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Next Meeting: **January 8, 2026**
10:00 AM
 at **Arts@302**
302 SouthMainSt.,BrokenArrow.

Green Country Watercolor Society
 PO Box 33435
 Tulsa, OK 74153
 Win Noren—[Contact](#)

From the President

As we start 2026 have you set an “Art Goal” for yourself? It is always good to set goals for ourselves and growing in your artistic journey certainly deserves such goals to encourage your growth and provide a focus for your efforts. My goal is to curate a smaller pallet and use it to paint exclusively with during the year (although I will give myself grace to swap out a color or use something extra for a specific project). Participating in the January program will help me along this journey and I am looking forward to the drawing lessons scheduled for this year as well. But whatever you do, don't forget to go pick up that brush and paint!

Win 

Happy New Year!

*Dues are
due*

Dues are Due for 2026

Your \$40 Payment can be made by cash or check at our meetings or by credit card (\$42 which includes the credit card fees).

Workshop is at Capacity

“I CAN’T” WORKSHOP at C4C

Workshop is at Capacity

Saturday, February 7, 2026

10-10:45AM at the Center for Creativity

910 S. Boston Ave.

This is a free 45-minute “tasting lesson” on watercolor that is part of the Center for Creativity “I CAN’T” workshops. We will give instructions on how to paint fun bookmarks. Win needs help so please sign up at the meeting or contact Win.

Workshop
has reached
it's capacity

Jeanette Hooks

Painting Studio January 28th- 9:00 AM to Noon St. Pius X Church Activity Center 1727 S 75th East Ave. , Tulsa

A come and go open studio where you can bring projects to work on and get input from others.

paint · draw · visit · observe · learn · ask questions · show-and-tell · have fun

It is always very generous of Jo Lynch's time and talent to help us. We are always impressed with how much she knows and is willing to share with us.



GCWS 22nd Annual Juried Member Show

• ****Digital Photo Submission****: April 10th

• ****Artwork Delivery****: May 6th

• ****Opening Reception****: May 7th

• ****Show Dates****: May 7–30, 2026

atArts@302



Member Led Workshop

with Amy Jenkins

March 28th

How to Paint a Beautiful Rose

Cancellation Policy for Member-led Workshops--Your reservation is secured with a payment of \$20. If you cannot attend, you have the option to transfer your spot to another GCWS member or request a 50% refund. To qualify for a refund, please ensure that cancellation notice is provided to the Workshop Coordinator at least 48 hours before the workshop begins. For any inquiries, please contact Becky Brady at [bradybecky01@gmail.com] (mailto:bradybecky01@gmail.com).

Palette Picks

by Carolyn Morningstar

The LIBRARY is one of the perks of membership!

- Returns should be placed in the box.
- Very important to place your name on a sticky and place inside the book or video.



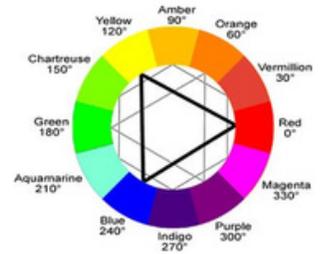
Let's Celebrate!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



January program

If you have any questions email:
Becky bradybecky01@gmail.com



COME TO THE JANUARY PROGRAM READY TO PAINT!

We're going to EXPLORE new triads, PAINT color wheels and CREATE Dot Cards for sharing! Most of us have more paint than we'll ever use. These exercises will help us explore these under-used colors and SHARE our less used pigments with each other. Just think, Jim's unused tube of Quinacridone Burnt Orange may turn out to be your new favorite color!

BRING YOUR TUBES OF PAINT We'll paint out color wheels (a color wheel template will be supplied (Becky got a new Cricut!)) with our lesser used triad colors - **think about the reds, yellows and blues in your paint box that you may not use very often.** This exercise will help us explore the range of colors they can produce. We all have tubes of paint that have seen little use—let's squeeze out that paint and see what it can do!

BRING ALL YOUR PAINT TUBES, a couple of brushes, palette or plate, and plenty of paper or a sketchbook. Arts@302 has cups we can use to hold water.

DOT CARDS / PAINT SWAP: Let's share paint with each other in the form of Dot Cards! This is a great way to explore new colors. Again, we all have more paint than we'll ever use, let's share "dots" with each other. If you're not familiar with a dot card, check it out:

<https://danielsmith.com/product/dot-cards/>

Be sure to bring a piece of watercolor paper to collect your Dots on.

Meet Judy Aldridge



our GCWS FOUNDER



When my husband Carl and I took early retirement and moved from Overland Park, Ks to Broken Arrow I decided to try my hand at watercolor. I had always been artistic and worked in colored pencil, oils, pastels etc. I found that art and art classes offered a good escape from my stressful social work job.

But I was afraid of watercolor. It seemed difficult to control and no way to correct mistakes. So I set out on this new journey by taking local classes, some better than others. I met other watercolor artist and we traveled out of town to week long workshops. Well, I learned a lot and had loads of fun. Needless to say I fell in love with watercolor. I loved how the water and paint did their own thing. I loved that you could achieve loose, vibrant abstracts or tight realistic paintings. One of my favorite things is granulating pigments. I like many from Daniel Smith, but my favorite is from Kuretake. After all these years I still paint in watercolor several times a week. I also add collage, inks and acrylics. Over the last few years I have been working in Art Journals. It is fun and freeing to fill a blank page with whatever you are feeling that day.

By the way, most of you know by now, I joined with several of the artist I met and we started a group focused just on watercolor. We gave it the very original name of Green Country Watercolor Society which is still going strong today.

Judy Keep Aldridge
Watercolor Artist





Ziegler's Events — Robert Freeman

—Open Watercolor Studio Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 PM weekly \$20 Fee

Bartlesville Community Center Nancy Harkins'

solo exhibit March 2-27, 2026. Open reception is March 5 – 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Bartlesville Art Association — Nancy Harkins

watercolor workshop March 25-27.

Submission's to the Green Country Art Beat can be made to: Jeanette Hooks— j-jhooks@cox.net OR Win Noren— WinNoren@gmail.com



Want to get to know your fellow members better? Just want to have a good cup of coffee or a pastry with artsy friends? Gather at 9:00 on Thursday, January 8th (before the January meeting) at **Laurannae**, located at **112 West Commercial Street, Broken Arrow**. You can park behind the Arts@302 building and walk north one block through the alley and be at the front door. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

- January 8 –Members Meeting
- February 7 –“I Can’t“ Workshop
- February 12 –Members Meeting Back to Basics: Drawing 101
- March 28 –MEMBER LED - Amy Jenkins 12-4:30 --Painting a Beautiful ROSE!
- April 10 –Submission deadline for Annual Show (including Photographs
- May 6 –Member Show - Delivery date to turn in art work

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Please Note: Everyone is invited to the board meetings



Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
1:00 to 3:00 PM

CRESTWOOD building at Trinity Woods
4134 E 31 St. (Hobby Rm.)
AS you enter—turn right toward CRESTWOOD
the four story building 4130 E 31 St.

Enter Crestwood under the portico,
ask for the HOBBY ROOM 2

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Discussion will include the updated bylaws and rules for the 2026 Member Show. All are welcome to attend to provide input on these important topics.

Programs – If you have suggestions or want to boldly volunteer to conduct a program, contact **Becky Brady: bradybecky01@gmail.com**

Newsletter – Please send information and news items for the newsletter to **Jeanette Hooks: hooks@cox.net**

Facebook and Website – Please send items for the GCWS Facebook page and website to **Becky Brady: bradybecky01@gmail.com**