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Convention and Workshop  
September 21-27

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PUNTA GORDA

WORKSHOPS:  
JUDY MORRIS  
DONNA ZAGOTTA

Kathy Bostwick, President



Hi everyone!

If you've never treated yourself to a FWS workshop, or convention weekend before, believe me, this is the year to start; because I have a fabulous holiday planned for you at southwest Florida's hidden gem, the luxurious Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

The fun begins on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> when two nationally known AWS, NWS artists, Judy Morris (our juror), and Donna Zagotta, will each teach a 4 day workshop. I suggest that you sign up soon, as space is limited.

On Thursday evening, to start the fun, Judy Morris will give the first demonstration! The ever popular Tradeshow will be held all day Friday and Saturday, as well as demonstrations, lectures, book signings, and slide critiques. This year we will even have a critique done digitally! Check the "Events" link in the future for details.

**Did you know that you can now register for the convention or workshops online?** You can! Go to: [www.floridawatercolorsociety.org](http://www.floridawatercolorsociety.org) and click on the long banner at the top of the page. Also, make sure to keep an eye on the "Events" link. I will post Convention details there when they become available.

Regarding this year's exhibition, I hope you have been able to find a way to get slides made. However, if you have been experiencing difficulties, check out the "News" page on our website for a couple of solutions. "Remember, your entries must be postmarked by June 19, 2009.

The opening reception for our show will be held on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. For your convenience we have arranged for buses to take you from the hotel to the exhibit and back again.



*Maecenas pulvinar sagittis enim.*

The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, located just south of Fort Myers, offers luxurious accommodations featuring spectacular views of Estero Bay, Bonita and Fort Myers beaches and Big Hickory Island.

On Saturday evening it will be our honor to announce our Award Winners and our New FWS Signature Members at our awards banquet at the Hyatt. Please see the "Events" page for the menu choices; there are four.

On Sunday Morning, please make time for our Annual General Membership Meeting. Everyone is Welcome and encouraged to come and spend a little more time with us before running home to paint.

It takes a lot of man/woman power to make the FWS weekend the great event that it is, so, please offer to dedicate a little of your time, and make new friends while helping your organization. E-mail Nina Sedule-Ross at [creationsgallery@gmail.com](mailto:creationsgallery@gmail.com) to volunteer your time.

I look forward to meeting with each and every one of you. Please say Hi, when you see me or any other board member. We'd love to hear your ideas for FWS.

Happy Painting!

Kathy Bostwick

President 2009

Charlotte  
County Visual  
Arts Center  
Punta Gorda  
will host the  
2009 Florida  
Watercolor  
Society Show



Judy Morris

Judy Morris earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in art education from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon. She taught art at South Medford High School for thirty years before retiring in 1996 to become a full time professional watercolorist. In the last fifteen years Morris has been a popular juror and workshop teacher throughout the country and in Canada, Mexico, England, Switzerland, France, Italy and Japan.

She has had numerous feature articles in national publications including the August/September 2005 issue of *INTERNATIONAL ARTIST MAGAZINE*. Her work hangs in public and private collections from California to New York, Canada to Mexico, and in Europe.

She has been a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon since 1980 and is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, and the Northwest Watercolor Society. She is also a member of the West Coast Watercolor Society whose elected membership is limited to fifty artists living in the Pacific coast states.

Her work has been included in more than a dozen recent watercolor books and publications including *SPLASH 4*, *SPLASH 5*, *SPLASH 7* (See an image of her painting on the back cover), *SPLASH 8*, *SPLASH 9*, and *SPLASH 10*. She is the author of *WATERCOLOR BASICS: LIGHT* published by North Light Books. Highlights of her sold-out book are available as an instructional CD.

Morris has been selected for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in the World 2000*, the recent edition of *Who's Who in America*. Her original watercolors are available at the Hanson Howard Gallery in Ashland, Oregon and the Rogue Gallery & Art Center in Medford, Oregon. Morris maintains her studio in *THE GUEST HOUSE GALLERY* in Medford, Oregon.

Active professionally for more than 20 years, Donna Zagotta is a nationally recognized artist and teacher. She has accumulated numerous awards including the first place awards in the 2005 Arizona Watercolor Association Exhibition and the 1997 Watercolor West Exhibition, the second place award in the 1999 National Watercolor Society Exhibition, and the Ogden and Mary Pleissner Award in the 2000 American Watercolor Society Exhibition. She is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, and Midwest Watercolor Society. Her work appears in numerous publications and can be seen on the cover of *Watercolor Expressions*, *The Artist's Magazine*, and *D&D Magazine*. She was selected as *Watercolor Magic Yearbook 2001's "Ones to Watch"*, and she was featured in *Watermedia Focus* magazine as "*An Artist Worth Noting*". Donna has been teaching classes and workshops since 1990 and she served as one of the jurors for the 2002 National Watercolor Society Exhibition.

