

# 1986

## Important events:

### WATERCOLOR NOW! – A SYMPOSIUM and EXHIBITION

Watercolor USA Honor Society held its first meeting, *the original Watercolor NOW! symposium and exhibition*, on May 28-31, 1986, in the Aldebaran Farm's mammoth barn adjacent to Frank Lloyd Wright's Hillside School Complex at Taliesin East, in Spring Green, Wisconsin.

Note: Aldebaran means "to follow" in Welsh and the name was chosen by Wes Peters, one of Wright's disciples.

**Co-Chairs:** Bill Armstrong and William Landwehr

**Panel discussion presenters:** Bill Armstrong, Edward Betts, Robert Foose, Carl Sublett, EJ Velardi, Lee Weiss, William Landwehr, Stephen Doherty

WHS Honorary Life Member Certificate presented to Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief, American Artist magazine

### WHS Officers:

President: Bill Armstrong

Vice-President: Lee Weiss

Treasurer: Bill Senter

Secretary: Bob Johnson

### Activities Committee:

Fred Messersmith, Chair

Judy Richardson Gard

E.J. Velardi

Rich Clubb

Edward Herbeck

Jerry Baum

### WHS Charter Members Present:

Bill Armstrong

Jerry Baum

Merry Berry

Edward Betts

Judi Betts

Rich Clubb

Jim Foose

Judy Richardson Gard

Edward Herbeck

Francis Meisch

Fred Messersmith

Rosalie Price

Carl Sublett

E.J. Velardi

Lee Weiss

Doris White

William Landwehr, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art (SMMA)

Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief, American Artist magazine; WHS Honorary Life Member

# 1987

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Bill Armstrong

Vice-President: Lee Weiss

Treasurer: Bill Senter

Secretary: Bob Johnson

Nominating Committee: Francis Meisch, chair; Ellen Murray, Judi Betts, Fred Messersmith  
E. J. Velardi, Rob Erdle, Missie Dickens

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

William Landwehr, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Fred Messersmith

Judy Gard

E.J. Velardi

Rich Clubb

Edward Herbeck

Jerry Baum

## **Important events:**

\_ WHS Conference, San Diego, California, January 8-10, 1987

\_ Bill Armstrong made Honorary President for Life

\_ WHS Membership dues are \$35

\_ William Landwehr, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art from 1976 resigns August 19, 1987

\_ Money will be donated from WHS Treasury each year so that the Watercolor USA juror can choose **WHS Purchase Award** paintings from the annual Watercolor USA Exhibitions in order to help build the SMMA's permanent watercolor collection. The first check for \$500 was donated for the **first WHS Purchase Award** to the 1987 Watercolor USA Exhibition. Kirk Pedersen of Kearny, Nebraska, was the first recipient. Honorary WHS member Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief, American Artist magazine, served as juror of Watercolor USA 1987.

\_ WHS Conference October 30 – November 1, 1987 at SMMA

\_ **Watercolor NOW I!** Exhibition October 31- December 28, 1987  
at Springfield Missouri Art Museum and United Missouri Bank

\_ Travel exhibition of Watercolor NOW I! exhibit from Springfield, Missouri to  
Federal Reserve Bank Fine Arts Gallery in Kansas City, Missouri, February 1- April 1, 1988

\_ Video of Watercolor NOW I! made and available for sale for \$35

# 1988

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Lee Weiss  
Vice-President and Newsletter Editor: Bill Senter  
Treasurer: Jerry Baum  
Secretary: Missie Dickens  
Library: Katherine Chang Liu  
Membership Chair: Georg Shook  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Rob Erdle  
Judy Richardson Gard  
Jim Hamil  
Fred Messersmith  
Ellen Murray  
Greg Thielin, SMMA Curator of Collections

## **Important events:**

- \_ Jerry Berger becomes Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art
- \_ Keep "USA" in Watercolor USA Honor Society
- \_ Travel exhibition of Watercolor NOW I! exhibit from Springfield, Missouri to Fine Arts Gallery Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, Missouri, February 5 - April 1, 1988
- \_ Cancel WHS Conference at SMMA; WHS Board Meeting June 11, 1988, SMMA
- \_ Plans begun for 1993 Watercolor NOW IV! exhibit at Salt Lake Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

# 1989

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Judy Richardson Gard

Vice-President: Georg Shook

Treasurer/WHS Videos: Jerry Baum

Secretary/Billboard Membership News Editor: Missie Dickens

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

Recording Secretary: Pat Burger

Newsletter Co-Editors: Rob Erdle and Ellen Murray

Historian: Ed Reep

Nominating Committee: Ellen Murray, chair; Edith Bergstrom, Judi Betts, Katherine Chang Liu  
Richard Von Wagoner

