



Coachella Valley  
Watercolor Society

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APRIL 2017

**GENERAL MEETING, JOSLYN CENTER, APRIL 10, 6:30PM**  
***Demonstrator Nancy Oleksa***



*Nancy Oleksa*

Born and raised outside of Youngstown, Ohio, in the small town of McDonald, Nancy Oleksa has been involved in the visual arts from her earliest years.

Having her artistic talents recognized early enabled her to develop a portfolio from which she received a full scholarship to the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. There she developed her skills and used her degree in Visual Communications to propel her into a position as first a color separator and then an illustrator for the American Greetings Corporation. It was at American Greetings that she diversified her abilities to include calligraphy, character development, writing and design.

It was in San Diego that Nancy Oleksa's freelance career as an artist was realized. She became illustrator and graphic artist for the cities of Santee and El Cajon as well as lead illustrator for A La Carte Art Studios. Her clients included Bank of America, Century 21, the American Dental Assoc., and many others.

After the birth of her daughter, she realized a love of children's books, and began to use her skills to explore the world of illustration for children. Her art experience grew to include illustration for Cricket Magazine and Atheneum Books. She then became an adjunct instructor for Palomar College in the Community Education Department and remained in that position for 23 years.



This award winning artist is now a popular jurist, workshop and watercolor

Instructor known for her passion for color and light. She has enjoyed instructing watercolorists in San Diego County for over 30 years.

The meeting will also include the election of CVWS Board positions for the 2017-2018 Season.

The April meeting will be the last Painter of the Month opportunity to be eligible to take part in the Painter of the Year celebration.. All Painter of the Month ribbon winners qualify to enter a

painting of their choice in the Painter of the Year Program at the May General Meeting. All entries will all be critiqued by the judge, who will then award 1st, 2nd and Honorable Mention ribbons to the winners.



*Balboa Park*

# MARCH 2017 PAINTER OF THE MONTH



**1st Place Connie Zane**



**2nd Place Sunny Patton**



**3rd place Jane Gillingham**



**Honorable Mention Dorcas Greene**

## **LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PAINTER OF THE YEAR**

There are three or four more painting spots available for April, the last month before Painter of the Year. A reminder to everyone . If you have won a ribbon in Painter of the Month, you are eligible to put a painting in the "Painter of the Year" General Meeting in May. (Leave one with a friend if you won't be here).

Please call or email Moira Johannessen at [760 322-2523](tel:7603222523) or [moirajohannessen@gmail.com](mailto:moirajohannessen@gmail.com)



**Demonstrator's Choice  
Barbara Brubaker**

# CVWS 2017 ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

**BEST IN SHOW**

**“NIGHTCAP”**

**ROBIN ST. LOUIS**



Phew – a big sigh of relief – the Annual Show went well again! As an art show it was wonderful with over 200 varied and top quality paintings on display and for sale. Once again it proved to be a great co-ordination of the efforts and energies of so many people that made it run like clockwork.

From a blank floor at 8am to a fully staged show by 1pm, when the judge started his deliberations, was an amazing effort! Joseph Stoddard our judge, took a lot of time to make his decisions, saying that he wanted to give awards to a range of styles and subject matter. After making his final selection he sat down and wrote individual comments on each winning entry which we displayed with the winning paintings. Thanks to Kathleen Scoggin for arranging the reception on the Thursday night. On Friday and Saturday, the public seemed to appreciate our ongoing demonstrations and it was great to see a variety of members taking part and chatting with the visitors as they painted. Although the final figures are not available yet, it looks as if this show has been more financially successful than last year.



*Publicity Award Alicia Siegler*



*Emerging Artist Susan Ober*



*Traditional 1st Place  
Elaine Trei*



*Plein Air 1st Place  
Nels Femrite*



*Open 1st Place  
Kathleen Scoggin*

Heartfelt thanks to all the artists that contributed paintings and to the many volunteers that helped in whatever way. And that's it for us as we hand over the show reins for next year! Good luck!

