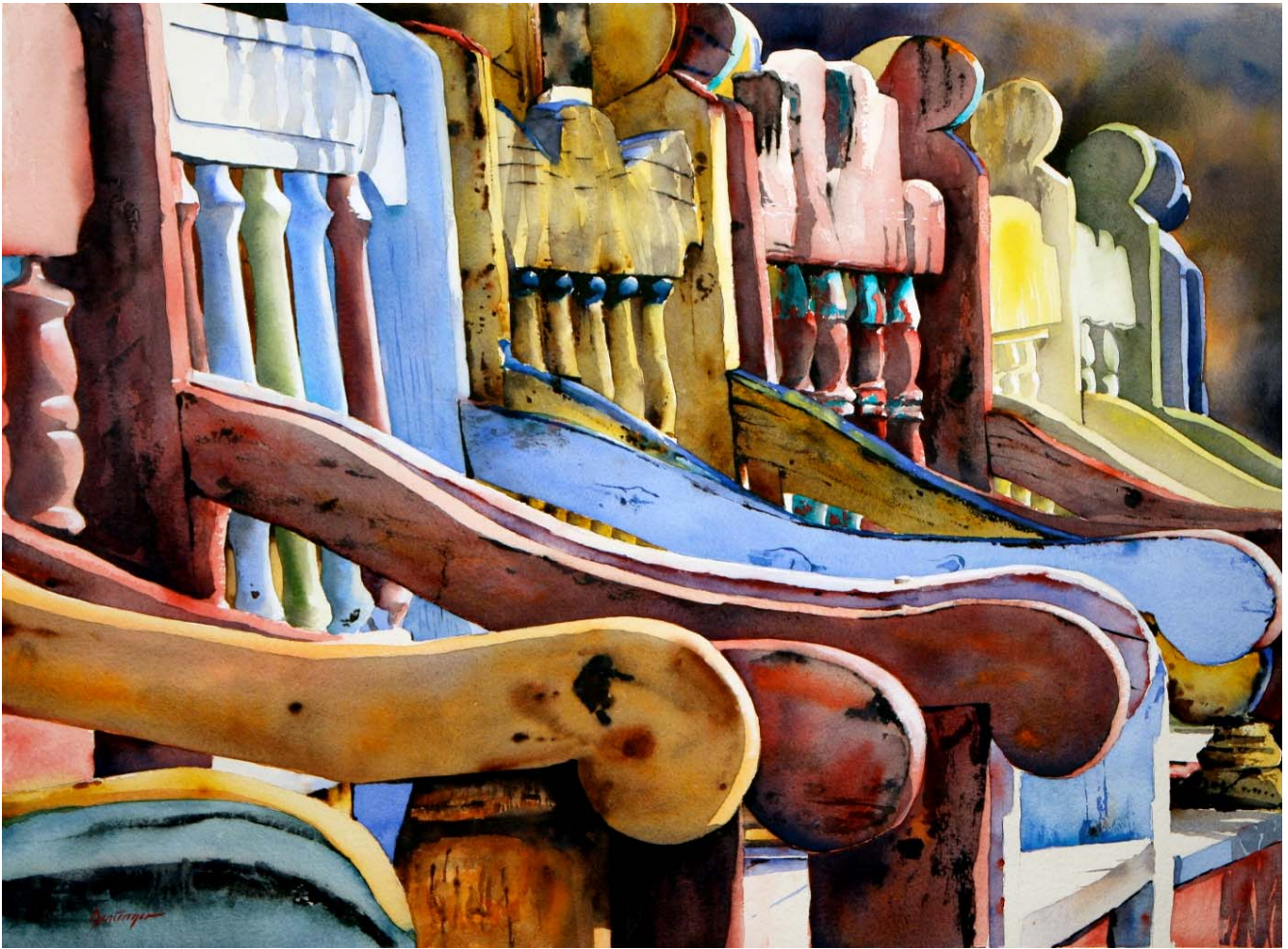
My final choices were almost all driven by one thought "I wish I had painted that". And there were many of those. The final cut was not an easy one to make. As in every show, not all of the good paintings can be included. I encourage all who submitted to keep painting and keep submitting. I hope your audience will enjoy those I have selected as the best from those submitted.

