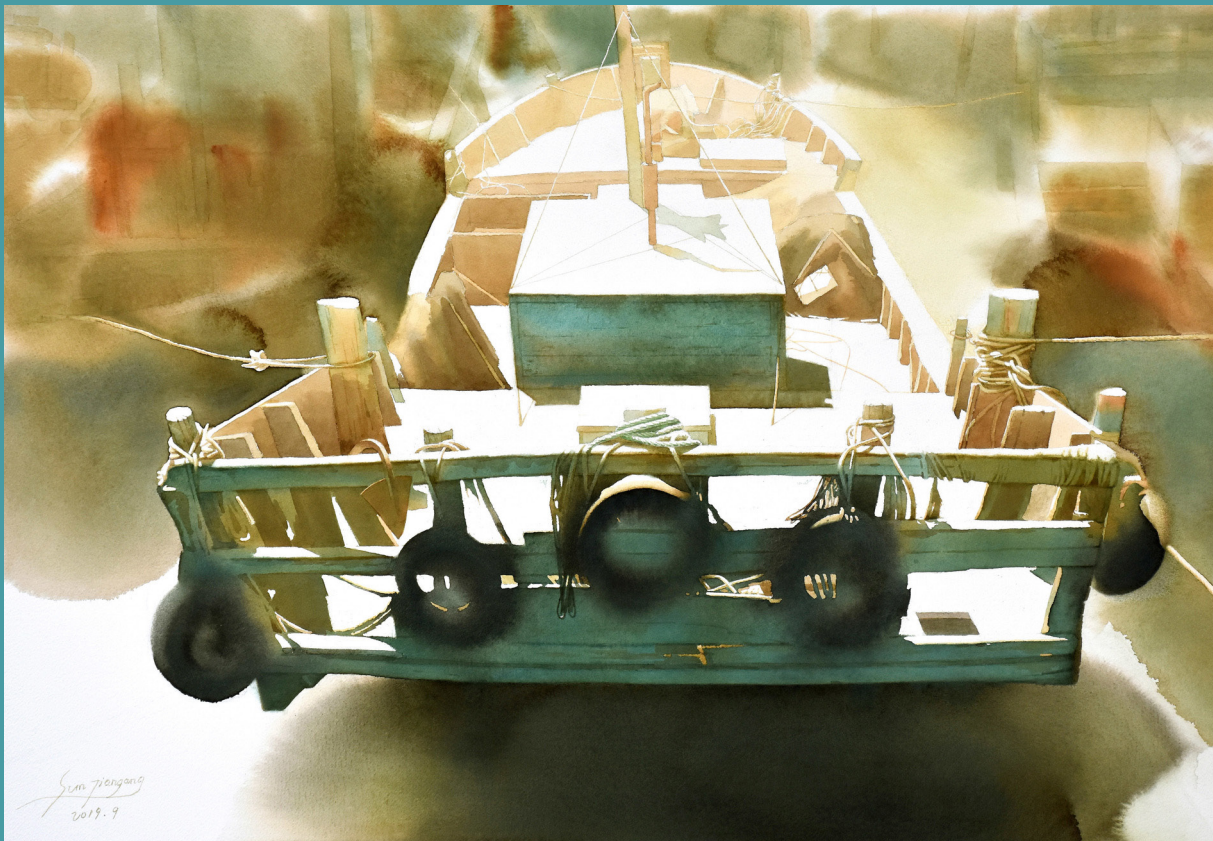


ARTS & LETTERS 2020

# Pittsburgh Watercolor Society



*Fishing Port IV*, Watercolor, Jiayang Sun

## From the Aqueous 2020 Chairs

Welcome to Aqueous Open 2020 International Exhibition.

Two and a half years ago, we began the planning for the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Annual Aqueous Open 2020 International Exhibition. As this is the organization's 75th Anniversary year, and PWS 46th Aqueous Open International, we wanted to do something really special. And, that we did! Plans change and we had to react and respond accordingly to the current circumstances.

