November 2026

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WATERMARKS

November 8, 2026 at 1 PM

Live Demo by Karen Braverman

at PINECREST COMMUNITY CTR

5855 SW 111 Street, Pinecrest 33156

Karen Braverman

"I believe art is mankind's most instinctual and enduring form of communication. As long a man exists, art and the use of art will exist. Creating is something I have always loved to do. I was fortunate to have discovered watercolor and acrylic painting. I love the freedom and interaction of paint on paper. Karen Fletcher began her career as an artist in September of 2004 when she enrolled in a watercolor class at Flamingo Gardens in South Florida. Since then she has studied with many renowned instructors and won numerous awards. Karen works primarily in watercolor and acrylic. She has had success with both representational and abstract works. Her painting "Papaya" has been included in the watercolor book "Splash 14 – Color and Light". She is a signature member of International Society experimental artists, Southern Watercolor Society, Georgia Watercolor Society, Florida Watercolor Society, Goldcoast Watercolor Society, Florida Suncoast Watercolor society and Miami Watercolor Society this year.

Welcome New Members

Cathy Blondell and Val Chan

Presidents' Message

Dear Members and Friends of the Miami Watercolor Society,

November is a wonderful time to reflect on all that we are grateful for. We are especially thankful for the creativity, enthusiasm, and generosity of our members.

Please join us for our General Meeting on Sunday, November 8, at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to an engaging program featuring our wonderful demo artist, Karen Braverman. We hope to see many of you there!

2026 Fall Exhibition at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center on Key Biscayne. This juried exhibition showcases the remarkable range of talent. We encourage everyone to visit the show, invite friends and family, and help us share the beauty of watercolor with the wider community.

The Fall Exhibition and Awards Reception will take place on Saturday, November 14, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The exhibition is free and open to the public and will remain on display through January 3, 2027.

As we enjoy these activities, let us remember that our Society thrives because of the people who make it possible. Our volunteers, committee members, exhibition organizers, and dedicated members generously contribute their time, talents, and energy to keep MWS growing

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November 2026 Calendar

Nov. 8	1 PM General meeting
Nov. 14	Fall Exhibition Opening Reception & Awards, 3-5 pm, Key Biscayne
Nov. 15	Skills Class at Artworks with Christine Robinson
Nov. 20	Paint-out at Pinecrest Gardens 10 AM

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

Pinecrest Community Center • 5855 SW 111 Street, Pinecrest FL 33156

Usually Second Sunday of each month, September - May except October & April (at Evelyn Greer Park). 1 – 3:30 P.M.

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"Color My Fish" by Jorge Leon

"Great Blue" by Diane McKinney

Miami Watercolor Society Fall 2026 Exhibition at:
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149

Opening Reception & Awards - November 14th (3-5pm)
Exhibition: October 28th 2026 to January 3rd, 2027
Open Daily: 9am - 4pm - Free Admission

www.miamiwatercolor.org.

Visit our website for future workshops, skills classes, demos, paint-outs, past exhibition videos, membership, newsletter and more. Established in 1974, the Miami Watercolor Society Inc. is a charitable organization eligible for tax-exempt status under the Code Sec. 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and is a public charity with a 50% deductibility limitation.

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and to fulfill our mission of teaching, sharing, and promoting watercolor.

Now, we need YOU!

We encourage all members to consider taking a more active role in the future of our Society by stepping forward to serve on the Board of Directors.

You do not need to have previous board experience to make a difference. Whether you have been a member for many years or are relatively new to MWS, your participation and enthusiasm are valuable.

We will be holding our election next month for the new slate of Board positions, and we sincerely hope you will consider stepping up and becoming part of the team. Please think about how you might contribute and reach out if you are interested in learning more about the available positions.

Thank you for being part of our Society. We are grateful for each of you and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your MWS Co-Presidents

Beth Werner and **Annie Tejidor-Bakas**
Presidents, Miami Watercolor Society

WHATSAPP GROUP CHAT:

Join Our New MWS Group Chat!

Stay connected with fellow watercolor artists! We're inviting all members to join the official Miami Watercolor Society group chat — a great way to stay in the loop on upcoming events, workshops, painting opportunities, exhibits, and more.