Donna Zagotta's paintings have evolved from an early emphasis on traditional watercolor techniques and traditionally influenced realism to an unconventional use of the watercolor medium and the exploration of the area that lies between realism and abstraction. Donna has a passion for art history with a special interest in Modernism and finds inspiration in the work of Edouard Vuillard, Henri Matisse, and Richard Diebenkorn, master painters who were more focused on expressing color and spatial ideas than in rendering the particulars of subject matter.



Donna Zagotta

# Convention Schedule

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We encourage you to  
register on-line

[www.floridawatercolorsociety.org](http://www.floridawatercolorsociety.org)

Final schedule will be posted to the above website  
by August 30th

## Thursday, September 24th

7:00 pm Demonstration by Judy Morris

## Friday, September 25th

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Catalog distribution to members  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Trade Show  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Raffle tables open  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Slide Critiques  
(Must pre-register to attend slide critiques)  
6:30 pm Buses leave for Opening Reception  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Exhibition Opening Charlotte County  
Art Guild VAC

## Saturday, Sept. 26th

8:00 am Paint-Around  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Registration  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Catalog distribution to members  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Trade Show  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Raffle and Silent Auction Tables  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Slide Critiques  
(Must pre-register to attend slide critique)  
6:00 pm Cocktail Hour  
6:30 pm Painting Auction  
7:00 pm Annual Banquet  
Awards Presentation  
Introduction of new Signature Members

## Sunday, Sept. 27th

9:00 am - 10:00 am Annual General Meeting  
Presentation of 2010 Officers

Treat yourself to a  
FWS Watercolor Workshop  
with either

Judy Morris or Donna  
Zagotta at the Hyatt  
Regency Coconut Point  
Bonita Springs

September 21 thru 24, 2009

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## TRADE SHOW

This years Trade Show is rounding out to be another shopping experience that you should not miss! Even though the country has experienced some tough economic times, many of your favorite Vendors have already signed up to be in Bonita Springs. There will even be a new vendor or two to tickle your fancy! We again plan continuous demonstrations by some of your favorite local and nationally known artists, who will demonstrate the latest products and techniques. You may find that new paint color, brush or paper that will inspire you to new artistic heights! The vendors also tell me that they are planning to again dazzle you with rock bottom prices! So please plan to attend...and bring a friend.

### Members Gallery on the Website

If you are interested in joining the members gallery or have your web site linked to the fws website please contact Gary deBroekert for information and charges for this service.

Gary deBroekert  
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## “Coming in October” Attention Non-Signature Members

"A Show Designed Just For You"

Plans are in the works for the "**FIRST EVER**"  
FWS On-Line Juried Show

It will be held exclusively for FWS Non-Signature Members. The FWS On-Line Show will be juried by a nationally recognized juror and \$ CASH \$ prizes will be awarded, starting with a \$1000 First Place! You will be able to submit 2 digital entries, and the show will be presented on our Website. Please watch for Prospectus on the FWS Website.

Dues must be paid by September 27 to be eligible for this show.

### MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 2010 CONVENTION.

Where.....Innisbrook Resort, Tarpon Springs  
When.....Sept 19 - 26, 2010  
Exhibition.....Leeper-Rattner Museum, Tarpon Springs  
Juror.....Carrie Burns Brown,NWS  
Wkshp Instructor.....Kathleen Conover, NWS

Innisbrook is a first-class resort. It has been showered with awards by business publications because of it's distinguished meeting and dining venues and is a perfect location for our convention.

### A LOOK AHEAD TO OUR 2011 CONVENTION IN SARASOTA

Hyatt Sarasota will be our site for the 2011 Convention and Trade Show which will run from Sunday, September 18 through Sunday, September 25. Art Center Manatee will host the exhibition which will be held from Saturday, September 5 through Saturday, October 29 with an Opening Reception on Friday, September 23. John Salminen will be the juror as well as one of our workshop instructors, and Ann Pember will be our second workshop instructor, so save the dates.

