

May 2007

NAWS LETTER



THE NORTHERN ARIZONA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

www.naws-az.org P.O. Box 508, Sedona, AZ 86339

Yahooooooooo! Its an old fashioned Paint Out for our last NAWS meeting of the season!

When: May 8th, start painting around 9 am, lunch at noon.

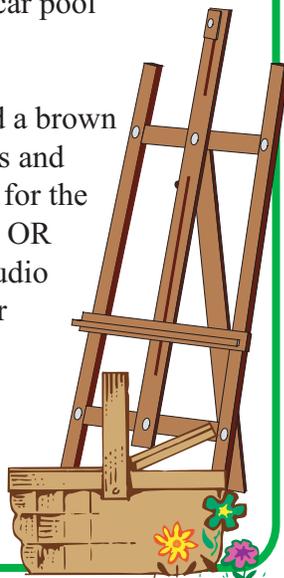
Where: Crescent Moon Ranch Picnic Area

How to get there: Drive west from Sedona on US 89A (or towards Sedona from Cottonwood). Just outside town, turn south on FR 216 (Upper Red Rock Loop Road). Drive about 1.5 miles and follow the signs to Red Rock Crossing. All roads except the short segment leading from Red Rock Crossing Road to the picnic area are paved.

Fees - \$8 per vehicle (up to 5 people) so car pool if you can.

Details: Bring your painting supplies and a brown bag lunch. NAWS will provide beverages and dessert. If you don't want to paint, come for the beauty (and the scenery isn't bad either). OR bring your camera for painting in your studio later and just enjoy communing with your fellow painters. Either way it is the non exhibit event of the season!

"Be there or be square".



Slate of Candidates for Officers and Directors, 2007-2008

President: Sue Davis

Membership: Jeanne Jones

Spring Exhibition: Lynn Overend

Fall Exhibition: Mary Hughes

Programs: Janis Mock-Jones

Workshops: Carolyn Carsula

Tecla Machesney

Recording Secretary: Mary Jane Cooke

Treasurer: Yvonne Schilling

Ways & Means: Linda Sherman

Critique Groups: Pamela Fox Klauser

Nominating: Cathy Stedman

Sedona Artists Open Studio Tours



NAWS members participating in the Fifth Annual Sedona Artists Open Studio Tours:

Connie Bollard, Mary Dove, Bill Fravel, Norma Holden, Joyce Killebrew, Janis Mock-Jones, Barbara Ragalyi, Dus T. Stewart, Julie Talbot

Support your fellow NAWS members and visit them during the Open Studio Tour, May 5 and 6th from 10am – 5 pm.

Directions and maps are available online http://www.sedonaartistscoalition.org/artist/open_studio.phtml or brochures can be picked up at SAC, Sedona Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Centers, and hotels, motels and B&Bs around town. A preview reception will be held at Poco Diablo Resort on Friday, May 4 from 5pm – 7:30pm. All events are free to the public so invite your friends and family too.

Northern Arizona Watercolor Society
2007 Spring Membership Exhibition

May 18 - June 8 Reception and Awards:

Friday, May 18, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

THE MANHEIM GALLERY

747 North Main Street Old Town Cottonwood, AZ

Bring family and friends to the opening reception and meet juror, Ted Nuttall.

President's Letter



Dear Members,

There was a while when it looked like I wouldn't be writing this farewell letter - you all would be stuck with me for another year. But then Sue Davis answered the call and I see more painting time in my future. There isn't a job that Sue hasn't done extremely well, and she's done many at NAWS. Sue brings a lot of experience and energy to the role of president. We are very grateful she has volunteered her time and talents for us.

It's been a well, interesting 2 years. To start, the IRS added some color to the watercolor society. Then we added a second show - non-profit of course. The business meeting is shorter, our space bigger. Income and expenses match and we've had some fun while growing numerically and personally.

I've been on quiet a few boards in different organizations but have never seen such good will and camaraderie (there were just a couple fights, no one got hurt) that goes with a post at NAWS. You all helped me be a president when I thought I wouldn't be good enough. This job does have it's perks and one of them is self-confidence. It's been a joy to see how multi-talented our volunteers are. People that can produce beautiful artwork and run a committee, organize an event, improve a system and get the numbers right.