This chat is a space for our community to share inspiration, connect between meetups, and support one another as artists. Whether it's an interesting technique video, an artist you admire, or a painting opportunity you don't want fellow members to miss, this is the place to share it.

To keep the space welcoming and enjoyable for everyone, we ask all members to review and follow our brief Code of Conduct below before joining.

We look forward to seeing you there!

MWS Group Chat Code of Conduct

To keep our group chat a positive, welcoming space for all members, we ask everyone to follow these guidelines:

- No political or religious content — Let's keep the focus on art and our shared love of painting.
- No nudity or inappropriate content — Keep all shared content respectful and appropriate for all members.
- Respectful communication — Treat all members with kindness and respect. Disagreements happen, but courtesy always comes first.
- No self-promotion of personal businesses — This chat isn't a platform for advertising personal services or products.
- Stay on topic — This chat is meant for sharing interesting videos, artists, information, events, painting opportunities, and social gatherings among members.

By joining the group chat, members agree to follow these guidelines. Thank you for helping us maintain a supportive and inspiring community!

Link to join MWS WHATSAPP
https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bgu9N2Lexdy8629hojHuan?mode=gi_t

Please bring a refreshment to share at our November General Meeting! Thank you!

MWS General Meeting Dates & Demos

Sundays:	
Nov. 8 -	Pinecrest Community Center Demo artist, Karen Braverman
Dec. 13 -	Pinecrest Community Center Holiday Paint Together
Jan. 10, 2027	Pinecrest Community Center
February 14	Pinecrest Community Center
March 14, 2027	Pinecrest Community Center
April 11, 2027	Evelyn Greer Park
May 16, 2027	Pinecrest Community Center

MWS Skill Building Class Dates

Sundays,Artworks Associates, Inc.10 am-1 pm

Nov. 15	Chris Robinson
Jan. 17, 2027	Perla Gonzalez
Feb. 21,	Mary McHenry

No skills class in October or December

Workshop Artists

Workshops held at Evelyn Greer Park

April 12, 13, 14, 2027	Jane Fritz
Oct 11, 12, 13 2027	Mathew Bird

Evelyn Greer Park:
8200 SW 124th St, Pinecrest, FL 33156

Pinecrest Gardens Community Center:
5855 SW 111th St., Pinecrest FL 33156

Artworks Associates, Inc.:
4180 SW 74 Ct., Suite 207, Miami, FL 33155

DORAL FLORIDA

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WITH YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND: A MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP

MWS PERLA GONZALEZ completed the fourth MWS skill's class at the Doral Cultural Art Center today titled "With Your Feet on the Ground"

Thank you to

BLICK art materials & Jerry's Artarama

for donating gift certificates to be used as awards.

The Miami Watercolor Society SKILL-BUILDING Watercolor Classes are open to the community.

Learn with Christine Robinson meets at:
Artworks
4180 SW 74 Ct., #207
Miami, FL 33155

Members pay $30 for the 3-hour workshop. Non-members pay $40. New MWS members get one free class.

Watercolor Skill Building Class

Learn with Christine Robinson

Sunday, November 15, 10 am - 1 pm

Christine Robinson calls herself the "accidental watercolorist" because for years she has been creating unique 3D jewelry with watercolor papers, and only now has been learning to paint with watercolor on flat papers.

She maintains that painted watercolor papers are a flexible medium for creating jewelry and other 3D objects in that heavy weight painted watercolor paper acts a lot like leather: it can be tooled in a variety of methods–embossed, feathered, deckled, burned, embroidered, swirled, punched, wired–and it will hold its shape. Each participant will create a unique watercolor paper teardrop pendant.

Materials provided will be a teardrop frame to adhere to watercolor paper, and elastic neck wire for the finished pendant.

Participants should bring a 5"x 5" piece of already colored and dried watercolor paper, scissors,two paper clips, easy dry clear tube glue (like E6000), a needle, 12" of thread that matches the color of the paper, and a pencil.

Each participant will select a spot on their paper and lay down a path of glue, setting the wire frame overtop. Blow dryers will be available to quickly dry the piece (or hot glue in place). Then each participant will cut out and sew the pendant onto the elastic neck wire. Voila: a one of a kind watercolor pendant!

