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Green Country Watercolor Society

June 18, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Arts@302 – 302 S. Main, Broken Arrow

**Note: June and July meetings
will be on THIRD Thursday!**

June 2026
Newsletter

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Watercolor Society
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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who
helped make the 22nd
Annual Member Show a
success!

Janet Weldeghebriel thanks – Jo Lynch •
Judy Gregg • Jerry Wade • Brenda Leikuis •
Jim Owens • Judge Patricia Ridge Bradley

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OPEN POSITIONS for 2027 – 2028

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Member at Large
- Library Chair



If you are interested in serving in
one of the positions, please
contact Win Noren to learn more.

Congratulations



Best in Show
"Tulsa on the Arkansas"
by Amy Jenkins



2nd place
"Sedona Red Rock"
by Robin Leech



3rd place
"Aquarium"
by Jim Owens



**Honorable Mention
& People Choice**
"Asa and Henry"
by Jeanette Hooks

Honorable Mention
"Portofino Italy"
by Jim Buchan



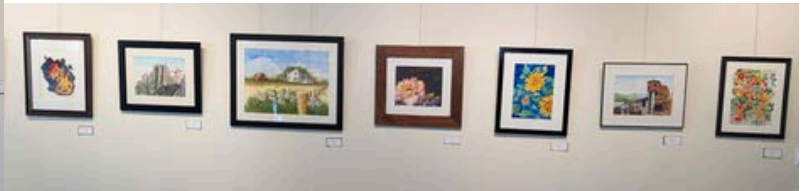
22nd Annual Highlights



A warm welcome!



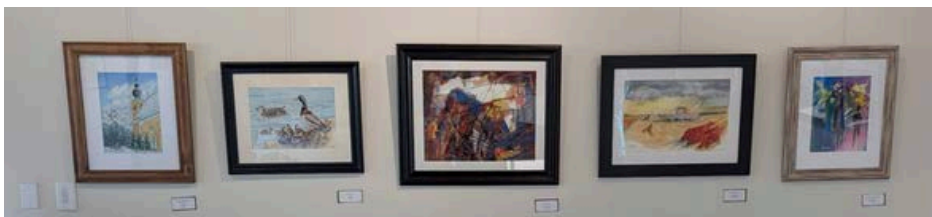
Walls of inspiration from landscapes to florals, every piece tells a story.



It's all about the medium of watercolor and the beauty of it!



Thank you to our guests and volunteers for making this event a success!



MEMBER ONLY WORKSHOPS

**Sat. July 11 with Jim Buchan
at Hardesty Library
10am - 2pm**



Member-only Workshops cost only \$20 (\$21 if paying with credit card). Your reservation is confirmed with a payment. If you're unable to attend, you may transfer your spot to another GCWS member or request a 50% refund. To be eligible for a refund, please make sure to notify the Workshop Coordinator at least 48 hours before the workshop starts.

For any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to:
Becky Brady at bradybecky01@gmail.com

**PAINTING
STUDIO**

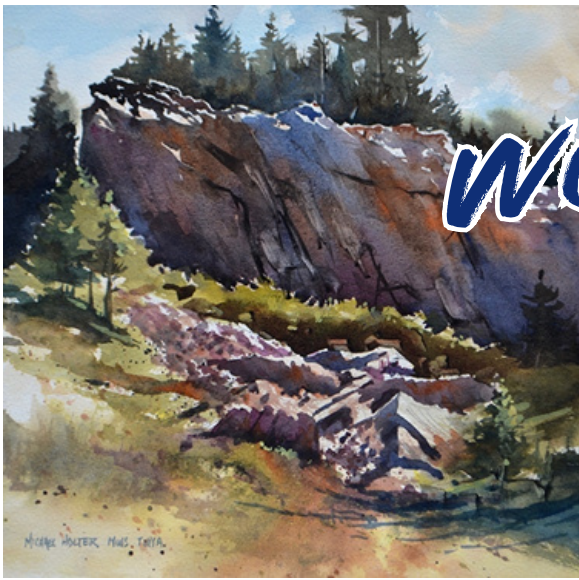
**June 24th - 9:00 AM to Noon
St. Pius X Church Activity Center
1727 S 75th East Ave., Tulsa**



Jo Lynch will be sharing her expertise on how to paint a successful dark background which she did in the Rose painting for the Members Show.

