

Hawai'i Watercolor Society



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2-27
2024 HWS Members Show
Downtown Art Center

April 13
HEART of Honolulu
Art Street Festival
11am-4pm on Nuuanu

April 19
5-7pm at Downtown Art Center
Members Show Gallery Event
Artist talks, pupus, wine

HWS BOD Meeting
Thursday May 2, 4:00pm
All members welcome to attend
via Zoom. Send a message to
[info@hawaiiwatercolorso-
ciety.org](mailto:info@hawaiiwatercolorso-
ciety.org) with Board meeting attendance
in subject line

HWS newsletter now available on the
HWS website WITHOUT a password.
Go to [https://www.hawaiiwatercolorso-
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President's Letter

And now, a few quotes by some famous people:

Art is not a privilege, it's a right. It's a fundamental part of being human.
Carmen Lomas Garza

The sun will not rise or set without my notice, and thanks. *Winslow Homer*

Because watercolor actually moves on the paper, it is the most active of
all mediums, almost a performance art. *Nita Engle*

I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life and I've never let it
keep me from a single thing that I wanted to do. *Georgia O'Keefe*

Watercolor is an alchemical medium - colors mixing with water, joining
with it, being extended by it - creating new life where none had been before.
Joseph Raffael

Cultivate an ever continuous power of observation. Wherever you are, be
always ready to make slight notes of postures, groups and incidents. Store up
in the mind... a continuous stream of observations from which to make
selections later. Above all things get abroad, see the sunlight and everything
that is to be seen. *John Singer Sargent*

There are no rules. That is how art is born, how breakthroughs happen.
Go against the rules or ignore the rules. That is what invention is all about.
Helen Frankenthaler

After a few thousand watercolors you will find that you have fallen in love
with paper and paint. *Rex Brandt*



Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain
an artist once we grow up. *Pablo Picasso*

Keep on painting, making art from your heart!

Aloha,

Donna Sommer

HWS
2024
Members'
Show
Awards



Dan Marshall &
Donna Sommer

Our annual Members Show is up on the walls at Downtown Art Center! We had a good turnout for the First Friday opening reception, April 5. Juror **Dan Marshall** was present to share a statement about the show and President **Donna Sommer** presided over the awards ceremony. Award winners were **Rochelle Weidner**, **Kelly Kimura**, **Alexandra Eyer**, **Brennan Simcock**, and **Carolyn Majewski**. Congratulations to all the artists—award-winners, show participants, and everyone who entered their creations!



Golden Callus Award for Best in Show
Presented by the Hon Chew Hee Art Fund of the
Hawaii Community Foundation
Carolyn Majewski *"Festival Performers Next Up"*



The Charles E. Higa Award
Presented by Peter Drewliner
Brennan Simcock
"Homage to Pele #2"



The Juror's Award
Presented by Alexander & Baldwin
Kelly Kimura *"Faerie"*



The M Graham & Co. Award
Presented by M Graham & Co.
Alexandra Eyer *"The Artist Again"*



**The Hawaiian Graphics, Art Source
& Design & Sunshine Gallery Award**
Presented by Hawaiian Graphics, Art
Source & Design & Sunshine Gallery
Rochelle Weidner *"Early Walk"*

Frames for Sale

Artist Juno Galang is retiring and relocating to the Philippines. He is selling koa frames, all solid koa with scoop; sizes range from 11x14 to 30x40, priced \$15-300; accepting checks and cash. All frames sold as is. **Contact Juno at 808-748-1394.** He will be in Hawaii April 5-12. Everything must go!



Have art materials to sell? If valued at \$100 or more, you may list your items in the HWS newsletter. Send your description, prices, contact information to info@hawaiiwatercolorociety.org

HWS Gratefully Acknowledges and Thanks Its 2024 Members' Exhibition Award donors

The Hawaii Watercolor Society is deeply grateful for donations made by entities and individuals to support our exhibitions.

The following generously provided awards for our artists for the HWS 2024 Members' Exhibition held at the Downtown Art Center and now displayed virtually on the HWS website at hawaiiwatercolor-society.org:

The Hon Chew Hee Art Fund
of the
Hawaii Community Foundation

Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

Peter Drewliner

M Graham & Co.

Hawaiian Graphics

Art Source & Design

Sunshine Art Gallery

HWS and its membership would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of these community minded individuals and entities for their generosity in support of our artists and for the role they play in the promotion of the arts in our community. Mahalo!!!

Dan Marshall Workshop

HWS members got a preview of Dan Marshall's technique at a free demo April 1. It was followed by a four-day plein air workshop. Here are some peeks at the week.



Dan with Dwayne Adams



Jimmy Tablante with Dan

Meg Stone Remembrance

by Roger Whitlock

Long-time member of HWS, Meg Stone has died at 98. Meg joined HWS in its early days and was a student of its founder, Hon Chu Hee. She loved remembering what he once said of one of her paintings: “Beautiful color, Meg, all the wrong places.” In the early years of HWS she exhibited her work in HWS and Windward Arts shows, and sold it along with other Windward painters in Kailua on Sundays. A painting of hers that sticks in my mind was of brown bags, open grocery bags. Even something as common as a paper bag could make a wonderful painting.