Sign up on line: https://miamiwatercolor.org/classes/

MWS Meet a Member Monday Wants You!

Want to be featured on the MWS social media page?

Twice a month, MWS will highlight a different member. This is your chance to share your story, showcase your work, or just introduce yourself to the rest of the art community. Send an email to **miamiwatercolor@gmail.com** to be featured. make sure to include fun facts about you, 3-5 photos that represent you or your work, and what you love about being a part of MWS.

We can't wait to get to know you better!

The social media post will be designed as a carousel of images starting with one like the image at right, followed by the photos the member provides. The post itself will include the 3-5 fun facts about the member and what they love about Miami Watercolor Society.

November Paint Out

Join us at Pinecrest Gardens for our next Paint-Out on Friday, Nov 20, 2026 from 10 am to noon.

General Admission (2-64): $8.00
Seniors (65 and over): $5.00

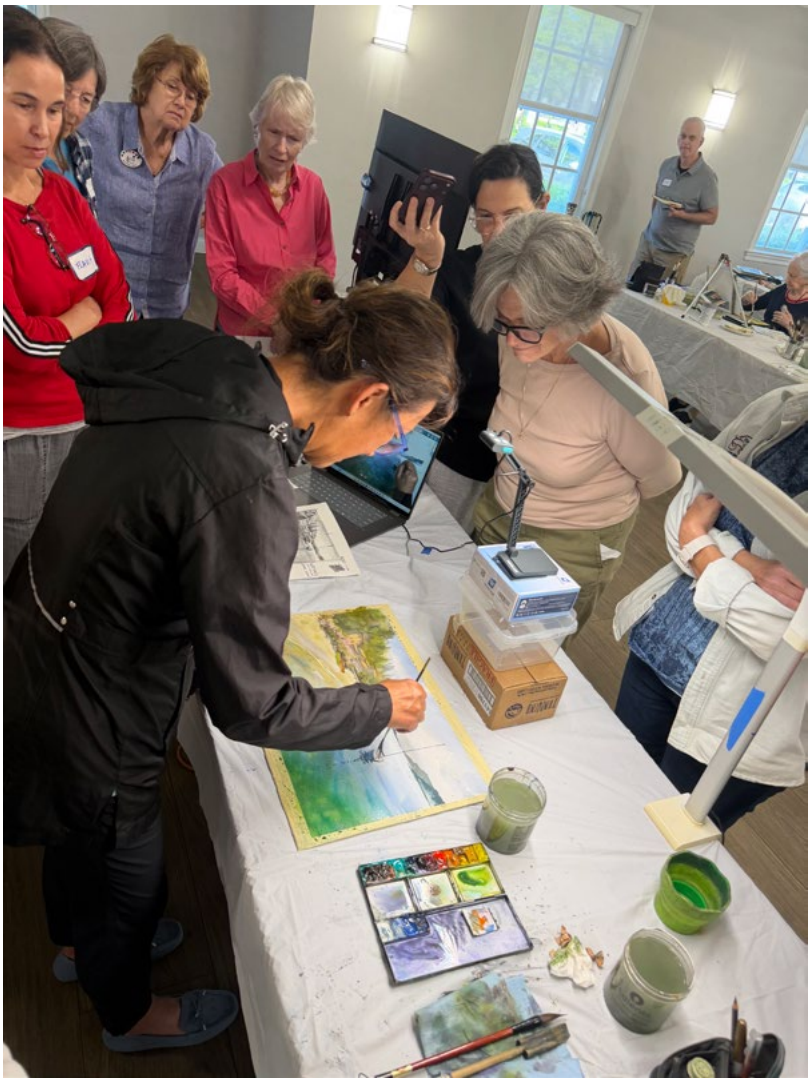
Gray Read will be at the entrance
Text Gray at 305-205-4814 and let her know you plan to attend.

Painting of the cottage in Pinecrest Gardens, by Gray Read, 2026.

October Paint Out Report

MWS had a great turnout on Friday, October 23 at the Barnacle in Coconut Grove. Around 15 members came together to paint out on a cloudy morning. on the soggy back lawn of Commodore Kirk Munroe's historic home on the bay.

