



from the president

California Watercolor Association

“If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.” – Author Unknown

We artists touch the past so often. How? When we touch many of our paints. We have paints made with pigments made from... you guessed it, rock?

We artists touch the present as often. How? When we arrange flowers in a vase or garden to capture with our paint, pencil or camera.

I ask you now, how often do you touch a life? Some of us touch the lives of others every day, some more than others. Some only their families and some only strangers. There is no right or wrong, but it does need to happen for the future.

We all want to paint more than we do. If there is one comment I hear consistently it’s “I wish I could find more time to paint!” California Watercolor Association (CWA) is run by volunteers, it is as simple as that. The volunteers who run CWA for everyone would love to be able to paint more instead we are finding venues for shows, teaching at outreach events, running workshops, establishing plein air events (where you can touch those rocks, flowers and lives), finding artists to demonstrate for you and even providing refreshments and snacks. Everything our volunteers do is IMPORTANT to the existence of your art association. Without volunteers we will cease to exist.

This is the time of year when we ask you to step up and volunteer to take on a board position or non-board position to help CWA thrive. We hope CWA is as important to you as it is to those of us currently serving and those who have served in the past. Please do not think that we don’t need you, because we do.



The following board positions are open:

- Director of National Exhibition* – Ruth Miller/Iretta Hunter would like to bring new person(s) on to show them the ropes!
- Co-Director of Member Shows 2019* – Craig Moline has let us know he will be retiring from this position at the end of the year. Michael Friedland is looking for a co-director.
- Director of Communications* – this position is open now.
- Director of Programs* – this position is open now.
- Co-Director of Community Outreach* – this position is open now.
- Budget Director* – not open yet, however training is involved so we want to get a jump on it!

The following non-board positions are open:

- Webmaster*
- Video Librarian Chair*
- Hospitality*

Please contact Carol Husslein, president@californiawatercolor.org, for additional information on any of the positions listed above. If you have a buddy you would like to work with, these positions can be shared! The more the merrier.

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