Southern Chapter 20th Anniversary!

Celebrated May 1, 2022

Presentation by Rachel Murphree
“On a Monday morning in the Dresp Room of the Public Library, over 80 people attended the first meeting because we were so eager to have a chapter near enough to attend regularly.

It was all made possible by the hard work of Flo Hosa Dougherty and Margaret Pedreny. They made several trips to Albuquerque to meet with the original NMWS organization and get their blessing to organize the southern part of the state.”

--Mayanna Howard, President 2014-15 and 2018-2020
The Meeting...

• Lynn McLain, NMWS president at the time, accepted us as a satellite chapter.
• The organizational meeting was October 29, 2001.
• 30 official members were on the list by the end of the first meeting including current members Flo Dougherty, Mayanna Howard, and Betty Sweeney.
• Within 1.5 years the chapter had close to 100 members!
The Founding Board

Flo Hosa Dougherty
Betty Sweeney
Margaret Pedreny
Sally Marsh

The Beginning
Honorary Membership at 10th anniversary

“Our art exhibit was at the Cultural Center Downtown. Tenth Anniversary celebration. It was a huge event. Hundreds of people, food, awards, etc. It was wonderful!”

-- Charter member Pat Bonneau-White, 2022
The First Five Years

Presidents:

2002-03    Flo Hosa Dougherty
2003-04    Penny Duncklee
2004-05    Sally Marsh
2005-06    Lucia Wilcox
2006-07    Laurel Weathersbee
2002-03 President

- President: Flo Hosa Dougherty

Flo Hosa Dougherty, one of Southern New Mexico’s leading artists and illustrators, will open her new Blue Gate Fine Art Gallery at 7 p.m. today. "I decided to do my grand opening in conjunction with the Las Cruces Community Theatre’s 60th anniversary season opening gala tonight," said Dougherty, who has spent recent weeks working with her son Jim Hosa, to ready the gallery space next to the theater, just north of Las Cruces Avenue on the Downtown Mall.

The impetus to open her second gallery in Southern New Mexico (the first was in Williamsburg, near Annapolis) came from her other Downtown Mall neighbor, Vinyl Yarns.

"I try to put up some of my things in the shop next door," to the space that is now her gallery "and that got me thinking about the possibilities," she said. "It’s great to have her here," said Yarns, proprietor of La Cucina, a new kitchen wares shop. "I’m an artist, too, and I always think we should have more galleries everywhere."

Hosa, who has long been active in regional arts organizations, said she is particularly interested in encouraging cultural activities on the Downtown Mall.

"I really like the cluster of the theaters and the arts venues that are there already, the Brumigam and the Las Cruces Museum of Fine Art and the Southwest Environmental Center. I really have faith in that area. It just seems like an alive place, with people that enjoy the arts, be it performance or fine arts," she said.

Hosa said she and her son have enjoyed renovating the vintage space, which had been vacant for some time. "It’s a small space, just 600 square feet or so," she said, and at present the gallery will feature only her works.

Dougherty moved from Ohio to Southern New Mexico eight years ago and quickly developed a fan base. Her piece, "The Painted Heart" has become a best-seller. She is active in many local arts and cultural organizations and has won awards in several juried shows. Her work is featured in these galleries in Ohio and has been exhibited in several New Mexico galleries, museums and cultural institutions. Her illustrations have appeared on magazine covers and she recently illustrated a biography of nationally known folkloric dancer and instructor Jose Luis: "The Man Who Set The Town On Dancin’"

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday and "on special occasions" or by appointment.

For information call 542-8405.

S. Derrickson Moore can be reached at dmoors@sun-news.com.
2002-03 activities

• First workshop: El Pasoan artist Bill Bissell
• Paper sales started immediately
• First Membership show at Cutter’s Gallery
• 96 members by Dec 2002
• Tailgate sales over $1400, 20 members participated – 2 new ones. Limited number of original free bookmarks available because sale was close to the library.

2002-2007
2002 – First Membership Show @ Cutter’s

In celebration of the “Love of Art Month”
The Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society
Invites you to
The FIRST Membership Show

featuring 50 artists at
Glenn Cutter Gallery, JME Studios & Connie Hines Interiors
in Las Cruces at Hadley Centre, corner of El Paseo & University

Opening reception on Saturday, February 1 from 1–4pm
Show continues through February 25
For information, call 523-2950

2002-2007
First Membership show pt.. 2

“The sign of a successful endeavor is when there is an awesome participation followed by enthusiastic and constructive feedback about the next such event. That was the situation on opening day of our membership show as well as other activities.