I first met Meg in the late 1980s at Foster Garden, where a group of us gathered on Friday mornings. Some, like myself, came every week. Meg did, and so did Annie Irons, Lynne Smith, Kimiko Jinbo, and a little later, Spencer Chang. Many other watercolor painters, including visitors to Oahu, came as the years passed (and many are still coming). After we’d painted at different spots in the Garden, we gathered on a bench by the bathrooms (later, in the gazebo after it was built) to eat lunch, show our work, and give each other feedback. Meg had a “good eye.” She could appreciate—and celebrate—work she saw; she could also tell the painter what she thought wasn’t “working.” Her feedback was sought—and useful (if you wanted to hear it). Over the years, I learned a lot from Meg. To this day, I hear her voice in my head when I’m painting—“Watch out for that triangle corner,” she’d say.

“I’m not a *plein-air* painter,” she always declared. At Foster Garden, she’d pull up her lawn chair in front of something that interested her, a plant or a flower, and draw it. She had started coming to the garden after her husband died, to be with other people, “with painters,” she’d say. We celebrated Meg’s 80th birthday at Foster Garden. Bill, her youngest son, brought lunch for us all. Ten years later, he again brought us lunch when Meg turned 90. Soon after, she moved to San Marcos, Texas, first to a retirement home, then to her eldest son’s house. She became deaf, she could no longer see very well. But she never lost it. Her mind was sharp until the end. One of Meg’s watercolors hangs in my studio. It’s a full-sheet painting of Foster Garden, of the entry to the path that leads into the center of the beautiful garden. If I close my eyes, I can still see Meg coming up the walkway pushing her ancient grocery cart. Good memories.



Meg Stone



Meg & Roger



Friends at Foster Garden



KI'IKAU
PRINTERS

Some of you may know **Kiikau** as a great place in Kakaako to get artwork scanned and printed. They are now printing notecards! They produce two sizes, both come with envelopes:

4.5 x 5.8 = \$3.25 + tax or \$4.25 + tax with plastic sleeve

5.5 x 7.4 = \$3.50 + tax or \$4.50 + tax with plastic sleeve

There is no minimum for ordering; turnaround time depends on how many cards are printed. When ordering, **Kiikau** will furnish a template to follow to make the printing process easier for everyone. They do **NOT** do borderless printing (image bleed); all cards will have a 1/4" border.

Contact **Dee Rabanal** at **Kiikau**,
808-312-3316, dee@keekaupters.com

2024 Board Members

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We are looking for someone to fill our VP slot as well as someone willing to transition into the Awards position. Want to help out and join our fun group? Email info@hawaiiwatercolor-society.org

Watercolor Workshop with Paul Jackson

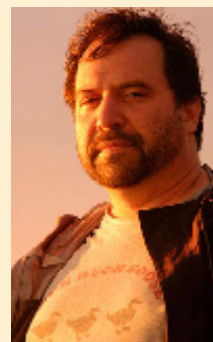
AWS-DE, NWS

August 31 - September 4, 2024

Painting Dramatic Tropical Light in Watercolor

Kona, Hawaii

Fee \$750



Internationally acclaimed watercolorist, **Paul Jackson**, AWS-DE, NWS will be hosting a watercolor workshop **August 31-Sep 4, 2024** from **9:30am-3:30pm**

Join Paul in paradise for “**A Big Island Workshop**” and learn to see & recreate the dramatic qualities of tropical light. Paul will demonstrate his layered approach to highlight and shadow for dramatic effect. All skill levels, including beginners are welcome to attend.

RSVP by June 1st to secure your space for this rare opportunity to paint with master watercolorist, **Paul Jackson**.

For more info or to register visit PaulJackson.com or Contact: Marla Jackson at Marla@PaulJackson.com or Diane Tunnell at diane@dianetunnellart.com/phone #808-430-4224

FEATURED ARTIST

Dan Finnell

Originally hailing from Texas and currently living in Overland Park, Kansas (his wife's home state), Dan Finnell is an architect-turned-artist. Self-taught as a painter, he has made it his focus since 2018. Dan teaches at the University of Kansas College of Architecture and teaches watercolor at the Overland Park Jewish Heritage Center.

Since Christmas 2008, Dan's visited Hawaii regularly, spending time on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Lanai and the Big Island. He says, "My creative work usually starts when I have a memory that brings a smile from that moment in time. Then I'll typically go back through my extensive photos to locate that date / experience and look at the image to decide how best to capture it. There have been a few small *plein air* pieces over the years while on island,



Surf Kansas



Sunset Rest



Leeward Lahaina



Hilo Street Artist



Aumakua



Hilo Farmers Market

but all of the large work is done back in the studio upon my return.

