
*Garden State
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Newsletter*

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President's Message



Dear GSWS Members,

Wow! The past six months have been a whirlwind of activity for the GSWS artists, with three exhibits practically back-to-back, starting with the Associates Show at Capital Health in Trenton from April 4th thru May 13th, where two fine paintings were sold. Then on to Medford, NJ, for the Signature Members Exhibit at the MAC, which was up from June 18th thru July 25th. By July 30th we were in Princeton for our Annual Open Juried Exhibition at the D&R Greenway Land Trust; the show will be up through October 14th. I might add it is a show that has had excellent reviews, a couple of sales to date and two receptions! Please, if you haven't seen it, you should. It will make you proud of being associated with such a magnificent group of artists. I am extremely proud and thankful for all of you who participated in any way to create such beautiful exhibits over these past few months. The hard work done by so many volunteers to produce professional, outstanding exhibits is amazing and encouraging.

With the help of an exceptional and hard working GSWS board we are working to secure the future and growth of the GSWS. In the midst of all this exhibit activity, the board has been securing dates at future venues to exhibit in and to have educational demos, workshops, and art sales in. Promoting the GSWS, extending its membership, and creating a larger awareness of the outstanding artists within this organization are a priority.

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We are sorry to note....

Upcoming:
The Garden State Watercolor Society will have a show at the Prallsville Mills in 2012. Details to follow in the next Newsletter.

Associate Member Don Jo Swanagan 80, died April 7 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel, NJ. You may remember his lovely painting in the Open Juried Show at Ellarslie in 2010. A resident of Cranbury for 52 years, Don was a scenic designer and worked for NBC early in his career and later as a freelance on such shows as The Nat King Cole Show; The Steve Allen Show; Specials for Women by Purex, which won an Emmy Award; Sing Along with Mitch Miller; The Bell Telephone Hour, and others. He was also involved in scenic design for such films as The Godfather I, Arthur, The Warriors, For Love of Ivy, Sweet Charity, To Kill a Cop, Speed is of the Essence, and The Owl and the Pussycat. . His love of Cranbury inspired his vocational work and personal art work. Our sympathy goes out to Don Jo's wife Virginia and his children and grandchildren

Please Take Note:

If you have a change of mailing address or a change of email, please notify our Membership Chairwoman Grace Chiarello at 732-398-0723 or email Grace, gcc116@comcast.net. Thank you so much!

Also: Joanne Amantea has designed an application for membership in a tri-fold paper form which is available for members to put in local libraries or give to friends. You can contact Fran Franklin franfranklin@comcast.net or Joanne Amantea joanne.amantea@gmail.com for copies.

Associate's Exhibit

The 2011 Associates Exhibit, co-chaired by Fran Franklin and Joanne Amantea, made a grand display at Capital Health Systems, Trenton, NJ, from April 4th through May 13th. The Reception & Awards ceremony was Thursday April 7th. Our Hospitality Chair, P.D. Swelt did a great job with the refreshments. Dorothy Skeados Ganek, AWS, and multi-award winner, was our guest juror. Below you will note the award winners (or their paintings). Congratulations go out to all of them; it was a terrific showing of all work. Congratulations also go out to Pat Morgan for her painting, "Sister Stroll" which sold for \$500.00 and honorable mention winner Allen Taylor's, "Pots & Buoys & Lines" which sold for \$250.00



Farmer's Market



Amelia Chin and Fran
Award of Excellence



Indrani Choudhury - Crossroads
Merit Award



Deborah Fryer – Best In Show



Amelia Chin - Street Scene in Singapore



Alan Taylor -
Pots & Buoys & Lines
Honorable Mention

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Isabella Pizzano - Rainforest
 Honorable Mention



David Watson – Old Philadelphia
 Award of Excellence

The GSWS Annual Member's Exhibit at the Medford Arts Center

The Annual Full Member's Exhibit was held from June 18th to July 24th with a reception and Awards Ceremony June 25th at the Medford Arts Center in Medford, NJ. Tess Fields was the Chairwoman and she was in contact with GSWS member Tracey Femiano, who is the Exhibition Coordinator for the Medford Arts Center. Tess and Tracey, with Carolyn Petersen and Barbara March, hung the show. Our Guest Juror was Joel Popadics, who has exhibited widely from the AWS Show in New York to the California Watercolor Society (Grumbacher Gold Medal).

The GSWS thanks all the artists for participating in the recent Members Exhibit and to the award winners below!