**Ian Cooke and Traci Davis, Show Chairmen**

**See Page 6 for a complete list of ribbon winners**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Marcia Slater  
Hatfield**

As I look out my window to our snow capped mountains, green hills ( a rarity in our desert) and the fields of wild flowers, I think "what inspiration for our many fabulous painters." Our wet winter has resulted in such beautiful landscapes and a delightful spring. We are truly fortunate to live in this sunny valley!

There continue to be many great art events in Indian Wells, Palm Springs and surrounding areas. I encourage you to enjoy them.

Our proposed slate of officers and appointed committee chairpersons is printed in this newsletter and was announced at the general meeting in April. There were no further nominations from the floor. Therefore we will vote to elect this slate at our General Meeting on April 10.

We were excited to welcome 9 new members in February and 5 in March. This is critical for the growth of our society. Keep up the good work of inviting others you think might enjoy our great shows and demos. Thank you to Robin St. Louis for arranging these inspiring programs. I look forward to seeing you April 10 for a demonstration by Nancy Oleska.

**Marcia Slater Hatfield, President**

### Nominations CVWS 2017 -2018 Officers

President:	Diane Archie Moore
Executive V P	Marcia Slater Hatfield
1 <sup>st</sup> V P (Programs)	Robin St. Louis
2 <sup>nd</sup> V P(Shows)	Kathleen Scoggin, Alicia Siegler
3 <sup>rd</sup> V P(Publicity)	Marilyn Blitz
Treasurer	Cindy Mason
Recording Secretary	Nancy Rizzardi
Corresponding Secretary,(Newsletter/Website)	ConnieZane

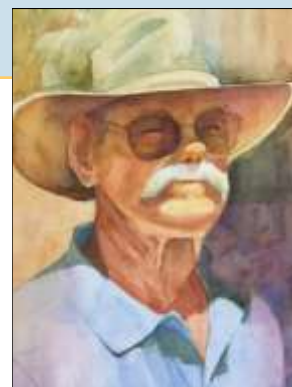
### 2017-2018 Committee Chairs

Equipment: John Ressler, Jim Nelson  
Field Mice Paint Outs: Sue Ober  
Historian: Joyce Kingman  
Hospitality: Wanda Boydston, Mary Minamede,  
Donna Clack  
Life Drawing: Imelda Gregov , Vera Knowles  
Membership and Directory: Connie Collins  
New Member Liaison Open  
Painter of the Month: Moira Johannesen  
Raffle: Sunny Patton  
Sunshine: Gloria Mucciolo  
DVD Library: Mike Collins  
Workshops: Diane Archie Moore, Nina Harlan  
Special Activities Open

## PAINTER'S CORNER

### Beverly McDonald

I enjoy all types of painting, from abstract to representational, done in either water color or acrylic. I really enjoy the act of painting as it takes me away from myself and into solving problems in painting. It is work at the same time it is relaxing. I feel blessed that I have this ability to do this. This painting was done from a photo of John Ressler that I took some time ago



**"John Ressler"  
Beverly McDonald**

# ART NEWS AND KUDOS



The Mice had a wonderful paint out at **Nels and Rosemarie Femrite's** home. Beautiful surroundings, golf course and mountains. We thank them for their hospitality. Another Tuesday we painted at JACKALOPE Restaurant in Indio. The restaurant was very accommodating with beautiful surroundings. We painted on their patios. Also had a great lunch! We will return next year. Susan Ober suggested the restaurant, a great spot. We would love to hear your ideas for new painting spots, let us know.

**Nancy Whelan, Field Mice Co-Chair**

UCR Art Show runs until April 22. Many CVWS members have work in this show. **Kathleen Scoggin, Nancy Rizzardi, Alicia Siegler, Pat Kodet.**



**"A Gentle Touch"**  
**Pat Kodet**

**Bonnie Ruttan** will be in a two-woman show, "Alternative Landscapes", at the Galleria, 457 N Palm Canyon Dr Palm Springs April 15-30. Opening reception Saturday April 15. 5-8pm.

**Figure drawing** at Portola Community Center is now over for this season. There is no session in April.

**Kathleen Scoggin** will be giving a watercolor demo along with 3 other artists from the Palm Springs Art Museum Artist Council at **UCR Palm Desert Campus** at 10 am on April 1

There is also an art exhibition to see in the same location. Address: 75080 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert.