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Fred Messersmith: WHS video Publicity

Jim Hamil: Coordinator WHS services

Katherine Chang Liu: Slide Registry

Greg Thielin: SMMA Curator of Collections

Past President Ex-Officio: Lee Weiss

## **Important events:**

\_ Official Tax IRS number received October 25, 1989, for our proper WHS tax exempt status

\_ **Watercolor NOW II!** held at Transco Energy Galleries, Houston, Texas

\_ December 1, 1989 – January 27, 1990

\_ Cosponsored by Transco Energy Company and Watercolor Art Society of Houston (WAS-H), Texas

\_ WHS Conference, Double Tree Hotel, Houston, Texas, Dec 1 – 3, 1989

\_ plans begun for show in 1992 in Osnabruck, Germany

# 1990

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Judy Richardson Gard

Vice-President: Georg Shook

Treasurer: Donald Lake

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

Recording Secretary: Pat Berger

Newsletter Editors: Barbara Baum, Gale Waddell

Historian: Ed Reep

Bylaws Committee: Missie Dickens, chair; Pat Berger, Ed Reep, and Electra Stamelos

Nominating Committee: Ellen Murray, chair; Edith Bergstrom, Judi Betts, Katherine Chang Liu,  
Richard Von Wagoner

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Goes to Germany Exhibition in 1992 or 1993:**

Chair: Jerry Baum, WHS, Director of International Affairs

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Greg Thielin: SMMA Curator of Collections

Katherine Chang Liu: Slide Registry

Jerry Baum: WHS video sales

Fred Messersmith

Jim Hamil

Harold Gregor

Kenneth Holder

Past President Ex-Officio: Lee Weiss

## **Important events:**

\_ With 7% of all sales to benefit WHS, Rivers Run Contemporaries Press created a portfolio of limited edition reproductions of paintings by WHS artists Bill Armstrong, Edith Bergstrom, Edward Betts, Glenn Bradshaw, and Robert Foose.

\_ WHS stationary printed with logo upside down

# 1991

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Georg Shook

Vice-President: Roland Golden

Treasurer: Don Lake

Recording Secretary: Pat Berger

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

Newsletter Editors: Barbara Baum and Gale Waddell

Historian: Ed Reep

Bylaws Committee: Missie Dickens, chair; Pat Berger, Ed Reep, Electra Stamelos

Nominating Committee: Bonese Collins Turner, chair; Aletha Jones, Harold Gregor  
Missie Dickens, Robin Van Rooyen

Conference / Exhibition Chair: Richard Van Wagoner

1993 WHS Biennial Conference and Exhibition for Watercolor NOW IV!

Salt Lake City, Utah

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Goes to Germany 1992 Exhibition:**

Chair: Jerry Baum, WHS, Director of International Affairs

Germany Liaison: Dr Peter Koch, Counselor of Cultural Affairs

Liaisons to SMMA: Bill Armstrong and Bill Senter

Research and Logistics: Judy Richardson Gard, Ellen Murray, Ken Holder, Harold Gregor, Pat Berger,  
Pat San Soucie

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Harold Gregor

Ken Holder

Past President Ex-Officio: Judy Gard

## **Important events:**

**Watercolor NOW III!** October 26 - November 24, 1991

WHS artists exhibited at both United Missouri Bank and Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

October 26, 1991 receptions for Watercolor NOW III!

United Missouri Bank 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Springfield Missouri Museum of Art 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Announcement that there will be *Watercolor Wing* added to SMMA to house their permanent collection of watercolor paintings to include the **WHS Purchase Award** paintings. (See 2009 for opening of Bill Armstrong Gallery!)

# 1992

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Georg Shook

Vice-President: Rolland Golden

Treasurer: Don Lake

Recording Secretary: Pat Berger

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

Newsletter Editors: Barbara Baum and Gale Waddell

Historian: Ed Reep

Bylaws Committee: Missie Dickens, chair; Pat Berger, Ed Reep, Electra Stamelos

Nominating Committee: Bonese Collins Turner, chair; Aletha Jones, Harold Gregor

Missie Dickens, Robin Van Rooyen

Conference / Exhibition Chair: Richard Van Wagoner

1993 WHS Biennial Conference and Exhibition for Watercolor NOW IV!

Salt Lake City, Utah

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Harold Gregor

Ken Holder

Jim Hamil

Past President Ex-Officio: Judy Gard

## **Important events:**

### **— WHS Goes to Germany Exhibition:**

Special Exhibit to Osnabruck, Germany: show dates 1993-1995

Germany Exhibition Chair: Jerry Baum, WHS, Director of International Affairs

Germany Liaison: Dr Peter Koch, Counselor of Cultural Affairs

Managing Director: Dieter Lang, California Concepts and Creations

Committee: Georg Shook, Judy Gard, Ken Holder, Harold Gregor, Ellen Murray, Pat Berger,  
Pat San Soucie

