

October 7, 1985, Watercolor USA Honor Society, WHS,
Articles of Incorporation as a General not for Profit Corporation, in State of Missouri,
Office of Secretary of State, were signed by Bill Armstrong, Robert Johnson, and Bill Senter.

1986

Important events:

- May 28-31, 1986, **WATERCOLOR NOW! – A SYMPOSIUM and EXHIBITION**

Watercolor USA Honor Society held its first meetings, with a symposium and the original Watercolor NOW! exhibition, 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 and Stephen Doherty

- WHS Constitution and Bylaws developed

- May 30, 1986, **STEPHEN DOHERTY**, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, American Artist magazine made
WHS HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

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	Francis Meisch
Jerry Baum	Fred Messersmith
Mary Berry	Rosalie Price
Edward Betts	Bill Senter
Judi Betts	Carl Sublett
Rich Clubb	E.J. Velardi
Jim Foose	Lee Weiss
Judy Richardson Gard	Doris White
Edward Herbeck	

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

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

1987

WHS Officers:

President: Bill Armstrong

Vice-President: Lee Weiss

Treasurer: Bill Senter

Secretary: Bob Johnson

Recording Secretary: Missie Dickens

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
Bylaws updated WHS membership eligibility to continue to include Juror awards and purchases to the SMMA permanent collection but no more WHS memberships eligible from patron purchases for private collections
- Bill Armstrong elected Honorary President for Life
- WHS Membership dues are \$35
- August 19, 1987, William Landwehr, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art since 1976 resigns
- 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. A check for \$500 was donated for the **first WHS Purchase Award** to Watercolor USA 1987. Kirk Pedersen of Kearny, Nebraska, was the first recipient for his painting *Evidence 16*. WHS Honorary Life Member Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, American Artist magazine, served as juror for Watercolor USA 1987.
- October 30 – November 1, 1987, WHS Conference at SMMA
- October 31- December 28, 1987, **Watercolor NOW I!** Exhibition at Springfield Missouri Art Museum and United Missouri Bank
WHS member exhibitions will be titled Watercolor NOW I! in honor of the WHS first symposium titled by that same name held in Spring Green, Wisconsin, in May 1986.
- February 1- April 1, 1988, Travel exhibition of Watercolor NOW I! exhibit from Springfield, Missouri to Federal Reserve Bank Fine Arts Gallery in Kansas City, Missouri
- Video catalog of Watercolor NOW I! made and available for sale for \$35 was geared to artists and teachers to be used as an education guide to show ranges of watercolor skills and as an awareness tool for diversity of watercolor techniques. By advocating for watercolor painting and serving as an advertisement for Watercolor USA, the video of *Watercolor Now I!* was directed to motivate artists to submit paintings to Watercolor USA.

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
- June 11, 1988, WHS Board Meeting SMMA, WHS Conference at SMMA canceled
- 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:

- October 25, 1989, official Tax IRS number received for our proper WHS tax exempt status
- December 1, 1989 – January 27, 1990 **Watercolor NOW II!** held at Transco Energy Galleries, Houston, Texas
Cosponsored by Transco Energy Company and Watercolor Art Society of Houston (WAS-H), Texas
- Dec 1 – 3, 1989, WHS Conference, Double Tree Hotel, Houston, Texas
- 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 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

WHS Goes to Germany Exhibition in 1992 or 1993:

Chair: Jerry Baum, WHS, Director of International Affairs

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
- WHS Bylaws updated

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 Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

Harold Gregor

Ken Holder

Past President Ex-Officio: Judy Gard

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

Important events:

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

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

October 26, 1991, receptions for Watercolor NOW III!

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

United Missouri Bank 6:00 – 8:00 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 H. 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

1st 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

2nd VP: Roland Golden, Acquisitions / Awards Chair

3rd 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 Weiss

Susan Schwartz

Katherine Chang Liu

Ken Holder

Ed Shay

Rob Erdle

Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

Georg Shook: Past President Ex-Officio

Important events:

- November 26, 1993 – January 5, 1994, **Watercolor NOW IV!** Conference and Exhibition

Salt Lake Art Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

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 (See 2009 for opening of Bill H. Armstrong Gallery!)

- 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

- WHS Bylaws updated

1994

WHS Officers:

President: Ellen Murray

1st 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

2nd VP: Rolland Golden, Acquisitions / Awards Chair

3rd 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:

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

1995

WHS Officers:

President: Electra Stamelos

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

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

3rd 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
March 3 – June 4, 1995, Knoxville Museum of Art, (1st half of alphabet)
March 3 – May 13, 1995, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, (2nd half of alphabet)
- April 17-20, 1995, Arrowmont Workshops:
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, 4th WHS President 1991-1992, died July 2, 1995

1996

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Springfield Missouri Museum of Art 1997

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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.
- WHS Bylaws updated

1997

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Biennial Conference for Watercolor NOW VI!
Springfield Missouri Museum of Art 1997

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3rd VP: Bonese Collins Turner, Public Relations

Treasurer: Cynthia Peterson

Recording Secretary: Robert Barnum

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Pope

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Newsletter Editor: Aletha Jones

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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:

- March 21-23, 1997, WHS Officers and Board Meeting, at Electra Stamelos' home in Livonia, Michigan, 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 **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** to recognize and honor a distinguished career of high achievement 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
- November 14, 1997 – January 4, 1998, **Watercolor NOW VI!** at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art
- First Bill and Margo Simson Armstrong Award for Excellence from Watercolor Now VI! for the SMMA Collection went to Rob Erdle's painting titled "Circling Sprague Lake"
- WHS Conference "Water is the Soul, Color is the Spirit" November 13-16, 1997, University Holiday Inn, Springfield, Missouri
Keynote Speaker: Charles Le Clair (\$1500)
Presenters and Panelists: Jerry Berger, Director SMMA, 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 Juszczyk, Don Lake, Carolyn Lord, Robert Lee Mejer, Ellen Murray, Bernard Palchick, Claude Ponset, Susan Puelz, Ed Reep, Margaret Scanlan, Pat San Soucie, Electra Stamelos, WHS president, Robin Van Rooyen, Lee Weiss, Liz Yarosz, Deborah Schlier, SMMA Curator of Collections
- **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:** Charles LeClair and Ed Reep

1998

WHS Officers:

President: Rob Erdle

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

2nd VP: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

3rd 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:

- November 14, 1997 - *January 4, 1998*, **Watercolor NOW VI!** at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

1999

WHS Officers:

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Watercolor NOW VII! Biennial Conference and Exhibition 2000
Huntsville Museum of Art, Alabama

2nd VP: Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

3rd 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:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art

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:

- 1st WHS website created, designed, and maintained by Peggy Flora Zalucha, WHS.
- April 9 – June 18, 2000, **Watercolor NOW VII!** Exhibition, Huntsville Alabama Museum of Art
- April 19 – 22, 2000, WHS Biennial Conference **Watermedia 2000** at Huntsville Alabama Museum of Art
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 AWARDS: 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 develop and 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:

- WHS Logo created: **whs** ripples on water



Watercolor U.S.A. Honor Society

- President's Executive Assistant, Stephanie Grey Baswell, hired
- Kay Hoppock, WHS Treasurer 1998 - 2000, died September 2, 2002

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:

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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
- June 5-7, 2003 Watercolor NOW VIII! Biennial Meeting and Banquet,
Outstanding WHS contributor recipients: Jerry Berger, Director SMMA, Bill Armstrong, Judi Betts, Pat Berger, Bonese Collins Turner, and Lee Weiss,
- June 7, 2003, **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD to Keith Crown**
presented at Bijan's Under the Tower, Springfield, Missouri
- September 6, 2003, **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD to Milford Zornes**
presented 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.
- WHS lapel pin designed with newly created WHS logo
- Bill Armstrong donates "Maetta Monarch" to the SMMA's permanent watercolor collection
- In September 2003, one year after death of Kay Hoppock, WHS Treasurer 1998-2000, a memorial fund was started for **WHS Memorial Awards** to be given at annual Watercolor USA exhibitions to pay tribute to deceased WHS members

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 Treasurer, found the original Articles of Incorporation that had been lost
- New Webmaster Patrick Ripley of Allegro Associates, AZ, was hired and creates new website with art direction from Cynthia Peterson, WHS Website Liaison
- WHS Membership dues are \$40
- WHS member Bruce Bobick, conceived, developed, organized, and bound together with a custom-designed binder needle, Watercolor USA Honor Society Millennium Book Project, 2000. With 39 magnificent paintings by WHS artists, the book was received and accepted by Springfield Missouri Museum of Art for its permanent collection. A special glass display case was built to exhibit the WHS book, and its pages of full-size 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

WHS Board of Directors:

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 signed by Missie Dickens, Wayne Conyers, and Bill Armstrong.
WHS stores its renewed Articles of Incorporation at SMMA
- Among other changes WHS Bylaws updated to include 21st Century technology in its language and provision made that WHS cannot be dissolved without a meeting of Board of Directors and then a vote with a 2/3 majority
- Judy Richardson Gard, 3rd 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, Past President Ex-Officio,
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

Important events:

- **WHS Memorial Awards** to Watercolor USA 2006 for
Judy Richardson Gard, 3rd WHS President 1989-1990, and Kay Hoppock, WHS Treasurer 1998-2000
- Bill Armstrong created a poster from bits of images from numerous WHS artists' paintings for the purpose of advertising Watercolor Now X!
- June 2 – July 8, 2006, **Watercolor NOW X!** 20th Anniversary Exhibition,
paintings exhibited at both Missouri State University Art and Design Gallery and Hawthorn Gallery, Springfield, MO
- The Creamery Arts Center WHS Workshops for Watercolor NOW X! Conference/Exhibition
June 8, 2006, Hiroko Shikashio
June 8-9, 2006, Electra Stamelos
- **Bill Armstrong** and **Harold Gregor**
exhibit their paintings at Park Central Gallery, Springfield, MO
June 2, 2006, "First Friday" opening at Park Central Gallery
June 10, 2006, second opening and reception at Park Central Gallery

- June 9, 2006 Watercolor NOW X! 20th Anniversary Awards Banquet at Metropolitan Grill

Bill Armstrong and **Harold Gregor**, receive **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
Outstanding contributors to WHS receive plaques: *WHS members* 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

