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**No General Meeting  
in December.**

**Happy Painting**

## The Night Before Christmas

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the town.  
Not a creature was stirring, nary a frown.*

*The paintings were snug, all bagged in their bubbles.  
Hopefully quiet and not into trouble.*

*Our juror has selected many nice prizes.  
There's many worth cash of variable sizes.*

*Our catalog's progress is constant and steady.  
The cover's been selected, revealed when ready.*

*So mark your calendars  
Marin Society of Artists in the 3rd square.  
Don't miss this Exhibition and all its fanfare!*

*by Ruth Miller*



A Very Narrow Vase by Stephen Berry

*CWA National Exhibition*

*January 3 – January 31*

*Marin Society of Artists*

*1515 3rd St., San Rafael*

*Opening Reception, Saturday, January 6, 3:00-5:00pm*





# from the president

## California Watercolor Association

### CWA – What Has Been Happening in 2017!

I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see all of the fabulous guest artist demonstrations at our general meetings coming up in 2018. I'm excited to start 2018 with new and returning board members

I can't wait to have cookies and tea and check out instructional videos at our monthly general meetings.

I'm looking forward to plein air painting with CWA members.

Our 48th National Show at the Marin Society of Artists Gallery is high on my list of things to do... more than once, especially after seeing all of the beautiful paintings at the award juror event.

If you are attending one of the 2018 workshops, you will see how the workshop artist's demonstrations are projected on a large flat screen TV. We no longer use the old mirror that reflected what the guest artist was demonstrating... backwards!

#### **I want to thank our retiring board members for all of the work they have done for CWA:**

Grace Castro and Betsy Trtek, Co-Programs Directors  
*(We are seeking volunteers to fill these positions!)*

Sue Johnston, Co-Vice President/Membership

Iretta Hunter, Co-National Exhibition

All of our retiring board members are continuing to serve CWA in numerous volunteer capacities. You will see and hear from them in many ways in 2018!

I want to thank Ruth Miller and Iretta Hunter, Co-National Exhibition Director's, and their huge team of volunteers. We are immensely proud of our national exhibition! Ruth is starting the process for the 49th National, but is actively seeking a replacement. Ruth will continue to be the "sieve" for the National Committee. As information and questions come in, Ruth will direct inquiries to the appropriate committee member!

I would like to thank our returning board members for all of the work they have done in 2017. Not only have they worked in their various board positions, they have also assisted on many other CWA projects during the year!

Annegret van Gemenen, Vice President/Membership

Deborah Graffuis, Co-Communications Director

Leslie Wilson, Secretary

Sheila Cain and Victoria Bianco, Co-Outreach Directors

Wendy Oliver and Phyllis Brady, Co-Workshops Directors

Sandi Sherwood, Budget Director

Craig Moline and Michael Friedland, Co-California Shows

We want to thank this team for the wonderful shows we had at Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery in San Ramon and the Delta Gallery in Brentwood. Both shows were very well received and CWA will be returning to these locations in 2018, plus St. Mary's College.

Now, I would like to thank our new 2018 board volunteer:

Sharon Hopkins, Co-Communications Director

*Welcome aboard!*

#### **We have committee volunteers who give hours of their time performing many jobs for you. I would like to thank them for all of the work they do:**

Samantha McNally, Plein Air

Charlotte Morris, Terrie Moore (chair), Joe Tingali, and Barb Bochenek, Video Library  
*(Charlotte has since retired from the position and handed the baton to Terrie)*

Anne Jacobson, Janet Groza, Workshop Publicity  
*(Anne retired from the position, Janet took over)*

Sandy Morea and Susan Scolnick, Co-Hospitality  
Sally Noble, Anne Jacobson, Workshops Registrar  
*(Sally retired from the position, Anne volunteered to be temporary registrar until a new person takes over)*

Georganne Zaro-Eddy, Marianne Elliott and Maggie Metcalf, Outreach Assistants

Chris Harper-Triplett, Janet Groza, Webmaster  
*(Chris retired from the position, Janet took over)*

#### **I would like to acknowledge our staff:**

Anne Jacobson, Samantha McNally, Membership/Data Manager  
*(Anne retired from the position and trained Samantha to take over)*

Patricia Rosa, Newsletter Editor

Melissa Alva, Bookkeeper

Thank you, CWA members, for all of your support this year and I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season!