It was definitely a challenge to take an exhibit of this quality to an online platform. It was a challenge that we feel our team lived up to. We are proud to present this Annual International Exhibition featuring works work of 75 artists, for 75 years of PWS, from all over the globe, including 20 artists from our own membership!

Our juror for Aqueous Open 2020, John Salminen chose an exhibit that showcases the diverse and expressive medium that watercolor is. He is a world-renowned artist and arts educator. Mr. Salminen is a signature member of numerous prestigious art societies in the United States including AWS-DF, NWS, TWS-DM and the SDWS and serves as a board member of the American Watercolor Society. He is the President of the International Masters of Watercolour Association centered in Shanghai China and is a member of top organizations in China and Australia. John has won over 250 awards in national and international exhibitions. In addition, John is a frequent judge and juror for national and international exhibitions and his work is included in permanent collections in the United States, Asia and Europe.

A quote from John about his work, "I began painting as an abstract expressionist, more interested in the expressive nature of paint than in representations of objects. I still paint pure abstractions but most of my works are realistic with an underlying foundation of abstraction. Even painting representationally, I continue to rely heavily on my background in abstraction to guide me. The balance between abstraction and the illusion of reality is the challenge that keeps me excited about painting every day."

The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society was founded in 1945 to develop, encourage, and maintain interest in watercolor painting. The original membership of 20 was one of the first groups to be affiliated with the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. The membership of the PWS has grown to more than 250 artists who enjoy the opportunity to explore and share their broad range of style and techniques.

PWS has developed a national reputation as a prestigious group of watercolor artists who provide quality exhibits and programs to the region. PWS is the only regional artist organization that hosts an international exhibit every year. As we celebrate our 75th year 2020 we are delighted to present this exciting and diverse exhibit! We look forward to presenting even more in the future.

Once again, a very special thank-you to our member volunteers who helped to make this wonderful exhibition happen.

Suzie & Lisa

Susan "Suzie" Sparks – President & Aqueous Co-chair  
Lisa Rasmussen – Exhibitions & Aqueous Co-chair



Pittsburgh Watercolor Society  
celebrating 75 years!

### From the President on Aqueous 2020

This has been a very different year for Pittsburgh Watercolor Society and all of us. As PWS presents this year's Aqueous Open 2020 International, we have had to adapt and adjust. This is our first Aqueous Open completely online. We are delighted to once again showcase not only the very best watercolor works from our regional talent, but talent from around the globe. In our 75th year, we continue to be the only arts organization to present an International Exhibit every year.

This year's juror, John Salminen, was a joy to work with in such difficult circumstances. And, once again, our juror had his hands full. We received 249 entries, from artists in 34 states and 4 countries! The entries were varied in style, use of media, technique and subject matter. Some seriously wonderful work was submitted. And, Mr. Salminen chose a very representative exhibit telling a strong story about watercolor. Our only regret is that we did not get to meet Mr. Salminen in person, and experience his workshop. Maybe next year? Thank you, John.

And, once again, I had the pleasure serving as President of this wonderful organization, got to Co-chair Exhibitions and Aqueous with the amazing Lisa Rasmussen. Her contributions to this project were innumerable and invaluable. She took the initiative to use a new program to present the exhibit in a Virtual Gallery, bringing it to a different level and a wonderful experience.

I cannot say THANK YOU enough to our Exhibitions Committee, and to our members and volunteers who helped to make this wonderful exhibition happen. We could not have done it without you.

Please, enjoy this excellent exhibit.

Suzie  
Susan "Suzie" Sparks – President & Aqueous Co-chair



North End, Boston Watercolor, John Salminen

### Juror's Statement: John Salminen

I'd like to thank the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society for allowing me to play a role in the 75th Anniversary Exhibition. Thank you to all of the artists who submitted work and to all of the people behind the scenes who worked hard to present this show.

The accepted paintings are an outstanding cross-section of contemporary water-media. I selected works that balance technique and concept. It's difficult for a painting to maintain viewer interest with accomplished technique alone. Conversely, mastery over technique is needed to convey the message. A good story, well told, results in an effective painting. I was pleased to be able to include many fine examples of works that best represent the power of form and content.