Award Winners Annual Member's Exhibit

Fran Franklin	A Pair of Pears	Honorable Mention
Maureen Gass Brown	Garden of Dreams	Excellence
Robert E. Heyer	Rockport Cove	Excellence
Sandra L. Jones	Untitled	Best in Show
Mary Kramarenko	Floral	Merit Award
Sandra Kunz	Vinalhaven	Honorable Mention
Joan McKinney	Flemington Shadows	Honorable Mention
Lucy McVicker	Eventide	Merit Award
Sandy Mezinis	The Good Son	Honorable Mention
Robert Sakson	Movie Night	Excellence
Michalyn Tarantino	Yellow Doorstep	Merit Award
John Wolff	Adelaide	Merit Award

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Medford Arts Center Show Candid



In Step with Nature

The Garden State Watercolor Society's 42nd Annual Open Juried Show is being held at the D & R Greenway Land Trust Johnson Education Center August 6th-October 15th in Princeton, NJ. The Center is open Mon-Fri, 10:00 am-4 pm. The exhibit was co-chaired by Fran Franklin and Joanne Amantea. The Artists' Reception and Awards Ceremony was held August 6th. A special thank you goes out to P.D. Swelt, our Hospitality Chairwoman, and her helpers, for the lavish refreshments. The Friends of D & R Greenway Land Trust Reception, to which the artists were especially invited, was August 19th. The jurors for the 42nd Annual were the esteemed artists Ken Hamilton and Gigi Burboeck. Frank Perry did the art for the postcard for this show; thank you, Frank. Robert Sakson was gracious enough to demonstrate on August 10th and Charles McVicker led a tour of the exhibit on August 17th. GSWS thanks Robert and Charles for the demo and the tour and also gives special thanks to the following people who helped make this exhibition possible: *Exhibition Co-Chairs* Fran Franklin and Joanne Amantea; *Publicity* Rita Brown; *Website and Catalog* Amy Phillips-Iversen; *Catalogue* Amy Phillips-Iversen; *Photography for the Catalog* Charles & Lucy McVicker; *Hospitality* P.D. Swelt.

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Helping Fran and Joanne with the hanging were Karen Bannister, Barbara March, Pat Morgan, Carolyn Petersen, and P.D. Swelt. Rita Brown has done an outstanding job on publicity for all three shows: the Associates' Show, the Mac, and the Open Juried Show, taking the photos of the artists' paintings and sending them to the artists' home towns. Paintings sold were by Marie Zukoff and David Watson. Congratulations!

On behalf of the Exhibition Committee and our members, we would like to thank the D&R Greenway Land Trust staff and volunteers for their continued support of the arts and the Garden State Watercolor Society. We would also like to thank D&R Greenway's Diana Moore, Curator of the Marie L. Matthews Gallery, and also Linda J. Mead, President and Chief Executive Officer, for their work to bring this exhibition to the attention of so many on August 17th, at the special Friends Reception. This reception was very well attended, the hospitality was lovely, and quite a few GSWS artists also came and socialized with all.

Pickup for this show will be Saturday, October 15th, from 10 am until noon.

Award Winners D&R Greenway Juried Show

Nummie Warga Memorial Award \$2,000. **Susanna Anastasia** "Red Oak with Butterfly"
Dagmar H. Tribble Award \$1,000. **Robert E. Heyer** "L.B.I. Fishery"
Garden State Watercolor Society Award \$1,000. **Sandy Mezinis** "A Man for All Seasons"
Cotswold Industries Award \$500. **Lynn Nicoletti** "Green Acres"
Utrecht Award of Excellence \$350. **Tom Finley** "Jersey Fields"
Rosemary Hutchins Memorial Award \$300. **Thomas Wilczewski** "Dockside Reflections"
Garden State Watercolor Society Members' Award \$300. **Lucy Graves McVicker** "Taking Root"
Harry C. Hobbs Memorial Award \$300. **Jinnie Mae** "Summer Day"
Kenneth McCann Memorial Award \$200. **Carol Staub** "Numerology No. 1"
Garden State Watercolor Society President's Award \$200. **Michalyn S. Tarantino** "Breakfast on the Jetty"
Jeanette Fragasso Masi Memorial Award \$100. **Karen Bannister** "Rock Wall 1"
Jerrys Artarama Award of Excellence \$100. **Judy Balance** "Crab Apple Chutney"
Kenneth W. Thropp Memorial Award \$100 **Marilyn Rose** "Wekksweep Farm"
Lelia T. Wishart Memorial Award \$100 **Vera Wasiczko** "Roses"
Geraldine Layton Mahn Memorial Award \$100. **Lisa C. Budd** "Shore is Nice"
B. Budd Chavooshian Memorial Award \$100. **Gay Billich** "Nature's Way"
Cheap Joe's Art Stuff Award \$100. **Judy Gilden** "Golden Delight"
American Frame Corporation Award \$100. **Barbara March** "Golden Splendor"
Judi Rae Memorial Award \$50. **Norma Griffith** "Mysterioso"
Jerry's Artarama Artists Award \$50. **Lois Sanders** "Strata"
The American Artist Professional League Award (NJ Chapter) \$50. **Thomas E. Rutledge** "Flat Brook"