I hope that you will agree with me as you view these fine paintings that there is a joy of painting represented in every one of them. These paintings represent a very high level of craftsmanship in watercolor painting. Many of these paintings were difficult to produce and took a lot of work on the part of the artist that produced them. However, they were all produced because the artists had a love of painting and produced these paintings with a smile in their hearts.

Laurin McCracken AWS NWS LWS



*The Monica Bishara LWS*  
**2009 FIRST PLACE AWARD**



Ric Dentinger      San Antonio, TX  
*Have a Seat*    29" x 21"  
Collection – Jim and Mary Hornbuckle

The inspiration for this piece came the second I saw it! The light, the colors, the composition all came together like the planets lining up!

Unfortunately, it doesn't always happen like this. Many times I search for that subject that moves me to paint. I am always amazed when a subject seeks me out. Whether I am traveling or working in my studio I typically paint a subject by the way it makes me feel. It is an emotional connection first and foremost.

When I begin my sketch, and get to know my subject, it is then that I discover why I was so compelled to paint it.

I make artistic modifications in my value sketch in order to push the light and colors further and then begin the painting process.

Inspiration is all around us - calling...open your heart and mind and go for it!

**Ric Dentinger**

## SECOND PLACE AWARD



Bill James    *Union Officers*    Ocala, FL    16" x 24"    NFS

## THIRD PLACE AWARD



John Salminen    *Clay Street Barbers*    Duluth, MN    22" x 30"    Price on Request

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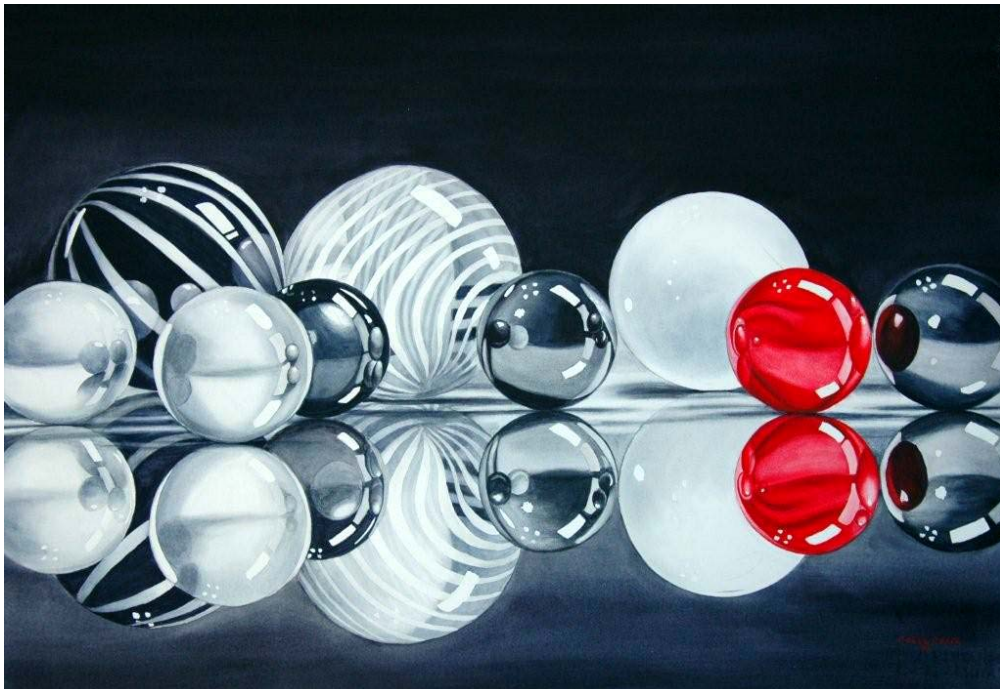


Cindy Agan LWS *Riesling*  
S. Bend, IN 26" x 15" \$2500



Walt Costilow *Backporch*  
Birmingham, AL 12" x 16" \$1500

## HONORABLE MENTION



Carol Creel LWS *Black, White & Red* Baton Rouge, LA 22" x 30" NFS

## PRESIDENTS' AWARD



Sy Ellens LWS  
Kalamazoo, MI      *Color Season*  
23" x 17"      \$1000

## AL ZERRIES LWS MEMORIAL AWARD



Bev Jozwiak  
Vancouver, WA      *Hannah*  
22" x 14"      NFS

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Madisonville, LA 14" x 22" \$400

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Naperville, IL 14" x 20" \$950

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Ft. Myers, FL 21" x 29" \$1500

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Sausalito, CA 20" x 28" \$1800

