

Spring 2023

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[northeastwatercolor.com](http://northeastwatercolor.com)

Newsletter Editor:  
Rich VanTieghem

### From Janet Campbell, President of NEWS:

It is with deep regret that we received Richard Price's letter of resignation in April. We will surely miss his fine leadership and we wish him the very best with his recovery. I included the following text in my response to Dick:

*"I believe I speak for all of us who have been involved with NEWS over these years when I say we are very grateful for your 16 years of dedication to our organization. Your (and Dot's) hard work, investment of time, willingness to go a step beyond and ability to connect with and encourage all who are interested in watercolor have ensured not only a thriving organization with quality events but a membership who cares about NEWS, feels connected to it, and wants to see it continue to thrive."*

I am honored to take over the position of NEWS President. My involvement with NEWS began in the early 2000s during my first weekly watercolor class with Richard Ochs, then NEWS President. I remember the time and hard work it took to produce a painting that might merit submission to a NEWS Members Show. I appreciated the encouragement and camaraderie offered by NEWS members at the time. It's my hope that during my time as President, as we all continue to produce top notch programs, the many members and potential members of NEWS will experience the same positive kind of interactions as I did back then - and still do.

All of our current Board members continue to do our best to learn all that is involved in the day to day activities, as well as the planning for and orchestration of NEWS exhibitions and their accompanying events. We appreciate the ongoing assistance that Dot Price provides to us. We thank you all for your patience as we move forward.

Here is Richard Price's eloquent resignation letter to the Executive Board:

*I have been fortunate to have had the chance to lead NEWS for 16 years. I assumed this position after the former President, Richard Ochs, passed away unexpectedly. Being the President has been a rewarding and challenging experience. It's been fulfilling to watch NEWS progress under my leadership. I'll treasure the friendships and memories I've made with like-minded watercolor lovers. It's now time for me to step down as President. My resignation was precipitated by my stroke. This position requires a full-time commitment and I must use this time for my recovery. Moving forward, I'll help NEWS in whatever capacity I can. I appreciate how quickly & organized the board acted upon my stroke. I have confidence you'll work to keep NEWS the great watercolor society that it is. It was a pleasure!*



## From Janet Campbell, President of NEWS (Continued)

As we have had some changes in positions since last year, I'd like you to be familiar with our current executive board and committee members:

**President:** Janet Campbell

**1st Vice President:** Tom Hedderich (Interim)

**2nd Vice President:** (position available)

**Treasurer:** Caroline Harrow

**Secretary:** Valerie Taggart

**Publicity and Promotion:** Kate Hyden

**Historian:** Elise Hornbeck

**Membership & Communications:** Rich VanTieghem

**Newsletter & Website:** Rich VanTieghem

**Workshop:** Valerie Taggart

**Exhibition Committee:**

- Kate Hyden

- Lana Privitera

- Valerie Taggart

- Tom Hedderich (Int'l Exhibition)

- Laura Kohlmann (Awards)

- Bob Perkowski (Catalog)

- Janet Campbell (Members Show)

We appreciate the many people who support NEWS, even though their names may not be on the above list. We have those who hang our shows, who help with receptions, those professionals from the galleries and organizations we contract with who go the extra mile, those from other organizations we interact with who contribute to us in a variety of voluntary ways, and those in the media who help us out. We have the spouses, friends and family members of those listed above. We have our financial supporters and our award contributors (including families of past board members and NEWS members who make memorial donations). If you are inspired to support us with any special skills, or in a general way, please contact me (Janet) at 845-728-2778, or contact any board member via email at [admin@northeastwatercolor.com](mailto:admin@northeastwatercolor.com)

**Help Wanted:** Our dedicated Treasurer of 11 years, Caroline Harrow, is retiring in September and we are looking for someone to fill that role when she leaves. If you or someone you know are good with numbers and have some basic bookkeeping or accounting skills, we are interested in you.

In addition, we are always looking for good people to help us with our social media, exhibitions and other tasks that make NEWS a great organization. If you would enjoy working as part of a fun group of artists, please send an email to Janet Campbell at [janetpaints0@gmail.com](mailto:janetpaints0@gmail.com) or call her at 845-728-2778.