**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**

Michael Holter Workshop
Watercolor Impressions
Landscapes/Cityscape
August 19-20-21 at Arts@302
members cost \$350 - non \$400
Evening presentation August 20th



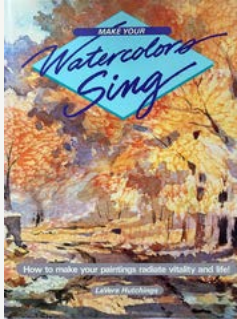
**WORKSHOP
FULL**

join waitlist at
Arts@302

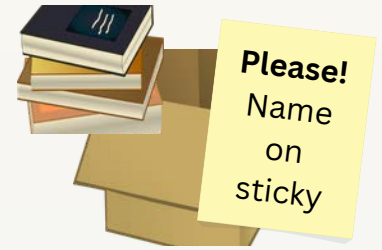


Palette Picks

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.



LaVere Hutchings’s paintings “sing” with life, with raindrops that glisten in unexpected sunshine, sparking autumn leaves, and storm clouds that glow instead of glower. In this book you’ll learn how to capture that spirit in your watercolor paintings.

You’ll find 24 step-by-step demonstrations of a variety of picture projects, along with an additional 17 finished paintings – all to show you how to handle design, color, texture, mood, and lighting with different scenes and subjects. You’ll also learn how to use Hutchings’s palette – geared for brightness, with 11 colors that will uncomplicate your painting process, yet provide you with the full range of colors you’ll need – and how to keep your palette clean so your colors remain fresh and clear. Hutchings also shares his method of “saving whites” – of letting the clean, white watercolor paper show through wherever possible—to give a luminous quality to the finished painting.

Best of all, you’ll discover a fresh new view of nature that will brighten your paintings – no matter what the season or weather!

“I Can’t” Workshop

– **Mary Lee Weaver** –

June 13

9:30 - 11:00 AM

at the Center for Creativity

910 S Boston Ave

Please come help us!
We will be painting POPs 66



LUNCH!

Want to get to know your fellow members better? Just want to grab some lunch after the meeting? We will head for a downtown Broken Arrow restaurant after the April meeting. This month we will go to **Main Street Tavern**. Hope you will join us.

*Thank you
Sherry
Peters*

May 2026 Program

Sherry always WOW's us with her knowledge of paint, brushes, paper and anything else you need to know about a great painting.



Sherry added a few more things following her demo.



WATERFALL DEMO PAINT ALONG WAS PACKED WITH FUN!



COMMITTEES ARE
FORMING
for the
ART IN THE SQUARE
&
SMALL SHOW



Contact Brenda
(Art in the
Square) and
Janet W (Smalls
Show) to join a
committee!

MEET
Jerry Wade
member of the month



Jerry Wade has been pursuing his career as an artist since a young boy. He grew up in Illinois but moved to Oklahoma over 50 years ago. His studio, where he lives and paints, is in Jenks. OK.

Jerry has had a passion for art from early childhood. He is the father of three grown sons, six grand kids, two greats and has been married to his childhood sweetheart, Shirley, for over 60 years.

After graduating from art school at Southern Illinois University, he was a Technical Illustrator for McDonnell Douglas. Then he moved to Tulsa to become a Director of Publication. In 1980 he started a Graphic Design studio called DesignService, Inc. After retiring from graphic design he began to direct his creative efforts toward painting in various mediums. He has worked in oils and acrylics but today he prefers the soft delicate look and feel of watercolor. He has been a member of the Green Country Watercolor Society for over 10 years.

Most of his paintings capture the beauty of America's countryside. Everything from a rose bush along a white picket fence or an old barn in the middle of a pasture to majestic mountains of Colorado.



