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NJWCS Calendar of Events

2023 Annual Online Associate Members' Show

Entry Form now online: NJWCS.org Events & Exhibitions

Entry Fee: \$10. Awards Judge: GWYNN DiPILLA, AWS

Deadline for Entries: **March 12, 2023**

Zoom Reception: March 24, 2023 at 7PM

Show Posted on NJWCS.org: Events and Exhibitions Mar 12, 2023-Mar 2024

2023 Elected Members Online Show Entry fee: \$15

Prospectus goes on line April 1

Deadline for entries: May 15. Go to NJWCS.org for more information.

Zoom Reception/Awards Presentation: June 23 Posted on NJWCS.org June 24

2023 Open Juried Show. Middletown Art Center (36 Church St) tab

Member News

ED BAUMLIN is exhibiting at the *Hunterdon County Library*, 314 Rte 12, Flemington, from March 1-31. After having a very difficult 2022, health-wise, Ed is planning a busy exhibit season for 2023 starting with a solo exhibit of 32 works in several media, including experimentations in new media. "Breakers" E. Baumlin. "Stained Glass"



Provence Plein Air Watercolor Workshop with MARIE NATALE June 3 - June 9, 2023



Registration info and Itinerary at:

www.noboundariesart.com

Workshop includes meals, tours/tasting at local wineries and olive groves, shared room with half-acre garden and pool, on town square in Seillans, France.



ISABELLA PIZZANO received the *First Place Award for Abstract* at the **Tewksbury Historical Society** in September 2022.

MARYANN BURTON was the judge and watercolor demonstrator for the **North East Watercolor Society** at the Annual Member Show in Middletown, NY.

JINNIE MAY received a *Second Place Award* in "Making our Marks", the 2023 **ISEA** All Member Virtual Exhibition for "Just the Right Amount of Wrong."

J. May



JUNE FISHER-MARKOWITZ (Associate Member) is having an exhibit at the Passaic County Arts Center, 675 Goffle Road, Hawthorne, NJ, through the end of March.



In Memoriam: **RONALD MCCARTY** of Upper Saddle River, NJ, passed away on January 9, 2023 at the age of 96. He served in the **US Navy** during *World War II* straight out of high school. Ronald studied at the **Art Center School** in Los Angeles. After graduation he worked for **North American Aircraft** and **Douglas Aircraft Art Departments**. He then worked as a *freelance illustrator* in St Louis and Chicago creating fashion illustration and ads, before moving to the New York area where he created book covers and promotional materials. He became active in the NJ art community with **NJWCS**, **Essex Watercolor Club** and the

Ridgewood Art Institute. His awards included the *Nat Cole Memorial Award*, for the "View from Valvano" in 2009 and the *Doris D. Schoonmaker Memorial Award* for "Backyard in Winter" in 2006 from the **NJWCS** and an **EWCC Best in Show 2006** and an *Award of Excellence* in 2015.



As a fine artist he is best known for watercolor landscapes depicting the New England countryside and its shorelines, and he also painted in N.J. horse country and during his travels through Europe. The changing of the light through the seasons is a central theme of the work. A sense of time and place is established through the interplay of light, shadow and reflection. Form and movement is explored through sculptures of horses, an interest inspired from the study of the animals for illustrations commissioned by the Meadowlands Raceway.

"Backyard in Winter"

"View from Valvano" above. R. McCarty



In Memoriam: **CARL BURGER**, 97, of Stewartsville, NJ, passed away on February 21, 2023 and had been a NJWCS member since 1970. He was born in Germany, and emigrated to America in 1926. At 16 he was deemed an enemy alien (German), but was later drafted and served **Army Military Intelligence** in France and Germany during *World War II*. After the war, Carl attended **New York University, Columbia, Rutgers**, and the **Arts Student League** receiving degrees in *Fine Arts, Art Education, Painting and Interior Design*. He taught art in high school before becoming an *Art Professor* at **Kean College**, retiring in 1993. His work is in the collections of the **Butler Institute of American Art, The Morris Museum, The Noyes Museum, The New Jersey State Museum, Newark Museum and Princeton University Art Museum** as well as noted corporate collections. His many exhibits include those in **Lincoln Center, The National Academy of Design in New York, The Philadelphia Art Museum, The Smithsonian Institute**, and international shows in Budapest and Germany. He has been the subject of two documentaries for **NJN Public Television** and his catalog of awards and honors is extensive, including a **Grumbacher Medal** for *outstanding service to the Arts* and a grant from the **NJ State Council on the Arts**.