He adds, "Through numerous trips I've been blessed with a series of island experiences that have left me forever changed. Whether it's visiting family on Oahu, doing business on Maui or following *honu* in the sea, Hawaii leaves its blessings upon your soul."

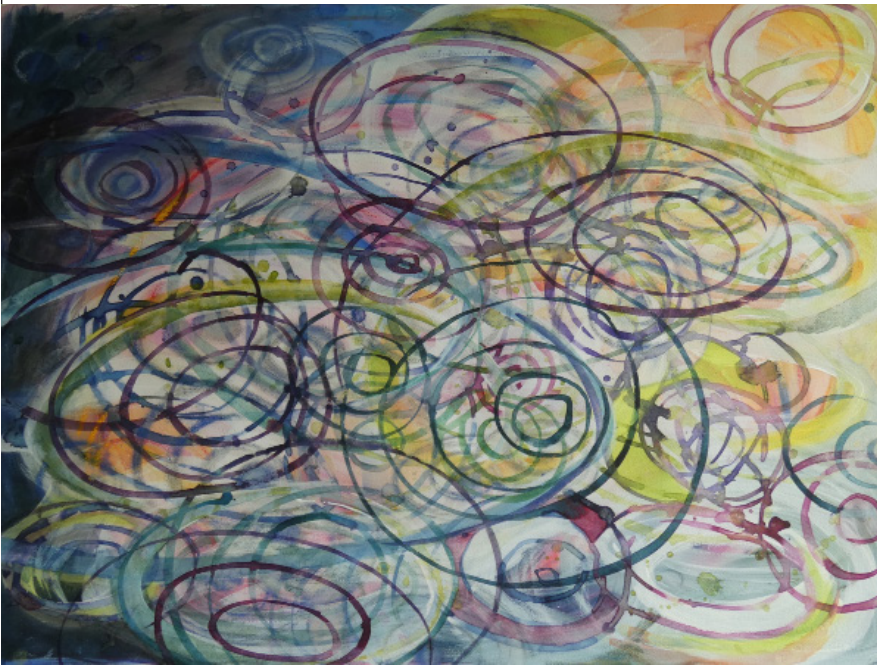


Lahaina Harbor

Newsletter Gallery

The April theme was *April Showers*. Our prompt for next month is *Celebrating with Lei*. You can send your images to info@hawaiiwatercolorsociety.org with “newsletter gallery” in the subject line by April 30 for the May issue. Include your name and title of the work. Limit one submission per artist per month.

Have ideas for gallery themes? Send in your suggestions to info@hawaiiwatercolorsociety.org.



Tamara Moan, *Water Song*



Chloe Tomomi, *Soothed*



Dwayne Adams, *Rainy over Kaneohe Bay*

New Member / Member News

We have a bumper crop of new members this month which takes us over the 250-member mark! Please welcome to our newest members:

Jami Amerine
Kailua

Drew Jernigan
Kaneohe

Dorene Char
Kaneohe

Ivy Kwong
Ewa Beach

Connie Hennings-Chilton
(returning Signature Member)
Kailua

Dorothy Zapinski
Kailua

Susan Inouye
Honolulu

Membership Chair Kelly Kimura is looking for someone to take over her duties. Could this be you??
Skill set: able to use Excel or similar database, and time required is usually a couple of hours a week, more when there are large projects, but Kelly will still be available to help. Any questions or if available, email Kelly at miyuki.arts@gmail.com.

If you have changes to your information in our Members' Roster, email info@hawaiiwatercolorssociety.org



DAVINCI PAINT CO.

Da Vinci watercolor prices are regularly discounted at 50%, and HWS members are exclusively offered an additional 15% discount when they use the coupon code "Aloha" on non-sale items. Shipping is a flat rate of \$5.00 for orders over \$50. This offer is exclusive to HWS members. Not for re-sale.
www.davincipaints.com

Ongoing Paint Outs

Free Tuesday
Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden Workshop
9:30 am
Contact Garden Office (808-233-7323) or
Young Schlack (youngschlack@yahoo.com)

Wednesday Paint Out Windward Wanderers
9:00 am-noon
Contact Roger Tinius for locations
(rtmisawa@netzero.com)

Thursday Paint Out at Foster Garden
9:00 am-noon

Members Benefits

Hawaiian Graphics

1923 S. Beretania, Honolulu
10% off entire purchase / 25% off fine art paper

Art Attacks

3390 Campbell Avenue, #A, Honolulu
25% discount on framing

Sunshine Arts

47-653 Kamehameha Hwy, Kahaluu
10% discount on all custom matting and framing

Art Source & Designs, LLC (Diane Ko)

212 Monohua, Honolulu
15% off framing, call 352-8242 for appointment

Maalea Press LLC (Peter Sieg)

11 Furneaux Lane, Hilo
10% off all orders with a 20% discount on first time orders, call 808-969-9200

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