



Watercolor Artists Of Sacramento Horizons

WASH Newsletter

July / August 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's summer! I hope you all enjoy the lazy days of summer and paint, paint, paint! We had our last meeting in June with an awesome demonstration on pet painting. I am working on learning how to load the zoom recordings onto the WASH YouTube channel. More to come as I bungle through that. If any of you have a teenager that would like to get some experience, have them contact me. I could certainly use the help.

Our Open show is hanging at SFAC, make sure you pop in to see it. And hope to see you at Second Saturday in July to celebrate the artists.

Our next meeting will be in September...see you in the fall.

BJ Taylor

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MEMBER NEWS

BARBARA KEMPE reports that she's been accepted into the 2026 46th International Exhibition of the San Diego Watercolor Society with her painting, "Sunday Market in Oaxaca," seen at the right.

She will also have one watercolor, "Dreamscape," shown below, in the Membership Medley 2026 Exhibit at the Blue Line Arts Gallery, June 27th - August 8th. Opening reception is July 18th, 5 - 7 pm.



"Harvey's", 22x15", by **DAVID PETERSON**, showed at Sacramento Fine Arts Center as one of the pieces in "Celebrating 40" in April, 2026. It has also been accepted into the 2026 California State Fair Fine Art Exhibit, July 17 through August 2, 2026.

This year, David is the only WASH member to have a painting accepted to the watercolor category in the Fine Art Exhibit.

David is also holding a Watercolor Workshop at the MACC. 11 am July 25, 2026; a two-hour class with materials supplied. In this workshop David will help you be carefree and have fun with your watercolors. Loose and fun, lots of movement without overthinking. It is the style David has practiced for 26 years. 10191 Mills Station Road, Ranch Cordova, CA 95827.

Sign up: RCMACC.ORG

KAREN KEYS will be participating in the KVIE auction in October.



JUAN PENA has a new event called "Paint-a-Learn." Paint along with Juan

as he works in acrylic on canvas, demonstrating painting principles that apply to all media. See an example to the left.



Fund Raiser Painting Event

This painting event is a fundraiser for the Colfax Seventh Day Adventist Church and is called Paint-a-Learn. You will paint along with Juan Peña & will receive help from many volunteers. Paint-a-Learn is a fun, hands-on event for beginner to experienced artists . You'll learn how to use a simplified palette, understand basic painting principles, and create a painting of your own in a relaxed, encouraging environment. No experience is necessary. Just bring your enthusiasm—we'll provide everything else!

- ✓ All painting supplies included
- ✓ Step-by-step instruction
- ✓ Beverages, snacks, and breaks provided
- ✓ Take home a finished painting

Sunday, July 12, 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost: Adults \$40 - Children (over 8) \$20

Seventh-day Adventist Church

1461 Meadow Vista Road Meadow Vista, CA

Reserve your spot today!

paintwithjuan.com/paint-a-learn

530-320-5192 (text or call)



CHASE MARTIN'S DEMONSTRATION

Chase reached out after her demo at our last WASH meeting, saying “The demonstration went really well. I enjoyed meeting David and BJ and all the other members who attended. I was able to complete a portrait of a little terrier by the end of the time allowed. I hope that all the attendees found it instructive. Thank you for inviting me. I hope to work with WASH again in the future.”

She provided us with this image of the finished piece, completed at the demo.

(Don't you just want to fluff the fur on this little guy?)



2026 WORKSHOP SEASON FINALE – STEVE STEIN, WORKSHOP CHAIR

This year's workshop series wrapped up on May 21 with a 3-day session by Geoff Allen. We had a capacity crowd, and the room was set up with as many as 8 separate still lifes to paint from. Geoff walked us through a demonstration of his technique each morning and then spent time with individual members to help them each apply his methods to their own paintings. Geoff and his wife Jen were extremely generous with their time and attention, and I think everyone's work kicked up a notch as a result of this workshop.

Thank you to all of the participating WASH members and the SFAC staff for making this workshop series a success!

If you would like to see a video of Geoff painting and other images from our workshop, you can visit Instagram for a

nice write-up that Geoff posted at <https://www.instagram.com/p/DYqCpdEEvJN/?igsh=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ==>



WORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR 2027

We have an amazing set of workshops planned for next year. Look for registration details and demonstration preview dates to follow.

- **Anselm Yew**
Saturday February 6, 2027 - Sunday February 7, 2027
- **Ted Nuttall**
Saturday March 6, 2027 - Monday, March 8, 2027
<https://www.tednuttall.com/>
- **Jean-Francios Arnaud**
Saturday April 10, 2027 - Monday April 12, 2027
jf-arnaud.com
- **Michael Jasiewicz**
Saturday October 9, 2027 - Monday October 11, 2027
<http://www.michaljasiewicz.com/>

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Sandra “Sandi” Mathiesen

Long-time member Sandra “Sandi” Mathiesen of Carmichael, California, passed away on April 17.

Sandi was born in England on November 27, 1944, the daughter of Vera Robinson, a Welsh war bride, and Dr. Herbert Robinson, an American serviceman. Her mother served as a radar operator in the Royal Air Force during World War II, and her father served in the U.S. Navy as a Chief Pharmacist Mate before later attending medical school through the GI Bill. She grew up in California, Alaska, and Wyoming.

Sandi was as a nurse who also had a deep love for art and painting. She found peace and joy through creative expression, and her artwork reflected her spirit and appreciation for beauty in everyday moments. Creating and sharing art was a meaningful part of her life and she was an active volunteer for the Watercolor of Sacramento Horizons (WASH) and the Sacramento Fine Arts Center (SFAC). She served on the Board of WASH and scheduled the docents for the American Watercolor Society shows at SFAC. Sandi received many awards for her paintings at local art shows.

A memorial service was held in May, followed by a gathering of friends and family at her son, Michael’s, home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Sandi’s name to the **Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Inc.** in celebration of her love for painting. Sandi will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.



EXHIBIT NEWS



WASH Go With the Flow
Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons
48th Annual Open Exhibition
Show Opens June 16th - July 11th
- Judge - Jeannie Vodden -

- Online Entry Deadline - Friday May 22nd, 5:00 pm
- Accepted Art Posted Online & Emailed May 29th
- Receiving Friday June 5th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Receiving Saturday June 6th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

www.washsfac.org
Second Saturday Reception and Awards
Saturday, July 11th - 5:00 - 7:00
5330 Gibbons Dr. Carmichael, CA 95680
Pick up Artwork at close of Show on July 11th

Leah Hagans - I See

Don't forget the Second Saturday reception for the Open Show on July 11th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Please note the earlier start time this year!

LORI FRANZ tells us that the I Street Art Studios is holding their annual Midtown Open Art Show July 11-12. Participation is open to all artists, both emerging and acclaimed. \$500 in prizes awarded by the Midtown Association in the categories of artistic merit and Midtown spirit. Perfect for plein air and for all kinds of creativity as it relates to Sacramento's Midtown. More information for artists is available at istreetartstudios.com.



Calling All Artists
to create
Gems of Midtown Art
for 2nd Saturday July 11 - Sunday July 12
Open Art Show
More info: see call to artist at istreetartstudios.com
Join the fun!!

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