



From the President California Watercolor Association

**"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."**

Edward E Hale

I know that's a long title. But sometimes that's what it takes to get your point across. We are dealing with unique circumstances and have to put a bit more thought into our actions and reactions.

Your board cannot meet face-to-face unless they find an outdoor space where we can all distance ourselves from one another at least six feet. At this time of the year the heat pretty much puts the kibosh on that. Well, we are really working well with ZOOM meetings and have decided that is the way we will proceed in the future even when we are all able to come together in person again. Why? Because more people can participate without driving long distances to attend meetings.

We have been conducting our board meetings in Walnut Creek for almost six years, from 7:00–9:00 pm. Board members have driven from Danville, Alamo, Livermore, San Rafael, Berkeley and Oakland to participate. During the rainy winter months and rush hour traffic, that has been a real chore and sacrifice. Now they can grab a beverage, put on their slippers and walk through their home to their computer instead, AND they can get as much done without the commute!

We cannot physically hang our shows in galleries. That does not mean we have stopped having beautiful shows! We are having virtual shows AND we have SOLD art! So, please continue to enter our member shows and the upcoming 51st National Exhibition. They are REAL juried shows and they have a LARGE audience. Share the details of our virtual shows/exhibits with your friends and family via email and social media. This will give us an even larger audience. I know we would all rather gather together, view art and make merry, but until we can, let's make our virtual events the best we can and let others see how we can adapt to current situations. Be flexible!

Last but not least, we are having general meetings with live guest artist demonstrations! We are doing this via ZOOM and our attendees love it! We have co-hosts monitoring the chat questions raised by the audience. The co-hosts "feed" the questions to the guest artist so they can respond in real time. It has been wonderful and very interactive. So even though we are not meeting in person at the monthly general meeting we are still getting together, LIVE, to watch an accomplished guest artist demonstrate their unique painting process.

When you're given lemons you make really good lemonade or lemon curd or lemon meringue pie or limoncello...I think you get my drift.

CWA will continue to do what we CAN do!

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CWA President