The attendance and optimism shown by members is a testimony of the need and good timing for this group to be in existence. “ Flo Dougherty, 2002

54 artists participated and over 80% of the artists were at the opening. They came from Alamogordo, Cloudcroft, Deming, El Paso, Mayhill, Organ, Ruidoso, Sacramento, Truth or Consequences, Las Cruces and its environs.

2002-2007
President: Penny Duncklee

Cover Artist

Penny Duncklee
by J.K. Keller

I first met watercolor artist Penny Duncklee on a recent trip to Las Cruces and the occasion was truly the meeting of an old friend for the first time. We met in Cosi Bookstore, where her husband John was his new book, Girl From New Hope painted the cover. When I walked two, Penny and I immediately hit each other and our mutual love for watercolor. After an hour, she took me on a tour of her one-woman exhibit at The Southwest Environmental Center in Cruces Downtown Mall, just south of Cosi Books, and I viewed her 30 displayed paintings. I tried to feel for the variations in time required for her to complete these incredible and varied works of art. Penny told me some of the paintings are inspired and completed idly—while others are ongoing pieces for weeks. In this manner, she followed a day or more a day a day with a day or more a day while Penny elaborated. I was surprised! I didn’t tell you my present paintings. I have been painting for over 30 years and several hours, or...then quipped. "The first time I heard that line I didn’t quite get it, but it is absolutely true. Everything I’ve done in life goes into painting the picture I’m working on. Often I have to think about a painting for a while—waiting, waking up at 2 a.m. to figure out how to do what I have in mind. I’ve thought about itnight, the actual painting time may be fairly short... When I just can’t quite get my idea to work, the painting may take a while."

According to Penny, watercolor is a unique technique. “Timing is a big part of the process and the challenge is one of the things I enjoy most. And, of course, I never know when a painting is finished. Until I get it framed, I’m apt to tweak it with a drop or drop of white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white or white 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2003-04 Activities

- Could pay for only one program: member Fred Chilton who led a critique. Members paid entry fees
- Other programs done by volunteers
- Margaret tried to negotiate a higher % of membership fees because of our rapid growth and inability to pay for programs. Settled on 10%

Paintings by Fred Chilton
2004-05 President

President: Sally Marsh

2002-2007
2004-05 Activities

- Two workshops: Patsy Blasdell and Jan Herring
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Membership show at Cutters’ Gallery @ Hadley Centre
- Another Tailgate show.
2005-06 President

Our Student Awards program is named after President Lucia Wilcox.

2002-2007
2005-06 Activities

• Met at Mastery of Life Center & Unitarian Church
• Rio Grande Antiques member show
• Hadley Centre show
• Tom Darrah workshop
2005-06 Exhibitions: FLOA

Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC) FLOA exhibit
Trip to Cañada Alamosa

Southern Chapter members and other artists were invited to Cañada Alamosa where there are several archaeological sites, to paint and have the works exhibited in Flo Hosa Dougherty's gallery.

Recently Phil Yost (who is a founding member) was looking for something to do. He contacted the archeologist couple and offered to "reconstruct" some of their broken pottery into complete paintings. They took him up on it; he is donating his time.
Some of the 8 paintings Phil has already finished....
Trip to Cañada Alamosa Painting 2
Trip to Cañada Alamosa Painting 3
“Prayers Answered” It’s about the native people’s prayers for rain. see the lightning, rain god (Tlaloc), fertile maidens, blooming desert flowers...oh, snakes too
2006-07 Activities

- FLOA show at Southwest Environmental Center
- “Land of the Mimbres” exhibit at Deming Arts Center, April 2007
- Programs by Sara Chambers (El Paso), Cyndy Nesbit, David Drummond, Vino Sharmademos
- Charged admission to nonmembers for programs

2002-2007
2006-07 1\textsuperscript{st} Judged Exhibit @ Branigan

Judges: Hazel Orr, NMWS and Kay Green, NMWS of the Albuquerque Chapter judged the exhibit and presented the monthly program: Moving into the Winners’ Circle.
2006-07 1st Judged Exhibit winners

Robert Highsmith - 1st Place - “Light Through The Trees”
Judy Licht - 2nd Place - “Our Lady of Purification”
Ann Dyer - 3rd Place - “Little House By The Priory”
Jane Rogstad - Honorable Mention - “Nina de Peru”
Marie Siegrist - Honorable Mention - “Ysleta Mission”
2006-07 1st Judged Exhibit winners pt. 2

- 3rd Place: "Little House by the Priory" by Ann Dyer
- Honorable Mention: "Ysleta Mission" by Marie Siegrist
- Honorable Mention: "Nina de Peru" by Jose Royetad
Brochures aren’t dated but I’ve assumed that each of the four roughly reflect the five-year periods of our history

