



May 1, 2022, 1:30 PM LIVE MEETING & DEMO by Jorge Leon Pinecrest Community Center "Experimental Techniques"

Jorge will demonstrate experimental techniques that will allow you to jump into your art with a great sense of possibility and enjoyment.

When you play with your art it is not only what you are doing, but rather the manner in which you are doing it. Have fun with your art! Approach your art with an open attitude of exploration and new vision. Be open to whatever happens and enjoy the process!

After almost two years we are now meeting in-person. We still encourage everyone to exercise safe practices as we ease into "normalcy".

As we wrap up this 2021-22 season and get ready to hibernate during the summer, we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who help our organization move forward.

We have a dedicated Board that has skillfully navigated through the difficult times during the pandemic. Kim Foster and Bettyann Pober have kept us informed with the resourceful newsletters and timely emails. In April we had a successful in-person 49th Annual Spring Show at Wirtz Art Gallery. Thank you, Yvette Cotera, for assuming the Exhibition Chair from Wendy Kornfield without missing a beat. Thank you, Jackie Wimberly, for making sure we are well fed and hydrated during our monthly meetings. Beth Werner continues to do an awesome job in coordinating our monthly "paint-outs". If you haven't been to one of those, you don't know what you are missing...check it out on May 6 at Deering Estate, the last one before summer break.

While we have great things to look forward to for fall including Lynn Ferris' 3-day workshop in October, we are also looking for a greater participation by our membership. We need a demo chair to replace Yvette Cotera to set up monthly demo artists, a Librarian to take possession of magazines and a lot of instructional DVDs, and someone with graphic design expertise to fill in for Wendy Kornfield to help develop promotional material for the annual shows, without having to over-burden Kim Foster. Thank you. Let's make MWS stronger and the best we can be.

Margie Tabak and Subrata Basu, Co-Presidents

2022 Calendar of Events

April 29 Pick up paintings from Wirtz Gallery, 10:00 -11:30 am

May 1 MWS General Meeting

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Pinecrest Community Center • 5855 SW 111 Street, Pinecrest FL 33156
Second Sunday of each month, September through May. 1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Jorge Leon Montero

May general meeting demo artist



Jorge was born and raised in Havana, Cuba. In South Florida he matured professionally and artistically. Architect by training but Artist by heart, he was always inclined towards the fine arts, and he started attending the San Alejandro Art School in Havana, Cuba, at the early age of fifteen. Later on, he studied graphic design, French and finally architecture. In the USA, he studied

English and computers and took some sculpture and print making classes. At the same time, he worked and developed his profession as Architectural Project Manager, and painting as a hobby. He retired in 2002, and started spending summers in Spain and the surrounding countries, traveling extensively through Europe, Australia and Asia, following another passionate hobby: photography. Around the same time, he started painting more and more; joined watercolor groups and took several workshops, initially with Sue Archer, then with Judy Greenberg, Karen Vernon, and lately with John Salminen, Kathleen Conover and Nicholas Simmons, all nationally and internationally recognized artists. In 2008 he started entering juried shows, accumulating several Best in Show, First, Second and Third Places and several "People Choice Awards" as well as several Judge Recognitions and Honorable Mentions. Jorge now is a full time artist living and working in lovely Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

His work has been exhibited in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, Palm Beach, Sarasota, Orlando, all in Florida, USA, and in Sitges, Barcelona, Spain. Jorge work mostly in watercolor, but also in acrylics and pen & ink.

Jorge is a Signature Member of the National Watercolor Society, Florida Watercolor Society, Miami Watercolor Society, Palm Beach Watercolor Society and Gold Coast Watercolor Society. See more of Jorge's work on his website:

<http://www.artistsoftheearth.com/artists/Leon/gallery.html>

Jorge's Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/LeonWatercolors>

<https://www.facebook.com/JorgeLeonMontero>

See his photographs at:

<http://www.trekearth.com/members/Boo-Boo>

April Demo Report

Thank you Ginette Bourassa for materials demo at our LIVE MWS General Meeting on April 20, 2022.



Miami Watercolor Society 49th Annual Spring Exhibition

MWS 49th Spring 2022 Exhibition Video on youtube. Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm_F-de6w_E

The April 7th Miami Watercolor Society's 49th Spring Exhibition reception opening was a joyful success and held at the Wirtz Gallery of the First National Bank of South Miami.