**New Mailing Address for NEWS:** Due to the change in our President, the Executive Board is going through the process of changing the legal address of NEWS. Please note that our new mailing address is: North East Watercolor Society, P.O. Box 842, Wurtsboro, NY 12790 USA

**Would you like to be an Award Sponsor?** We are grateful to all of those individuals and organizations who have sponsored awards for our shows. If you would like to honor someone who is now deceased or would like to be a sponsor of your own general award or an award for a particular genre or approach to painting, please contact Laura Kohlmann, our Awards Chair, via email at [sponsors@northeastwatercolor.com](mailto:sponsors@northeastwatercolor.com). We do have a minimum dollar amount of \$100 but several donors can be combined to sponsor one award or to make an award a larger amount.

**Website Update:** A "HISTORY" page has been added to the NEWS website. A remembrance of Richard Ochs (a past NEWS president) is now available to read, thanks to historian Elise Hornbeck.

### **NEWS Annual Workshop:**

This year's workshop will be taught by our International Exhibition's Juror of Awards, Lana Privitera. Lana's highly realistic and colorful still life paintings have won a multitude of awards nationally and internationally. Lana was interviewed in the Spring 2023 issue of Watercolor Artist as an Honorable Mention winner in the Watermedia Showcase.

We have a new workshop venue in Sullivan County NY at the Drama Building of the Town of Mamakating Park in Bloomingburg, NY (a quick ride from hotels in Middletown NY). This new facility has a very spacious room with many windows providing good lighting.

Workshop dates and times will be: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Oct. 2-5, from 9am-4pm.

**A description of the workshop topic as well as the link to the registration form will be sent to all members via email by mid-June.**

## **Update on the 2023 NEWS 47th International Juried Exhibition:**

The link to download the Prospectus was sent via email to all members in May.

*If you did not receive the link, the Prospectus can be downloaded from the following webpage:*

<https://www.northeastwatercolor.com/events>.

- We are pleased to have Kent Art Association again host our exhibition at their beautiful gallery.
- We are fortunate to have NEWS Signature Member, Lana Privitera (AWS, NWS, TWSA) as Juror of Awards.

### **Here are the important dates to keep in mind:**

Deadline for submissions:	Tuesday, July 25
Notification of acceptance:	Friday, August 25
Delivery of accepted work to KAA Gallery:	Thursday, October 5, 10am-2pm
Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony:	Sunday, October 8, 2-4pm
Closing Luncheon:	Sunday, October 29, 12-2pm
Removal of Work:	Sunday, October 29, 2-4pm

### **About Lana Privitera, AWS, NWS, TWSA, NEWS - Juror of Awards**

Originally from Spain, Lana Privitera graduated in 1983 from the Fine Arts School of Zaragoza, where she majored in Fashion Design and Art History. After working in Advertising for a few years, she moved to the USA in the early 1990s. Lana is known nowadays for her colorful and highly realistic watercolor Still Lifes. In recent years, her paintings have gathered a long list of awards in National and International art competitions. She has participated in Invitationals in Greece, Italy, Spain, Russia and the Netherlands, among others. Her work has also been featured in diverse prestigious publications, both in the USA and abroad. Most notably: "Splash 21"; "Splash 22"; "Watercolor Artist Magazine", August 2020 issue (10-page feature) and Spring 2023 issue; In European publications: "L'art de L'Acquarelle Magazine" Summer 2020 issue (4-page feature article); the French Art Magazine Pratique des Arts, #116 (Winter 2022) (6-page feature).