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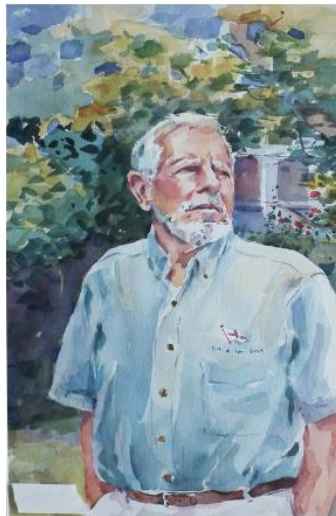
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Red Oak with Butterfly



Lucy McVicker – Taking Root



Robert Heyer - L.B.I. Fishery



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Judy Balance - Crab Apple Chutney



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Jinnie May – Summer Day

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Charles McVicker's gallery talk



Robert Saxon's demo donation to D&R

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Over these past few months we have found that you are not shy about offering your ideas and suggestions on many subjects regarding GSWS. This is a very good and healthy thing and we welcome your suggestions, so keep them coming. One idea that our Vice President, Joanne Amantea, and I have been working on is the upgrading of our website and the possibility of having a GSWS Blog. A lot of you have suggested putting the newsletter in e-mail form too.

In this regard you will soon be receiving a questionnaire from our membership chair, Grace Chiarella. It would be so helpful and cost saving for our organizational purposes if you will kindly fill it in and return it to Grace promptly. I thank you in advance for your help with this effort to communicate with our members more efficiently.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generosity, your heart, and your marvelous talent!

Fran Franklin,
President, GSWS

MEMBER NEWS

As you read this, summer is nearing to its close; it sped by much too quickly. However, sit outside now with some iced tea or a chilled glass of wine and catch up with what your fellow artist friends are doing. Take a breather before what you know you have to do after Labor Day (i.e. Labor!)

JOANNE AMANTEA was selected as one of six artists to have a solo show in March 2012. As part of the NJ Emerging Artists Series 2011-2012, the Nilson Gallery in the Monmouth Museum provides a unique and exciting opportunity for New Jersey artists to showcase their work.

The artists selected for this Series represent the diversity of talent in the State and demonstrate their creativity in a wide variety of media. Information about the show can be found at <http://www.monmouthmuseum.org/emerging.html>

LINDA ARNOLD was in the Farmstead Arts inaugural show, as well as Art for Paws at Farmstead, and the Farmstead Art's Anniversary Show which Channel 12 covered for their News Program.

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ED BAUMLIN did a watercolor demo for the Raritan Valley Art Association and a Frame & Mat cutting demo for Warren County Art Corp. Ed was awarded First Place at the Canal Frame-Craft Gallery Open Juried Show in Washington Crossing, PA. His painting "Winter Morning" was accepted in the Ellarslie Open XXIX, Trenton City Museum. Ed also had a one man show exhibiting his watercolors & acrylics August 6-28 at Stover Mill, 852 River Road, Erwinna, PA. The reception was August 7th.

MEDY BOZKURTIAN received an Essex Watercolor Club Merit Award at the Morristown Community Theatre - June 2011 and the NJ-AAPL Merit Award at their 2011 Open Juried Exhibit at Middlesex County College in June 2011. "Market Day" was accepted into GSWS 42nd Annual Open Juried Exhibit. She and Jinnie May had a joint exhibit at the Madison Public Library in May. Medy also was in a three person exhibit at the Chatham Library in May, entitled "Images and Impressions."

FRAN FRANKLIN was in a special exhibit in Art@ 1275 Studio and Gallery, in Fairfield, NJ, a show with the contemporary work of Fran, the detailed drawings of Louis Giordano and the watercolors of Dona Read and Marilyn Rose. A reception was held Saturday, July 9th, 2011 from 2 pm to 5 pm.

