

2010 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Florida Watercolor 2010 is better and bigger than ever and we hope you will join us. Our Watercolor Society is the largest state society and one of the largest in the nation with approximately 1000 members. Why is this an opportunity for you? Consider that we are able to bring to you the best nationally known jurors and instructors for our annual convention and workshops. Our annual conventions provide a forum and learning experience for our members and an opportunity to meet and talk to our juror, demonstrators, workshop instructors and members of the FWS. Our trade show offers the opportunity to see and buy the latest art materials at discounted prices from our vendors. We also work with a network of "Societies", other watercolor organizations around the state of Florida to ensure that we know them and they know us. Members receive an annual exhibition catalog of all the selected paintings and awards. You can improve your art, expand your circle of artist friends and have fun being a member of FWS!

2010 CONVENTION

If you join before April 30, 2010, you will be eligible to enter our 39th Annual Exhibition. This year's convention site will be the beautiful Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club situated on 900 acres of rolling hills and serene waterways in Innisbrook, Florida. This resort features several restaurants and swimming pools, a full service spa, and four Championship golf courses. Our exhibition will be held at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, located nearby on the Tarpon Springs campus of St. Petersburg College.

The fun starts on Monday, September 20th when our Juror, Carrie Burns Brown, NWS, and Kathleen Conover, NWS, each conduct a 4 day workshop. The Convention Weekend then kicks off on Thursday with a demonstration by Carrie at 7 PM. Friday and Saturday bring more demonstrations, including one by Kathleen Conover, along with critiques, lectures and the always popular tradeshow. On Friday evening we will open our 39th Annual Exhibit with a Reception at the Leepa-Rattner. We will start the day on Saturday with a Paint-A-Round, and end by honoring our artists at the Awards Gala featuring a special presentation. And, we will wind up our week on Sunday Morning with our Annual Members Meeting.

HISTORY

Mr. Guy Beattie, Director of the Maitland Art Center in 1972, invited Florida watercolorists to exhibit. Miles Batt, AWS, selected 84 paintings for this first exhibition. Painters and viewers were so impressed that the Florida Watercolor Society was founded in October 1973 with 26 members. Since its inception, the society has grown to over 1000 members.

HOW TO JOIN

You may join on line! Or send your check and the completed application to our Membership chairman. If you join at Convention you receive membership for the next three months and are paid up through the next year. A Florida resident must pay the annual dues by April 30 to be eligible for the Fall exhibition. A person who does not fulfill the residency requirement may become a "Nonresident Associate Member" with all the membership privileges except that he/she may not enter an FWS juried exhibition or become an officer in FWS. Annual renewal notices will be e-mailed to you after the new year. Failure to renew prior to May 1, of each year will result in losing your status and all privileges. You may regain your status by paying back dues.

Complete the form below and mail with your check payable to the Florida Watercolor Society in the amount of \$40.00

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Mail to Mary Louise Ringers, Membership Chairperson, 22373 Panther Loop, Bradenton FL 34202

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