She is a Signature Member of several leading Art Societies in the USA, including the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society, Philadelphia Watercolor Society, and the North East Watercolor Society. Lana has been an art instructor for over 15 years and offers Workshops and Demonstrations online and in person in the USA and across the World. Lana's recent accolades include:

- TWSA 47th Annual Exhibition - Signature Membership + Edgar A. Whitney Memorial Award
- MOWS 2023 International Exhibition - Honorable Mention
- PWS 2023 Member Show - 2nd Place Award
- One-page feature in the Watercolor Artist Magazine. Jan-Feb 2023
- Honorable Mention - Plein Air Salon Competition - February 2023
- NWS 2023 Member show - Pat Burger Memorial Award
- Guest Master at the 2023 Masters of Watercolor Exhibition-IWS Holland
- 2023 WC USA - Pauline Eaton Memorial Award
- Catherine Lorillard Art Club 2023 Member Show - First Place Watermedia
- Richeson 75 International Competition - Still Life & Floral - Honorable Mention
- Plein Air Magazine Competition - February 2023 - Honorable Mention

For more information about her workshops, or to see her artwork, please visit her online sites:

[www.Lanaprivitera.com](http://www.Lanaprivitera.com) <https://www.facebook.com/Privitera.Lana/> Instagram: @lanaprivitera

For a selection of short video tutorials, please visit her YouTube channel Lana Privitera.

# North East Watercolor Society 2023 Members Show - Award Winners

Awards Judge: **Maryann Burton, NEWS**

This exhibition of 77 beautiful paintings by 44 member artists was held at the Orange Hall Gallery at SUNY Orange (Middletown, NY) from January 24 through March 17, 2023. The show's reception, 50-year NEWS celebration, awards ceremony and watercolor demonstration occurred on February 26, 2023.

The awards judge (and watercolor demonstrator) was Maryann Burton, NEWS.

**The award winning paintings are shown below and on the next few pages, followed by photos of the Exhibit Hall, Demonstration and Awardees.**



Best In Show - Chito Delos Santos - "Baskets and Jars 9"



Elaine M. Garvin Memorial Award: Valerie Taggart - "October Day"



Excellence Award: Alexis Lavine - "Almost Home"



Excellence Award: Cindi Handy - "Dragonfly"



Excellence Award: Leslie Waxtel - "Museum Village"



Honorable Mention: Rich VanTieghem - "Mountain Serenity"



Honorable Mention: Kate Hyden - "Distraction"



Above: View of the NEWS 2023 Members Show at SUNY Orange in Middletown, NY



Maryann Burton's excellent watercolor demonstration was very well attended.



Maryann Burton, Awards Judge



Awardees: Valerie Taggart, Leslie Waxtel, Cindi Handy, Kate Hyden, Chito Delos Santos and Rich VanTieghem

## MEMBERS' NEWS:

MARYANN BURTON has been honored as the recipient of the Outstanding Woman Artist Achievement award from Manhattan Arts International.

CLAUDE CARRETTA won an award in Eastern France during April 2023: Prix Géant des Beaux Arts at Uckange 33rd International Exhibition.

RANDY GLOBUS had paintings in two exhibitions during the 2023 Spring season. With the Mid-Southern Watercolorists, she exhibited: "Mind's Eye". In an exhibit with The National Association of Women Artists, she showed two paintings: "The Human Race" & "Brass Ring".

AMANDA EPSTEIN will be having a solo exhibit titled "Watercolors from Near and Afar" at the Putnam Arts Council at 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac NY, from June 2 to June 11.

ANN HARHAY received the the H.K. Holbein, Inc. Artist Materials Award for Excellence in Watercolor for her painting, "Still Life with Rhododendrons", from North Shore Arts Association.

TOM HEDDERICH had watercolors accepted into exhibitions with The Ridgewood (NJ) Art Institute and the Salmagundi Club NY's Member's Exhibition.

REBECCA KRUTSINGER's recent accepted exhibitions and awards: American Watercolor Society 156th Annual International Exhibition: "Hanging Out w/Friends and (Talking)". Missouri Watercolor Society International Exhibition: "Morning Robe" (Cash Special Award). Signature American Watermedia 14th International Exhibition "Cut Offs" (Cash Award). Watercolor Art Society - Houston 46th International Watermedia Exhibition: "Occlude". Western Federation of Watercolor Societies 48th Annual Exhibition: "21st Century Paper Dolls". Georgia Watercolor Society National Exhibition: "On The Fringe". Louisiana Watercolor Society's 53rd International Exhibition: "Nature's Kiss". Society of Watercolor Artists: "Dreams Are Made In Hidden Places". Green Mountain 11th Watercolor Exhibition: "The Kitchen Table". Adirondacks 42nd National Exhibition of American Watercolors: "Goldfinch".