Please forgive me if I've missed your name, it was unintentional.

*Carol Husslein*



**Reception for the Artists and the Public**

December 13, 2017  
1:00 to 3:00pm

CCC Administration Building  
651 Pine Street  
Martinez, California

*Contra Costa County Administration Building is open to the public.*

**Lobby Gallery Hours:**  
Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm  
through December 31

# CWA Community Outreach About Face: Self-Portraits in Watermedia

**The California Watercolor Association’s Community Outreach and Contra Costa County Arts Commission salute our Vets with this new exhibit.**

The walls of the Contra Costa County Administration Building are lined with 47 veterans’ self-portrait paintings in watermedia. The venue is the handsome, marble-walled CCC Administration Building where there is lots of foot traffic. This thought-provoking exhibit is a combined effort of AboutFace, CWA Community Outreach volunteers and local veterans. As the show was going up, passers-by commented on the paintings noting the power of walls of veterans’ self-portraits.

Each painter faced the challenge of painting themselves in a large (18” x 12”) format using only a hand mirror as their visual source. They were encouraged to let all their feelings come out in watermedia. It’s an honor for all of the veterans to see their work matted, framed and up on display. We are happy for them.



CWA volunteer Carol Smith and friend Joe

CWA volunteer Carol Smith and friend Joe, a veteran, with the assistance of Sheila, Victoria, and Roger, hung the exhibit. Carol and Joe did 85% of the work. Thank you Carol and Joe!

**Extra! Extra! Read all about it in the *Martinez News-Gazette!***  
“County Admin Building Becomes Gallery for Veterans’ Paintings”  
by Donna Beth Weilenman on November 5, 2017.

To read the article about the show, go to <http://martinezgazette.com/?s=aboutface>.

**You can help put on the reception for the Veterans on December 13.**

**To volunteer for CWA Community Outreach go to [outreach@californiawatercolor.org](mailto:outreach@californiawatercolor.org).**

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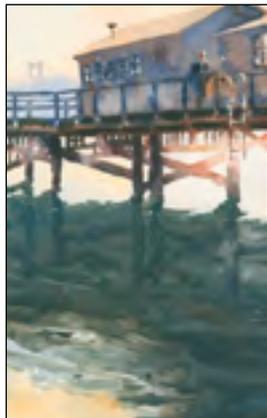
## About Face: Self-Portraits in Watermedia



Watercolor Self-Portraits



Acrylic Self-Portraits



### Michael Reardon

2 Days | January 26-27  
**Watercolor Techniques**  
 Advanced Beginner to Advanced  
 CWA Members \$275  
 Non-Members \$335  
 Michael will share information from his latest book, *Watercolor Techniques*.  
 Artist website at [www.mreardon.com](http://www.mreardon.com).



### Steve Rogers, AWS, NWS, TWSA

4 Days | February 19-22  
**Painting Light and Color in Watercolor**  
 Intermediate to Advanced  
 CWA Members \$470  
 Non-Members \$530  
 Steve will encourage students to advance their own vision and to improve the skills necessary to communicate that in watercolor.  
 Artist website at [www.watercolorsbYROgers.com](http://www.watercolorsbYROgers.com)



### Jeannie McGuire

4 Days | March 19-22  
**Figurative Design – Character is More**  
 Advanced Beginner to Advanced  
 CWA Members \$520  
 Non-Members \$580  
 Jeannie will share many aspects of her art through versatile projects and extended experimentation.  
 Artist website at [www.jeanniemcguire.com](http://www.jeanniemcguire.com).



### Eric Wiegardt, AWS-DF, NWS

4 Days | April 18-21  
**Wiegardt's Painterly Watercolors**  
 Advanced Beginner to Advanced  
 CWA Members \$595  
 Non-Members \$655  
 Eric's workshops are designed to loosen up even the tightest painter and break the niggling detail habit.  
 Artist website at [www.ericwiegardt.com](http://www.ericwiegardt.com).