I'll be back car-pooling with the gang, sitting in the audience giving Janis a hard time about the demo mirror and putting my 2 cents in as past-president at board meetings. Should be smooth sailing, Sue. See you all at the picnic.

Marsha

Critique Groups Pamela Fox Klauser

Let us renew our interest in our Critique Groups. They are vital to our continued growth as artists and they also give us the support of like-minded people.

Please give me the information regarding the current groups, names, locations, and times when you meet. We could also use a contact person. We can list those in our NAWSletter for members who would like to join.. If there are others who would like to start a group, we can use the NAWSletter as a resource to gather interested parties together. Contact: Pamela Fox Klauser, 680 Schnebly Rd., Sedona, AZ 86336 or foxklauser@msn.com



Deadline for September NAWSletter is Aug. 13.

Please send your information to Liz Saunders, 500 E. Rancho Vista Way, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 or lizs@commspeed.net

Treasurer's Report March 23, 2007

Checking	\$ 6,183.18
Savings	\$ 2,062.19
Money Market	\$ 7,701.23

The final report will be in Sept. 2007 NAWS letter. There is the May Workshop, the Student's Art Show, Programs, etc. coming in the near future. All volunteers please send in all expenses with receipts ASAP so that you can be reimbursed before I closed the books May 31, 2007 at the end of NAWS fiscal year.

Thank you and please notice my new email address.

Eva Vaitkus, treasurer
evaitkus@esedona.net

Sidewalk Art Sale

Saturday, May 12 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Courtyard behind Canyon Breeze Restaurant Patio
300 N. Hwy 89A, Sedona

This bi-annual event will feature original paintings, fine art prints, handmade greeting cards, bookmarks, etc. by local artists. All of the participating artists are members of NAWS and have agreed to donate 10% of all sales to the NAWS student scholarship fund that serves art students throughout the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. Come meet the artists in person, ask questions, and, in some cases, watch them work. There is parking behind Sinagua plaza, just off Hwy. 89A. For more information, call event coordinator, Cathy Stedman, at (928) 203-1713.

WHAT'S UP with the membership

Lynn Overend and **Catherine Sickafoose** have been juried into the Arizona Watercolor Association's spring show with their floral watercolors. The show will run from April 17 through May 13 at Hope Community Church in Scottsdale. Juror was nationally renowned Carole Barnes, who selected Lynn and Catherine's work from several hundred entries.

Gigi Stateham has a collection of paintings on display at the Pinon Bistro, 1075 Hwy. 260, Cottonwood. Her work will be on display April, May, and June.

NAWS members **Lynn Overend**, **Charlotte Searls** and **Catherine Sickafoose** are joining together for an exhibition of their work during the month of April. "Three For The Show" will feature watercolors and oil paintings by the three friends and will be held at Cafe Espresso in historical downtown Flagstaff.

Mickey Daniels had a painting accepted in the 32nd Annual Exhibition of the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies in Arvada, Colorado, June 1 through November 11. This acceptance is her twelfth time and she is very excited about this honor. Her work was also accepted in the AWA Spring Membership Exhibition to be held at the Hope Community Church in Scottsdale April 11 to May 13. Her paintings are included in Betsy Dillard Stroud's new book "The Artist's Muse" published by North Light Books, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Connie Bollard won a third place ribbon in the Sedona Art Center Members Show in March with "Night Falls Fast in the Desert", same painting was accepted into the Arizona Watercolor Association's Spring Exhibitions. Also participating in the S.A.C. show were **Mary Jane Cooke**, **Sue Davis**, **Norma Holden**, **Norma Cox-Miller**, **Susan Pitcairn**, **Linda Sherman**, **Dus T. Stewart**, **Julie Ronning Talbot**.

Duane Swanson had watercolor paintings accepted in three juried watercolor shows during March. First, the 32nd Annual Exhibition of the Western Federation Watercolor Societies (WFWS), shown June 1 - Nov. 11, 2007 at Arvada Center, Arvada, Colorado titled "Wildland Urban Interface BRFD." Second, The Arizona Watercolor Association (AWA) Spring Membership Exhibition 2007 in Scottsdale, AZ at the Hope Community Church, titled "Out On A Limb." Third, NAWS Spring Membership Exhibition shown May 18 - June 8, 2007 at The Manheim Gallery, 747 N. Main St., Old Town Cottonwood, AZ. titled "Seven Dusty Pokes."