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LWS \$100 & Canson Fine Papers Award



Cindy Brabec-King  
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*Nighttime Takeout*  
22"x 30" \$2400



Patti Adams LWS  
New Orleans, LA  
*Perfume & Lace*  
13"x 17" \$1200



Kathleen Alexander  
Pacifica, CA  
*Lawai Plumeria II*  
28"x 21" \$2700



J. Eric Anderson  
Stockton, IL  
*Morning Mist Lifted*  
13" x 20" \$875



Wilmer Anderson LWS *Summer Surf*  
Madison, WI 21" x 29" \$200



Monica Bishara LWS *Enjoying the Jumbos*  
Baton Rouge, LA 11" x 15" NFS



Eleanor Baker *Iron Age*  
Mansfield, TN 21" x 30" \$1800



Miles G. Batt, Sr. *Sunflowers '08*  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 21x 29" Price on Request



Eugene Bortnick LWS *Window Washer*  
Prairie Village, KS 15" x 22" \$2000



Marilynne Bradley LWS *Ruben's Yard*  
Webster Groves, MO 12"x 18" \$1000



David Bridges *A Welcome Breeze*  
Huntsville, TX 16"x 24" NFS



Eve Carmena *Icy Splendor*  
Baton Rouge, LA 22" x 14" \$1200



Rachel Collins *Vertebra X*  
Alexandria, VA 17"x 28" \$1950



Nel Dorn Byrd *Bodyworks*  
Plano, TX 22"x 30" \$1500



Dean Davis LWS  
Evansville, IN      20" x 14"      *Tango*  
\$1500



Pat Dispenziere LWS      *Afternoon Light*  
Poway, CA      18" x 24"      \$1800



Howard Eberle      *Bar-B-Que*  
Boiling Springs, PA      15" x 22"      \$2400



Christine Diggs      *At Harbor in Cannes*  
Covington, LA      30" x 22"      \$2800



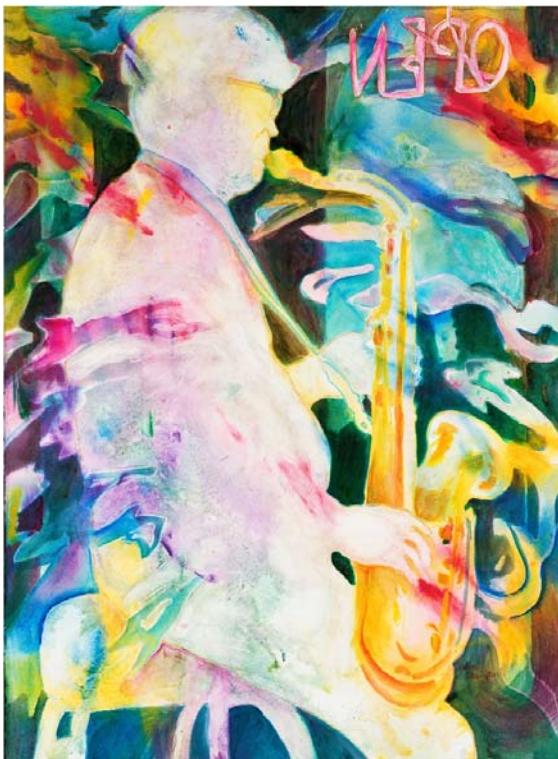
Genie Even      *Fuji Reflections I*  
Knoxville, TN      14" x 20"      \$900



