



## from the president California Watercolor Association

**“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”**

**— Pablo Picasso**



I am thankful every day of my life that I have found a creative outlet when faced with the realities of the world around me and I do feel as if the “dust of everyday life” falls away the minute I pick up a pencil or brush. How comforting is that?

When I hear or read disturbing news I shake my head, make a few comments out loud either to my husband or two dogs who all listen intently. I then go to my studio (dining room table) and paint.

That creativity does not need to be limited to painting; all forms of creation can transport our soul from the negative to the positive. Baking

bread, planting in a garden, building a piece of furniture or creating a beautiful swan out of folding a piece of paper. Maybe, just maybe as we reach out to the world with our paintings, we can encourage creation in others, not just in the form of watercolor painting but also in expressing interest in what others create!

I’m always amazed and humbled by what we humans can create. Let’s continue to paint and encourage others to find their “art” in the world around us.

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