### F Y I

YOU CAN GET HELP LOGGING IN  
TO OUR WEBSITE ,  
[floridawatercolorsociety.org](http://floridawatercolorsociety.org).

YOU,AS A MEMBER CAN KEEP  
YOUR OWN INFO UP TO DATE BY  
GOING IN AND CHANGING IT  
YOURSELF.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE TWO  
ADDRESSES CAN GO IN AND  
CHANGE THE ADDRESS TO THE  
ONE WHERE YOU WILL BE.

IF HELP IS NEEDED  
CONTACT MARY ALICE HARLEY  
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OR CALL HER AT  
727-867-7518.

SHE HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE  
YOU THAT ARE EASY TO FOLLOW.

**Leave a Legacy to FWS**

Leave a legacy to the Florida Watercolor Society, Inc. with your will or living trust and create an enduring legacy through your gift.

Your gift will help keep the funding of our scholarship program for future artists.

For more information contact Gary deBroekert 727.576.3572 or [garyoldglass@juno.com](mailto:garyoldglass@juno.com)

Please begin using and change your bookmark (favorites) to the web site [www.floridawatercolorsociety.org](http://www.floridawatercolorsociety.org) because the old web address will expire soon.

"Day at the Beach"  
by  
Sue Reynolds was  
shown in her  
One Woman Show  
in Honolulu.



**Fred L. Messersmith 1924 – 2009**

Fred Messersmith AWS, FWS was a founding member of the Florida Watercolor Society and was instrumental in its formation. His prestige as the chairman of the art department at Stetson University and his status as a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, former National Invited Juror for AWS and a Regional Vice-President of AWS gave our watercolor society much needed gravitas in those early years.

Not only did Fred serve as juror, a workshop instructor and demonstrator for some of the first FWS exhibitions, he hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual FWS Exhibition at Stetson University in 1988. And he and his beautiful wife Jane opened their home to the society for the dinner that year with an intimacy our very successful society has regrettable outgrown. At 6'4", Fred had a commanding presence but you immediately felt his gentle nature and great sense of humor. He was a giving man who always put his family first, but his passion for watercolor certainly came in a strong second. As the Art Department Chairman of a fine university for over thirty years, Fred's advocacy of watercolor stands in sharp contrast to the usual disdain so evident in most academics and his influence on countless students cannot be measured.



On a personal note, it was Fred who gave me my very first award in a small Deland art festival, circa 1975. I always thought of Fred Messersmith AWS as MR. WATERCOLOR and I still do. I also count Fred as a dear friend, a sentiment I know I share with many others at FWS.

Steve Rogers

*Definition of Watercolor  
Painting:*

Watercolor painting is defined as painting in water-soluble media on paper; either sheet, synthetic paper (e.g. Yupo), or paper mounted board, and framed under suitable glazing material. No water soluble oil product or pastels will be accepted.



Roxanne Tobaison's award winning paintings "Lemons n' Things and Plumb Juicy."

#### **Sara Dotto**

was awarded second place in the Gold Coast Watercolor Society " Volunteer Rewards Exhibit" and first place for her painting " Enigmatic Smile? " and also people's choice for her painting "Pantheon" in The Gold Coast Watercolor Society " I Love Watercolor The Beauty of Transparency 2008."

#### **JANET ROGERS, AWS, FWS**

Won "Best of Two-Dimensional" at the Naples National Art Festival this year - held in Cambier Park in Naples Florida. Featured in the American Artist Magazine in the July/August 2009 issue. The article, written by Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief, is titled "3 Exercises & 20 Steps to Painting Rhythmic Figures in Watercolor" The magazine is available in newsstands on June 2.

#### **Judy Nunno**

won First Place in the Plantation Art Guild Open Show and Judge's Recognition in the Weston Art Guild show.

#### **Linda D. Neal**

was awarded First Place in Watercolor Division at the Melbourne Art Festival.

#### **Marion Hylton**

Won the Al Zerries Memorial Award (\$500) from Watercolor Society of Alabama's annual show. Published in the Spring issue of Watercolor magazine.

#### **Sue Reynolds**

One man show in South Street Gallery in Honolulu December 2008.

#### **Anne Abgott**

has won FIRST place in the Fall, Winter, and Spring Florida Suncoast Watercolor shows. She also was accepted into the Texas Watercolor Society show winning the Camellia Points award. She made Signature status in the Philadelphia Watercolor Society. Her book "Daring color" was the #1 best seller for North Light Publications. Will Be published in SPLASH 11.