April 1, 2017. Call For Entry for the **NWS International Exhibit**, This is to inform your members so they can enter if they wish. It's always an excellent show, well attended and with a chance at publicity for the Best in Show in Southwest Magazine, and always with the possibility of gaining signature membership in NWS. It's an excellent opportunity. Thank you and good luck,  
Beatrice Trautman 4thVP Publicity

**NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY**  
**97<sup>th</sup> NWS Int'l Exhibition,**  
Oct. 21-Dec.17, 2017.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**\$40,000+ in Awards**

**DEADLINE: May 19, 2017, NOON**

Online Entries Only. Open April 1-May 19, 2017.

**Jurors:** Mike Bailey, NWS, AWS; Carol Pickle, NWS, AWS D.F.; Cathy Hegman, NWS, AWS, ISAP, ISEA.

**Awards Juror:** Malcolm Warner, PH.D., Executive Director, Laguna Art Museum.

**Upload Prospectus:**

**[www.nationalwatercolorociety.org](http://www.nationalwatercolorociety.org)**

**Information: 760-908-3389**

There are no scheduled Paint outs for the Mice until next season.

A big Thank you to Nancy Whelan and Susan Ober for their chairing of the committee this year.

Call a friend and keep on being dedicated mice. Let Nancy or Sue know if you discover any terrific new spots!



# 2016-2017 CALENDAR

- Apr.6, 9:30 am Board Meeting, Portola  
Community Center, Palm Desert
- Apr.10, 6:30 pm. General Meeting, Joslyn  
Center, Nancy Oleska, Demonstrator
- May 4 9:30 am Board Meeting, Portola  
Community Center, Palm Desert
- May 8, 6:30 pm, General Meeting, Joslyn  
Center, *Painter of the Year Program,*  
*Judge Linda Doll*



**New address! 44850 Las Palmas Ave,  
Ste. D, Palm Desert**

## New dates for Tom Francesconi Workshop



4-day workshop: March 13<sup>th</sup> -  
16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (next year, not this  
year!!!!)

CVWS General Meeting – Demonstrator  
March, 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

Diane Moore, Workshop Chair  
Coachella Valley Watercolor Society  
Cell: [\(760\) 485-6798](tel:7604856798)

## CVWS MEMBER INSTRUCTORS

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Moira Johannessen	760-322-2523
Pat Kodet	530-388-8241
Diane Morgan	760-902-8855
Sonja Price Ravet	425-747-6748
Connie Zane	775-846-9719
Kathleen Scoggin	503-515-9633



Most have websites where their work can be seen.

## 2017 CVWS ANNUAL MEMBERS SHOW AND SALE ALL the RIBBON WINNERS

**Best in Show** Robin St. Louis "Nightcap"

### **Traditional**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Elaine Trei "Plums Ready to Pick"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kathleen Scoggin "White Ice"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Robin St.Louis "Day Is Done"  
**Honorable Mention:**  
Nels Femrite "A Walk in the Woods"  
Linda Hanna "Santorini"  
Nina Harlan "Awakening"  
Joyce Kingman "Floral Jumble"  
Diane Moore "Scheherazade"  
Alicia Siegler "Southwest Monument"  
Sylvia Smith ""Spirit of Spring"  
David James Stokes "Monument Valley"

### **Plein Air**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Nels Femrite "Light Pool"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kathleen Scoggin "Silver Sage"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ron Hanner "Mendocino Coast"  
**Honorable Mention:**  
Veronique Branger "Toulouse"  
Pat Kodet "Andreas Canyon Rock"  
John Ressler "Palm Canyon II"  
Gay Warren "Reflections"

### **Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Kathleen Scoggin "Silver Shale"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Alicia Siegler "Canyon Light"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Diane Moore "Pacific Sunset"  
**Honorable Mention:**  
Pat Kodet "Woman with Cinnamon Hair"  
Cindy Mason "Reflective Radiance"  
Cathy Routledge "Across the Bay"

**Emerging Artist Award** Susan Ober "Bear Grass"

**Publicity Art Award** Alicia Siegler "Storm Line"