My only disappointment is that I will not be able to see the paintings in person. I look forward to meeting the accomplished artists that created them at some point in the future.

Stay safe and enjoy this beautiful virtual exhibition.



**Congratulations  
to our new  
signature members!**

Frank Webb  
James Warmbrodt  
Debra Valentino  
Ron Thurston  
Eileen Sudzina  
Anni Matsick  
Susie Coburn  
Connie Clutter



**Engineered Landscape**  
Acrylic and Watercolor  
  
\$1800.00  
  
Christine Alfery



**Tobacco Man**  
Watercolor  
  
\$2000.00  
  
Tony Armendariz

**Cornona 2020**  
Transparent  
Watercolor  
  
\$3000.00  
  
Janet Belich



**Briskly & with Purpose**  
Watercolor  
  
\$3800.00  
  
Helen Beacham



**Pandemic 2020**  
Watercolor  
  
\$1,400.00  
  
Victor Beltran



**Nubian School Boys**  
Watercolor  
  
\$1,600.00  
  
Donna Berk Barlup





**Butterfly Women XIII:  
Tattooed Torsos**  
Watercolor

\$3800.00

Bruce Bobick



**Party Papers, Ribbons  
and Confetti IX**  
Watercolor

\$1100.00

Carol Brody

**Corinaldo, in  
Memoriam**  
Watercolor

\$1200.00

Thomas Bucci



**No Hunting**  
Watercolor

\$850.00

Karen Catlett

**View from the  
27th Floor**  
Watercolor

\$2900.00

Robert Bowden



**Harbor Reflections**  
Watercolor

\$2200.00

Marilynne Bradley

**Winter  
Blues**  
Acrylic on Paper

\$475.00

Marianne Calenda



**Under the Radar**  
Watercolor

\$1100.00

Connie Clutter

**Lunch on the  
Champs-Elysees**  
Watercolor

\$600.00

Susie Coburn



✧ Ruth Richardson Abstract Award

**Remains**  
Watermedia

\$4100.00

Elaine Daily-Birnbaum

**Spiral Swirl Staircase  
(Entrance to the  
Louvre, Paris)**  
Watercolor

\$1900.00

Sally Davies



**Divide & Conquer**  
Watermedia

\$1500.00

Toni Elkins

**Daughter**  
Watercolor

\$1,500.00

Jared Cullum



**Before The Storm**  
Watercolor

\$1500.00

Eva Damianos

**Flowering Brook**  
Watercolor

\$750.00

Caitlin DesSoye



**Amsterdam Skyline-  
Netherlands**  
Watercolor Batik on  
Japanese Rice Paper

\$5,000.00

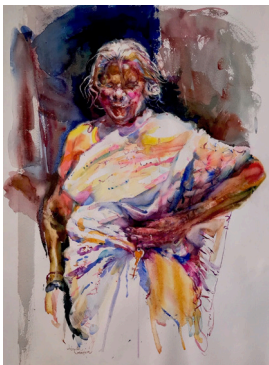
Ryan Fox



**Bright**  
Watercolor

\$2400.00

Antoaneta Georgieva



**Girls are Dancing**  
Watercolor

\$600.00

Ray Goodrow