#### **Steve Rogers AWS, NWS**

is this year's sole juror and judge for the Watercolor Society of North Carolina to be held in Calabash, NC in October 2009. He will also be the Workshop Teacher and Presenter.

#### **Lynn Ferris**

received the top 2 dimensional award at the Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival in March, as well as the Jack Richeson Award at the current Baltimore Watercolor Society exhibition.

#### **Janet Mach Dutton**

Embracing our Differences 2009 Exhibition. Island Park, Sarasota. "Harmonize Our Colors", w/c framed 38x30. Selected for public viewing on a 17' Sarasota, Fl. bill board in April, 2009, and for publication in their exhibition book. Arizona Aqueous National Exhibition, Tubec, Arizona. "Mirror the Southwest" w/c 30x38. Texas Watercolor Society's 60th Annual Exhibit, San Antonio, Texas. "Cracker Play", w/c

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Include:  
Publications  
Awards  
Books  
DVD's  
One Man Shows

Deadline  
October 1

38x30 framed. Awarded the Jessie and Susan Oppenheimer foundation award of excellence.

ArtFest, Ft. Myers, Fl. "Color a... Turtle" published on the cover of 35,000 Publix coloring books and given away free at Art Fest Ft. Myers and local area schools.

Georgia Watercolor Society Annual National Exhibition. "Color a Giraffe" 38x30 framed. **Signature status** awarded in this society.

Watercolor West XL Annual Exhibition. Brea, California. "I Wanna Be a Cowboy". 38x30 framed. Awarded the Da Vinci Paint Co. Award.

National Watercolor Society. 88th National Exhibition. Riverside, California. "Color a... Parrot" **NWS Signature status** in this society. Awarded the Philadelphia Watercolor Society Award. It was also selected for 2009 travel circuit.

#### Dodi Sikevitz

was awarded First Place for her painting, "Bride with Pears II" at Women in the Visual Arts' exhibition at the Posnak Jewish Community Center in Davie, FL. She was also awarded Judge's Recognition in their show, Artistic Impressions" in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

#### Barbara Groenteman

was awarded Finalists in International Artists Magazine. *Summer Memories #2* will appear in April/May issue under Challenge #50 Flowers and Gardens section. She has also been juried into The International Society of Realism.

#### Maria Eugenia Tirello

participated in the exhibition "Imágenes y Colores" for the Consulate of El Salvador in which she exhibited with five other Salvadorian artists.



Janet Mach Dutton's "Cracker Play"

Jeanne Dobie won the Twinrocker Handmade Paper Award in the National Watercolor Society Juried Exhibition 2008, and the Pulsifer Award in the Adirondack National Exhibition of American Watercolors, 2008.

She will be the Juror of Selection for the 2009 Adirondack National Exhibition of American Watercolors and Dean Mitchell will be the Juror of Awards.

Jeanne will also be Juror of both Selection and Awards for the 3rd annual Keystone National Juried Works on Paper Exhibition, Pennsylvania and will also serve as Juror of Awards for the New Jersey Watercolor Society Juried 2009 Exhibition.

#### Pat Weaver

3 paintings accepted into Art Show at the Dog Show in Wichita, Kansas. Pat's painting of Westminster Afghan won Best Entry in the Hound Group. Featured artist in "Watercolor" American Artist Spring 2009. New DVD "Painting Animals in Watercolor" Creative Catalyst Productions will be out in April, 2009.

#### Rowena Smith

A solo Retrospective presented by the Art and Culture Advisory Board, City of Pembroke Pines. An exhibition of 138 artworks spanning 30 years at the Glass Gallery, February 17, 2009 through March 10, 2009. A solo invitational at Esther Prangly Rice Gallery, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD., "Body Language" an exhibition of 30 multi-nudes, October 20, 2009 to November 13, 2009.



Carol Ann Sherman won 1st place in the Palm Beach Watercolor Society Annual Members Show.

## WORKSHOPS WILL BE LISTED BY ARTISTS AND WEB PAGE ONLY

Click on the web site next to the artists name and go directly to their web page for all the listings of their classes.

Steve Rogers AWS, NWS [http://www.watercolorsbyrogers.com/workshop\\_list.htm](http://www.watercolorsbyrogers.com/workshop_list.htm)

Janet Rogers AWS, FWS <http://www.watercolorsbyrogers.com/schedule1.htm>

Jeanne Dobie [www.jeannedobie.com/workshop.html](http://www.jeannedobie.com/workshop.html)

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