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## DECEMBER 2024

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It's the holiday season, so perhaps it is also a good time to talk about light! As a newer artist, one of my biggest struggles is finding and using light in a painting. Often, I have shadows in all sorts of directions that don't make sense, or my overall palette is entirely in mid-range. I have been trying to look at what catches my attention when I look at others' art, and notably, as expected it is most often a skillful use of light management. Here, to the left, is *The Young Amphibians* by Joaquin Sorolla, who is known as "The Master of Light". The appearance of sunlight could be counted on to rouse his interest, and it was outdoors where he found his ideal settings.

A lot of us use photos as references for our art. Colors are not always true, and shadows are often too dark. Painting plein air offers an opportunity to capture the color, shade, and natural light of the environment accurately. Additionally, using live subject matter, such as your own still life set up, the people in your family, a pet sleeping on the sofa, allows your eyes to visualize the shapes of the lights and darks without photographic distortion.



*Susan Barnard, President, Waterway Art Association*

### It's Time to Renew Your Waterway Art Association 2025 Membership

Starting in 2025, we've moved the membership cycle to run January through December. Please renew your membership by January 2025 to continue to enjoy the many benefits of being a member of Waterway Art Association. Click here to go to our website's membership page: [Membership \(waterwayart.org\)](http://waterwayart.org)

Renew to learn new techniques from others, watch live demos, fine tune your skills, share your techniques, and enjoy painting time with like-minded friends. Receive discounts on our many workshops for all painting mediums and styles, and registration fees for our annual art shows.

Randy Brubaker, Treasurer, Waterway Art Association

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## WATERWAY ART ASSOCIATION DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024



The studio at Bellinger Art Works at 283B Koolabrew Drive, Calabash, NC 28467 is open every Wednesday for PAINT-INS from 9:30 to 12:30 unless otherwise noted. Workshops, demos, classes, and other WAA activities are at Bellinger Art Works unless otherwise noted.

Details and updates will be posted on our WAA [website](#), Facebook, and/or email blasts. Members will also be notified of any pop-up workshops.

### CALENDAR & UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Click here to go to our [website](#) for complete workshop descriptions, material lists, pricing, and registration (online and printable).

December 4	9:30-10:30	Waterway Board of Directors Meetings (all members welcome)
	11:00-12:00	Waterway General Membership Meeting
December 11	11:00	Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon and "Recycled" Ornament Exchange
December 25	Closed	Merry Christmas



This is *Oil Still-life with Glass*, which I started in October as a demo at Waterway. I made a few changes to the pot. It started as a pitcher but I liked the shape of this vase better. I made up the design on it to be a palm tree and a chair. The bee was added for interest. I arranged the folds in the cloth and the knife to lead the eye into the painting. I reinforced the lights and darks to finish the painting.

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### Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon and "Recycled" Ornament Exchange



It's that time of year to get together for some holiday cheer. Waterway Art Association will hold its annual Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon and "Recycled" Ornament Exchange on Wednesday, December 11th, beginning at 11 am. Bring a giftwrapped ornament that you no longer hang on your tree, or one you never would! The more unusual the better! We will hold a 'White Elephant' exchange, which promises to be a lot of fun! Wear your most festive attire and be prepared to have fun. Please drop off food items no later than 10:30 am. Regular paint-in will be held from 9:30-11 am. Hope to see you there!

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