Liaisons to SMMA for WHS-to-Germany Exhibition: Bill Armstrong and Bill Senter

# 1993

## WHS Officers:

President: Ellen Murray

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Margaret Scanlan, Conference / Exhibition Chair

1995 WHS Biennial Conference and Exhibition for Watercolor NOW VI!

Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, Tennessee, and

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Roland Golden, Acquisitions / Awards Chair

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bonese Collins Turner, Public Relations Chair

Treasurer: Electra Stamelos

Recording Secretary: Pat Berger

Membership Chair and Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

Membership Directory Editor: Robin Van Rooyen

Bylaws Chair: Missie Dickens

Newsletter Editors: Barbara Baum, Gale Waddell

Nominating Committee: Aletha Jones, chair; Missie Dickens, David Boggs, Kay Hoppock,

Susan S Schwartz

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## WHS Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Richard Von Wagoner, 1993 SLC Conference / Symposium Chair

Jim Hamil and Bill Senter: Liaisons to SMMA

Harold Gregor

Pat San Souci

Lee Weis

Susan Schwartz

Katherine Chang Liu

Ken Holder

Ed Shay

Rob Erdle

Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

Georg Shook: Past President Ex-Officio

## Important events:

\_ **Watercolor NOW IV!** Conference and Exhibition At Salt Lake Art Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

November 26, 1993 – January 5, 1994

December 4, 1993, Reception

December 3-4, 1993, Symposium

**Keynote Speaker:** Janet Fish, artist, NYC, NY

### **Presenters and Panelists:**

Sam Gappmeyer, Director Salt Lake Art Center; Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief American Artist magazine;

Mary Ann Doran, owner, MA Doran gallery, Tulsa, OK; Will South, painter, Art Historian, Museum of Fine

Arts, University of Utah; Henry Barendse, Director of Galleries, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah; and

WHS members: Bill Armstrong, Rob Erdle, Judy Richardson Gard, Harold Gregor, Donald Lake, Ellen Murray,

Georg Shook, EJ Velardi, Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Lee Weiss

\_ \$1000 was donated for the **WHS Purchase Award**

\_ Groundbreaking for the new wing of the SMMA

\_ WHS-to-Osnabruck, Germany Exhibition 12/12/93 – 01/30/1994 canceled winter 2003 due to lawsuit against

WHS brought by Dieter Lang, Managing Director, California Concepts and Creations.

# 1994

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Ellen Murray

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Margaret Scanlan, Conference / Exhibition Chair  
1995 WHS Biennial Conference and Exhibition for Watercolor NOW V!  
Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, Tennessee, and  
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Rolland Golden, Acquisitions / Awards Chair

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bonese Collins Turner, Public Relations Chair

Treasurer: Electra Stamelos

Recording Secretary: Pat Berger

Newsletter Editor: Jim Hamil

Membership Chair / Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

Membership Directory Editor: Robin Van Rooyen

Bylaws Chair: Missie Dickens

Nominating Committee: Aletha Jones, chair; David Boggs, Missie Dickens, Kay Hoppock,  
and Susan Schwartz

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Harold Gregor

Ken Holden

Ed Shay

Rob Erdle

Eizabeth Yarosz-Ash

Katherine Chng Liu

Susan Schwartz

Pat San Soucie

Georg Shook: Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

\_ On January 18, 1994, Canadian Court dismissed lawsuit against WHS by Dieter Lang for lack of jurisdiction. The lawsuit had caused cancellation of WHS-to-Germany Exhibition.

\_ Greg Thielin, SMMA Curator of Collections, died August 1994

\_ **Watercolor NOW IV!** Conference and Exhibition in Salt Lake City, Utah  
November 26, 1993 – *January 5, 1994*

# 1995

## WHS Officers:

President: Electra Stamelos

Co 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Presidents: Harold Gregor and Kenneth Holder, Program Chairs  
Biennial Conference for Watercolor NOW VI!  
Springfield Missouri Museum of Art 1997

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Acquisitions / Awards Chair

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bonese Collins Turner, Public Relations Chair

Treasurer: Cynthia Peterson

Recording Secretary: Robert Barnum

Corresponding Secretary / Membership Chair: Mary Ann Pope

Membership Directory Editor: Robin Van Rooyen

Newsletter Editor: Aletha Jones

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## WHS Board:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Pat Berger

