

Dates To Remember

June

June 2: Drop off begins for RIWS Fundraiser "1,000 Works on Paper"

June 5 & 6: Intro to Abstract Painting Workshop with Richard Harrington from 9am-4pm each day

June 6: Photography for National Show- 10am-3:30pm (by appt only)

June 7: NEWS Gallery talk with Robert Mesrop and Andrew Kusmin from 11am-1pm (Open to RIWS members & their guests)

June 9: Deadline to submit items for the July Newsletter

June 13: Photography for National Show- 10am-3:30pm (by appt only)

June 14: Last day to view AWS Show

Photography for National Show- 12pm-3:30pm (by appt only)

June 16-23: Drop off for "Special Arrangements"

(Digital entries must be sent by midnight on June 23rd)

June 21: GALLERY CLOSED - Father's Day

June 23-26: Janet Walsh Florals & Still Life Workshop: 9am-4pm each day *Subject to cancellation if 8 students are not registered by June 5th

June 27: Opening reception for "Special Arrangements" from 4-6pm, with demo by Janet Walsh at 4pm (free) *demo subject to cancellation

June 20-28: *Please Note- Lori Estrella, Gallery Director, will be out of the office this week. Please direct any urgent matters to Alyce Crowell & Paula Correia, RIWS Board Members. All general inquiries can be sent to Michelle Sisti, Gallery Assistant.

July

July 1: Deadline for submission to the RIWS 21st Annual National Show

July 4 & 5: GALLERY CLOSED for 4th of July weekend

**Deadline for July Newsletter:
June 9th**

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Thanks to Our Volunteers: The RIWS Hanging Committee - the show looks great! Leslie Godfrey for helping unpack the art, and Alyce Crowell for helping with food on opening night!



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AWS Traveling Show on exhibit at RIWS through June 14th!



Don Dalton
"Rocky Coast, Maine"
* Sold at RIWS!



Zhou Tianya
"Go to Town"



Stephen Quiller
"Ouzel Bird and Hidden Falls"

President's Corner

Wow. The American Watercolor Show is now on exhibit at RIWS. For watercolors, this is as good as it gets. The show looks amazing and the opening was exciting. Thank you all for attending. And a special thank you to the show sponsors. We could not offer such a great exhibition without your support.

The talent displayed on the walls is amazing. One of the displaying artists, John Salminen, made a comment in his last workshop at RIWS. "The painting should grab you when you walk into the room. And then do not disappoint the viewer when they come over for a closer look." That is my favorite description of a good painting. And these paintings all represent that level of greatness.

We are very lucky to have this show here for everyone to see. If you haven't made it to the gallery, find some time before June 14th. If you have had the pleasure of seeing the show, go see it again.

It is that good.

Jackie Canna Habig
RIWS President

Director's Corner

The AWS Traveling Show showcases the best of the best in watercolor, and is currently on exhibit at our gallery. I highly urge everyone to come by and see this wonderful exhibition before it closes on June 14th!

We also have a lot of events coming up, that I'd like to remind everyone about, including our next open juried show "Special Arrangements", juried by Janet Walsh. The theme of this show is perfect for June, as you can paint anything that is specially arranged, whether it be food, flowers, or inanimate objects. You may also use the term "special arrangements" in a conceptual way if you'd like to be more playful with your submission. Drop off for this show is June 16 - June 23rd. Now you can submit your entries to our open juried shows online, by logging on to our website's "Exhibitions" page for "Submit Online to RIWS Open Juried Shows" and follow the instructions provided.

Speaking of digital submissions... the deadline to enter RIWS' 21st Annual National Show is coming up on JULY 1st! This show will be juried by Ted Nuttall. If you need help having your work photographed and archived for submission, please contact the gallery for an appointment. It's only \$10! Please see inside for more details re: submission to the National Show and dates for photography.

We are also excited to have our "1,000 Works on Paper" August Fundraiser again this year. We did such a great job last year, raising \$5,000 to help with gallery costs, that we are hoping to turn this into an annual event. This fundraiser not only helped to raise money for the gallery, but it is open to all artists which gives everyone a chance to exhibit their art in a gallery setting. All items donated to this show were sold for \$20 each, giving the local community the opportunity to buy an original piece of artwork. If you wish to participate this year, you may donate an unlimited number of works on paper to the gallery from June 2nd - August 13th. All pieces will be hung and displayed in this show, and as a donating artist, you will receive a discount on admission to the catered fundraiser party on August 15th! Last year, we received a total of 637 works on paper, and we hope to reach 1,000 this year with your help. This show is open to all artists... Please tell your friends!

Lori Estrella
Gallery Director

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