BEST OF SHOW:

Magical Moments by Marilyn Liedman

DOROTHY D. GREENE FIRST PLACE:

Happy Selfie by Jorge Leon

SECOND PLACE:

Liza, Love & Laugh by Fabiano Santos

THIRD PLACE:

Palm Lights by Katherine Leathers

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Once Upon a Time by Bettyann Pober

MERIT AWARD:

Daybreak by Subrata Basu

JUDGES AWARD:

Everglades Boardwalk by Dorothy Greene

SIGNATURE AWARD:

Daydreaming by Marilyn Valiente

SANDRA WALSH MEMORIAL AWARD:

After the Rain by Bonnie Wolsky

Also recognized were three new MWS Signature Status Members: Renee Hollingsworth; Ginette Bourassa & Yvette Cotera. Member Jorge Leon, is the first recipient, of the newly renamed Miami Watercolor Society's First Place ribbon, in honor of our very own watercolor legend, Dorothy D. Greene.



(Above) Co-president Margie Tabak and VP of Exhibitions, Yvette Cotera, give out awards.



(Left) Co-president Margie Tabak with Perla Gonzalez, with one of two paintings selected by Judge Judy Saltzman to hang at the exhibition.

Copresident Subrata Basu stands by his award-winning painting.



Fabiano Santos receives his award



Bettyann Pober next to her painting titled, "Once Upon A Time", winner of the Award of Excellence Ribbon & 3 sheets of Arches Paper

Miami Watercolor Society 49th Annual Spring Exhibition
 at the Wirtz Gallery, First National Bank of South Miami



Best of Show: *Magical Moments* by Marilyn Liedman

Judy Saltzman - Juror Statement: It is an honor being invited by the Miami Watercolor Society to jury the 49th Annual Spring Exhibition, which I take very seriously. Thank you to all the artists who responded and entered this exhibition. It takes courage to put yourself forward. As the juror of an art exhibition, one measures submissions against a unique set of benchmarks. In assessing every piece in this collection, I look for mastery of the medium, the compositional design, and the individual personal expression, regardless of the subject matter. The caliber of the artwork in the MWS Exhibition is stunning and wonderfully diverse. The artistic range is expansive from landscapes, animals, portraits, still life, impressionist, and everything in between. The quality of work represents a broad range and most varied expression. My compliments and gratitude to the MWS Board, Committee Chairs and volunteers for their dedication and commitment for making the jurying process such a smooth and enjoyable experience. Let's celebrate and be inspired by the creative expression and magnificent array of unique interpretation of watermedia pushing it beyond the boundaries.

Congratulations to all the award winners and their ability to effectively communicate their intended narrative, unique personal style and for taking a risk going beyond technique to discover his or her own voice.



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Miami Watercolor Society



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Artist	Painting Title	Listed Sale Price
1 Abanses, Amanda	Tepuy	\$250.
2 Basu, Subrata	Day Break	\$850.
3 Bourassa, Ginette	Following Me!	\$1000.
4 Chacon, Elizabet	My Favorite Color	\$450.
5 Collins, Pat	Waiting for the Wind	\$300.
6 Cotera, Yvette	White Reflections	\$545.
7 De Jong, Janice	Captured Color	NFS
8 Foster, Kim	Chris Just Blues	NFS
9 Gonzalez, Perla Sofia	Titicaca Kids	\$1,200.
10 Gonzalez, Perla Sofia	Oriental	\$650.
11 Gorham, Karon	Pandanus at Fairchild	\$400.
12 Greene, Dorothy	Malayan Coconuts	NFS
13 Greene, Dorothy	Everglades Boardwalk	NFS
14 Hollingsworth, Renee	A Monster in the Park	\$500.
15 Johansen, Marilyn	Subway Ride	\$1,500.
16 Kokenge, Sandra	Toucan	\$750.
17 Kornfield, Wendy	Basking in the Sun	\$700.
18 Kornfield, Wendy	Pretty in Pink	NFS
19 Lary, Diane	Candied Mushrooms	\$1000.
20 Leathers, Katherine	Palm Lights	\$695.
21 Leathers, Katherine	Wild Coffee II	\$875.
22 Leon, Jorge	Happy Selfie	\$2,400.
23 Liedman, Marilyn	Magical Moment	NFS
24 MacArthur, Heather	Paris Summer Afternoon	NFS
25 Miller, Andi	Let's Party	\$800.
26 Miller, Catherine	Patches	NFS
27 Pober, Bettyann	Once Upon a Time	\$350.
28 Randall, Susan	Pandemic Orchids	\$600.
29 Santos, Fabiano	Liza, Love & Laugh	\$1,500.
30 Sweeny, Raquel	The Guardian	\$600.
31 Tabak, Marjorie	Sunflowers in a Blue Vase	NFS
32 Valiente, Marilyn	Crimson Skies	\$1,750.
33 Valiente, Marilyn	Daydreaming	\$750.
34 Werner, Beth	Pergola Shadows	\$350.
35 Wolsky, Bonnie	After the Rain	\$1,200.

Position available for MWS Demo Chair! Get involved with MWS again or for the first time.

