

# Hawai'i Watercolor Society



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 1**

**Dan Marshall FREE demo**

2-4pm at Downtown Art Center

**April 2-5**

**Dan Marshall Workshop**

9:30am-3:30pm

**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

**No HWS BOD meeting in April**

Next meeting: **Thursday May 2**

**4:00pm**

All members welcome to attend via Zoom. Send a message to [info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org](mailto:info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org) with Board meeting attendance in subject line

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## President's Letter

### *Giving is Receiving*

Have you ever thought about sharing all you know about watercolors by teaching others young and old, either in a classroom or one on one, to your family or community? I find every time I do, it is very rewarding, and I learn as much as the students do, if not more!

Just like planning a painting, teaching art in any medium requires a detailed plan. But fear not! Online resources for art lesson plans are plentiful, providing learning objectives, activities to support your goals, and how to write lesson plans step by step. For kids of all ages, I have found Blick Art has a huge variety of free lesson plans, 2-D and 3-D, in all mediums.

Are you a passionate artist who loves teaching, is patient, inspirational and can engage with students? Just maybe you are an experienced art teacher who has something already in mind, and would love to teach? This is available to you through our local in-person workshops, as well as some of our events. Contact us if you are interested. Great artists don't always make great teachers and great teachers aren't always great artists. Keep in mind that every master was once a student.

*It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.* — Albert Einstein

Keep on painting, making art from your heart!



Aloha,

Donna Sommer

## Painting with Intention: Developing a Path to Stronger Watercolors with Daniel Marshall

**Register today for this 4 day live fun filled *plein air* workshop. Tuesday-Friday, April 2-5, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Fee: \$575**

This is a *plein air* workshop with some classroom instruction at Downtown Art Center. All levels are welcome to come paint in the spectacular beauty of tropical Hawai'i.

You will learn to paint expressive, atmospheric, impressionist watercolors, build on your strengths and identify areas for your individual growth with instruction and guidance from Dan Marshall. This *plein air* workshop will focus on composition, design, consistency of wash and proper use of tone to help you elevate your watercolors to fine art paintings! Develop the ability to see shapes and tones, establish a consistent painting process, exploit "mistakes," refine and further develop your technique and take your paintings to the next level. There will be serious work and serious FUN!

In his demo and lecture sessions, Dan will share detailed skills: drawing rhythmically with a loose



accuracy, keeping everything loose to go beyond just coloring in your drawing; Keeping connectivity and color harmony working for you; Using varying consistencies of pigment in relation to the degree of wetness in the paper; Varying types of edges and subtly shifting value and temperature to create visual depth and interest. Sounds like a lot!... but boy is it fun to start truly understanding and exploring the creation process. It's a real privilege to learn from this great master of watercolor.

Register now: <https://www.hawaiewatercolorssociety.org/workshop>

### 2024 Members Show

**Come see the show!** Invite your friends to stop by! April 2-27, 2024 at the Downtown demo Monday, April 1, 2-4pm at DAC. 1041 Nu`uanu Avenue, 2nd Floor, Honolulu

Juror Dan Marshall will be giving a **FREE** demo Monday April 1, 2-4 pm at DAC. He'll also be leading a workshop on *plein air* painting **April 2-5, 9:30am-3:30pm**.

Opening reception and awards ceremony on first Friday, April 5, 5:30-7:30 pm April 19, 5-7pm. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11-6 pm, Sunday 11-5 pm.

The show features 52 works by 33 member artists all working in water media. We received 130 submissions from 47 artists. Also featured in the gallery are recent works by Hawaiian glass artists (not juried). We'll also be hosting a gallery event Friday April 19, 507 pm. Come enjoy the artists, munch some pupus, enjoy a glass of wine and hear award winners talk about their work.

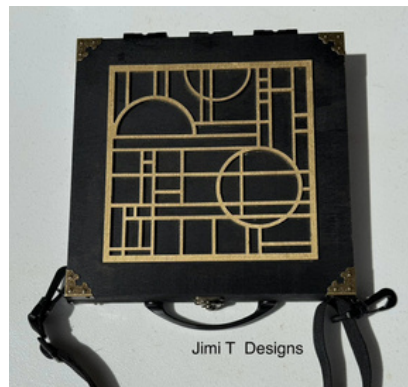
\*Exhibit sales available directly on the HWS website: [www.hawaiewatercolorssociety.org](http://www.hawaiewatercolorssociety.org)

## Tips & Tricks

*Jimmy Tablante*

Outdoor painting is my favorite thing to do and to paint in actual beautiful places. This gives me more challenges and excitement, especially if I'm using water media. In my outdoor experiences, I find that on this journey I need the right and best materials, including having a light pochade easel box, well designed and planned. I did have a "bad" experience with my old French pochade easel box that was big and heavy.