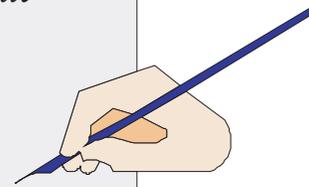
NAWS artist's at the Whimsical and Unexpected Art Exhibition, which ran March 7 - 30, 2007, at the Manheim Gallery were **Janice Bell**, **Connie Bollard**, **Jill Jepson**, **Linda Kahn Westmoreland**, **Susan Ludvigson**, **Barbara Mallek**, **Janis Mock-Jones**, **Marielle Ramsey**, **Joyce Romer**, **Jan Saunders**, **Gigi Stateham**, **Gail Stedman**, **Jeanette Suggs**, and **Maleitta Wise**.

.....CALL FOR ARTISTS.....

The Verde Valley Fair will be in Cottonwood, May 2 thru May 6. Take in for art work will be April 30, 9 am to 5 pm and May 1, 9 am to noon at the fairgrounds, 800 East Cherry Street. A copy of the fair book and the necessary entry form are available on line at: verdevalleyfair.com

Many thanks to all my friends and fellow artists for all your kindness, concern, compassion and generosity during my recent difficult loss.

*Gratefully,
Gigi Stateham*



Welcome to New Member

Joan Faue-Duarrt

Jan Hart Summer Workshop

The non-credit workshop is offered at Coconino Community College this Summer July 20, 6-8pm; July 21 & 22, 9am-3pm; Fee \$170. Titled "Color and Pigments in Watercolor" with Jan Hart: Learn about color schemes, mixing, pigment choices, and understanding color in this upbeat workshop."

Call Coconino Community College for more information and registration: 928-226-4322 Visit Jan's website at <http://www.janhart.com>

BROWN BAG ARTIST'S GROUP

On March 21st 'The Brown Bag Artists Group' began meeting on the third Wednesday of each month in the South classroom of the Sedona Arts Center.

If you are a painter who would like to interact with other artists to share experiences, inspiration, critiques and camaraderie, bring a bag lunch and join us from Noon until 2 PM. The next meeting date is April 18th.

If you have any questions, call Gail Woody at 284-5880 or e-mail at gailandgloria@msn.com.



**PLEIN AIR "PAINT OUTS" COME JOIN THE FUN!
CELEBRATING STATE PARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Billbrey at (602) 542-1996 or (602) 228-8518, pio at azstateparks.gov or Monica Enriquez at (602) 542-6997

Arizona State Parks and the Tucson Plein Air Painters Society, Inc. are presenting Plein Air Artist events in celebration of Arizona State Parks' 50th Anniversary.

The "paint outs" will be held at different State Park locations from April through August. Each event will run from 8 a.m. through 12 p.m. Artists are called to complete a work and submit the piece for judging by their fellow plein air artists. At 12 p.m., the artists will gather to judge their peers' work. Finalist paintings from the event will be shown in the gallery at Boyce Thompson Arboretum on January 5-27, 2008. There will be an opening reception from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on January 5, 2008 at Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Each winner will also receive two tickets to Kartchner Caverns State Park.

The "paint outs" are on Saturdays and last from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dates as follows:

May 5	Jerome State Historic Park in Jerome, Arizona.
June 2	Red Rock State Park in Sedona, Arizona.
July 14	Tonto Natural Bridge State Park, Payson, Arizona.
August 4	Riordan Mansion State Historic Park in Flagstaff, Arizona.