Margaret Scanlan

Ed Shay

Rob Erdle

Katherine Chang Liu

Susan Amstater Schwartz

Pat San Soucie

Ellen Murray, Past President Ex-Officio

## Important events:

\_ **Watercolor NOW V!** at Knoxville Museum of Art and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts  
Knoxville Museum of Art, March 3 – June 4, 1995 (1<sup>st</sup> half of alphabet)  
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, March 3 – May 13, 1995 (2<sup>nd</sup> half of alphabet)

\_ Arrowmont Workshops: April 17-20, 1995

Robert Barnum, Miles Batt, Kathleen Jardine, Ed Shay, Pat San Soucie, Bones Collins Turner, Lee Weiss

\_ April 20-22, 1995 National WHS Conference and Symposium in Knoxville, TN

**Keynote Speaker:** Milford Zornes

Presenters: Miles Batt, Robert Barnum, Harold Gregor, Kathleen Jardine, Aletha Jones, Ellen Murray, Lula Nestor, Robin Van Rooyen, Margaret Scanlan, Ed Shay, Electra Stamelos, Pat San Soucie, Carl Sublett, Bonese Collins Turner, Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, and Lee Weiss

\_ **WHS Purchase Award** to Watercolor USA 1995 given in memory of Greg Thielin, SMMA Curator of Collections

\_ Georg Shook, 4<sup>th</sup> WHS President 1991-1992, died July 2, 1995

# 1996

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Electra Stamelos

Co 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Presidents: Harold Gregor and Kenneth Holder, Program Chairs  
Biennial Conference for Watercolor NOW VI!  
Springfield Missouri Museum of Art 1997

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bonese Collins Turner

Treasurer: Cynthia Peterson

Recording Secretary: Robert Barnum

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Margaret Scanlan

Ed Shay

Rob Erdle

Katherine Chang Liu

Susan Amstater Schwartz

Pat San Soucie

Ellen Murray, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

\_Bill and Margo Simson Armstrong Award for Excellence established to be given for the purchase of a painting from the WHS biennial exhibit. The award will be funded annually for \$1000 or more. The painting will be offered to SMMA for their permanent watercolor collection, but this will not preclude offering it to other well established art museums that have significant watercolor collections.

# 1997

## WHS Officers:

President: Electra Stamelos

Co 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Presidents: Harold Gregor and Kenneth Holder, Program Chairs  
Biennial Conference for Watercolor NOW VI!  
Springfield Missouri Museum of Art 1997

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Acquisitions / Awards Chair

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bonese Collins Turner, Public Relations

Treasurer: Cynthia Peterson

Recording Secretary: Robert Barnum

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

Membership Directory: Robin Van Rooyen

Newsletter Editor: Aletha Jones

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## WHS Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Pat Berger

Margaret Scanlan

Ed Shay

Rob Erdle

Katherine Chang Liu

Susan Amstater Schwartz

Pat San Soucie

Past President Ex-Officio: Ellen Murray

## Important events:

\_WHS Officers and Board Meeting, Livonia, Michigan, at Electra Stamelos' home, March 21-23, 1997, attended by Harold Gregor, Rob Erdle, Electra Stamelos, Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Margaret Scanlan, Pat Berger, Susan Schwartz, Robin Van Rooyen, and Ken Holder

\_Harold Gregor proposes WHS offer a *Lifetime Achievement Award* to recognize and honor a distinguished career of high achievement in watercolor in any or all areas of watercolor painting, writing, teaching, service, or research. Upon accepting the award, the recipient will become a lifetime member of WHS.

\_Electra Stamelos proposes a **WHS Memorial Portfolio** to be archived at SMMA

\_ **Watercolor NOW VI!** at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art from November 14, 1997 – January 4, 1998

\_The first Bill and Margo Simson Armstrong Award for Excellence from Watercolor Now VI! for the SMMA Collection went to Rob Erdle for his painting titled “ Circling Sprague Lake.”

\_WHS Conference “Water is the Soul, Color is the Spirit” November 13-16, 1997

\_ **Keynote Speaker:** Charles Le Clair (\$1500)

**Presenters and Panelists:** Jerry Berger, Judi Betts, Bruce Bobick, Michael Cadieux, Barbara Cervenka, Michael Chandler, Matthew Daub, Missie Dickens, Rhea Edge, Rob Erdle, Harold Gregor, Ken Holder, Serge Hollerbach, Frances Hynes, Fred Jones, Jim Juszczuk, Don Lake, Carolyn Lord, Robert Lee Mejer, Ellen Murray, Bernard Palchick, Claude Ponset, Susan Puelz, Ed Reep, Margaret Scanlan, Pat San Soucie, Robin Van Rooyen, Lee Weiss