As a designer, I decided to create and design my own mini and handy light easel box. From here I did a lot of planning and designs until I arrived at a simple design that I could easily carry and install and on which I can use 9"x12" or 12"x15" paper, the best size in *plein air* painting. I don't use big size watercolor paper on site--it's impossible to finish my painting in a short amount of time. This is how I started to make my mini easel box and here are some of my designs.



*If you'd like to know more about building or buying an easel, contact Jimmy at [jtdesignsonline@gmail.com](mailto:jtdesignsonline@gmail.com)*

**HEART  
of Honolulu  
April 13!**

Want to paint in public with a guaranteed audience? Share your work and make some sales? We'll also be promoting our HWS Members Show, handing out postcards and directing folks to the gallery upstairs at DAC. If you participate, you must commit to manning our tent for some portion of the event (11am-4pm). This is a great opportunity—no cost to HWS members!

Email [info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org](mailto:info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org) to sign up.



**Kanehūnamoku:  
West Oahu wahipana from Maraea to Kāena  
raising awareness and support to protect and preserve**



Selected prints and paintings by  
**Jan Beckett** and **Dawn Yoshimura**  
on view through June 30, 2024

Artist Talk:  
**Reconciliation and Transformation  
of Makua through Art**  
Monday April 8 noon-2 pm  
All are welcome!

UH West Oahu  
James and Abigail Campbell Library, Main Floor  
91-1001 Farrington Highway, Kapolei HI 96707  
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm Closed Sat & Sun

For more info contact:  
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April 2-5  
Register online:  
[http://www.hawaiewatercolor-  
society.org/workshop](http://www.hawaiewatercolor-society.org/workshop)

## 2024 Board Members

**President:** Donna Sommer  
**VP:**  
**Treasurer:** Martha Hernandez  
**Secretary:** Linda Umstead  
**Member at Large:** Lovelyn Voorhees  
**Trustees:** Frances Hill  
Patrice Federspiel  
Sharon Billingsley

### Standing Committees:

**Awards:** Nancy Taylor  
**Workshops:** Sheyla Stevens  
**PR:** Linda Umstead  
**Social Media:** Barbara Falvey  
**Newsletter:** Tamara Moan, Elsa Lee

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@hawaiewatercolor-society.org](mailto:info@hawaiewatercolor-society.org)

**FEATURED ARTIST**

**Laurel Portner**

Born and raised in Michigan, Laurel always wanted to try something artistic. In 1994 she moved to Sarasota, Florida where she took classes in acrylic painting. Beginning in the late 1990s, she and her husband began to spend winter months in Hawaii and made a permanent move after 9/11. Both their daughters moved to Hawaii and they had another family island connection as well, Laurel's brother-in-law. Laurel's niece is the artist Maya Portner.

It's Maya who initially pointed Laurel to the Kindred Spirits portrait group that Yoko Radke ran for years, first at Paki Hale, then later at Linekona. Laurel helped Yoko schedule models and eventually took over as coordinator. Laurel began with watercolor in a George Woollard class at UH years ago. She says, "I was hooked. He's such a good teacher. I started playing with watercolor and I stuck with it because we were traveling and it was perfect for that." She studied with Mark Norseth, Patrice Federspiel, and others at Linekona. Now she paints regularly with a local group that meets online. Together they choose a subject and paint

together. She loves it for the community and camaraderie.



*Dapper Len!*



*Planting taro*



*Dancing Orchids*



*Friends share!*



*On my boat*



*At the beach*



## Newsletter Gallery

The March theme was *My Neighborhood*. Our prompt for next month is *April Showers*. You can send your images to [info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org](mailto:info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org) with “newsletter gallery” in the subject line by March 31 for the April 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@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org](mailto:info@hawaiewatercolorssociety.org).



Spencer Chang, *Wo Fat*



Dwayne Adams, *Pop-Up at Buzz's*



Sherry Cavin, *Sunrise over Maunaloa Bay*

## 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

To get a reminder email, send a note to Bessie Jacinto, [bjacinto@bjacinto.com](mailto:bjacinto@bjacinto.com)

## New Member / Member News

### Welcome to our newest members:

**Alice Flitter**  
Honolulu

**Carolyn Majewski**  
Honolulu

**Norman Manio**  
Honolulu

**Larissa Marks**  
Kapolei

**Madeleine  
Mazzola** Honolulu

### Friendly reminder:

*If you have moved or if any of your contact information (address, phone, email) has changed in the last year, please let our membership committee know. You can email*

**miyuki.arts@gmail.com** or fill out the form at

**<https://forms.gle/uKg-5FecbmEnLVy6N8>**

## 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

### Da Vinci Artists Colors

[www.DaVinciPaints.com](http://www.DaVinciPaints.com)

Additional 15% discount with coupon code "Aloha" 7



## 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](http://www.davincipaints.com)