Miami Watercolor Society NEEDS YOU! Please step up and become our Demo Chair. There are 6 meetings per year when we feature a demonstration artist to share their watercolor techniques with membership at a LIVE meeting.

If interested, get in touch with
Marjorie Tabak (mjt370@gmail.com)
Subrata Basu (subratbasu1945@gmail.com)
or
Yvette Cotera (originalartpad@bellsouth.net)

Upcoming May Paint Out

Our next and final paint-out, before everyone takes off for cooler climates, will be at the **Deering Estate on Friday, May 6th at 10 am**. The former home of Charles Deering, the Richmond House was built in 1900 and is a designated national landmark. There are many interesting buildings, trees, plants and beautiful Biscayne Bay to see.

Hope you can join us!

If you are interested in painting with MWS at the Deering Estate please let Beth Werner know.

Contact: betwerner@gmail.com or 305-815-3872.



MWS Membership

\$45 to join or renew your MWS membership

RENEWAL ON LINE:

Go to website www.miamiwatercolor.org
Click on Membership tab and follow directions.
(don't use the pull down, just click on the tab)
You do not have to use PayPal, but click on it, and then it will allow you to use your own credit card.

OR SEND CHECK:

\$45 to:
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Please remember to include your full name, address, phone number, and email. Indicate whether we can share your info in our on-line directory which is available only to our members and is password protected. We would also love to know if you would like to help or sit in on any of our committees.

SIGNATURE MEMBERS

In addition to dues, Signature Members are encouraged to contribute \$25 to the fund for the Signature Member Award for MWS judged exhibitions. Open the MEMBERSHIP tab and click on Signature Membership. You can then fill out the donation form.

If you have any questions, please contact
Karon Gorham at karonsew@aol.com

In Loving Memory

Kiki Davidow, one of our longtime MWS members, passed away on March 13th. She was one of the original members of our MWS, which organized in 1974, under the Presidency of Peter Drew. Kiki's love for nature and the Florida landscape was captured in her beautiful artwork. As an exceptional Plein Air painter, her work was exhibited in many Miami and Florida Watercolor Shows. Kiki and her husband, Howard, moved to Melbourne about 10 years ago, but Kiki remained an active member in both the MWS and the FWS. Several years ago, Kiki and her husband moved to Colorado to be near family members, when their health started to fail. Kiki continued to be an active member in Colorado, keeping up with the MWS through online newsletters and phone conversations with current members. Her enthusiasm for the arts in Miami, especially the growth of MWS, never waned. Kiki's husband, Howard, preceded her in death and she is survived by two nieces, Michelle Hagen and Carina Potter, both who loved and cared for her and Howard with deep devotion. Kiki will be missed, but her artwork lives on, a legacy to her love for the watercolor medium and nature's landscapes.

Submitted by Dottie Greene, longtime close friend of Kiki Davidow.

Impressions in Watercolor Student Art Show Report

The M-DCPS Visual Arts Department, which partners with the MWS, is systematically delivering awards to each individual recipient of the 36th annual "Impressions in Watercolor" student show. Here is an update from the M-DCPS regarding the distribution of "Incentive Gifts" to the award winners.



The MWS will be presenting the annual all day **TEACHERS WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP AT FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN** for the Miami-Dade County Public School art teachers, Saturday, September 10, 2022. If you would be interested in helping during the day or with the preparations leading up to the workshop, please contact Donna Underwood at dsumiami@aol.com.

MWS on Facebook!

MWS is on Facebook and has **1,146** followers! If you have a Facebook page, please look up **MWS-Miami Watercolor Society** and "like" the page. PLEASE invite your friends to like us too. You will be able to stay informed on all MWS happenings plus enjoy the photos and tips we share!

www.facebook.com/MiamiWatercolorSociety

Instagram page under @miamiwatercolorsociety has 894 followers! Twitter has 444 followers!

MWS has a **you tube channel** with all of our videos to date:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF_TatiwZUNhG8ldoQ23yQw

PLEASE send your art news to share on the MWS Facebook page to: rosiebrown1021@yahoo.com

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Our Mission...

The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose membership consists of a broad spectrum of water media painters ranging from professionals, teachers and those who simply paint for the joy of it, as well as patrons of the arts. This culturally diverse Society informs and educates members and others by providing exhibitions, community education, students' exhibitions, senior citizens' activities, demonstrations, and publications.

Providing over 40 years of artistic inspiration for water media artists!



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Newsletter Notes

If you want to get a news item into the next issue of the MWS newsletter, please submit your copy to Kim Foster at newsletter@miamiwatercolor.org **one week before the end of the month.** If there is space available we can include a jpg photo.

MWS 2021-22 Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs

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