\_ *WHS Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients: Charles LeClair and Ed Reep*

# 1998

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Rob Erdle

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Mary Ann Pope, Conference / Exhibition Chair  
Watercolor NOW VII! Biennial Conference and Exhibition 2000  
Huntsville Museum of Art, Alabama

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bonese Collins Turner

Treasurer: Kay Hoppock

Recording Secretary: Mary Lou Ferbert

Corresponding Secretary: Susan Amstater Schwartz

Membership Directory Editor: Robin Van Rooyen

Co Newsletter Editors: Gale Waddell, Barbara Baum

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Bruce Bobick

Barbara Cervenka

Don Lake

Robert Mejer

Cynthia Peterson

Ed Shay

Electra Stamelos

Shirley Zampelli Strutz-Davis

Harold Gregor, Advisor

Ken Holder, Advisor

Electra Stamelos, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

Watercolor NOW VI! at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art ends *January 4, 1998*

# 1999

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Rob Erdle

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Mary Ann Pope, Conference / Exhibition Chair  
Watercolor NOW VII! Biennial Conference and Exhibition 2000  
Huntsville Museum of Art, Alabama

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bonese Collins Turner

Treasurer: Kay Hoppock

Recording Secretary: Mary Lou Ferbert

Corresponding Secretary: Susan Amstater Schwartz

Membership Directory Editor: Robin Van Rooyen

Co-Newsletter Editors: Gale Waddell and Barbara Baum

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

Nominating Committee Chair: Gale Waddell

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

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Bruce Bobick

Barbara Cervenka

Don Lake

Robert Lee Mejer

Cynthia Peterson

Ed Shay

Electra Stamelos

Shirley Lampelli Sturtz-Davis

Judy Richardson Gard

Ellen Murray

Electra Stamelos, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

\_ Planning session of Officers and Board February 11-12, 1999, in Dallas, TX, attended by Rob Erdle, Millie Giles, Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Robert Lee Mejer, Barbara Cervenka, Susan Amstater Schwartz, Ellen Murray, Electra Stamelos, Shirley Zampelli Sturtz-Davis, Judy Richardson Gard, Mary Lou Ferbert, Don Lake, Ellna Gregory-Goodrun

# 2000

## WHS Officers:

President: Carolyn Lord  
Regional VPs: Pat San Soucie and Lee Weiss  
Treasurer: Robert Lee Mejer  
Recording Secretary: Mary Lou Ferbert  
Corresponding Secretary: Susan Amstater Schwartz  
Membership Director Editor: Shirley Zampelli Sturtz-Davis  
Newsletter Editors: Carolyn Lord /Stateswide Printing  
Website Coordinator: Peggy Flora Zalucha  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## WHS Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash  
Bonese Collins Turner  
Kay Hoppock  
Robin Van Rooyen  
Gale Waddell  
Barbara Baum  
Rob Erdle, Past President Ex-Officio

## Important events:

\_1<sup>st</sup> WHS website created, designed, and maintained by Peggy Zalucha, WHS.

\_ **Watercolor NOW VII!** Exhibition

Huntsville Museum of Art from April 9 – June 18, 2000

\_ WHS Biennial Conference **Watermedia 2000** April 19 – 22, 2000, at Huntsville Museum of Art, Alabama

**Keynote Speaker:** Carolyn Brady

**Presenters and Panelists:** Peter Baldaia, Bruce Bobick, Carolyn Brady, Glenn Bradshaw, Shirley Zampelli Sturtz-Davis, Marilyn Derwenskus, Rob Erdle, Judy Richardson-Gard, Robert Lee Mejer, Richard Mills, Ellen Murray, Dan Piersol, Alex Powers, Stanley Rosenthal, Pat San Soucie, Ed Shay, Electra Stamelos, Lee Weiss, Ellen Wilt, Peggy Flora Zalucha

\_ **WHS Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients: Carolyn Brady and Glenn Bradshaw**

\_ Bruce Bobick, WHS, conceived the idea for Watercolor USA Honor Society Millennium Book Project, 2000. Membership voted for Bruce Bobick to organize the WHS artists' book.