JUDI GILDEN was awarded First Prize for her painting, "Winter Radiance" at the National Association of Women Artists Inc., Open Small Works Exhibition, NAWA Gallery, 80 Fifth Avenue, NYC. She had a painting juried into the North East Watercolor Society Annual Juried Members' Show, Orange Hall Gallery, Orange County Community College, Middletown, N.Y. Judi took part in the Pen and Brush Inc., "Salon de Refuses" Exhibition, 16 East 10th St. NYC. Judi received a Judge's Award for Watercolor for her painting, "Sweet Reflections", at the Freehold Art Society Open Show, Freehold, NJ. At the Art Society of Monmouth County's Anniversary Art Show, Judi was awarded Honorable Mention for "Afternoon Delight."

Judi's painting, "Harvest High" was included in The 112th Annual Exhibiting Artist Members' Exhibition, The National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park So., NYC. Judi exhibited "A Time to Love" at the Art Society of Monmouth County's Ruth Crown Memorial Art Show, Middletown Township Public Library, Middletown, NJ. Judi's painting, "Sunlight on the Vine" was the recipient of the "Miriam Schorr Memorial Award for Watercolor" at the National Association of Women Artists Inc., 122nd Annual Exhibition, Sylvia Wald and Po Kim Gallery, 417 Lafayette St., NYC.

Judi's painting, "Michael", was juried into the New Jersey Chapter, American Artists Professional League, Inc., Open State Juried Exhibition of Representational Art, Middlesex County College Center, Edison, NJ. AtlantiCare Foundation's Healing Arts Program has purchased another 3 of Judi's paintings, this time for their AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center at the Health Park at Hammonton-Phase II.

CONNIE GRAY had a one person show at Thomas Sweets Gallery, Montgomery, NJ, during the month of May. Connie was also in a group show at "ART on Division Street", in

Somerville (Reception May 13th) and the Shimon & Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center with the Raritan Valley Arts Association.

JUDY HUMMER curated the Raritan Valley Arts Association Show at the Sr. Wellness Center in Basking Ridge and also had work in the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center Show in Bridgewater in May. She was also in the ART on Division Street Gallery Show.

ROBERT HEYER had a one-man exhibit in the M. Christina Geis Gallery of Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ, from April 4 - April 20th. The opening reception was April 16th; the exhibit was entitled "My Journey in Watercolor." Bob also won an Award of Excellence for "Rockport Cove" in GSWS Full Members' Exhibit.

SUZANNE HUNT has an exhibition of thirty paintings "Spanning the Seasons" on display at Princeton Windrows, 2000 Windrows Drive, Princeton, NJ from July 25 through September 9, 2011. A reception to meet the artist took place there Monday, August 8, 2011 from 5 to 6:30 PM. Suzanne's paintings capture the changing seasons and include watercolors of flowers, ocean and lakes, lighthouses and local color. Suzanne currently has paintings on exhibit at the Lawrenceville Main Street Artists Network Gallery, and in shows at Meadow Lakes and the D & R Greenway Land Trust at the Johnson Education Center. She will be exhibiting at the Wings 'n Water Festival in Stone Harbor, New Jersey in mid-September.

RUTH KAUFMAN will have an exhibit of her watercolors at the University Medical Center at Princeton Gallery in the Dining Room September 15th-November 18th. You are cordially invited to the wine and cheese reception September 15th from 5-7 pm. Proceeds from this show will support the Art for Healing Program of the Medical Center.

JOAN MCKINNEY won an Honorable Mention Award in GSWS Full Members' Show, and participated in ART on Division Street Gallery Celebration and the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center Show in Bridgewater in May.

LUCY MCVICKER will have a one-woman show at the Gallery at Chapin, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton, entitled "This Fragile Earth", paintings in mixed media and oil, from September 6th to the 30th. You are cordially invited to the opening reception September 14th from 5-7. The gallery is open during school hours; you may also call 609/924-7206 to arrange to see it. Lucy's artwork won the Glenn Bradshaw Award at the National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic show in New York, NY. in June, 2011. Lucy has also been selected to be the Juror of Awards at the annual show of the American Artists Professional League of NJ in September, 2011.

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CHARLES MCVICKER'S painting, "Vortex" was accepted into this year's national juried show for Watercolor USA in Springfield, Missouri. Another painting, "Lily Pond Revisited", won an award at The Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors.

DEBORAH PAGLIONE's photographs have been published in the Princeton Photography Club's book, *The Year in Review*.