Mariloy Gallé *Mimi's Vase*  
Belle Chasse, LA 14" x 20" NFS



Garry Hamilton LWS *Nude with Pillow*  
Canada 21" x 13" \$850



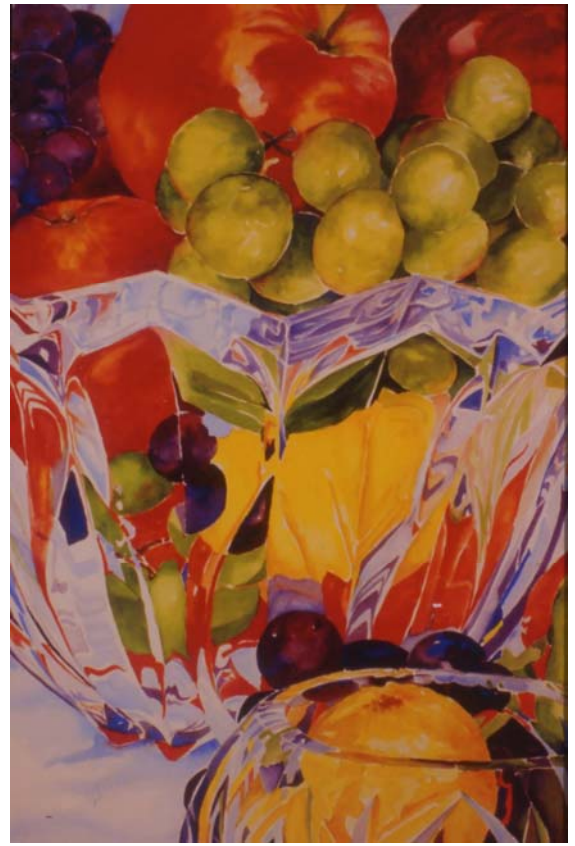
Karen Harrington *The Sax Club*  
Bossier City, LA 22" x 30" \$1600



Susan Hetzel *All Things French*  
Yorkville, IL 18" x 24" \$750



Gwen Talbot Hodges LWS *Unfolding Glory*  
Shreveport, LA 30" x 19" Price on Request