His demos were legend, part inspirational demo, part irreverent funny commentary. “Carl’s brilliant mind made for many long and

meaningful discussions about the passions that his artistic vision brought to life, not least of which were the environment, world history, religion and the unending beauty in all of nature.”

“He will be remembered for seeing beauty in the world and giving to all who were fortunate enough to know him the gift of love and friendship—his true masterpiece!” — from obituary.

Carl’s watercolors—intense compositions painted in a spontaneous, expressionist style – sparkle with the freshness and immediacy of the aqueous medium. While detail is abstracted, figurative and inorganic forms are masterfully melded by the artist and related in an inventive yet well controlled whole. Carl revels in the painterly aspects of watercolor, believing that brushwork is calligraphic.” Portraits/2

Top to bottom, “Long Valley”, “Early Forest” & “View of Brooklyn Bridge” by C. Burger



In Memoriam: **CHARLES BRANDENBURG, 85**, of Washington Township, NJ. passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022, having been a member since 2006. He was the owner/operator of **Brandenburg Masonry**. Charles studied at the **Famous Artist School** of Westport, Ct. His appreciation of fine arts led him to study with Arthur Maynard and Allan Avery at the **Ridgewood Art Institute**



in oils and watercolor where was a member and would later teach. Brandenburg won *the AAPL NJ Award for a Representational Painting* for "Jennifer's Table" from the **NJWCS** in 2005,

"Charles loved everything art, ... and was an award winning watercolor artist, and sculptor. He loved to sing baritone especially with his group the **Skyliners**."

"Jennifer's Table" C. Brandenburg

In Memoriam: **DOROTHY DALLAS, 89**, of The Plains, VA passed away on Dec. 20, 2019. She became a member in 1980. Dorothy was a graduate from **Pratt Institute** (1950) in *Interior Design*, and added a *B.F.A.* in 1978 and *M.F.A.* in 1982 from **Pratt**. "Dottie" was an accomplished and highly lauded artist in watercolor and mixed media. Among her numerous honors was a *Grumbacher Gold Medallion* from the **National Association of Women Artists**, and *Kalish Award for Design* from the **NJWCS** for "Ternate V" in 1991(below). Dorothy was a member of **NAWA**, **Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club**, *Watercolor Affiliate* of the **Art Center of Northern NJ** and **Katonah Museum Artist Association**.



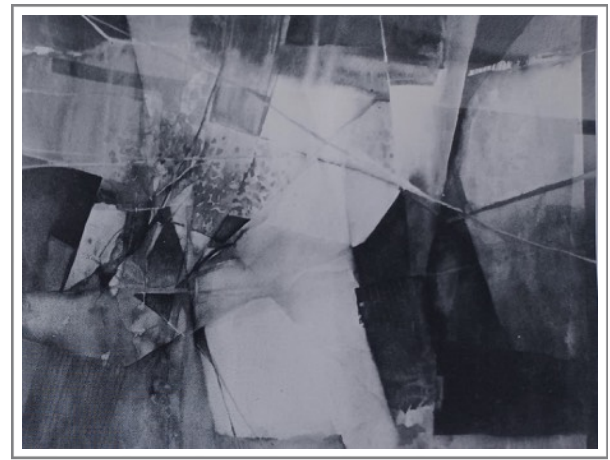
"Dottie finds that abstraction, the dominant element in her work, gives her freedom to explore imaginative and inventive color, shapes and compositions that best express her ideas. Her captivation with the unique transparency of water media is so intense that she works not just in watercolor, but in acrylic, gouache and watercolor crayon as well. Characterized by fascinating shapes and bold colors." Portraits2



"Within II" in
50th Anniversary Show.

D.Dallas.