- Rob Erdle, 7th 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
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Historian: Missie Dickens
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Ellen Murray
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Susan Amstater Schwartz
Electra Stamelos
Missie Dickens, Past President Ex-Officio

JWF/Japanese Watercolor Federation – Watercolor USA Honor Society/WHS Exchange:

Chairs: Kenji Nishikawa and Hiroko Shikashio

Important events:

- Electra Stamelos, 6th WHS President 1995- 1997, died June 1, 2007
- **WHS Memorial Award** to Watercolor USA for Rob Erdle, 7th 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

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

JWF/Japanese Watercolor Federation – Watercolor USA Honor Society/WHS Exchange:

Chairs: Kenji Nishikawa and Hiroko Shikashio

Important events:

- February 3 – March 16, 2008 at the Janice Griffiths Gallery at **Art Center at Fallbrook, California**
Dual Invitational Exhibition:
(NWS) **National Watercolor Society's** 87th annual Travel Exhibition with selected members of
(WHS) **Watercolor USA Honor Society**
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 2008 for Electra Stamelos, 6th WHS President
- May 31-June 20, 2008 **Watercolor NOW XI!** Exhibition, at Springfield Missouri Art Museum
June 6, 2008, opening reception of the *first* Watercolor NOW! exhibit in the new wing of SMMA
- 6-7-08 *WHS Board votes to approve a \$10,000.00 donation towards the Bill H. Armstrong Gallery, first gallery named for a living artist, in the new Watercolor Wing at Springfield Missouri Art Museum.*
Bill Armstrong is founder and first President of WHS.
- 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
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

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

JWF/Japanese Watercolor Federation – Watercolor USA Honor Society/WHS Exchange:

Chairs: Kenji Nishikawa and Hiroko Shikashio

Important events:

- June 5 – July 17, 2009: Bill H Armstrong WHS Member Invitational at Missouri State University Art and Design Center.
WHS artists represented:
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, and Peggy Zalucha
- 6-5-09 Judi Betts demonstrated her watercolor techniques at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art for JWF and WHS members
- 6-5-09 at Touch Restaurant, members of the Japan Watercolor Federation led by Mr. Sakai demonstrated and taught to WHS members the fine art of Japanese woodblock printmaking using 16th century Japanese woodblocks.
Certificates presented to attending members from Japan Watercolor Federation by Sandra Schaffer, WHS President.
- June 6 – August 2, 2009, Japan Watercolor Federation Exchange Exhibition at Springfield Missouri Museum of Art
- 6-6-09 Opening reception for JWF Exhibition at SMMA attended by Mr. Atsuhiko Sakai, JFW Exchange Project Coordinator; Ms. Hiroko Tadakuma, Project Committee Member; and Ms. Yoko Shirai, JWF member
*Note: Japan Watercolor Federation Exchange was the first exhibition to christen the new **Bill H. Armstrong Gallery in the Watercolor Wing of the Springfield Missouri Museum of Art.***
WHS made a sizeable contribution to SMMA building fund in order to finish and name the state-of-the-art gallery for our WHS founder. Experiencing a full circle moment, Bill Armstrong, who founded WHS in 1985, first WHS President 1986- 1987, and honored with WHS Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006, attended the exhilarating opening event with his wife, Margo.
- 6-7-09 Commemorative plaque presented by appreciative JWF members to Jerry Berger, Director, SMMA
- 6-7-09 **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** for **LEE WEISS**, second WHS President in 1988 with Banquet and Reception held at Metropolitan Grill
- 6-7-09 **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS** presented posthumously by Sandra Schaffer to the families for Past Presidents of WHS:
JUDY GARD, 3rd WHS President 1989 - 1990
GEORG SHOOK, 4th WHS President 1991 - 1992
ELECTRA STAMELOS, 6th WHS President 1995 – 1997
ROB ERDLE, 7th WHS President 1998 – 1999
- 7-22-09 **WHS HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP** was voted for **JERRY BERGER**, Director, SMMA
- Spring 2009 edition WHS newsletter printed in color
- WHS Bylaws updated

2010

WHS Officers:

President: Sandra Schaffer
Vice-President: Caryl Morgan
Secretary: Sarah Riley
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers
Newsletter Editor in Chief: Sandra Schaffer
Graphic Designer: Caryl Morgan
Membership Chair: Mary Britten Lynch
Website Liaison: Cynthia Peterson
Historian: Missie Dickens
Nominating Committee: Caryl Morgan
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

WHS Board of Directors:

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

JWF/Japanese Watercolor Federation – Watercolor USA Honor Society/WHS Exchange:

Kenji Nishikawa and Hiroko Shikashio, WHS, USA Coordinators
Atsuhiko Sakai, Ei Nakamura Coordinators, JFW, Japan Coordinators

Important events:

- March 31, 2010 – April 12, 2010, **Japan Watercolor Federation's 69th Exhibition including WHS Exchange Exhibition** (NACT) National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
WHS exhibiting artists: Kent Addison, Sue Archer, Judi Betts, David Boggs, Wayne Conyers, Nina Cravens-Fry, Missie Dickens, Michael Dubina, Howard Eberle, Toni Elkins, Mary Lou Ferbert, Harold Gregor, Noriko Hasegawa, Margaret Huddy, Howard Kaye, Cynthia Kukla, Ara Leites, Jeanne H Lindsay, Caryl Morgan, Ellen Murray, Kenji Nishikawa, Mary Ann Pope, Sarah A Riley, Margaret Scanlan, Sandra Schaffer, Carol Ann Schrader, Hiroko Shikashio, Caroline Swanson, Warren Taylor, Elizabeth Yarosz, Peggy Flora Zalucha
- *NOTE: WHS Exchange Exhibition from Tokyo plus all paintings from Watercolor USA 2010 were made available for viewing on WHS website for the first time!*
- April 3, 2010, JWF-WHS awards banquet and Certificate Presentation, Ceremony Hall in the Nogisaka Hotel
- April 4, 2010, JWF-WHS lecture-exchange, Q & A, at National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
- April 4, 2010, fellowship banquet feast by JWF for WHS members at Japanese Bistro, Tokyo, Japan
- April 6, 2010, visit to JWF artist Mr. Akira Ota's studio in Fujikama, town near Mt Fuji, Japan
- June 13, 2010, WHS Board Meeting at Springfield Missouri Art Museum followed by annual dinner
- June 13, 2010, PowerPoint presentation given by Caryl Morgan highlighting April 2010 WHS delegation exchange experience in Japan with JWF, Japan Watercolor Federation
- June 13, 2010, **JERRY BERGER, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art**, formally recognized as revered **WHS HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**. This rare honor had been bestowed only one other time in WHS history when **Stephen Doherty**, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, American Artist magazine, was lauded as the first **WHS Honorary Life Member**, on May 30, 1986, at one of the first WHS meetings at Taliesin East, in Spring Green, Wisconsin.

2011

WHS Officers:

President: Sandra Schaffer
Vice-President: Caryl Morgan
Secretary: Cynthia Kukla
Treasurer: Wayne Conyers
Newsletter Editor in Chief: Sandra Schaffer
Graphic Designer: Caryl Morgan
Membership Chair: Mary Britten Lynch
Website Liaison: Cynthia Peterson
Historian: Missie Dickens
Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

Japanese Watercolor Federation /JWF – Watercolor USA Honor Society/WHS Exchange:

Chair/Coordinator: Kenji Nishikawa

WHS Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art, WHS Honorary Life Member
Gary Adamson
Robin Avery
Carole Hennessy
Robert Lee Mejer
Ellen Murray
Sarah Riley
Howard Kaye, Past President Ex-Officio

Important events:

● **Watercolor NOW XII!**

January 9-28, 2011, Slater Memorial Park Gallery, Pawtucket, Rhode Island
Sponsored by Rhode Island Watercolor Society

● **Watercolor USA Honor Society 25th Anniversary Exhibition**

May 7 – July 3, 2011, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art
June 10, 2011, reception

● **Watercolor USA Honor Society Small Works Invitational**

June 3 – August 5, 2011, Missouri State University Brick City Gallery, Springfield, Missouri

● **NOTE: the above two WHS Exhibitions plus all paintings from Watercolor USA 2011 were made available for viewing on WHS website**

● **Japan Watercolor Federation Exchange Exhibition,**

June 10 – August 7, 2011, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art
June 10, 2011, opening reception

June 10, 2011, WHS/JWF joint banquet followed by JWF Demo: Origami, Japanese original paper craft

● June 8-12, 2011, WHS welcomed second JWF Delegation to visit to Springfield, Missouri:

Hiroko Tadakuma, Atsuhiko Sakai, Kaoru Ito, Hitoshi Amano, Haruyo Tohyama, Etsuko Kanno, Hisako Takahashi, Katsumi Yoshida

- JWF delegation visited an authentic Amish farm near Springfield, Missouri plus
- Historic Home and Museum of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author, “Little House on the Prairie”
- Jerry Ellis, WHS, hosted JWF delegation at his home and studio in Carthage, Missouri plus treated them to an American cookout
- Jerry Ellis also arranged a tour for the JWF Delegation of the Louis & Platt Corporation near Springfield, Missouri Leggett & Platt has a very large collection of early Western American themed art, along with a collection of some of Jerry Ellis’ art. The JWF Delegation was very much interested in both the theme and quality of the collection.

● from time to time since 2006 only a few special issues of the WHS newsletter had been printed in color, starting with Fall 2011 edition, the WHS newsletter will be printed in color!

● Jerry Berger retires as esteemed Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art, 1988 – 2011

2012

WHS Officers:

President: Bob Mejer

Vice-President: Lauren McCracken

Secretary: Bonnie Armstrong

Treasurer: Jerry Ellis

Newsletter Editor in Chief: Sandra Schaffer, Past President Ex-Officio

Design Editor: Caryl Morgan

Membership Chair: Carole Hennessy

Website Liaison: Cynthia Peterson

Historian: Missie Dickens

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

Japanese Watercolor Federation /JWF – Watercolor USA Honor Society/WHS Exchange:

Chair/Coordinator: Kenji Nishikawa

WHS Board of Directors:

Robin Avery

Wayne Conyers

Fred Jones

Soon Warren

Important events:

- May 5 – July 8, 2012 **Watercolor NOW XIII!** at SMMA
June 8, 2012, exhibition receptions for Watercolor NOW! with Watercolor USA 2012, SMMA
- **WHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** ceremony for WHS artists **JUDI BETTS and KATHERINE CHANG LIU**
June 9, 2012, Banquet and Reception held at Ocean Zen
- ***Nick Nelson welcomed as new Director, Springfield Missouri Museum of Art, August 6, 2012***
He was Executive Director at Albany Museum of Art, Albany, NY, and
Curator of Education at Albany Museum of Art, and
Assistant Professor at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia

2013

WHS Officers:

President: Bob Mejer

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Treasurer: Jerry Ellis

Secretary: Bonnie Armstrong

Newsletter Editor in Chief: Sandra Schaffer, Past President Ex-Officio

Design Editor: Caryl Morgan

Membership Chair: Carole Hennessy

Website Liaison: Cynthia Peterson

Historian: Missie Dickens

Honorary President for Life: Bill Armstrong

**Japanese Watercolor Federation /JWF – Watercolor USA Honor Society/WHS Exchange
Chair/Coordinator: Soon Y. Warren**

WHS Board of Directors:

Robin Avery

Wayne Conyers

Fred Jones

Soon Y. Warren

Important events:

- WHS/JWF Exhibitions both canceled because JWF unable to secure space and reciprocate with a WHS Exchange Exhibition
- June 7, 2013, Watercolor USA 2013, Exhibition Opening Reception SMMA
- June 8, 2013 Board Meeting SMMA and PowerPoint presentation of their art by Board Members at Metropolitan Grill

2014

WHS Officers

President: Bob Mejer

Vice-President: Laurin McCracken

Secretary: Karla Breeding Trammell

Treasurer: Chalen Phillips

Membership: Carole Hennessy

Newsletter: Chris Buth-Furness

Historian: Sandra Schaffer

WHS Board of Directors

**Jerry Berger, Former Director,
Springfield Art Museum**

Bill Armstrong, Board Member Emeritus

Wayne Conyers

Cyndie Peterson

Jerry Ellis

Robin Avery

Missie Dickens

Caryl Morgan

Important Events:

- 1. WHS changes membership criteria in the WHS Bylaws to include inviting artists to become members of WHS who have been accepted into a Watercolor USA Exhibition 3 times over a 10 year period beginning in the year 2000.**
- 2. The WHS Board will appoint 3 jurors who are WHS Board members to judge separately awards that our organization provides to Watercolor USA Exhibitions in 2015, as well as in future Watercolor USA Exhibitions.**
- 3. Watercolor Now! XIV was a Small Works Show co-curated by Bob Mejer and hosted and split between two galleries: The Mabee Art Gallery at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO and the Gray Gallery at Quincy University, Quincy, IL. Bob Mejer gave a gallery talk at both receptions. The shows were held from August 18-September 19, 2014.**
- 4. WHS provided 7 \$300 Memorial Awards, one \$500 Cash Award and one \$400 Pushing the Boundaries Award for Watercolor USA. The Museum chose to incorporate these awards with their own juror awards.**
- 5. The WHS Board voted to present Lifetime Achievement Awards to Kent Addison and Miles Batt, Sr. at the 2015 banquet**
- 6. The WHS Board voted to present a \$500 WHS Cash award in the National Watercolor Society 2014 International Exhibition.**

2015

WHS Officers:

President: Bob Mejer

Vice President: Laurin McCracken

Secretary: Karla Breeding Trammell

Treasurer: Chalen Phillips

Membership Chair: Carole Hennessy

Newsletter: Chris Buth-Furness

Historian: Sandra Schaffer

Board of Directors:

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Springfield Art Museum

Bill Armstrong, Board Member

Emeritus

Wayne Conyers

Caryl Morgan

Cyndie Peterson

Missie Dickens

Robin Avery

Important Events:

- 1. Watercolor USA 2015 on display at the Springfield Art Museum from June 6, 2015 through August 23, 2015. The juror was Patricia Lea Watts, Curator and Founder of ecoartspace. She selected 90 works by 76 artists, and presented one Museum Purchase Award and five cash awards in the exhibition. The WHS panel of jurors, consisting of Wayne Conyers, Jerry Berger and Sandra Schaffer presented 8 WHS \$300 Awards of Excellence and 2 \$300 WHS Memorial Awards in the names of Lane Raiser and Roy Nolen. WHS invited 10 artists, and received 9 acceptances for membership into WHS from award winners and a Museum purchase award winners in the exhibition. WHS also accepted 1 new member who had been accepted into 3 Watercolor USA Exhibitions since the year 2000.**
- 2. Miles Batt, Sr. and Kent Addison recognized as Lifetime Achievement Award recipients at the WHS annual banquet.**
- 3. Watercolor Now! 2015 sponsored by and held at the Springfield Art Museum, running from November 21, 2015 – March 13, 2016, with a reception on November 20, 2015.**
- 4. New WHS website developed in order to make our website compatible with all mobile devices, as well as to streamline the site, provide more exposure to members' work and invite visitors to the site. New WHS Online Directory created linking member artists names to their websites and to their e-mail addresses. 90 artists provided 2 new works each to Gallery page. A Member Gallery Spotlight was created on the Home page.**

2016

WHS Officers:

President: Laurin McCracken

Vice President: Norma Herring

Treasurer: Chalen Phillips

Secretary: Karla Breeding Trammell

Membership Chair: Carole Hennessy

Newsletter: Chris Buth-Furness

Historian: Sandra Schaffer

Board of Directors:

Jerry Berger, Former Director

Springfield Art Museum

Bill Armstrong, Board Member

Emeritus

Bob Mejer Board Member ex-officio

Wayne Conyers

Robin Avery

Cyndie Peterson

Catherine Mahoney

Judi Betts

Important Events:

- 1. Watercolor USA 2016 on display at the Springfield Art Museum from June 4 – August 28th, 2016. The juror was Lynne Warren, Curator, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. She selected 78 works by 78 artists, and presented one Museum Purchase Awards and five cash awards in the exhibition. The WHS panel of jurors, consisting of Carole Hennessy and Bob Mejer, presented 10 WHS Memorial and Excellence awards. Memorial Awards were in the names of: Miles Batt, Sr., Walter Chapman, George James, Morris Meyer and Anne Robertson Massie. WHS invited 18 artists to become members of WHS as a result of either the exhibition or having qualified from being in 3 Watercolor USA Exhibitions, of which 16 accepted the invitation and became members.**
- 2. WHS founder, and original charter member Bill Armstrong passed away. Bill Armstrong was the force behind both the forming and continuity of effort of the Watercolor USA Honor Society.**
- 3. WHS President Laurin McCracken met with Nick Nelson, Museum Director, and Sarah Buhr, Coordinator of Exhibitions to discuss the future of collaboration between WHS and the Springfield Art Museum in September. The Museum's stated goal "to showcase watercolor paintings that are pushing the barriers of new development in watercolor, balanced with what viewers expect to see in such a national quality exhibition" was agreeable to Laurin McCracken as our representative.**
- 4. It was decided at the summer board meeting that as of the WHS Spring 2017 newsletter, our newsletter would be e-mailed rather than sent by postal mail. Members would be alerted in the WHS Fall 2016 newsletter, and asked to specifically request a paper newsletter if for some reason they were not able to access e-mail. Future newsletters will be predominantly sent digitally.**

2017

WHS Officers:

President: Laurin McCracken

Vice President: Norma Herring

Treasurer: Chalen Phillips

Secretary: Karla Breeding Trammell

Membership: Carole Hennessy

Newsletter: Chris Buth-Furness

Historian and Website Liaison: Sandra Schaffer

Board Members at Large:

Jerry Berger, Former Director

Springfield Art Museum

Bob Mejer

Wayne Conyers

Judi Betts

Catherine Mahoney

Important Events:

- 1. Watercolor USA 2017 on display at the Springfield Art Museum from June 3 –August 27, 2017. The Juror was WHS President, Laurin McCracken, AWS,NWS, WHS. He selected 85 works by 80 artists and presented one Museum Purchase Award and 5 cash awards in the exhibition. The WHS jurors, consisting of Laurin McCracken and Caryl Morgan, presented combined 10 WHS Memorial and Excellence Awards. Memorial Awards were in the names of: Bill Armstrong, Barbara Maxwell, Jerry Berneche, Nina Cravens-Fry and Ted Maddock. 9 new WHS members came into the organization as a result of either the exhibition, or having qualified from being in 3 Watercolor USA Exhibitions.**
- 2. The WHS board members present at the 2017 summer board meeting decided to present two WHS Lifetime Achievement Awards to Donald K. Lake and Dean Mitchell. The awards ceremony will be held on the Saturday night following the 2018 summer board meeting in Springfield, with both recipients as keynote speakers.**
- 3. There was discussion at the 2017 summer board meeting of hosting, in conjunction with the Springfield Art Museum, future watercolor symposiums and workshops. It was felt that before these events could be realized there needed to be more board members, coordinators and volunteers involved in the planning.**

2018

WHS Officers:

President: Laurin McCracken

Vice President: Carole Hennessy

Treasurer: Chalen Philliips

Secretary: Norma Herring

Membership: Carole Hennessy

Newsletter: Gary Cadwallader

Workshop Chair: Rachel Wood

Historian & Website Liaison: Sandra Schaffer

Watercolor Now! Exhibition Chair: Bob Mejer

Board Members at Large:

Wayne Conyers

Alicia Farris

Karla Breeding Trammell

Board Members Ex-Officio:

Nick Nelson: Director, Springfield Art Museum

Sarah Buhr: Curator of Exhibitions, Springfield Art Museum

Board Members Emeritus:

Jerry Berger, former Director, Springfield Art Museum

Judi Betts: WHS Lifetime Achievement Award recipient

Important Events:

1. Watercolor USA 2018 was held at the Springfield Art Museum from June 2 – August 26, 2018. Juror Kelly Kane, Editor-in-Chief of PleinAir Magazine, accepted 82 entries from 81 artists for exhibition. She awarded one Museum Purchase Award, and 5 Cash awards in the amounts of \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 in the exhibition. WHS Jurors Karla Breeding Trammell and Jerry Ellis awarded 10 WHS \$300 combination memorial and Award of Excellence cash awards, one National Watercolor Society \$500 Cash award, and 3 \$500 merchandise awards from Daniel Smith- watercolors, Escoda – brushes, and Savoir-Faire – Fabriano Paper.

