

# **California Watercolor Association Virtual Workshops**

We utilize Zoom for our virtual workshops. To get the most out of the workshop, you will need:

- A laptop computer, desktop computer, or tablet
- An internet connection
- (optional) Headphones with a microphone

## **Screen Size**

It is recommended to use a laptop computer or desktop computer when viewing the live demos so you can utilize a large screen. Using the Zoom App on a tablet or smartphone works, however, there are less features and it is difficult to view all the detail on a smaller screen.

## **Internet Connection**

A good internet connection is very important! You will want to make sure you are working within a reasonable distance from your router. It is ideal if you can have your computer or device near your painting area for the best interaction with the instructor.

## **Sound**

You will need to be able to hear the instructor and also be able to speak to them. If you will be working in an area with a lot of ambient noise, headphones can be very helpful for both listening and speech clarity. Whatever you decide to use, it's important to learn how to adjust the volume and mute capabilities prior to the workshop.

- Option 1: Use the speaker and microphone that is built into your computer or tablet
- Option 2: Use a set of headphones that can be plugged in to your computer or tablet.

## **Video**

Nearly all computers and tablets have a built-in camera. If you have an older computer without a camera, you will need to attach a webcam.

## **Lighting**

The workshop will be a combination of live demos, interactive feedback, and painting time. You will have the opportunity to hold your painting up to your webcam to receive feedback from the instructor. You will want to make sure you have good lighting so they will be able to view it.

## **Zoom**

Zoom is the service provider for our virtual workshops. You do not need a Zoom account to take the workshop, but they do offer a free account if you would like to create one.

You will receive a Meeting ID from SDWS prior to the workshop via email.

## **On a computer**

1. Open a browser (GoogleChrome,Firefox,Safari,etc.)
2. Goto <https://zoom.us>
3. Click JOIN A MEETING
4. Type in Meeting ID
5. Click Join
6. Enter meeting password, if required (most meetings will not require a password)

On a phone or tablet

1. Download ZOOM Cloud Meetings App
2. Open App
3. Click Join a Meeting
4. Type in Meeting ID
5. Click Join
6. Enter meeting password, if required (most meetings will not require a password)

### **Zoom Tutorials**

Zoom has numerous tutorials and videos on their website. Visit <https://zoom.us> or one of the links below.

### **Getting Started**

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>

### **Test Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/test>

### **Joining a Meeting Video**

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>