**Pandemic  
Self-Portrait No. 2**  
Watercolor

\$900.00

Sally Heston



**Untitled**  
Watercolor

\$2000.00

Shirley Jenkins

\* Past President's Award

**Remembrance**  
Transparent Watercolor

\$3000.00

Randy Globus



**Kathleen's World**  
Watercolor

\$1,800.00

Karen Heidler

\* Award of Merit

**Lean Left**  
Watermedia

\$800.00

John James



**Cowboy**  
Watercolor

\$700.00

Gary Johnston

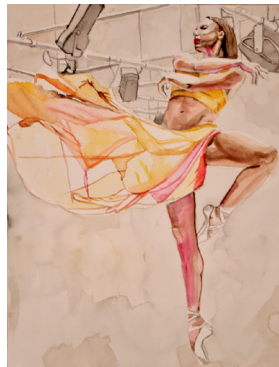


\* Baltimore Watercolor Society Award

**Dancer on Stage**  
Watercolor

\$550.00

Mark Kaufman



\* Third Place

**Sweet and Sour II**  
Transparent Watercolor

\$5000.00

Chris Krupinski

**Face Time**  
Watercolor

\$5500.00

Stephen Kuhlman



**Till We Meet Again**  
Transparent Watercolor

\$650.00

Chin Chian Lee

**Turning**  
Watercolor

\$650.00

Rick Kowalewski



**Paisley**  
Watercolor, gouche,  
ground, graphite

\$800.00

Rebecca Krutsinger

**Dialogue**  
Watercolor

\$450.00

Yelena Lamm



**Morning Song No16**  
Watercolor

\$2000.00

Kerk Hwang Lok

**The Swimmer**  
Watercolor

\$1,800.00

Stacy Lund Levy



**Rhododendron  
Hotspur**  
Watercolor

\$1,080.00

Janet Martinet

**Dreamscape  
With Rabbit**  
Watercolor

\$1,800.00

Anni Matsick



**Zoar House**  
Watercolor

\$1,500.00

Bob Maurer

\* Award of Merit

**The Rackelman Blues**  
Transparent Watercolor

\$1,520.00

Ron Malone



**Midnight**  
Watercolor

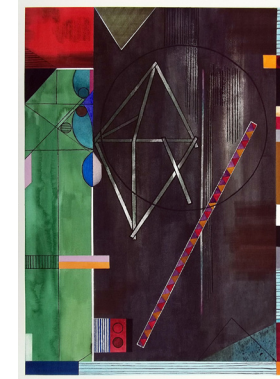
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Jeffery Mathison

**Cais Palafítico da  
Carrasqueira #3**  
Watercolor

\$1,500.00

Mark McDermott



**Take PC#29**  
Watercolor

\$1,700.00

Robert Mejer



**Field Marks  
(Painted Bunting)**

Watercolor,  
Acrylic on Yupo

\$5,200.00

John Guy Petruzzi



**Coffee Time, Brussels**

Watercolor &  
Gouache

\$3,000.00

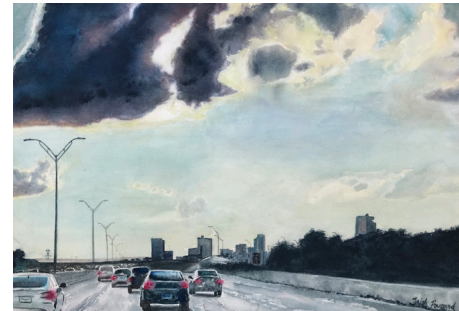
Woon Lam Ng

**Approaching  
Fort Worth**

Watercolor

\$1,500.00

Trish Poupard



**Rainy Day at  
Ruthie's Diner**

Watercolor

\$350.00

Mary Ellen Raneri

**Sweet Tendencies**

Transparent Watercolor

\$1,600.00

Dianna Porter



**Harmonious Hibiscus**

Watercolor

\$900.00

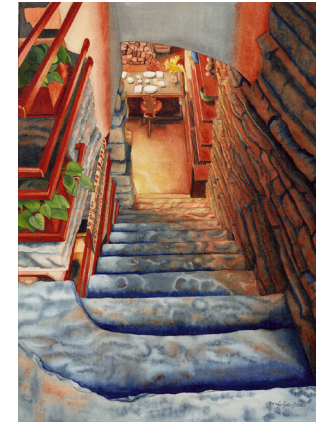
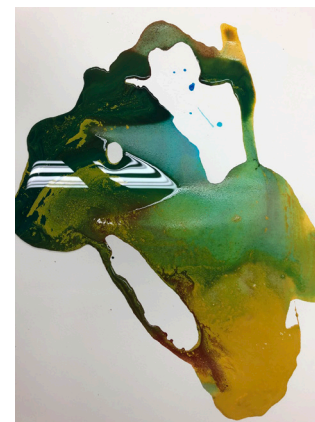
Ann Pember