“Best Workshop Ever”... said several workshop seasoned participants. While Keiko Tanabe painted and completed a stunning painting each day, she talked about paint colors and transparancies and other watercolor ‘gems’ to influence our own work.



Thank you Kieko Tannabe

for an inspiring demonstration at the Miami Watercolor Society's October general meeting.

Miami Watercolor Society had a great turnout of members at the October 2026 general meeting held at Evelyn Greer Park. Internationally recognized, Keiko Tanabe, first judged the paintings for the MWS Fall Exhibition, then gave us a fabulous demonstration by starting and completing a scene of an airport lounge, in about an hour.

Similar to her teaching style for the 3-day workshop that followed, Keiko talked about paint, paper and all things watercolor as she painted. Members got to watch her technique and listen to her thoughts on the importance of value studies. She said that if an object in life (or in a photo) did not work in her design, she would move it to where it did work, or eliminate it. Thank you, I think we all learned something from Keiko.

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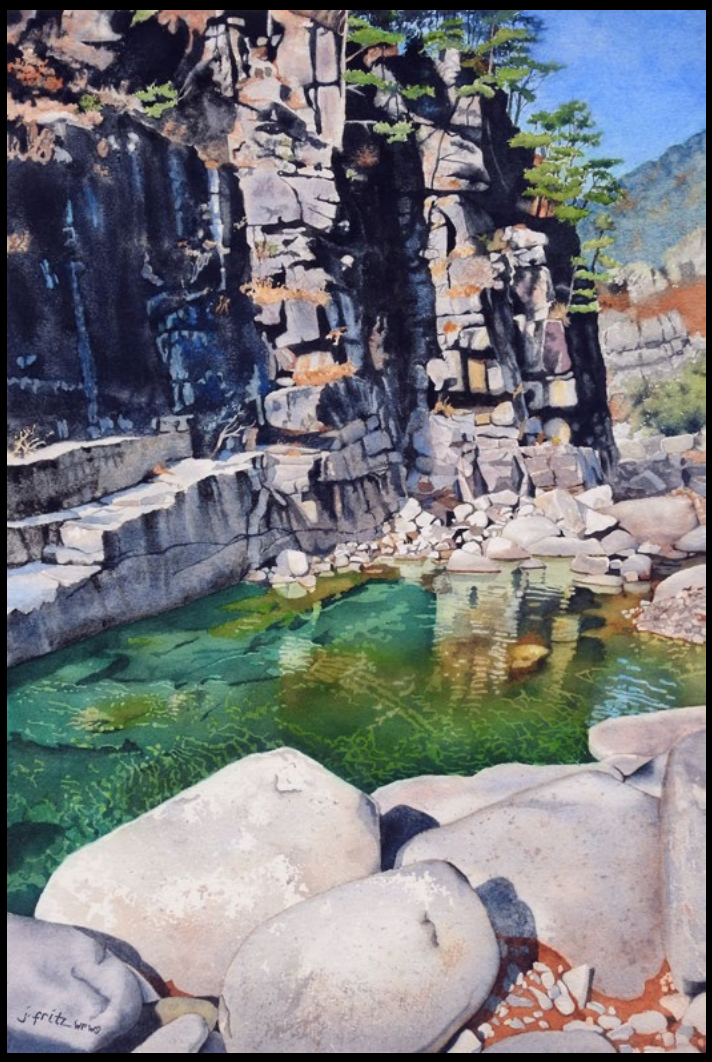
Spring 2027 Workshop