2002-2007
The Second Five Years

2007-08  Jan Addy
2008-09  Jan Addy
2009-10  Marie Siegrist
2010-11  Carolyn Bunch
2011-12  Bill Coons
2007-08 President

President: Jan Addy
2007-08 Exhibits: FLOA

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER OF THE NEW MEXICO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

‘LOVE AND CHOCOLATE’

These 10 Founding Members of the Southern Chapter participated in the art exhibit held at the Las Cruces Museum of Art in the “For The Love of Art” Show, in February, 2008:

June Decker
Juliet DeLaricheliere
Flo Hosa-Dougherty
Penny Duncklee
Pat Guthrie
Mayanna Howard
Barbara Howe
Sally Quillin
Elsie Torres
Lucia Wilcox

“Love and Chocolate” FLOA show at LC Museum of Art
2007-08 Exhibits

• Diners along Route 66 – exhibit at the Rio Grande Theatre
• Fall exhibit at Branigan: Small Paintings – a Few of my favorite things”
2007-08 Branigan Juried Exhibit

• Spring Show, 25 accepted artists, 35 paintings
• Jurors: Sally Bryant, NMWS and Marcella Bouchelle, NMWS
• Music provided

“I have always felt that the NM Watercolor Society - Southern Chapter has been a positive influence in Las Cruces, particularly as we grew our requirements for quality entries into our Exhibitions. As 2007-2008 President, I was really proud that, with our Spring Show, we introduced a jury process using judges from outside our local community. I miss you all and wish I could be there for your celebration! “

-- Jan Addy, 2022
2008-09 Branigan Juried Exhibit 2

Patricia Black, 1st

Penny Duncklee, 2nd

Barbara Howe, 3rd

Janey Walch and Martha Brown (Honorable Mention) - Laurel Weathersbee (Creativity)

2007-2012
2007-08 Activities

• Dorothy Peterson workshop/demo,
• Bill Bissell workshop
2008-09 President

President: Jan Addy
2008-09 Exhibitions

• Penny Duncklee, Jane Rogstad and Pat Bonneau-White at the Unsettled Gallery opening, Dec 2008-January 2009
• April Juried Exhibit @ the Branigan featured 34 paintings by 22 artists selected by juror Bill Rakocy of El Paso.
2008-09 Workshops

- “Painting Acrylic as Watercolor”
  David Rothermel
demo and workshop

- Lucia Wilcox and Penny Duncklee
  workshop

https://www.drcontemporary.com/copy-of-artist-bio
2008-09 Paintout @ Pelham House in Hatch

http://www.historicpelhamhouse.com
2009-10 President

President: Marie Siegrist

2007-2012
2009-10 Board

May 2010 [The Board]

2007-2012
2009-10 Exhibitions: Rio Grande Theater

• Rio Grande Theater membership show in the Fall

New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter
2009 Fall Membership Show

November 6-30
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Downtown Mall

The public is cordially invited to our artists’ reception,
Friday, November 6, 5-7p.m.
Refreshments provided.

Exhibit continues through November. Phone 523-6403 for more information.

“Bright Eyes” by Donna A. Wood
2009-10 Exhibitions: FLOA Branigan

• For the Love of Art @ Branigan Cultural Center  12 artists each painting a scene for the theme “Around the Town in Las Cruces”
2009-10 Exhibitions: Juried @ Branigan

• Spring (Branigan) exhibit judged by Michael and Victoria Copeland from Alamogordo
• Prizes of $465 as in-kind services
• Music provided
2009-10 Branigan winners

• Winners:
  • Best of Show Carolyn Bunch for “Karen in Morocco”
  • 1st place: Nancy Frost Begin, “Winter Afternoon on the Way Home”
  • 2nd place: Barbara Howe, “Glorious Cactus”
  • 3rd place: Marie Siegrist, “Guadalupe Mountain Meadow”
  • Honorable mentions: Louise Lockhart, Beegee Brandhorst, Marie Siegrist and Janey Walch
2009-10 Activities

• Four session workshop “Create Your Own Artist Website” at Jeri Desrochers’ home.
• “Painting Over the Edge” February 2 day workshop with Nancy Begin (cohosted with LCAA)
• Spring 4 day workshop by Minnesota artist Marian Alstad.
• Meetings held at Good Sam’s. First year?
2010-11 President

President: Carolyn Bunch

2007-2012
**2010-11 Exhibitions**

- **“Vintage Views of Rural Women”** exhibit at NM Farm and Ranch.

- For the Love of Art show at the Branigan sharing the building with Las Colcheras Quilt Guild and the ArtForms Members’ Exhibit.