# 2001

## **Important events:**

\_President Carolyn Lord resigned Fall 2001

\_President Carolyn Lord canceled Watercolor NOW VIII! in Los Angeles for 2002

## **WHS Ad Hoc Committee:**

Bill Armstrong - Ad Hoc President and founder of WHS and Honorary President for Life of WHS;  
Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art; Barbara Cervenka, Judy Richardson Gard,  
Donald Lake, Margaret Scanlan, Susan Amstater Schwartz, Electra Stamelos, and Lee Weiss

Treasurer: Robert Lee Mejer

Website Coordinator: Peggy Flora Zalucha

Membership Directory: Shirley Zampelli Sturtz-Davis

Recording Secretary: Mary Lou Ferbert

## **WHS Membership Development:**

Pat San Soucie

Rob Erdle

Ken Holder

Gale Waddell

Robin Van Rooyen

# 2002

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash  
Vice-President: Missie Dickens  
Treasurer: Robert Lee Mejer  
Secretary/Website Coordinator: Peggy Zalucha  
Newsletter Editor: Judy Richardson Gard  
Historian: Shirley Sturtz-Davis  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Judi Betts  
Harold Gregor  
Nancy Handlan  
Ellen Murray  
Mary Ann Pope  
Electra Stamelos  
Lee Weiss

## **Important events:**

\_President's Executive Assistant, Stephanie Grey Baswell, hired

# 2003

## WHS Board:

President: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash  
Vice-President: Missie Dickens  
Treasurer: Robert Lee Mejer  
Secretary: Peggy Zalucha  
Newsletter Editor: Judy Richardson Gard  
Historian: Shirley Sturtz-Davis  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## WHS Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Judi Betts  
Harold Gregor  
Nancy Handlan  
Ellen Murray  
Mary Ann Pope  
Electra Stamelos  
Lee Weiss

## Important events:

\_Rosalie Pettus Price, charter WHS member, died January 25, 2003

\_ **Watercolor NOW VIII!** Exhibition at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art, April 25 – June 1, 2003

\_ Watercolor NOW VIII! Biennial Meeting and Banquet, June 5-7, 2003

*Outstanding WHS contributor recipients:* Bill Armstrong, Judi Betts, Pat Berger, Bonese CollinsTurner, Lee Weiss, and Jerry Berger, Director SMMA

\_ **WHS Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Keith Crown presented June 7, 2003,**  
**at Bijan's Under the Tower, Springfield, Missouri**

\_ **WHS Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Milford Zornes presented September 6, 2003,**  
**at Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, California, by Bonese Collins Turner, WHS, representing**  
**Watercolor USA Honor Society on the occasion of the thirty-fifth Annual Watercolor West Exhibition**

\_ Robert Steflik, Texas, hired to be new WHS webmaster because no WHS member can earn money from WHS per our WHS Bylaws. Jim Hubbman, WHS, offered his expertise to the development of the new website.

\_ After death of Kay Hoppock, WHS, in September 2003, a memorial fund was started in order for a **WHS Memorial Award** to be given at annual Watercolor USA exhibitions to pay tribute to our deceased WHS members

\_ WHS lapel pin designed with newly created WHS logo

\_ Bill Armstrong donates "Maetta Monarch" to the SMMA's permanent watercolor collection

# 2004

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Missie Dickens  
Vice-President: Howard Kaye  
Recording Secretary: Susan Amstater Schwartz  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Britten Lynch  
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers  
Newsletter Editor: Sandra Schaffer  
Membership Chair: Mary Ann Pope  
Historian: Carol Ann Schrader  
Website liaison: Cynthia Peterson  
Bylaws Committee: Aletha Jones and Christine Cozic  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Judy Richardson Gard  
Robert Lee Mejer  
Hiroki Shikashio  
Electra Stamelos  
Cynthia Peterson  
Judi Belts  
Rhea Edge  
Lee Weiss  
Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

- \_ Wayne Conyers, WHS, found the lost original Articles of Incorporation
- \_ New Webmaster Patrick Ripley of Allegro Associates, AZ, was hired and creates new website with art direction from Cynthia Peterson, WHS Website Liaison
- \_ WHS Bylaws updated to include 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology among other changes
- \_ WHS Membership dues are \$40
- Watercolor USA Honor Society Millennium Book Project, 2000, conceived and coordinated by Bruce Bobick, WHS, with 39 magnificent paintings by WHS artists, was received by SMMA for its permanent collection. A glass display case exhibits the paintings and the pages of paintings will be turned on a regular basis.