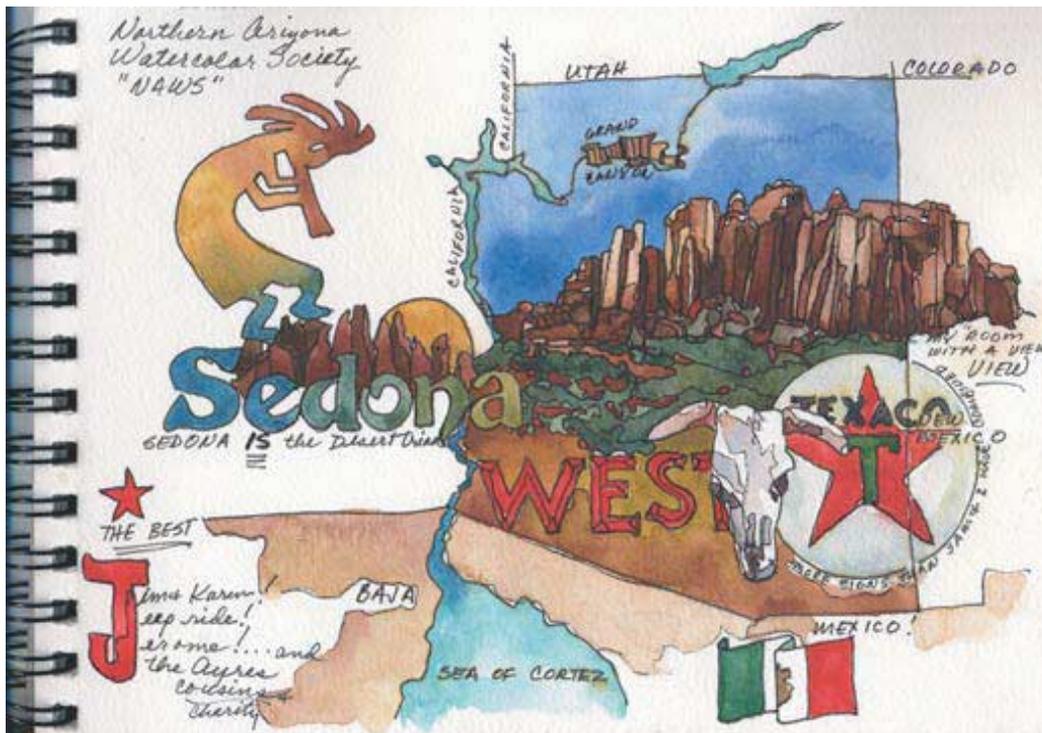
To my Sedona artists!

I still think the best word to describe Sedona is STUNNING!
The views were spectacular and the colors (Desert Triad) were gorgeous!

I loved your enthusiasm and hospitality! NAWS planned a great workshop and it was especially wonderful because you were all there to share it with me! Thank you!

I have special memories... and some of them are in my sketch book! I hope you enjoy my "Sedona Page". It's a wonderful reminder of good times spent with you in your beautiful part of the world. Happy Painting to you all!

Cheers!
Judy Morris



**STUDENT ART SHOW
AT SEDONA RED ROCK
HIGH SCHOOL**

The 17th Student Art Show, featuring the artistic works of students from 12 schools from Camp Verde to Flagstaff, will be held at Sedona Red Rock High School, 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd, Sedona, 86336, May 5 & 6, 10 am to 4 pm. The awards ceremony will be held May 6 at 3 pm in the school cafeteria. The winning pieces will be on display for three weeks following the show at the Sedona Branch of M&I Bank, 2010 W Hwy 89A. The public is encouraged to support the student artists by attending both shows.

The Student Art show is a joint School/Community effort by the Northern Arizona Watercolor Society (NAWS) and the regional school art teachers to encourage the Arts in our Middle School and High School Curriculums. At a time when the Arts are so under funded in Arizona Schools, many of the gifted art students who participate might not otherwise be encouraged to realize their unique creative talents and find pride and the sense of accomplishment in having their work recognized. Last year, NAWS took in, hung, and displayed, over 400 student creations. The quality of the show was impressive.

NAWS artists will jury the show and awards will be given to artists in various media: Paintings and Drawings of all types, Jewelry, Photography, Computer Art, Print Making, and three-dimensional standing work, such as, Ceramics and Sculpture. Area businesses and artists have generously donated this year's awards.

This year's event chairperson is Mary Jane Cooke. Sue Davis will assist her. ASU Alumni, under the leadership of Wayne St. John, will provide portable shelving, display walls, and pedestal standings for the show.