"Ternate V"



Meet the members



SALLY BRANDENBURG formerly of Holmdel, NJ now living in Hinsdale, Illinois has been a member since 2005. She majored in *applied art* at **Iowa State University**, and worked in all mediums for years but didn't begin to focus exclusively on watercolor until the late '70s. Taking numerous watercolor workshops around the country she has honed her skill to find her own voice using the watercolor medium. Sally has won awards in and is a full exhibiting member of **the Guild of Creative Art** in Shrewsbury New Jersey, **NJ-**

American Artists Professional League, **the Garden State Watercolor Society**. She won the **NJWCS Award for an Associate Member** for "Blossoms" in 2003, and from the **GSWS The Presidents Award** in 2006 and **Hopewell Frame Show Award** in 2007. Sally taught watercolor classes at the **Guild of Creative Art** until 2015. She now teaches classes in Western Springs, Illinois and is a member of **the La Grange, IL Art League**. In 2017 Sally got **Honorable Mention** in 25th Annual "Best of the Best" **Fine Art Exhibit** at the **Mayslake Peabody Estate**. She is has been in juried shows around the country including **Lincoln Center** in New York. She did the cover art for the **Garden Club of New Jersey's "Newsleaf"** from 2000-2010.





Art Centers in New Jersey: There are many art centers around the state that have helped to develop new artists. They not only provide classes and a chance to get to know other artists, they provide the first place for artists to show, and gain confidence

Ridgewood Art Institute is located at 12 E Glen Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ, ((201) 652-9615, info@ridgewoodartinstitute.org, website: ridgewoodartinstitute.org). Founded in 1935, it is the premier traditional art school in Bergen County. The RAI “is a non-profit arts organization made up of

professional and amateur artists who represent and perpetuate America's heritage of traditional realism in painting and drawing.

The pursuit of beauty in fine art, together with the highest standards of excellence, is promoted through its classes exhibitions, lectures, and demonstrations, which are made available to the public.” The Gallery is open 7 days a week, see website for hours.



Over the years **RAI's** staff has included NJWCS members **FERDINAND PETRIE, AWS, PATRICK BRANNIGAN, CHARLES BRANDENBURG, THERESA TROISE HEIDEL, STEVE ZAZENSKI, AWS, and TIM GAYDOS, AWS** and currently **JOEL POPADICS, AWS** and **PEGGY DRESSEL** are on the teaching staff. Prominent members who studied at **RAI** include **NAT LEWIS, AWS, ALLEN TAYLOR, RONALD McCARTY, MARYANN BURTON, and ROBERTA OLIVER**. The **NJWCS** held the *Annual Juried Show* there in 2003 and 2005.

Allan Avery Retrospective in 2016. Allan taught watercolor at RAI for 54 years. (J. Popadics on right)



Instructor Alan Avery gives a demonstration on the front lawn of the Institute at the Annual Outdoor Show

“View of Cape Head Trail” by JOEL POPADICS, AWS who has been teaching at **RAI** for 30 years.

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MICHAEL SCHERFEN, AWS is the first Web-Master of the **NJWCS**, in charge of the website, running zoom meetings and digital submissions as well as being the go to person for artists submitting to shows. He also organized receptions and took on the catalog design. Mike graduated a **BFA** from **Art Center College of Design** in Los Angeles. After a 27-year career as a **NYC Advertising Art Director** he became very active in the local art scene, and was mentored by **DONALD VOORHEES**. Mike has been very active in his local art community winning numerous awards, the 2022 **NJWCS Ridgewood Art Institute Award** as well as his successes in **AWS** shows.



“Swiss Guard”

M. Scherfen.



“Rainy Day in Rouen”

ANN GREENE, AWS is the current **NJWCS President** (2023-). After she finished her career as a **Medical Lab Tech** and **IT Analyst**, she became more serious about painting, taking numerous workshops with artists like Barbara Nechis, Frank Webb, Eric Weigardt and Skip Lawrence. Ann has won numerous awards from **Watercolor West**, **Transparent Watercolor Society of America**, and **NJWCS**, gaining membership in the **AWS**, **Garden State Watercolor Society** and the **International Society of Experimental Artists**.



“Song of the Sun”.

A. Greene



“Schooner at Dawn” 2019 NJWCS Nummie Warga Award winner