# 2005

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Missie Dickens  
Vice-President: Howard Kaye  
Recording Secretary: Susan Amstater Schwartz  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Britten Lynch  
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers  
Newsletter Editor: Sandra Schaffer  
Membership Chair: Mary Ann Pope  
Historian: Carol Ann Schrader  
Website Liaison to Webmaster Patrick Ripley: Cynthia Peterson  
Bylaws Committee: Aletha Jones and Christine Cozic  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

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Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Judy Richardson Gard  
Robert Lee Mejer  
Hiroko Shikashio  
Electra Stamelos  
Cynthia Peterson  
Judi Betts  
Rhea Edge  
Lee Weiss  
Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

\_ **Watercolor NOW IX!** held in Springfield, Missouri, at Park Central Gallery  
\_ June 3, 2004, 1st opening Park Central Gallery  
\_ June 10, 2004, 2nd opening Park Central Gallery

\_ WHS reincorporated 9-8-05 and WHS stored its new Articles of Incorporation at SMMA

\_ Judy Richardson Gard, 3<sup>rd</sup> WHS President 1989-1991, died November 26, 2005

# 2006

## Officers:

President: Howard Kaye  
Vice-President: Caryl Morgan  
Recording Secretary: Rhea Edge  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Britton Lynch  
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers  
Newsletter Editors: Jerry Ellis and Larry Stephenson  
Membership Chair: Mary Ann Pope  
Historian: Missie Dickens  
Website Liaison: Cynthia Peterson  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## WHS Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Kenji Nishikawa  
Ellen Murray  
Susan Amstater Schwartz  
Robert Lee Mejer  
Hiroko Shikashio  
Electra Stamelos  
Sarah Riley  
Missie Dickens, Past President Ex-Officio

## Important events:

\_ Bill Armstrong created a poster from bits of images from numerous WHS artists' paintings for the purpose of advertising Watercolor Now X!

\_ **Watercolor NOW X!** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, June 2 – July 8, 2006  
paintings exhibited at Missouri State University Art and Design Gallery and Hawthorn Gallery, Springfield, MO

\_ The Creamery Arts Center workshops by Hiroko Shikashio, June 8, and Electra Stamelos, June 8-9, 2006  
as part of the Watercolor NOW X! Conference/Exhibition

\_ **Bill Armstrong and Harold Gregor, WHS Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients**  
exhibit their paintings at Park Central Gallery, Springfield, MO  
June 2, 2006, First Friday opening at Park Central Gallery  
June 10, 2006, Second opening at Park Central Gallery

\_ Watercolor NOW X! 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, June 9, 2006 Awards Banquet at Metropolitan Grill  
**WHS Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients: Bill Armstrong and Harold Gregor**  
*Outstanding WHS contributor recipients:* Wayne Conyers, Sandra Schaffer, Bruce Bobick, Cynthia Peterson, Mary Ann Pope, plus Jerry Berger, Director SMMA; Margo Armstrong, wife of Bill Armstrong; Sondra Hagerman, owner Park Central Gallery; and Patrick Ripley, WHS Webmaster

\_ **WHS Memorial Award** to Watercolor USA for Kay Hoppock, WHS Treasurer, and Judy Richardson Gard, 3<sup>rd</sup> WHS President

\_ Rob Erdle, 7<sup>th</sup> WHS President 1998- 2000, died December 30, 2006

# 2007

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Howard Kaye  
Vice-President: Caryl Morgan  
Recording Secretary: Rhea Edge  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Britten Lynch  
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers  
Newsletter Editor: Caryl Morgan  
Membership Chair: Pat San Soucie  
Web Liaison: Cynthia Peterson  
Historian: Missie Dickens  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **Japanese Watercolor Federation -WHS Exchange 2010**

Chairs: Kenji Nishikawa and Sarah Riley

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Robert Lee Mejer  
Ellen Murray  
Hiroko Shikashio  
Susan Amstater Schwartz  
Electra Stamelos  
Missie Dickens, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

\_ Electra Stamelos, 6<sup>th</sup> WHS President 1995- 1997, died June 1, 2007

\_ **WHS Memorial Award** to Watercolor USA for Rob Erdle, 7<sup>th</sup> WHS President, and Carolyn Brady,  
\_ WHS Lifetime Achievement Award recipient in 2000

# 2008

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Sandra Schaffer, began office 8/08  
Vice-President: Caryl Morgan, began office 8/08  
President: Caryl Morgan, 6-8/08  
Vice-President/Acting President: Sandra Schaffer, 6-8/08  
Recording Secretary: Sarah Riley  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Britten Lynch  
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers  
Newsletter Co-Editors: Caryl Morgan and Sandra Schaffer  
Membership Chair: Pat San Soucie  
Website Liaison: Cynthia Peterson  
Historian: Missie Dickens  
Nominating Committee: Caryl Morgan, Rhea Edge  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **Japanese Watercolor Federation -WHS Exchange 2009 and 2010**

Chairs: Kenji Nishikawa and Hiroko Shikashio

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Ellen Murray  
Robert Lee Mejer  
Susan Amstater Schwartz  
Howard Kaye, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