**2007-2012**
2010-11 Exhibitions

- Branigan Cultural Center May 2011, Sylvia Bowers, judge/juror
- Best of show: Janey Walch
2010-11 Activities

• Studio Art Tour @ Mesquite Street Studios showing 25 paintings from 17 artists who were on hand to answer questions.

• Programs by Lorenzo Zepeda, Jan Hart, Robin Lee Makowski (member) and others

• Discontinued June meetings because of low turnout.
2011-12 President

President: Bill Coons

2007-2012
2011-12 Exhibitions

• Fall membership show at Carolyn Bunch’s new gallery: Adobe Patio Gallery

• Alternate Spaces started, open exhibits of member artwork all over town.
Spring 2012 juried exhibit: Along El Camino Real @ the Branigan Cultural Center

Juror David Drummond chose 30 works from 19 members.
2011-12 Activities

• Frank Francese workshop at Adobe Patio.
• 96 members in March 2011
• Website access for members
• Started renting post office box rather than mail being sent to Albuquerque
• fees raised from $10 to $15 for first painting on shows.
• Fees remained at $3 and $5 (nonmembers) for guest speakers at meetings

2007-2012
### The Third Five Years

- **2012-13** Janey Welch
- **2013-14** Beverley Pirtle
- **2014-15** Mayanna Howard
- **2015-16** Kaye Faircloth
- **2016-17** Barbara Dean/Johnnie Gubanski
2012-13 President

President: Janey Walch
November 2012: Deming Arts Center

The newsletter for the DAC said we participated each year in a watercolor show put on by the Deming Arts Council.
2012-13 Fall Membership Show

“Stretch” Fall Membership show at the Tombaugh Gallery in the Unitarian Universalist Church.
2012-13 Ramble @ New American School

Organizers

Visitors

Pat’s WC lesson

2012-2017
2012-13 FLOA @ Railroad Museum

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Mayanna Howard
Pat Bonneau-White
Janey Walch

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2012-13 Spring Exhibit @ Branigan

“A Round Dozen:
12 Years of Service to Artists in Southern New Mexico”

Lynn Souza  Phil Yost  Arlene Tugel

2012-2017  
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2012-13 Jae Drummond Workshop
2013-14 President

President: Beverley Pirtle
2013-14 Officers, Chairs, Standing Committees

Beverley Pittle - President
Laurel Weatherbee - Vice-President & Programs
Vera Schwartz - Secretary

Janey Walsh - Past President
Mary McCoy - Membership
Mayonna Howard - Nominating

Sue Ann Glenn - Alternate Spaces
Liz Blevins - Workshops
Alejandra Almeida - Workshops

Standing Committees

Johnnie Gabberti & Karla Stein-Ziel - Video Librarians
Laurie Koble - Audio/Visual
Ruth Burkett - Historian
Linda Keener - Paper Sales

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2013-14 Alternate Spaces: Carmona’s Urban Spa @ Salon and Main Street Bistro

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2013-14 Juried Exhibit @ Branigan

new canvases of my mind
new mexico watercolor society southern chapter
2014 spring membership show
june 2014
branigan cultural center
las cruces
new mexico

Penny Thomas Simpson
Two Orange Slices

Penny Thomas Simpson
Red Columbine

Dona A. Wood
Shaman Calling all the Spirits

Laurel Weatherbee
Fireworks

Woody Duncan
Hollyhock Delight

Phil Post
Framed Morning Glories

Pat Eonesta White
Saints & Angels on my Patio

Lynne Souza
In the Beginning

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2013-14 Workshops

Also non-sponsored workshops: Marie Siegrist, Laurel Weathersbee and Wayne Huber.
2013-14 Community Involvement

Our show and watercolor lesson at the New America School led to further support of the arts in Las Cruces

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2014-15 President

President: Mayanna Howard

2012-2017
2014-15 Officers and Chairs

2012-2017

- Mayanna Howard: President, Publicity
- Marie Siegrist: Vice-President, Programs
- David Richmond: Secretary
- Sue Ann Glenn: Treasurer
- Beverly Ritke: Exhibitions, Immediate Past President
- Linda Kremer: Membership, Paper Sales
- Lu Bloosmi: Alternate Spaces
- Johnnie Gubanski: Videos Library
- Pat Capuciato: Alternate Spaces
- Laurie Kibbe: Technology
- Arlene Engel: Workshops
- Carolyn Duno: Lynn’s Sooz Hospitality
- Ruth Barkett: Historian
- Jan Addy: File Mgr, Jean Melvin: Desktop Publisher, Janet McGinnis: Reception Mgr, Exhibitions

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2012-2017

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2014-15 Exhibits: FLOA and Alternate Spaces

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2014-15 SC paintings in Fall ALB juried show