Mollie Jones *Caliope Crystal*  
Flint, TX 15" x 22" NFS



Jonathan Knight *Little Face*  
Shawnee, KS 15" x 21" Price on Request



Fealing Lin *Wondering*  
San Marino, CA 16" x 12" \$1200



Leslie Pardue Landry *From the Window Seat*  
Metairie, LA 22"x 32" \$1200



Ellen LaGrone LWS *Afternoon Illuminations*  
Lake Mary, FL 19"x 12" \$800



Glenn Leung LWS *Bottles # 2*  
Philadelphia, PA 17"x 20" \$1000



Tom Linden *Warmth Before the Winds*  
Rockford, IL 14" x 21" \$1075

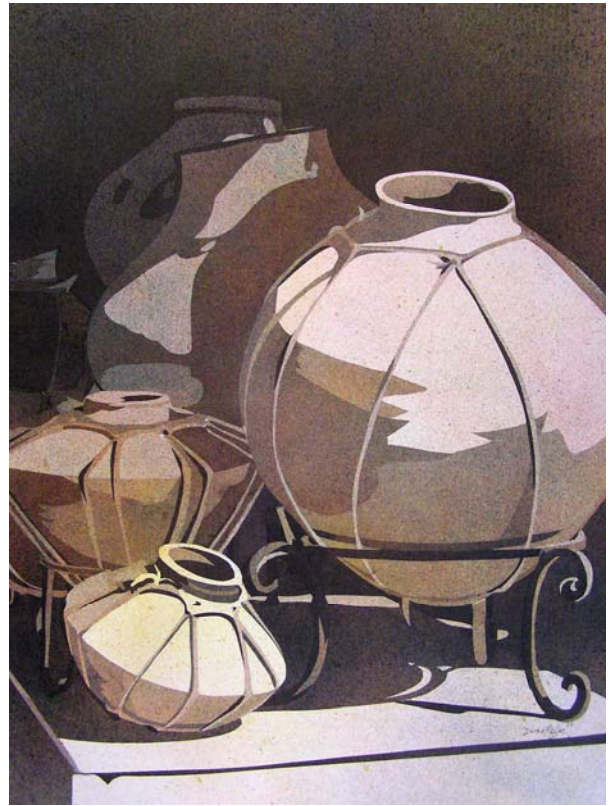


George Loli *Mantua, Italy*  
Lafayette, LA 8" x 10" \$ 800





Doree Loschiavo *Museum Arrivals*  
Philadelphia, PA 15" x 22" \$950



Donna McGee *Earthtones: Light & Shade*  
West Monroe, LA 16" x 21" \$1200



Laura Mitchell LWS *At Rest*  
Mandeville, LA 20" x 30" \$900



Trish Morgan *Stripes*  
Charlevoix, MI 16" x 21" \$1100



Rosemary Nix  
Jackson, MS

*Freedom, Just a Word*  
17" x 14" \$1000



Eileen Mueller Neill  
Riverwoods, IL

*A Barrel of Ouch*  
26" x 20" \$2500



Francis O'Callaghan  
Shreveport, LA

*Ready for Action*  
28" x 20" \$600



Robert O'Connor  
Boiling Springs, PA

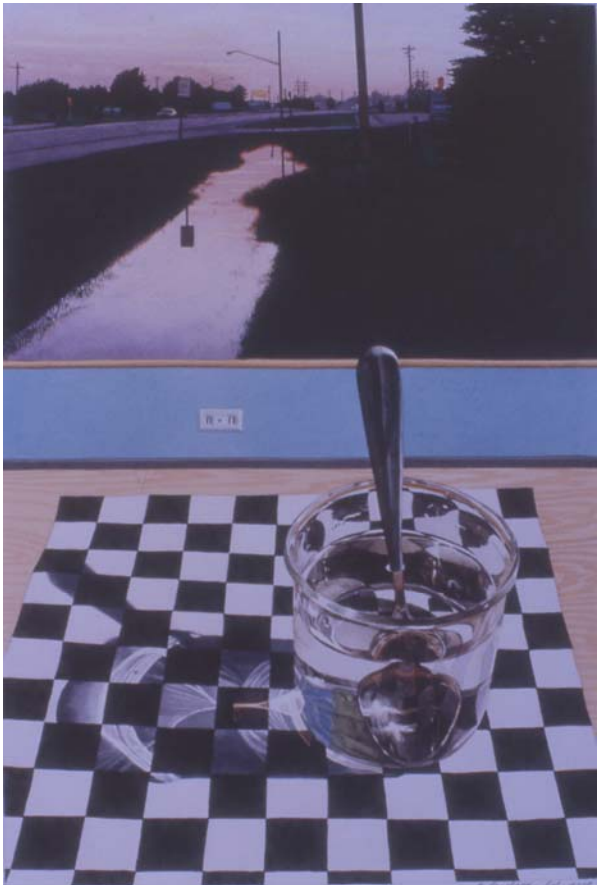
*He's by that Tree*  
11" x 15" \$750



Margaret Peery LWS Charleston, SC  
*Meeting Street View-- Charleston, SC*  
25"x 40" Price on Request



Richard Sabin Cambridge, MA  
*Sticks and Stone*  
20" x 20" \$1500



Brian Paulsen Grand Forks, ND  
*Summer Memories*  
13" x 9" \$1200



Joel Popadics Wayne, NJ  
*Vermont Puddles*  
14" x 20" \$1750



Teresa Rogers LWS *Garden Harvest*  
Pensacola, FL 22" x 30" \$1000



Natalie Smythe *Rainbow's End*  
Glendale, CA 35" x 23" Price on Request



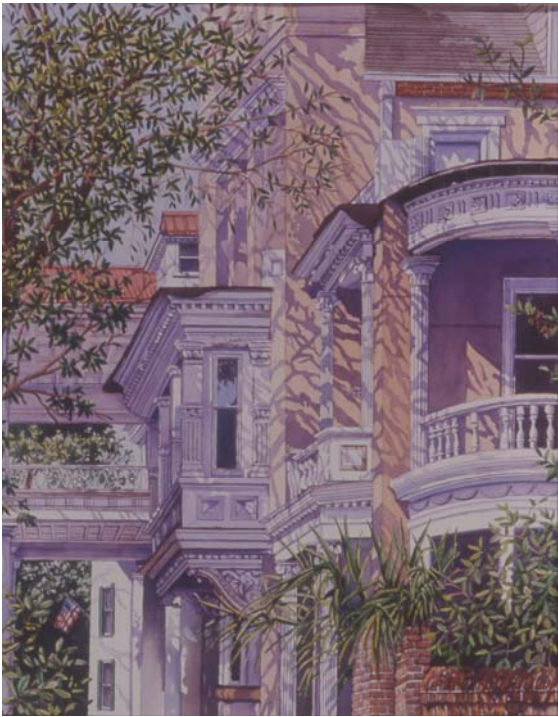
Harry Shields *Happy Cabbage*  
Richardson, TX 20" x 30" \$1750