**Beneath the Surface**

Mixed

\$500.00

Roni Ramos



**Down the Stairs**

Watercolor

\$650.00

lisa rasmussen



**Carefree and Sunlit**  
Watercolor

\$800.00

Patricia Rodell



**Honey Bee**  
Watercolor

\$350.00

Susan Sparks

**Good to be Home**  
Watercolor

\$1,000.00

Eileen Sudzina



**Blue Iris**  
Fluid Acrylic

\$3,100.00

Jeannine Swartz

**Summer's Glory**  
Transparent Watercolor

\$1,250.00

Arena Shawn



**Boats and More Boats**  
Watercolor

\$600.00

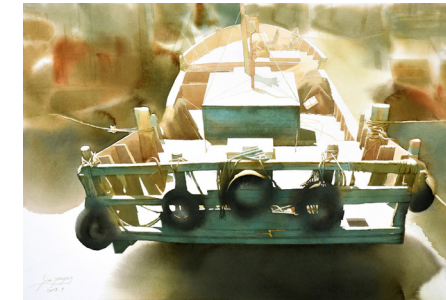
Phiris Sickels

\* Best of Show

**Fishing Port IV**  
Watercolor

\$2,500.00

Jiangang Sun



\* Award of Merit

**Blue Moon**  
Watercolor

\$1,500.00

Ron Thurston

\* Second Place

**Three Generations II**

Watercolor

\$6,000.00

Zhou Tianya



**New Hat**

Watercolor

\$2,800.00

Debra Valentino

**Sylvania**

Watercolor

\$2,500.00

Carrie Waller



\* Cad Scarlet Award

**Taxco**

Watercolor

\$1,300.00

Frank Webb

**Sunset**

Watercolor

\$950.00

Carmella Tuliszewski



\* Frank Webb Award

**On Market Square**

Watercolor

\$800.00

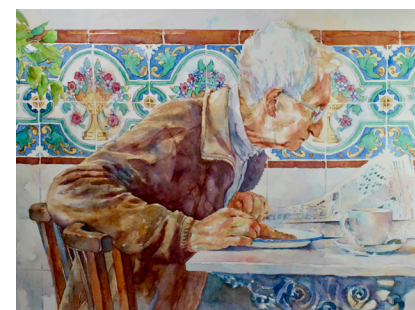
William Vrscak

**The Baker**

Watercolor

\$650.00

James Warmbrodt



\* Award of Merit

**Morning Routine**

Transparent Watercolor

\$1,500.00

Pam Wenger



**Cruising Prince  
William Sound**  
Watercolor

\$3,600.00

Sandy Winfree



**Once Upon A Childhood**  
Watercolor

\$3,500.00

Donna Witty



**Morning Routine**  
Watercolor

\$1,900.00

Lois Wolford



**Life On The Streets**  
Watercolor

\$1,000.00

Val Wright



## PWS Aqueous 2020 Awards

**Best of Show** \$2000. Jiangan Sun

**Second Place** \$1500. Zhou Tianya

**Third Place** \$1000. Chris Krupinski

**Cad Scarlet Award** \$400. Frank Webb

**Past President's Award** \$400. Randy Globus

**Frank Webb Award** \$300. Bill Vrscak

**Ruth Richardson Abstract Award** \$300. Elaine Daily-Birnbaum

**Baltimore Watercolor Society** \$300. Mark Kaufman

**Award of Merit** Merchandise/gift card Ron Thurston

**Award of Merit** Merchandise/gift card John James

**Award of Merit** Merchandise/gift card Pam Wenger

**Award of Merit** Merchandise/gift card Ron Malone

**People's Choice** \$250.

To vote for the People's Choice Award, send an email with the title of the painting and the name of the artist to:

[aqueous@pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com](mailto:aqueous@pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com)

## PWS Aqueous 2020 Thank You /Sponsors

Once again, we at PWS so appreciate all of our members, friends and volunteers who help us make all of our exhibits and events successful. A special thank you to our Board of Directors, our Exhibition Committee and all of those who helped make this unusual year, and our 75th Anniversary, a productive and successful one, in spite of all of the obstacles.

PWS also thanks our sponsors for their generous support.

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