Anne Marie Bizz "Roots & Rocks #3"
Patricia Bonneau-White "Saints & Angels On My Path"
Jon Addy "Yes"

Eyrene Bowsy "Wild Hair"
Donna Wood "Hope and Strength"
Johnnie Rubovski "Bug, Bird"

Ariene Tugel - "Rio Grande"
Robin Lee Makoowsky - "Bamboo仕at" Vendor Award
Darrell McGahen - "Rainy Strut"
Patry Bloodell - "For Mimi"

Penny Duncan - "Triumphs"
Laurel Weatherbee - "Wild Goose Dances"

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2014-15 Exhibits: Spring Big Picture Gallery

May

Jane McClenan and Jean Martin provide another spectacular feast at the 9th Annual Juried Spring Membership Show.

Penny Thomas-Simpson, “Blowing Chilli”

Penny Thomas-Simpson, “Red Sauce”

Beverly Perry, “El Faro: San Elizario Spring”

And the winners are:

Flo Hoon Dougherty, “Music in the Park”

Carolyn Bunch, “Cinco de Mayo Dance”

Maggie Howard, “Dripping Springs”

Flo Hoon Dougherty, “Reduction: Possible Showers”

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2014-15 SC in Spring ALB juried show

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2015-16 President

President: Kaye Faircloth

2012-2017
2015-16 Exhibits

• For the Love of Spring Feb 2016 @ MAS Art
• Our Living Culture, April-May 2016 @ the Branigan. Juror/Judge: Julie Caffee-Cruz from El Paso

2012-2017

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2015-16 Workshops

• Michael Reardon
  October 2015
  (before he made it “BIG”)
• October 2015
• Three day studio workshop and one day plein air
• Attendees from Albuquerque

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2015-16 Workshops

- Carol Carpenter, NMWS from Albuquerque
- Two day workshop

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2015-16 Nancy Frost Begin Gouache Workshop

February 2016 2 day workshop

“I think it is dangerous to play it safe. You get lost in the cashmere twin sets. People don’t want to see clothes, they want to see something that fuels the imagination.”

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2015-16 Alternate Spaces @ Café de Mesilla

Paul Vakselis, Alternate Spaces Chair extraordinaire!

2012-2017

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2016-17 Presidents

Presidents: Barbara Dean/Johnnie Gubanski

Barbara Dean Floral

2012-2017
Laurel Weathersbee, Exhibitions Chair

- Judged by Lian Quan Zhen
- First SC exhibit to count toward signature status in NMWS

Best of Show: Robin Makowski

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2016-17 Juried exhibit @ Farm & Ranch

First Place: Linda Keener
2nd Place: Nancy Frost Begin
Honorable Mention: Carolyn Bunch
Honorable Mention: Penny Simpson

2012-2017

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2016-17 Early Journey Dual Chapter Exhibit

- Online “Early Journey” exhibit for both chapters, judged by Robin Makowski, SC member. Selected SC paintings...

Karen Steinberg  
Ruth Burkett  
Rachel Murphree

2012-2017  
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New Mexico Watercolor Society
Southern Chapter
2017 For the Love of Art Exhibit

Las Cruces Railroad Museum
330 N. Main Street
Hours Tues.-Fri. 10:00-4:30; Sat. 9:00-4:30

OPENING RECEPTION
Friday, February 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Exhibit continues through March

In celebration of "For the Love of Art" month, local watercolorists share their works depicting railroad subjects. Come join us at an artists' reception, meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments and hospitality of the Las Cruces Railroad Museum folks.

Alvarado Center, Albuquerque
Linda Keenan

2016-17 For the Love of Railroad Architecture
2016-17 Workshops

• Tina Stallard Fall 2016 2 day workshop

Tina (center) with Beth Welter (left) and Cindy Lane (right) Workshop Coordinators

2012-2017

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Arlene Tugel, Beverley Pirtle and Jan Addy met over months to devise bylaws for the chapter and then got them integrated in 2019 into the NMWS bylaws.

Grueling, not artistic work, but so useful to guide us then and into the future! Thank you all for your hard work.