JUNE PROGRAM

Paint-along with Janat Marler



This is a suggested pic of what we'll be painting.

Janat's supply list

Cerulean blue (sky and water)

cobalt blue (boat)

ultramarine blue (waves)

burnt sienna, burnt umber, gamboge (sand and grass)

Brushes

¼ flat, 8 flat, 2 with point, 4 fan (optional), scrubber, pallet knife (optional)

Paper

9 X 12 – 140lb. or your choice of paper.

Support the art center by donating a 5x5 masterpiece. Whether you're a professional or have never shown in a gallery, all artists ages 15+ are welcome to create a 5x5. All pieces will be on view through the month of August and on sale for \$55.



5x5 canvases can be picked up at Arts@302 or Ziegler Art & Frame at any time during regular business hours. All artworks submitted will be donated with 100% of sales going towards Arts@302 children's scholarship fund.

ALL CANVASES ARE DUE BACK SATURDAY, JULY 25TH AT 2PM.



SPOTLIGHT on Treasurer



After serving as interim Treasurer for Green Country Watercolor Society, I am preparing to step away from the responsibility of Treasurer when the next board term begins. Several positions will open in November for a two-year term, including Vice-President and Treasurer, and I want to encourage members to prayerfully consider stepping forward.

I especially want to appeal to members to volunteer to work alongside our amazing President, Win Noren, as she continues helping make GCWS meaningful, educational, and enjoyable for all of us. I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve with Win. She is a dream leader: organized, thoughtful, encouraging, and always looking for ways to make the club stronger. She secured our nonprofit status, helped clarify our sales tax responsibilities, keeps our meetings on track, sends timely communication, and somehow makes GCWS feel like her priority while also working full-time and traveling the world to train evangelists.

During my interim service, I am also grateful for several steps we have taken to make the Secretary and Treasurer's role more manageable:

- We began recording meetings and using AI to help summarize minutes and action steps, reducing a task that once took hours into one that can now literally take minutes.
- We added Square so members can pay by credit card, and receipts can be sent electronically.
- We created an Excel spreadsheet to document financial activity and automatically prepare monthly financial statements.
- We made it easier to track the income and expenses connected to dues, workshops, art sales, etc.
- We now have Informed Delivery for the PO Box, which makes checking mail more predictable.

For anyone wondering whether the Treasurer position is too difficult, I want to offer honest encouragement. When I began, I knew very little about Excel and had not balanced a checkbook in years, since that responsibility had long ago been delegated to my husband, who may have had reasonable doubts about my fitness for this office. Yet with help, templates, and a little patience, I learned the process. If I can do it, I truly believe someone else can too.

I will be happy to work alongside the next Treasurer, just as JoAnn Krueger helped me, until that person feels comfortable with the responsibilities.

Here is a simple overview of the Treasurer's regular duties:

- Receive payments for dues, workshops, and annual art sales.
- Record each payment in the monthly ledger, including name, designated purpose, amount, and whether payment was made by check, cash, or credit card.
- Send receipts, which is easy to do through Square.
- Make bank deposits at your nearest Arvest location.
- Write checks for expenses, instructor fees, rentals, and reimbursements. This is not usually a frequent task.
- Prepare the monthly financial report. Once income and expenses are entered into the Excel spreadsheet, the report is largely automated.
- Pick up mail from the GCWS PO Box. This is easier now that we have Informed Delivery.
- Prepare name tags for new members using the Word template and laminating machine provided.