2. WHS Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Dean Mitchell and Donald K. Lake, who also gave keynote speeches along with visual presentations of their work at a WHS dinner on Friday night following the opening of Watercolor USA .

3. Watercolor Now! 2019 was held at the Margaret Harwell Museum in Poplar Bluff, Missouri from October 6-November 24, 2018, consisting of 62 entries from WHS members. The Watercolor Now! committee consisted of Bob Mejer, chairperson, Wayne Conyers, Chris Buth Furness and Sandra Schaffer. Museum Director, Steve Whitworth, was extremely helpful in organizing the exhibition. WHS member Judi Betts generously provided \$500 towards the

creation of the Watercolor Now! catalog, which was both designed and produced through the efforts of Bob Mejer.

4. The WHS Board approved updated WHS Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee consisted of Sandra Schaffer, Laurin McCracken and Carole Hennessy. The new, updated Bylaws were approved by the total WHS membership through e-mail ballot.

5. The position of Workshop Chair was added to our bylaws. The board decided workshops would be held at the Springfield Art Museum using well known/popular artists and that monies generated could be used to provide larger awards for annual Watercolor USA exhibitions, thus benefitting both the museum and WHS. It was proposed that beginning in 2019 at least 2 workshops be held, with the assistance of Workshop Chair Rachel Woods and board member Karla Breeding Trammell.

6. WHS voted to ask our webmaster to set up PayPal on the WHS website to expedite and streamline dues payment for members. PayPal was set up in late December, along with a special page for dues payment on the website. The Pay by Check option remains if members decide they would rather pay in this way, and information on this option remains on the website.

7. The Board agreed that in the future the WHS Newsletter would include articles that take on controversial issues, as well as new products and methods being developed which impact our profession.

8. The Board suggested the following names of future Watercolor USA jurors to present to the Springfield Art Museum: Bob Mejer, Bruce Hartman, Stephen Quiller, Eric Weigardt. Soon Y. Warren, Dean Mitchell and Tom Schaller.

9. A new category of board member was established: Board Member Emeritus. This category would include board members who have contributed greatly to WHS over the years, and would be an honorary position, with no voting rights. However, we would look to these board members for advice and expertise. Those chosen this year for that position are: Jerry Berger and Judi Betts.

2019

WHS Officers:

President: Laurin McCracken

Vice-President: Carole Hennessy

Treasurer: Chalen Phillips

Secretary: Norma Herring

Membership: Carole Hennessy & Alicia Farris

Newsletter: Gary Cadwallader

Workshop Chair: Rachel Wood

Historian & Website Liaison: Sandra Schaffer

Watercolor Now! Chair: Bob Mejer

Board Members at Large:

Wayne Conyers

Karla Breeding Trammell

Alicia Farris

Board Members Ex-Officio:

Nick Nelson: Director, Springfield Art Museum

Judi Betts: WHS Lifetime Achievement Award recipient

Important Events:

- 1. Watercolor USA 2019 was held at the Springfield Art Museum from June 7 – September 1, 2019. Juror Dean Mitchell accepted 90 entries from 80 artists in the exhibition. He awarded 4 Memorial Cash Awards in the exhibition in the amounts of \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000, and no museum purchase award. WHS Jurors Sandra Schaffer and Daven Anderson awarded 10 WHS \$300 combination memorial and Award of Excellence cash awards, one National Watercolor Society \$500 Cash award, and 4 \$500 Artist Materials Cash awards from Daniel Smith Watercolors (watercolor paints), Escoda Award (brushes), Savoir-Faire Award (Fabriano Paper) and an En Plein Air Award Certificate,**
- 2. A WHS inaugural workshop by Laurin McCracken was planned to be held at the Springfield Art Museum in July. Due to problems with publicity and museum outreach, the workshop was rescheduled until the first part of November. This workshop was also canceled due to problems with publicity and outreach by the museum.**
- 3. Carole Hennessy and Laurin McCracken met with Nick Nelson at the Springfield Art Museum on July 10, 2019 to discuss the future of museum's relationship with WHS, and with the hope of coming to an understanding of the museum's intent in hosting future Watercolor Now! exhibitions, as well as holding and publicizing WHS workshops.**

2020

WHS Officers:

President: Carole Hennessy

Treasurer: John Keeling

Secretary: Norma Herring

Membership: Alicia Farris

Newsletter: Gary Cadwallader

Workshop Chair: Karla Breeding Trammell

Historian and Website Liaison: Sandra Schaffer

Watercolor Now! Chair: Bob Mejer

Board Members at Large:

Wayne Conyers – Watercolor Now! Committee

John Fitzgibbon

Lisa Englander

Board Members Ex-Officio:

Laurin McCracken – WHS President Ex-Officio

Judi Betts: WHS Honorary Board Member

Jerry Berger: WHS Honorary Board Member

Nick Nelson: Director, Springfield Art Museum

Important Events:

- 1. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Watercolor USA 2020 was juried by both the Museum's Juror, Misa Jeffereis, Assistant Curator, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, and WHS jurors of WHS Awards Carole Hennessy and Sandra Schaffer using digital images provided by the Museum. Also, due to the virus there was no opening reception for the show. All events at the Springfield Art Museum were canceled through October 14, 2020. However, the Watercolor USA Exhibition was hung at the Springfield Art Museum, and later in the summer visitors were able to view the show with special provisions for distancing and masks. The Museum produced a virtual exhibition of Watercolor USA 2020 in order that the show could be seen by those not visiting. The virtual exhibition was posted both on the Museum's website and the WHS website.**
- 2. Due to COVID-19, the WHS June 6, 2020 Board meeting was held via Zoom by Laurin McCracken and Carole Hennessy. New board members Lisa Englander, John Fitzgibbon and John Keeling, as WHS Treasurer, were welcomed to the board. Chalen Phillips resignation as WHS Treasurer had been previously accepted.**
- 3. A proposal was made at the June board meeting to hold an on-line Watercolor Now! in alternate years. This was further discussed at the September 26, 2020 Zoom meeting, hosted by President, Carole Hennessy, with the viability of this option to be investigated by Norma Herring and the Watercolor Now! Committee and brought up again during the January 16, 2021 scheduled Zoom board meeting.**
- 4. The schedules for Watercolor Now! 2021 and Watercolor Now! 2022 were laid out at the June Zoom board meeting. Watercolor Now! 2021 would be held at the Margaret Harwell Art Museum from December 5, 2020 through January 24, 2021. WHS will fund**

- 5. 5 \$300 Awards of Excellence in this exhibition, and the Harwell will fund a 6th Award of Excellence. This will be the first occasion for awards to be presented in a Watercolor Now!, with awards being funded by WHS on a trial basis with no commitment to present awards in future Watercolor Now! Exhibitions. Watercolor Now! 2022 will be held at the Birger Sandzen Memorial Art Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas from August 21, 2022 – October 23, 2022.**
- 6. Watercolor Now! 2020 was successfully hung at the Margaret Harwell Art Museum on December 5, 2020. Bob Mejer worked hard as Watercolor Now! Committee Chair to gather, and in many cases help artists present their digital images in a usable format, as well as to create both the Watercolor Now! 2020 color catalog for participants, and a Power point presentation of all the works in the show. There were 61 entries in the show, with one entry not sent. Wayne Conyers did an excellent job of communicating with the museum director, Steve Whitworth, in helping to organize the show and in getting updated accounts of how it was progressing. Despite COVID-19, the show was able to be hung and appreciated by visitors for the surrounding areas, both during the reception and afterwards.**
- 7. WHS member artists Marilyn Bradley and Cheng-Khee Chee were chosen by the WHS board to be the recipients of our 2021 WHS Lifetime Achievement Awards at the September WHS Zoom board meeting.**

2021

WHS Officers:

President: Carole Hennessy

Treasurer: John Keeling

Secretary: Norma Herring

Membership: Alicia Farris

Newsletter: Gary Cadwallader

Workshop Chair: Karla Breeding Trammell

Historian and Website Liaison: Sandra Schaffer

Watercolor Now! Chair: Bob Mejer

Board Members at Large:

Wayne Conyers: Watercolor Now! Committee

Lisa Englander

Board Members Ex-Officio:

Laurin McCracken – WHS President Ex-Officio

Judi Betts: WHS Honorary Board Member

Jerry Berger: WHS Honorary Board Member

Nick Nelson: Director, Springfield Art Museum

Important Events:

- 1. Watercolor USA 2021 was juried by Nick Nelson, Director, Springfield Art Museum. WHS jurors were Alicia Farris and WHS member John Fitzgibbon.**
- 2. Three WHS board meetings were held virtually via Zoom in 2021 due to continued COVID restrictions.**
- 3. Planning continues for Watercolor Now! 2022 to be held at the Birger Sandzen Memorial Art Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas.**
- 4. Our webmaster, Patrick Ripley, redesigned the Gallery page on the WHS Website in a more updated format, which now includes both a WHS Members Gallery and an In**
- 5. Memoriam Gallery with images from deceased members.**

2022

WHS Officers:

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Membership: Alicia Farris

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Beth Shadur

Linda Buechting

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Jerry Berger: WHS Honorary Board Member

Nick Nelson: Director: Springfield Art Museum

Board Members Emeritus

Wayne Conyers

Laurin McCracken

Important Events and other Information:

Watercolor Now! 2022 was held at the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery, Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS from August 21-October 23, 2022. There were 78 entries from 55 artists in the exhibition, with artists being able to enter up to 2 paintings in the show.

Possible future Watercolor Now! Site for exhibitions are:

2024 The Downing Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky

2026 The Spiva Center for the Arts in Joplin, Missouri

Lifetime Achievement Award recipients 2022:

Cheng-Khee Chee and Marilyn Bradley

WHS Jurors for Watercolor USA 2022: Norma Herring and Gary Cadwallader

WHS Awards for upcoming Watercolor USA 2023:

3 WHS Board of Directors Awards: \$500 each

10 Awards of Excellence and Memorial Awards \$300 each

1 Richard Clubb Memorial Award \$300

3 Merchandise Awards

Daniel Smith – Watercolors valued at \$500

Speedball Art Products – Escoda brushes valued at \$500

Savoir- Faire – Fabriano watercolor paper valued at \$500