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Workshops

• Patsy Blasdell Spring 2017 workshop

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Brochure #3

New Mexico Watercolor Society
Southern Chapter

The Southern Chapter (SC) of the New Mexico Watercolor Society was formed in 2001 to serve the southern counties of New Mexico, and has about 100 members. Monthly meetings are held September through May, usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Village Art Room 2013 Buena Vista Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Meetings include interesting and stimulating painting-related programs. Guests are welcome. Please check our website for current information on meeting locations, dates, and times:

www.rmswatercolorsociety.org

Benefit of Memberships:
- General meetings and social events
- NMSWS Brochures, newsletter
- Opportunities to exhibit your work
- Discount on art supplies at local art stores
- Discount watercolor paper at meetings
- Access to NMSWS-SC library of art DVDs
- Friendship and networking
- Art Workshops

To join or for more information visit:

www.rmswatercolorsociety.org

The ‘Iron NMWS’ section has contact information for officers who can answer your questions. The website also has information about Exhibitions Standards, Workshops, Meeting Minutes, and much more.
The Fourth Five Years

- 2017-18  Joy Calvert
- 2018-19  Mayanna Howard
- 2019-20  Mayanna Howard
- 2020-21  Beverley Pirtle
- 2021-22  Rachel Murphree
2017-18 President

President: Joy Calvert
New Mexico Watercolor Society - Southern Chapter
2018 For the Love of Art Exhibit
"Small Miracles"

Adobe Patio Studio, 1765 Avenida de Mercado, Mesilla
OPENING RECEPTION
Saturday, February 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Exhibit continues until March 29
Regular gallery hours, 10:00-4:00, Tuesday-Friday

NMWS-SC artists respond to the wonder around us.
Come and enjoy!

<---- "Small Birds at Dawn"
by Rob Sheldon

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2017-18 Exhibitions: Something Wild! @ Rokoko

New Mexico Watercolor Society
Southern Chapter presents:

SOME THING
MAR. 31ST THRU APR. 28TH
ARTIST RECEPTION
SAT. MAR. 31ST. 5-7 PM.
WILD
rokoko art gallery
1785 Avenida de Mercado
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 405-8877
w e d n e d a y - s a t u r d a y: 1 1 - 5 p m .
s u n d a y : 1 - 5 p m .

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2017-2022
2017-18 Exhibitions: Something Wild! Winners

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2017-18 Alternate Spaces: SW Environmental Center

Paul Vakselis and Carolyn Bunch with Penny Duncklee and Paul Pirtle in background

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2017-18 Alternate Spaces: Salud! & Black Box

New Mexico Watercolor Society

Salud! de Mesilla Restaurant
1800 Avenida de Mesilla, Suite B
Las Cruces, NM

October 3rd – October 31st, 2017
Watercolor Paintings
Browse and Enjoy

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2017-2022
2017-18 Workshops: Dyan Newton

Dyan Newton

Throughout Dyan's thirty-year career, she has developed her own impressionistic style of painting, recognizable by her lively treatments and bright, vivid colors. A member of the Artists of Texas and a signature member of the Texas Watercolor Society, Dyan has won numerous awards throughout her career and her paintings are in private and corporate collections throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Dyan's workshops are open for beginners, intermediate and advanced painters. She prefers to teach in a relaxed atmosphere so she shares her style and technique of painting. Students learn how to create energy in their paintings, preserve the whites of their papers, obtain strong values, and how to use expressive, free, clear brush strokes while not being overcrowded.

Dyan goes on to say how transparent watercolors, by nature, have to get in and get out, and keep the paintings looking spontaneous and fresh. She will start a painting and then let the students catch up with plenty of individual instruction. She feels that helps the student not lose that "feel" feeling after watching an instructor complete a 2-hour demo and then say, "ok, now it's your turn." If the pubs, students can bring their own photos to work from.

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2017-18 Workshops: Suzy Powell

Rob Sheldon won original artwork by Suzy!

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2017-18 Holiday Card Sale

Ten cards by the
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Southern Chapter
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2017-18 Workshops: Laurel’s WC weaving

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2018-19 President

President: Mayanna Howard

2017-2022
2018-19 Exhibitions: FLOA @ RR Museum

“For the Love of Toy Trains, Models, and Miniatures”

February 2019

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2018-19 Exhibitions: Juried show @ DAAC in Mesilla

- Over 170 people attended the opening!
- 8 members received their Signature Status certificate
2018-19 Alternate Spaces @ Café de Mesilla and Salud!
2018-19 Workshops

WATERPLAY – 3 days:

• Carolyn Bunch, portraits
• Nancy Begin, gouache
• Marie Siegrist, fluid acrylics
2018-19 Workshops

Torn paper collage workshop with Laurel Weathersbee

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2018-19 Holiday Card Shenanigans

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2018-19 Workshops: Kath Macaulay

February 2019: Pocket Sketchbook Workshop
2019-20 President

President: Mayanna Howard

2017-2022
2019-20 Exhibitions: FLOA @ Frame & Art

- Last in person exhibit before the COVID shutdown
- Huge crowd – hours 4-7 pm during the Friday Ramble
2019-20 Exhibitions: Rough and Tumble Life in a Desert Town (online)

Cindy Lane

Arlene Tugel

Richard Harris

Rachel Murphree

Award Winners

Be sure to look under each painting for artist’s comments AND judge’s comments on the award winners. Here’s a quick list...now find them scattered throughout the exhibit!