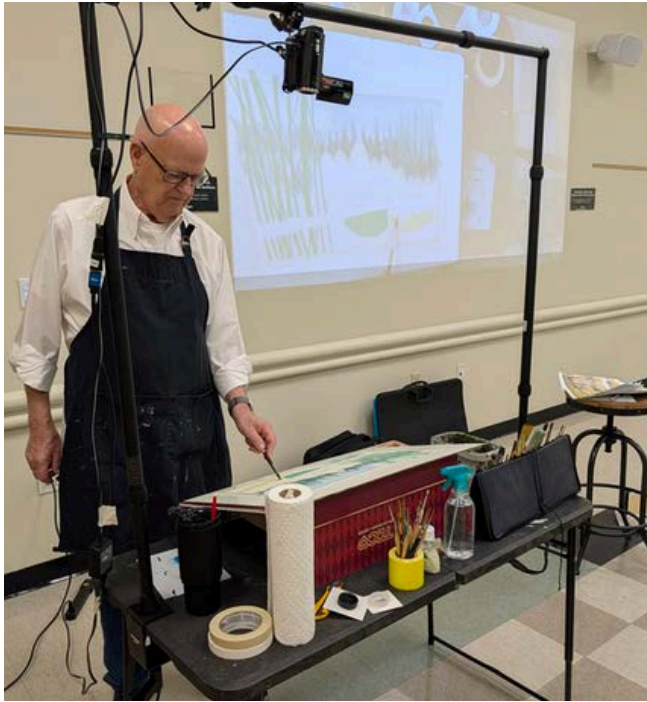
GCWS continues to thrive when members are willing to share the work. Serving does not mean doing everything. It means taking one piece of the puzzle and helping the picture come together.

Please talk with Win if you are willing to serve next year as Treasurer, Vice-President, or in another volunteer role. Your willingness could make a real difference in the next chapter of Green Country Watercolor Society.

Cristine Bolley
Interim Treasurer

JERRY WADE'S WORKSHOP on May 1st

12:00 to 4:30 P.M.



Fourteen GCWS members enjoyed an afternoon of painting and learning with Jerry, whose skill and encouragement made the day special. Many thanks to Jerry!



Green Country Art Beat

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

Art Education — Paseo Arts Association

- June 16 – Finances for Artists

Ziegler's Events

Open Watercolor Studio with Robert Freeman –
 Wednesdays 1-4:00 pm. weekly \$20 studio fee

2027

Rehann Workshop: Bold and Glow in Watercolor

– March 10, 11, 12, 2027. Evening presentation
 March 11. Website SeaSaltStudio.com.au.
 More details in a few months.



Upcoming Events

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| June 2 | Pick Up Artwork - 10:00 AM |
| June 12 | Board Meeting - 1:00 PM |
| June 13 | "I Can't" Workshop, Mary Lee Weaver |
| June 18 | Member's Meeting and Paint Along |
| June 24 | Paint Studio |
| July 1 | Member-only Workshop by Jim Buchan |
| August 20-21-22 | Michael Holter Workshop |
| August 21 | Michael Holter Evening Presentation |
| October 3 | Art in the Square |
| November 2 | Deliver Artwork for Smalls Show |
| November 5 | Opening Reception for Smalls Show |

GCWS Board Members

Officers

President — *Win Noren*

Vice President — *Becky Brady*

Treasurer — *Cris Bolley*

Secretary — *Amy McVicker*

Chairs

Communications Chair — *Jim Grisham*

Library Chair — *Jim Buchan & Carolyn Morningstar*

Program Planning Chair — *Becky Brady*

Show Your Smalls Chair — *Janet Weldeghebriel*

Members Annual Show Chair — *Janet Weldeghebriel*

Workshop Chair — *Becky Brady*

Other Positions

Art in the Square — *Brenda Liekhus*

Name Tags — *Cris Bolley*

Newsletter — *Jeanette Hooks & contributors*

Painting Studio at St. Pius X — *Judy Gregg & Jo Lynch*

Publicity — *Mary Lee Weaver & Jim Grisham*

Show Awards — *Jerry Wade*

Website & Facebook — *Becky Brady*

Please Note: Everyone is invited to the board meetings



Board Meeting Friday, June 12th

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Trinity Woods 4134 E 31 St.

— **CRESTWOOD** building

at entrance say with GCWS or Hooks

go toward the four story building 4130 E 31 St.

Enter **Crestwood** under the portico,

ask for the **HOBBY ROOM 1**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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: j-jhooks@cox.net**

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