### Iain Stewart

3 Days | July 19-21  
**Painting Light in Watercolor**  
 Advanced Beginner to Advanced  
 CWA Members \$415  
 Non-Members \$475  
 Iain will explore the medium of watercolor in a relaxing and creative environment.  
 Artist website at <http://tiny.cc/jyoloy>.



### Ted Nuttall

4 Days | August 14-17  
**Painting the Figure from Photographs**  
 Advanced Beginner to Advanced  
 CWA Members \$595  
 Non-Members \$655  
 Ted will demonstrate the techniques, and instill the confidence to enjoy painting people.  
 Artist website at [www.tednuttall.com](http://www.tednuttall.com).



### Lian Quan Zhen

3 Days | September 20-22  
**Free and Fun - Color Pouring and Paint Around with 3 Watercolors**  
 Beginners to Advanced  
 CWA Members \$415  
 Non-Members \$475  
 Lian teaches basic techniques such as compositions and coloring, and his unique methods of "Color Pouring and Blending" and "Paint Around" (negative painting).  
 Artist website at [www.lianspainting.com](http://www.lianspainting.com).

For full workshop descriptions and online registration, go to:  
<http://www.californiawatercolor.org/classes.php>

For more information, email us at:  
[registrar@californiawatercolor.org](mailto:registrar@californiawatercolor.org)



## newsletter deadline info

The deadline for  
January newsletter is  
**December 15.**

Send articles and photos to:  
**Patricia Rosa**  
newsletter@californiawatercolor.org

## membership/ data manager

Mail all changes of address,  
phone number and email to:  
cwa.data@gmail.com  
c/o CWA P.O. Box 4631  
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## monthly meetings

Meetings are held the third  
Wednesday of each month  
(except June and December)  
7:30pm

### Center for Community Arts

111 N. Wiget Lane  
Walnut Creek, CA  
(NW corner of Wiget Lane and  
Ygnacio Valley Road).

## cwa workshop info

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## e-newsletter info

To receive this newsletter  
electronically please send a note to  
our Data Manager with the email  
address at which you wish  
to receive the newsletter.

# 48<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2018

Marin Society of Artists  
Main Gallery, 1515 3rd Street, San Rafael, California  
January 3 – 31, 2018



Poppies and Agave by Carolyn Lord

ARTIST RECEPTION & AWARDS  
JANUARY 6, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

 water+color  
CALIFORNIA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION

# member news



**Spirit of Capitola by Barbara Tapp**

**Barbara Tapp** won second place for “The Spirit of Capitola,” in the November, 4-day, Capitola Plein Air Competition. Prize of \$800 purchase for the City’s public art collection and Honorable Mention for “Morning Fishing.” Judged by Laurie Kersey.



**Garden Tapestry by Nancy Roberts**

**Juanita Hagberg** had two paintings accepted into “Artistas Naturalistas” - The Art of Nature Show. Show dates are November 1, 2017 - January 1, 2018 in the Bankhead Theater at the Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center located at 2400 First Street in Livermore.

## Welcome New Members

Karen Bash  
Pamela Haunschild  
Sarah O’Connor  
Annie Patel  
Vicky Pebsworth



**Big Sur Gateway by Larry Cannon, CWA**

**Larry Cannon, CWA.** Larry’s watercolor “Big Sur Gateway” has received the First Place Award in the “Laguna Plein Air Painters Association (LPAPA) Art & Nature Exhibition” at the Forest and Ocean Gallery in Laguna Beach. Larry is also a Signature Member of LPAPA. “Big Sur Gateway” has also recently been exhibited at the Bennington Center for the Arts in Vermont.



**Nancy Roberts** will have a solo exhibit at the Milinda Perry Gallery in Benicia, January 1 - February 28, 2018. Reception is January 19 from 5:00-7:00pm with a brief artist’s talk at 6:00pm. “Joyful Color” will showcase Nancy’s recent acrylic landscapes and cityscapes. At the Milinda Perry Gallery, 117 East F Street in Benicia. For more info visit [www.nancyrobertsstudio.com](http://www.nancyrobertsstudio.com) or call (707) 361-5097.