Honorable Mention - Arlene Tugel - “Winter Reflections”
Honorable Mention - Barbara McGuire - “Hope Cafe”
Third Place - Cynthia Lane - “Under the Window Sill”
Second Place - Richard Harris - “Visual Feast-Cooper’s Hawk”
First Place - Rachel Murphree - “Paradise Glow”
Best of Show - Barbara McGuire - “Etched in Stones”

Exhibit was to be at the Branigan.

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2019-20 Alternate Spaces: August 2019 @Salud!

Watercolors nourish the walls at Salud! de Mesilla

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More photos, pages 42-43
2019-20 Alternate Spaces: Café de Mesilla

February 1st – March 31st, 2020
2 MONTH SHOW

Café de Mesilla
A Coffee Shop with Breakfast, Lunch & Gifts

2190 Avenida de Mesilla

Open to Visitors: Wednesday-Sunday 8 AM – 4 PM (Closed Tuesday)

Watercolor Paintings Exhibition

Sahily Martinez
Alene Tugel, MWAS
John Glass

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2019-20 Workshops: Tina Stallard Negative Painting

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2019-20 Workshops: Cradled Wood Panels with Laurel Weathersbee

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2020-21 President

President: Beverley Pirtle
The Pandemic brought our two chapters much closer and tested our abilities to stay connected...

Exhibits and workshops went online and we could participate in each other’s meetings.
2020-21 The ZOOM connection

We did our traditional Holiday card swap over snail mail and had show and tell online.

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Exhibitions: FLOA

Both Chapters participated including remote members from our own chapter.
Exhibitions: Zoom Meetings

- Providing nationally known artists online increased our visibility in the community.
- Members can view recordings on the webpage.
- Membership has soared to over 75 since we’ve come back to in person meetings!

Kathy Durdin

Julie Pollard

Jeanne Hyland

May Meeting Event
Join us for a live Zoom Workshop by Jeanne Hyland!
Sunday, May 16, 2021 • 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. • Zoom
Let's get those paint supplies ready! It’s time to return to the ability to create your paintings on canvas, make changes and rework your paintings. We will be using oils or acrylics to create an abstract still life in the style of Jeanne Hyland. We will discuss color mixing, brush techniques, and composition. Let's get reacquainted with our tools and materials that we have been missing in our lives. Space is limited. Contact Jeanne through the email listed in May Meeting on the website.

https://www.nmwatercolorssociety.org/videos
Exhibitions: Zoom Workshop

Nyla’s Rocks

Loisianne Keller

The Earth Meets The Sky: Landscape Elements of Rocks and Grasses

2017-2022
2021-22 President

President: Rachel Murphree

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2017-2022
2021-22 Exhibitions: 2 Juried Shows (due to COVID)

November 2021: Eureka! Juried show at the Amador St location

2017-2022

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April – July @ the NM Farm and Ranch Museum. Patricia Black Best of Show

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2021-22 Exhibitions – We’ve Come a Long Way!

“The Southern Chapter has come a long, long way since its birth. Several of us worked very hard to get SC on the same level with organization standards so that we could enjoy the same recognition as part of a nationally respected watermedia club. I am proud of our accomplishments.”

Laurel Weathersbee, 2022

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2021-22 Workshops

• Sunday mini workshop series with Laurel Weathersbee

Birds three ways with Laurel: Southwest, Wet in Wet, and Collage

2017-2022

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2021-22 Workshops

• Weekend workshop with Jon Birdsong from Northern NM, and a 2 day workshop with Randy Hale from Denver.

Texture technique with Jon

Jon Birdsong
Weekend Watercolor Workshop
October 29-31, 2021
Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society, 3011 Buena Vista Circle, Las Cruces

$175 NMWS Members Open Now
$200 Nonmembers (Opens September 15)

Jon Birdsong, who has lived and taught in the Southwest for many years, will offer a weekend workshop with a very interesting technique with watercolors and paper napkins for texture.

Friday Evening – meet, discuss & prepare the paper to let completely dry
Saturday – a floral still life & Southwest mountain scene, painting through paper dinner napkins, a technique which creates beautiful color mixes and fantastic textures
Sunday Afternoon – finish up paintings from day 2
Plants and paper provided, bring your own palette and brushes.

For more information:
http://nmwatercolorsociety.org/register

Making a Splash with Randy Hale February 2021

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Current Brochure

All About Us
The New Mexico Watercolor Society was founded in 1969 and is based in Albuquerque. The Southern Chapter was founded in 2001 to serve the southern counties of NM and the El Paso, TX area. Membership is 300 plus statewide. We are a member of the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, founded in 1974.

