

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVE MEMBER: Open to all watercolor painters in the state of Idaho. To retain active status, members must show or enter an IWS-sponsored exhibit at least once every three years. Full-time college or university students in Idaho receive a discount and all membership privileges. Active members may enter the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Annual Juried Exhibition.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Includes all the benefits of Active IWS Membership, except entry in the Annual Juried Membership Exhibition and the Rotunda Show at the State Capitol Building. Other IWS-sponsored shows (such as regional open shows) are open to Associate Members. Associate members may live out of state, may enter the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Annual Juried Exhibition, but are not required to exhibit to maintain membership.

AFFILIATE MEMBER: Open to any non-painter interested in helping with administration of the IWS on a volunteer basis. Assistant members may serve on the Board with full voting privileges, but shall number no more than two. They shall not have to pay dues.

DISTINGUISHED MERIT MEMBER: Active members who have won three awards in qualified exhibitions.

MERIT MEMBER: Active members whose work has been accepted into three IWS juried shows and / or WFWS, other states and national shows in the last ten years. Once merit status is obtained, this shall entitle the member to include the letters 'IWS' in their signature. Once achieved, a member must maintain membership in IWS as an Active or Associate Member (moving out of state or choosing to become an Associate Member for any reason) to retain this privilege.

DONOR MEMBER: Open to any person interested in financially supporting the promotion of aqua media.

All dues paid assure membership through the end of the calendar year.



*Idaho
Watercolor
Society*

Membership Information

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Annual Events of IWS

PURPOSE: The Idaho Watercolor Society (IWS) was founded in the fall of 1979 to support and promote water media and to educate the public as to the significance of the medium.

HISTORY: From a charter membership of less than 20 members, the organization has grown to over 250 members statewide. Regional centers are located in Boise, Moscow, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls.

ACTIVITIES: The Society sponsors a range of activities statewide: shows, workshops, paint-outs, social get-togethers, and educational programs.

The newsletter includes news of state and regional Society activities and members, as well as events of interest to watercolorists in Idaho.

The IWS Board brings a nationally recognized watercolor artist to Idaho each year to jury for awards and teach workshops. In conjunction with the Annual Juried Membership Exhibition, an awards ceremony is held during which the juror presents awards and gives a personal presentation.

IWS is one of eleven regional society members of the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies (WFWS). WFWS sponsors an annual juried exhibition that is hosted each year by a different member. Membership in WFWS is automatic for active and associate members of IWS.

SCHOLARSHIPS: To support beginning watercolorists, IWS annually provides cash scholarships and 1-year paid memberships to three outstanding college or university students. Funding is from donations and the Ruth Clark Scholarship Fund, named in honor of the IWS founding mother.

MEMBERSHIP: Members of the society range from beginners to professional watercolor artists, which provides a unique opportunity for growth and exchange in Idaho artistry.

ADMINISTRATION: The Board of Directors includes elected officers, committee chairpersons, and regional representatives. Each IWS region sponsors at least four activities a year, including a regional open show for all their local members.

NEWSLETTER: With any membership you receive the quarterly *Waterworks* IWS newsletter with all the upcoming events, show entry dates, regional news, special features, etc.

Please return form with check payable to IWS to:
IWS Membership - Lynn McConnell
52 So. Grays Lane
Nampa, ID 83687

Dues deadline - January 30th

Date: _____ Region: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Primary Phone# _____
Cell Phone# _____
E-mail _____

_____ I can receive the newsletter via e-mail or PDF files.

_____ I want to receive the newsletter via regular mail and have included the \$5 mailing cost with my membership dues.

Check Category

_____ Active member - \$30 check enclosed

_____ Active member with newsletter mailing - \$35 check enclosed.

_____ Full time student - \$15 check enclosed.

_____ Associate member - \$25 check enclosed.

_____ Assistant member - no dues.

Please accept my Donor Membership in IWS:

_____ Patron \$50

_____ Sustaining Patron \$100

_____ Benefactor \$500 or more

How did you learn about IWS?

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

I'd be willing to:

- help hang or take down shows
- serve as an exhibit host/watcher
- call members or write letters
- host or help with a social event
- serve on a committee
- teach a class or workshop
- assist the local regional rep

I have skills I'd be willing to share:

- computers teaching
- writing editing
- advertising business
- fund-raising publicity
- sign-making accounting

JANUARY THROUGH APRIL

Membership Dues are due January 1st and must be paid prior to submitting show or workshop registrations.

Rotunda Show held at the Idaho State Capitol. Statewide open show for Active Members.

Spring Workshop features a prominent regional artist. **Annual Membership Exhibition** digital images and fees must typically be submitted during March. Dues must be up-to-date to enter. The Exhibition is open only to Active Members.

MAY/JUNE

Annual Juried Membership Exhibition & Workshops. A nationally recognized artist selects show entries from digital images, judges from paintings at the Exhibition site and presents a slide presentation at the Exhibition Opening and Reception and Awards Ceremony. Both are free to the public. The juror teaches one or two 4-day workshops; a fee is charged for the workshop.

Annual Exhibition Traveling Show consists of 20 award-winning paintings selected by the juror for the Annual Exhibition. The show will be exhibited in regional areas from June through December.

JULY/AUGUST

Paint-out and workshop, lead by a regional artist, is coordinated by each society region.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Autumn Workshop. Two days with a regional instructor. **Annual Membership Meeting.** Annual report on IWS activities, finances, etc., usually held in conjunction with the Autumn workshop.

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Regional Winter Socials - potluck and fun get-togethers. A presentation of work by the upcoming Annual Juror is shown when possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies. Annual show location and entry deadlines are decided by each year's sponsor member.

Open Art Shows (non-juried) are held at least once a year in each region...plus various other activities. Contact regional reps or refer to the IWS newsletter or Facebook. **All dues paid assure membership through end of calendar year.**