



# from the president California Watercolor Association

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back."

*Maya Angelou*

I'm always looking for inspiration, aren't you? Whether it's for a painting or what to make for dinner, I open myself up to inspiration from many sources. I hope I can inspire you to volunteer to join the CWA board, now, and for 2020!

Our association throws so many great things to us all the time. What, you ask?

We offer ten free general meetings a year, which includes an art demonstration that is open to the public. Many of the guest artists are world-renowned. At the general meeting we offer refreshments, watermedia video rental, critiques, door prizes and before the frame art displays.

Our Community Outreach department is involved in bringing watermedia to Veterans Administration centers in Oakland and Martinez on a monthly basis. They provide watermedia training to teachers. They've provided watermedia exposure to the public at large venues such as the Walt Disney Family Museum and the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. This is just a few of our community outreach efforts.

We provide members with juried shows to display their talents. In 2019 we have scheduled four CWA member shows, attracting artists from around the country.

We are celebrating our 50th National Exhibition. Watermedia artists from around the world enter this exhibition. It will be held at Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, California.

We offer a beautiful newsletter filled with art information and a wonderful website where, as a member, you can connect with other members and list your website for interested folks to see.

We produce several workshops per year with internationally known artists. Many of these artists are the general meeting guest artists.

So, what positions are we looking to fill on our board? I'm so glad you asked! We are looking for: Budget Director, Co-Communications Director, and Co-Member Shows Director.

### News Flash!

Member Michelle George stepped up at the August 21, 2019, general meeting and volunteered for the Co-Program Director position. Yeah Michelle!

I invite you to not only "catch" what CWA has to offer, I would love to see you "throw" a part of yourself in to what makes CWA a great art association!

Please contact Carol Husslein for further information and to volunteer for a board position: [cahusslein@yahoo.com](mailto:cahusslein@yahoo.com).

*Carol Husslein*

CWA President



The photos above are our current board members. As you can see, we're a fun crowd!