**Sedona
Pin-up
Show**

Sedona Arts Center announces the second Sedona Pin-Up Show, May 12 and 13. The exhibition will celebrate work from all levels, media, and ages. The criteria for the work is that it is "pinnable" to the walls. The Arts Center is putting out an official call to artists. You do not need to be a member to participate. Take in is May 11, faculty from 9 a.m. to noon, Art Center memrs from 10 a.m. to noon, and any artists from Yavapai or Coconino County residents from noon to 1 p.m. A full prospectus is available at www.SedonaArtsCenter.com

**NAWS
SPRING 2007
EXHIBITION**

The Northern Arizona Watercolor Society (NAWS) is pleased to announce its Spring 2007 Members Exhibition at THE MANHEIM GALLERY, May 18 through June 9. THE MANHEIM GALLERY is located at 747 N. Main Street, Old Town (corner of 4th and Main), Cottonwood, AZ. Show hours are: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Mon. – Saturday and 12:00 – 4:00 pm Sunday.

This juried exhibit of 50 works of art represents some of the finest of recent works by NAWS member artists. NAWS artists are widely known and respected for the quality, vitality, and varying approaches to their works. Their subjects are diverse, including beautiful and familiar local landscapes, portraits, florals, still life's, abstracts and much more. Their works hang in galleries throughout the region and in collections throughout the United States.

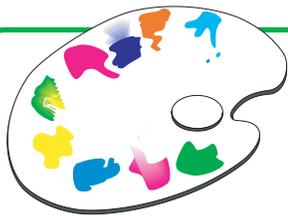
The judge for this prestigious show is Ted Nuttall. Mr. Nuttall is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, and Watercolor West, as well as, a Royal Honor Society member of the Arizona Watercolor Association. Some of his paintings, which reveal his "intuitive ability to capture the quiet, underlying character of his subjects," can be viewed at www.tednuttall.com.

An opening reception with the artists and Mr. Nuttall will be held Friday, May 18th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Guests will have the opportunity to talk with the artists and Mr. Nuttall about the works and the selection process. The group '86325' will provide music in the gallery sculpture garden.

For more information about the show, please contact Patt Manheim at 928-649-0130. For more information about NAWS, please go to www.naws-az.org.

**HUBBELL TRADING POST NATIONAL
HISTORIC SITE
ANNOUNCES THE 2007 AUCTION SCHEDULE
Ganado, Arizona
May 5, 2007 and August 25, 2007**

The Friends of Hubbell Trading Post NHS, in partnership with the National Park Service, have announced their 2007 auction schedule. The two auctions are set for May 5 and August 25. Both auctions will include contemporary and antique Navajo weavings, Pueblo Katsina dolls, pottery, paintings, carvings and baskets from several tribes. Preview for the auctions will be from 9:00 to 11:00 am with each auction beginning at noon, daylight saving time. Plan to come early to meet many of the artists during the morning preview.



**SIERRA MCKENNA'S
"WATERCOLOR BASICS"
WORKSHOP
May 7, 8, and 9**

The basic techniques of watercolor painting are the key to being able to fully express yourself in this exciting medium. Without the basic skills you will always be limited. A command of the basics will give you the freedom to paint ANY STYLE YOU CHOOSE. Come join Sierra to learn, have fun, and empower yourself! This workshop is open to anyone interested in learning or reviewing the basics of watercolor.

THIS CLASS HAS A FEW SPACES LEFT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL SIERRA OR ART AT 282-7289.

**SIERRA MCKENNA'S
"PUT DRAMA IN YOUR PAINTINGS"
WORKSHOP
June 6, 7, and 8**



Are your paintings lacking the impact they need to grab your viewer's attention? What makes one painting "just a nice painting" and another a "showstopper"? Come learn how to hold your viewers attention by creating drama in your paintings. Although this workshop is NOW FULL Sierra has several people on the "Wait List", and if she gets enough interest, she will offer another class sometime in June. For more information, call Sierra or Art 282-7289.

FALL EXHIBITION

Looking for ideas for the Experimental Watermedia Fall Exhibition? Those of us who saw Karyl Bennett's excellent demonstration at our March meeting got a taste of what can be done to make your paintings more creative. For you who missed seeing the creative paintings she has developed through experimentation and how she mixes media, there are excellent books that illustrate step by step many of the ideas Karyl shared with us. Mary Todd Beam's book, *Celebrate Your Creative Self*, has the ideas and exercises to unleash the artist within. Another good source for ideas is *Creative Discoveries in Watermedia* by Pat Dews. It is not too late to start experimenting. Check the prospectus for rules on size. June 11 is deadline for slides.

Mary Hughes, chairperson

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