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Vacant

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Maggie Metcalf

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Barb Bochenek

Joe Tringali

*plein air* Samantha McNally

*panel rental* Carol Husslein

*cwa webmaster* Janet Groza

## show news

### 'Tis the Season of Celebration, Gratitude and Appreciation!

Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society is showcasing some beautiful art made by local artists in the valley at Hobee's Café Montague at 680 River Oaks Parkway in San Jose. While finding a place to host such exhibition is difficult, we are proud to have Hobee's Restaurant as our partner for the "Small Treasures" Exhibition. The original arts at display range between \$100 and \$400 and make for a thoughtful and meaningful gift for your loved ones. Please stop by at the Café to tour the exhibition and buy an original art for your loved ones and support a local artist! Open to the public during restaurant hours from November 1, 2017- January 15, 2018.

### SEBARTS Call for Entries –“Year of the Dog”

2018 is the Chinese “Year of the Dog,” a great inspiration for a woofing show. From Coolidge to Keith Haring, from hunting scenes to Picasso's “Le Chien.” the four-legged friend has always taken a special place in the arts. We invite you to submit your version of “The Dog(s)” in any medium you like. We hope to receive paintings and drawings, photography and prints, collages, book art and fiber art but also dogs in clay, glass, recycled materials or ANY other medium. Surprise us with your skill and/or creativity.

Show Dates: January 5 - February 11, 2018

Jurors: Curator Amy Owen and Kara Q. Smith

Deadline for submissions: December 11, 2017!!!

For the prospectus go to:

[http://sebarts.org/images/uploads/Prospectus\\_Year\\_of\\_the\\_Dog\\_pdf.pdf](http://sebarts.org/images/uploads/Prospectus_Year_of_the_Dog_pdf.pdf)

To apply online go to:

<https://www.entrythingy.com/d=sebarts.org#show=4172>

## workshop corner/ artist getaways

### Michael Reardon Workshop

Please join Michael Reardon for a week long workshop in the heart of Spain next spring, May 21-24, 2018. The workshop will be held in beautiful Olmeda de las Fuentes, Spain, known as the Village of Painters. Larissa Gonzalez of Art Courses in Spain has designed a unique program of painting and instruction at a very reasonable cost.

For more information, go to [www.artcoursesinspain.com](http://www.artcoursesinspain.com) or email Larissa at [larissa.gonzalez@gmail.com](mailto:larissa.gonzalez@gmail.com).

# CWA 2017/18 Calendar

## 2017 Meetings & Demos

December—Winter Break  
NO MEETING

## 2018 Meetings & Demos

January 17, 2018 Daniel Smith

February 21, 2018 Steve Rogers

March 21, 2018 Jeannie McGuire

April 18, 2018 Eric Wiegardt

May 16, 2018 Gary Bergren

June—Summer Break NO MEETING

July 18, 2018 Iain Stewart

August 15, 2018 Ted Nuttall

September 19, 2018 Lian Quan Zhen

October 17, 2018 TBD

November 21, 2018 TBD

December—Winter Break NO MEETING

## 2018 CWA Workshops

January 26-27, 2018 Michael Reardon

February 19-22, 2018 Steve Rogers

March 19-22, 2018 Jeannie McGuire

April 18-21, 2018 Eric Wiegardt

July 19-21, 2018 Ian Stewart

August 14-17, 2018 Ted Nuttall

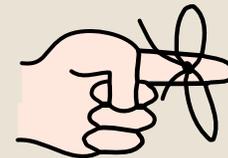
September 20-22, 2018 Lian Quan Zhen

## 2018 Plein Air

Our plein air dates for 2018 will be on the Saturday after the General meeting. Stay tuned for the times and locations.

If you have any good ideas for a plein air location please email [sam@samanthamcnally.com](mailto:sam@samanthamcnally.com) and we will try to add it to our calendar.

**See you out there!**  
**Samantha McNally**

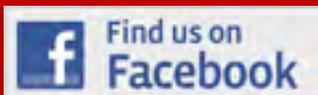


## Plan Ahead!

Submissions for the newsletter must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication!

**January Newsletter Deadline is December 15th**

Send to [newsletter@californiawatercolor.org](mailto:newsletter@californiawatercolor.org)



Photos of Paint Outs, CWA show winners, and Monthly Demos are on [www.facebook.com/californiawatercolor](http://www.facebook.com/californiawatercolor)