Jane Fritz

janefritz.com

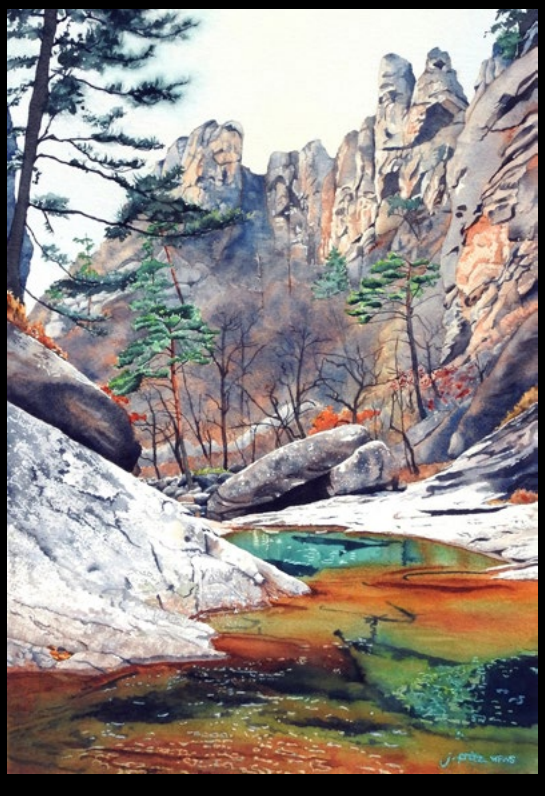
Luminous Landscapes



Miami 3 Day In-Person Workshop

April 12-14, 2027 • 9am-4pm

Evelyn Greer Park, 8200 SW 124th St.
Pinecrest FL 33156
For more info contact Jackie Wimberly
booklvr888@yahoo.com



Early Bird Prices through March 31, 2027:
MWS Members $375 • Non Members $400

After March 31:
MWS Members $400 • Non Members $425

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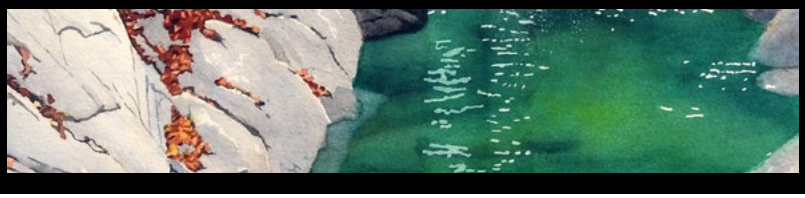

Share the joy of watercolor painting

How often have you heard a friend say, "Your painting looks like so much fun. I wish I could do that." Next time it happens, share this list of our members who teach and encourage them to try it.

Ginette Bourassa is a passionate watercolor artist inspired by the play of light and transparency unique to watercolors. She was trained by prominent artists in Canada, Uruguay and America and has exhibited her work in shows around the world. She teaches adults of all levels through private workshops and group demonstrations tailored to various skill levels. Her classes are taught in two locations: Miami Everglades Resort and Quebec City Studios. Contact her by email at ginettebourassa19@gmail.com.

Alexis Bringas fell in love with education as a middle school teacher and now teaches water media (watercolor, gouache and acrylic) to children and adults offering private, small group and at-home lessons. See more information on her website: www.bringasartdesign.com and @bringascreates on Instagram. Email her at bringascreates@gmail.com or call by phone at 305-209-6560.

Yvette Cotera offers group classes and private lessons at homes & libraries in watercolor, acrylics and mixed media creating tactile collages. She teaches children K-12, adults of all ages and abilities, including people living with low vision or blind. FL Certified Special Education & Visual Art Instructor, BS Degree, MDC. Contact Yvette by phone, voice message: 305-753-5341 or Email: originalartpad@bellsouth.net.

Marilyn Johansen teaches private and group watercolor lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 – noon at Art Serve in Ft. Lauderdale. Her watercolors have won numerous awards from watercolor societies throughout the country. She has a degree in education. Contact Marilyn by phone: 954-646-8698 or email at marilynjohansen@gmail.com.

Mary McHenry teaches two adult classes at Fairchild Gardens in Miami: An Introduction to Watercolors and Intermediate/Advanced Watercolors. She is a professional photographer and watercolor artist who loves to share her passion for painting with her students. She has a degree in education and art history. Register for her classes through the Fairchild website at www.fairchildgarden.org.

Olga Nikishina was educated at the Moscow State Stroganov Academy of Design and Applied Arts and has won more than 20 awards in international exhibitions and competitions. She teaches sketching, watercolors, acrylic, pastel and tempera to children over eight, as well as adults from beginners to advanced levels. She teaches at Niki Gallery and Art School. Register for classes on her website: www.nikigallery.com.

Thank you Cathy Miller for initiating this column and collecting the art teacher information.

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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 50 years of artistic inspiration for water media artists!

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If there is space available we can include a jpg photo.

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