- \_ Dual Invitational Exhibition: (NWS) **National Watercolor Society's** 87th annual Travel Exhibition with selected members of (WHS) **Watercolor USA Honor Society** at the **Art Center at Fallbrook**, Fallbrook, California, in The Janice Griffiths Gallery, February 3 – March 16, 2008  
Participating WHS artists: Robert Barnum, Kathy Bay, Wayne Conyers, Nina Cravens-Fry, Marie Cummings, Missie Dickens, Tony Elkins, Diane Goble, Harold Gregor, Ellna Gregory-Goodrun, Yee Wah Jling, Pat Kochan, Kathleen Kuchar, Cynthia Kukla, Shelly Lazarus, Ara Leites, Robert Lee Mejer, Caryl Morgan, Ellen Murray, Kenji Nishikawa, Beth Patterson, Cynthia Peterson, Pat San Soucie, Sandra Schaffer, Hiroko Shikashio, Dan Stouffer, Robert C Therien, Jr, Mary Wilbanks, Jeanette Wolff, Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash
- \_ WHS Memorial Award to Watercolor USA for Electra Stamelos, 6<sup>th</sup> WHS President
- \_ **Watercolor NOW XI!** Exhibition, May 31-June 20, 2008 at Springfield Art Museum, Missouri  
Opening reception June 6, 2008, the *first* Watercolor NOW! exhibit in the new wing of SMMA
- \_ WHS Board votes to approve a \$10,000.00 donation towards the **Bill Armstrong Gallery**, first gallery named for a living artist, in the new Watercolor Wing at Springfield Missouri Art Museum
- \_ Health issues cause Board to vote for the change in roles of President-Vice President between Caryl Morgan and Sandra Schaffer

# 2009

## **WHS Officers:**

President: Sandra Schaffer  
Vice-President: Caryl Morgan  
Secretary: Sarah Riley  
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers  
Newsletter Co-Editors: Caryl Morgan and Sandra Schaffer  
Membership Chair: Mary Britten Lynch  
Website Liaison: Cynthia Peterson  
Historian: Missie Dickens  
Nominating Committee: Caryl Morgan, Rhea Edge  
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

## **Japanese Watercolor Federation -WHS Exchange 2009 and 2010**

Chairs: Kenji Nishikawa and Hiroko Shikashio

## **WHS Board of Directors:**

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art  
Pat San Soucie  
Ellen Murray  
Robert Lee Mejer  
Susan Amstater Schwartz  
Howard Kaye, Past President Ex-Officio

## **Important events:**

\_ Japan Watercolor Federation Exchange Exhibition at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art, June 6 – August 2, 2009  
Opening reception: June 6, 2009, attended by Mr. Atsuhiko Sakai, JFW Exchange Project Coordinator; Ms. Hiroko Tadakuma, Project Committee Member; and Ms. Yoko Shirai

Note: Japan Watercolor Federation Exchange was the first exhibition held in the new Bill Armstrong Gallery of the Springfield Missouri Museum of Art. Bill and Margo Armstrong attended the event!

\_ Judi Betts demonstrated her watercolor techniques afternoon 6-5-09 at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art for JWF and WHS members

\_ At Touch Restaurant evening of 6-5-09, members of the Japan Watercolor Federation led by Mr. Sakai demonstrated and taught to WHS members the fine art of Japanese woodblock printmaking using 16<sup>th</sup> century Japanese woodblocks. Certificates presented to The Japan Watercolor Federation members by Sandra Schaffer, WHS President.

\_ The Bill H Armstrong Watercolor USA Honor Society Member Invitational at Missouri State University Art and Design Center, June 5 – July 17, 2009

WHS artists: Wayne Conyers, Kathleen Kuchar, Robert Lee Mejer, Ellen Murray, Karen Poulson, Susan Puelz, Camille Rendal, Sarah Riley, Sandra Schaffer, Carol Ann Schrader, Bruce Thayer, Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, Peggy Zalucha

**\_ WHS 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient **Lee Weiss**, second WHS President in 1988  
Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients to the Past Presidents of WHS:**

**Judy Gard**, 3<sup>rd</sup> WHS President from 1989 - 1991

**Georg Shook**, 4<sup>th</sup> WHS President from 1991 - 1992

**Electra Stamelos**, 6<sup>th</sup> WHS President from 1995 – 1997

**Rob Erdle**, 7<sup>th</sup> WHS President from 1998 – 2000

**6-7-09 Banquet and Reception for Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients and their families held at Metropolitan Grill. Commemorative plaque presented by JWF members to Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art.**

\_ Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art, was voted WHS Honorary Life Member. This rare honor only has been bestowed only one other time in WHS history when in 1986 Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief, American Artist magazine was made the first WHS Honorary Life Member.