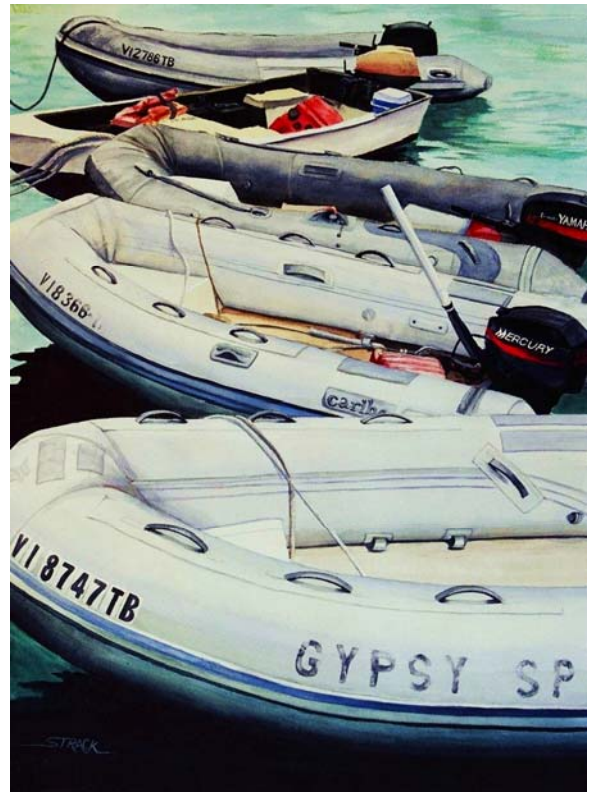
Lou Smillie *Misty Morning at the Barn*  
San Diego, CA 11" x 14" \$1390



Richard Stephens *Blue Eyes*  
Hot Springs, AR 14" x 21" \$1000



E. Jane Stoddard LWS 29"x 22" \$1800  
East Amherst, NY *Reflections of Charleston*



Annie Strack Lacombe, LA 24" x 18" *Dinghy Dock*  
NFS



Roberta Tiemann *Plein Air on Woods Road*  
Colfax, WA 8" x 12" \$275



Don Taylor *Another Fine Pair*  
Panama City, FL 22"x 30" \$3000



Theodora T. Tilton *Pitch Pine*  
Alexandria, VA 16" x 12" \$1000



Brenda Turner Savannah, GA 30" x 22" Price on Request

*Red Kimono*



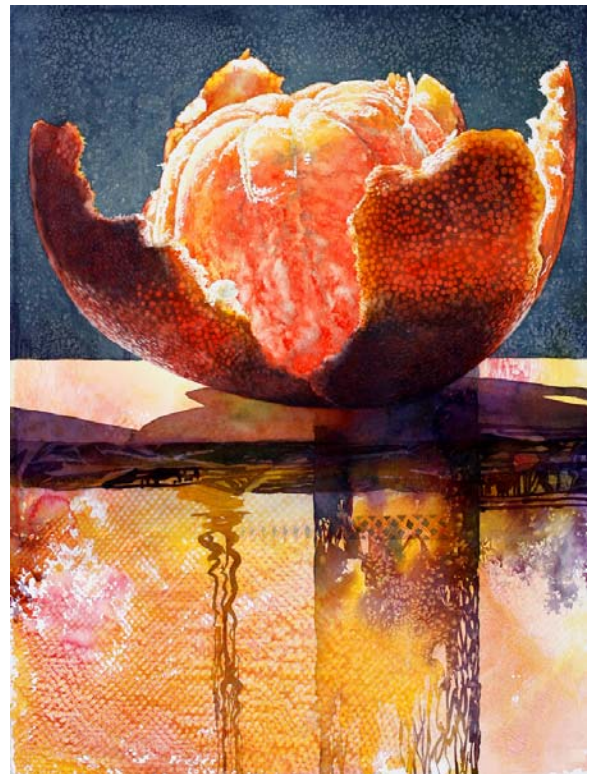
Solange Villeneuve LWS Canada 22" x 15" \$950

*Bollard*



Linda Southern Vanek Houston, TX 22" x 30" \$1750

*We the People*



Soon Y. Warren Ft. Worth, TX 22" x 30" Price on Request

*Small Clementine*



Jan Wilken  
Harahan, LA      24" x 18"      *Venetian Mask*  
\$1200



Barbara Yoerg  
Las Vegas, NV      11" x 14"      *Fall Sunset*  
\$700



Alan Wylie LWS      *Conversations with Myself*  
Canada      15" x 27"      Price on Request

**In Memorium**

Al Zerries LWS  
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Al Zerries LWS      *Soul*      Huntington, NY      28" x 40"

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Ric Dentinger, *Have a Seat*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000

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Carol Creel LWS, *Black, White & Red*

Walt Costilow, *Backporch*

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### Ryan Brown Kennedy

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