ANITA LANGFORD received the Barbara Engelman Award for Watercolor at the SCAN Annual Juried Show. The show ran until May 31, 2023, at the Art and Frame gallery in Newtown, CT.

BARBARA LANZA's art instruction book, "A Brush with Fantasy, How to Paint Fairies, Mermaids and Magical Creatures with Watercolor" was published by Get Creative, an imprint of SoHo Publishing. Its 144 pages contain three chapters: Fairies and Their Realms, Mermaids and Their Realms and Enchanted Creatures and Their Realms. Each of the more than two dozen demonstrations includes step by step instruction for the painting as it progresses from pencil to final details.

CHRISTINE VERGA MADAY won an Honorable Mention award at the Art League of Nassau County's 2023 spring show for "Todays Blooms". The Rochester Contemporary Art Center has given a Certificate of Recognition to Christine and is exhibiting her painting in the 6x6, 2023 International Small Art Phenomenon Show.

PAT MORGAN's painting "Afternoon Feast" was accepted into the Annual Banner Exhibit in Historic Downtown Hendersonville NC. Each year paintings that are chosen will hang on large street banners for a year for everyone to enjoy. Her subject choice was inspired by the town's strong support of pollinators.

KRISTINA N. OCCHINO's watercolor, "Robin's Nest in the Rhododendron" won third prize and was sold in the Celebrate Spring juried show at the Spring Bull Gallery in Newport, RI.

## MEMBERS' NEWS (continued)

NAN QUINTON's watercolor painting "Falling Apart" has been juried into the annual Academic Artists Association's "Realism" Exhibit to be held in Vernon, CT May 21-June 18, 2023. Her watercolor painting, "Shelved", was juried into the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's annual "National Watermedia Show", to be held in Pawtucket RI, May 13-June 23, 2023. Another watercolor painting, "Spring Light", was juried into the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's "Limited Palette" Exhibit, which was online from April 29 – May 26, 2023.

JAN ROSS' work has been accepted in the following National Juried Competitions: The Art League of Hilton Head Gallery, 'Biennale', will exhibit Jan's painting, 'Baba' from May 16 to June 16 at 14 Shelter Cove Rd. on Hilton Head Island, S.C. The Maine Art Gallery Burrage, 'Generations', is exhibiting Jan's painting, 'Gullah Grandmother', in their 65th Anniversary exhibition from May 6 to June 5, 15 Warren St., Wicasset, Maine. The American Artists Professional League online Spring Member Show is featuring Jan's work 'High Maintenance' from April 26 to June 26. Works may be viewed at AAPLinc.org. Also, the Rose Hill Plantation Mansion, a restored one hundred year old Gothic home in Bluffton, S.C. is exhibiting Jan's work until 12/23. Jan's painting, 'I Wonder', is on display at the Art League of Hilton Head Art Academy, Cordillo Pkwy., Hilton Head Island, S.C., where she is a member of the faculty. She will be teaching workshops at the Academy in June and early July. Last, but not least, Jan's goal of having her work exhibited in a museum or gallery in all 50 states was achieved in March 2023.

ANNIE STRACK won second place award in the Society of Watercolor Artists annual exhibit in Texas. Her paintings were also juried into Garden State Watercolor Society's 53rd National Exhibit, Western Federation Watercolor Society 48th National Exhibit, Arizona Watercolor Society National Exhibit, Illinois Watercolor Society 39th National Exhibit, Society of Watercolor Artists International Exhibit, and Watercolor USA Honor Society National Exhibit. She earned Signature Status in GSWs and IWS. Her paintings were featured in the December and April issues of Fine Art Connoisseur magazine and in the 48th edition of The Art of Watercolour Magazine. She juried the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society Annual Members Exhibit.

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