

Artist Walk and Talk

Friday, December 2, 2022. 2:30 pm

What draws you to a work of art? Is it the color? The subject? The mood? Or is it something you can't quite explain?

Join artists Laura Mitchell, Peggy Kirby, and Rita Congemi as they share their expertise on the qualities of great art. Walk with them through the LWS Juried Member Show at Christwood, admire the paintings, and learn whether there really are magic elements of great art.

Laura Mitchell is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, the Louisiana Watercolor Society (LWS), and the Mississippi Watercolor Society. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her paintings have received numerous awards, including the Watercolor Artist Magazine Cash Award in the National Watercolor Society 91st Annual Exhibition and the Artist Magazine Artist Over 60 Competition Honorable Mention Award.

Rita Congemi and Peggy Kirby began painting later in life. With no formal art schooling, they began absorbing as much as possible through classes with Laura, as well as in workshops with other internationally known experts, such as John Salminen, Michael Holter, and Ken Call. Rita finds art very personal and rarely shows her work to anyone other than family and close friends. Peggy only recently began entering competitions. In the last six months, she earned ribbons in the LWS Spring Member Show at the Louisiana State Archives and the LWS Summer Member Show at Oak Knoll. Both Rita and Peggy are current members of the LWS Board of Directors.

Laura Mitchell, NWS, LWS, MWS



Rita Congemi



Peggy Kirby