Inspiring a Passion for Watercolor Art
Southern Chapter monthly meetings are held September through May, usually on the second Sunday of the month at 2 pm at the Good Samaritan Society Village Art Room inside the Social Center at 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

Google Maps works ONLY if you type in the above address. The Art Room is on the left on ground level.

Check nmwatercolorsociety.org for up-to-date information on meetings and events.

Abandoned Mercedes by Rob Sheldon

Membership Benefits
- General meetings including a guest speaker, demonstration, critique or other activity and social events.
- Workshops available both in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Priority registration for Member/Works workshop.
- Exhibition opportunities:
  - Juried Members Spring Show in Las Cruces and in Albuquerque
  - NWSA Fall National Show
  - Member/Works of NM Show
  - Western Federation Show
  - Various non-juried shows
- Community involvement: The Southern Chapter Lucia Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund provides educational awards to schools to promote interest in watercolor.
- Full website access featuring our Brushstrokes newsletter, exhibition and workshop information, photo history of all exhibitions and events, membership list, and more
- Paint-Outs (usually plein air)
- Access to our library of art DVDs
- Friendship and networking

2017-2022
This organization began twenty years ago when many of us had just retired. We were drawn by the magic of watercolors. Through the years we continue to take different positions in the club to keep the society going. We remember when one of our members is ill. We always make newcomers and members feel welcome at meetings.

Today we have combined many El Paso and New Mexico artists. We’re always grateful for new infusions of talent and the willingness to keep the Society strong. We’re one group, drawn by the magic of watercolors, and the comradery we’ve developed over the years. It seems as if once you join, you want to remain a member for as long as you can.

--Pat Bonneau-White, 2022
Happy Anniversary Southern Chapter!

Tina Stallard, Chair of NMWS Board of Directors
Tina’s comments
Tina Stallard, Chair of NMWS Board of Directors

I am so excited for you and also sad that I am unable to attend your celebration. I love to come down there and participate in your shows and workshops. I have always enjoyed my time there as a workshop host, you all are so welcoming and fun to be with. I have always felt you have put great effort into your class time with open hearts and minds and talented hands.

I know things have been disrupted with the Covid virus but I feel you have all made great things happen this past year and that you are alive and thriving. I always advocate for more northern members to get involved in your shows and workshops. After all we are one in New Mexico Watercolor Society.

My compliments to your executive committee, they are really do a good job for all of their members and I know how much work that entails. In fact the very reason I am not there with you all today because I had some extra things come up for the Western Federation show that starts for us on Monday May 2nd.

2017-2022
I hope you all will try to come up and see the show while it is in Albuquerque, it will never be closer to you, ha-ha! Make it a girl trip or a romantic get-away, a day trip, paint group trip or a group weekend away.

I commend you on marking this anniversary with a celebration, I am all about that for so many things in life. Our state has a great watercolor society and your chapter helps make sure of that by extending your reach to get some of the best that Texas has to offer with your El Paso members! Our success as an organization is due to being individuals in a whole, working together for the greater good and goals of all members, to help us all on our journey to our full potentials, like a family....we are all a family in art.

Have a great time at your party and know that I am feeling sorry for myself that I am missing out on all that fun and visiting with wonderful people/artists and CAKE!
The Future...Looks BRIGHT!

There are so many fabulous outcomes from this year

1. All the new members
2. New volunteers adding new ideas
3. Getting $2500 from the donation and ending our year with more resources than we started with
4. 2 exhibitions, great workshops, and excellent programs!

Karen Steinberg, Exhibitions Chair, 2022
The Future... Exhibitions

- Karen Steinberg is applying for exhibits at Dona Ana Arts Council AND the Branigan Cultural Center for next year. We plan to eventually have our juried exhibit in the FALL but it may not happen next year.

- Alternate Spaces chair Laurel Weathersbee will arrange exhibition spaces next year to increase exhibit possibilities for everyone.
The Future...Workshops

• Plans for early October 2 day workshop with Nancy Begin.

• Mix of regional, maybe national?, and local workshop leaders and variety of time commitments and days. Perhaps Zoom workshops.

• Continue to promote our workshops to increase our visibility in the community and grow our membership even more!

http://nmwatercolorsociety.org
The Future...Programs

• Plans for next year: Learning Tables, Arlene Tugel with Plein air on alternate surfaces, Joy Miller on what judges look for and MORE!

• We do not have a Programs Chair for the upcoming year so please volunteer if you’d like to join our team and help the Southern Chapter.

• The Future includes ALL OF YOU! We’re so glad you’re here!