DIANA PATTON was in the juried Senior Show at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Center, the GSWS Open Juried, as well as Art for Paws at the Farmstead Arts Center. She gave three watercolor workshops for the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival in May and also demonstrated and had interactive watercolor sessions with the children of the Delaware Township K-8 School (Hunterdon County). Diana will have a one-woman show at Arbor Glen in Bridgewater, with a program "Painting My Way Through Life" to open it, and a champagne reception (do come!) Wed. 9/21 from 3-7:30 pm. Show through Oct. 15th. To celebrate her new picture book, *Charlemagne to the Rescue*, there was a story-telling session at the North Haven Library, Maine in August. Diana is now available for children's talks and interactive sessions in the classroom. *Charlemagne* is available online (amazon.com) or by emailing diana@dianapatton.com so you can have your book inscribed to anyone you wish. You are also invited to story-telling, puppet show, and book launch at Christ Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, Saturday, November 19th (noon-3).

ROBERT SAKSON, AWS, of Trenton, has won a traveling award at the 144th annual of American Watercolor Society of New York. The exhibition opened with a reception at the Salmagundi Club on April 5th, 2011

LOIS SANDERS received an Award of Excellence at the Essex Water Color Club's Member Show at the Library of the Chatham. She was juried into The Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council's 24th Skyland's Regional Juried Exhibit in Newton, NJ and won the Jerrys Artarama Artists Award for "Strata" in GSWS 42nd Annual Open Juried Exhibit.

DONNA SOUREN had two paintings on exhibit in The Leonard J. Buck Art & Photography Show in Far Hills & a solo exhibit at Starbucks, in Bedminster. Her painting "Two Feathers" was accepted into the Bernardsville Library Annual Juried Show, in April. During the month of May, she had a solo show at Trinity United Church, Warren. Donna also displayed paintings with 3 group shows in June, the Peapack Gladstone Bank Art exhibit, in Bedminster, the RVAA exhibit at the JCC in Bridgewater and Arts on Division, in Somerville. Donna says, "Then I had foot surgery in June, recovered for the summer & enjoyed the beautiful weather & our neighborhood pool."

ANN TAYLOR will offer a series of drawing and watercolor classes and workshops this fall in Fairfield, Livingston, and the Catskills. The sessions include, at the Artists Group, in Fairfield: "Drawing for the Artist" Tuesday mornings, an Intermediate Watercolor Painting class on Thursday mornings and an all-day watercolor workshop on pouring techniques at the Artists Group on Saturday, October 22nd.; Wednesday morning Watercolor painting classes for beginners and intermediates at the Livingston Arts Assn; and a five-day, watercolor workshop at Frost Valley in the Catskills. Ann will also do a watercolor workshop for Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) at the East Valley Lodge, Frost Valley on the Neversink River in the Catskills. The Sunday-to-Friday sessions run from November 6th - 11th. Room and meals included. An additional one-day workshop in Fairfield will be offered on October 22nd. Ann is currently President of the NJWCS. For information and registration for any of the classes or workshops contact (for Road Scholar) 845-985-2254; (for Fairfield) Shiela McGuire 201-709-4912; (for Livingston) Harriet Hiller 973-992-7749 or call Ann at 973-239-6074 or go to: AnnAndAllenTaylor.com/classes.aspx.

GAIL WHITE had 42 watercolors in her exhibit, "Pleasures in Paradise" which opened February 1st, and ran through March 31st, at the Women's Resource Center in Sarasota. The opening reception was February 3rd, 5-7PM. Gail taught watercolor at the Art Center in Sarasota through April, returning to Annapolis in May, to teach at the Anne Arundel Community College through the summer months.

TOM WILCZEWSKI won First Place for his watercolor portrait entitled "Buck" at the Anniversary Art show sponsored by the Art Society of Monmouth County, at the West Long Branch Library in March. Tom was honored by the Sister Kenny Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a Purchase Prize for his watercolor painting "Winter Thaw". His painting will hang in the Sister Kenny Institute Permanent Collection and will also be used in the advertising brochures, posters, etc. in sponsoring their art show "Artists with Disabilities" which has over 300 entries of artists from the United States and throughout the world. Tom won First Place in the Art Society of Monmouth County's Ruth Crown Memorial Art Show. The Middletown Township Public Library is hosting the exhibit. Tom teaches watercolor painting at the Guild of Creative Arts in Shrewsbury. An exhibit of the work of Wilczewski's art students was held from April 30 through May 25. Tom demonstrated watercolor for the Freehold Art Society May 25th at the Monmouth County Library, Western Branch. His "Dockside Reflections" won the Rosemary Hutchins Memorial Award at the 42nd annual Open Juried Exhibit of GSWS.