



Member Directory

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CONSTITUTION

As Amended 2023

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1: The name of the organization shall be:
Georgetown County Watercolor Society
- Section 2: The purpose of the Society is to promote the interest and appreciation of watercolor painting in residents of Georgetown and Horry counties in South Carolina and to help offer to its members and the general public more educational and professional outlets for the visual arts.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: There shall be three classes of membership.
- Section 2: An Active Member shall be a water media painter who is actively participating in the meetings, workshops and exhibitions of the Society. The Executive Board will review anyone wishing to enter the Annual Show to ensure that they have paid their dues and made the participation commitments.
- Section 3: A Patron shall be a person (not necessarily a painter) or business or organization that is interested in supporting the Society.
- Section 4: An Honorary Membership may be bestowed by the Society on any person who has made a significant contribution to the Society or the profession of water media painting.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

- Section 1: The officers of the Georgetown County Watercolor Society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2: Officers shall be elected for a term of one calendar year.
- Section 3: No officer shall receive monetary remuneration for services to the Society.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

- Section 1: The annual meeting of the membership shall be held in January.
- Section 2: Additional meetings will be held at the discretion of the elected officers.
- Section 3: Attendance by one third of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4: Roberts Rules of Order shall be a standard for the conduct of meetings.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

- Section 1: A nominating committee of at least three members appointed by the President shall present a slate of consenting nominees prior to the annual meeting.
- Section 2: The election shall be conducted at the annual meeting.
- Section 3: Election shall be by a majority of the members voting.
- Section 4: A vacancy among the officers may be filled for the balance of the term by the appointment by the elected officers except in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, in which case the Vice President shall assume that office.

ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION

- Section 1: In the event of dissolution of the Society, the residual assets of this organization shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt from Federal Income Taxes, organizations described in section 501(c)(3) and 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or to the Federal, State, or Local Government for exclusively public purposes.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a consenting majority vote of eligible members present provided written notice by email

or postal delivery is circulated to the full membership at least ten days prior to the meeting.

BYLAWS OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

As amended October 2023

ARTICLE I DUES

- Section 1: Dues shall become due and payable January 1 of each calendar year to be a member in good standing. Dues not paid by February 1 shall cause termination of membership.
- Section 2: Dues shall be determined by the Board with majority approval of the membership. Former Active Members shall be assessed a reinstatement fee of \$10.00 in addition to the regular membership dues for restoration to Active status.
- Section 3: Only members in good standing are eligible to exhibit in shows sponsored by the Society, Only Active members as described in the Rules for Entry into the Annual GCWS Art Show are eligible to exhibit in the annual art show.

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1: The President shall preside at meetings and will be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and act as Chairman of the Annual Exhibition.
- Section 2: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, record all resolutions, keep records of proceedings, prepare and mail meeting announcements, keep an updated scrapbook, and compile all items of historical interest concerning the Society.
- Section 3: The Treasurer shall process membership applications and shall have charge of all funds. All monies received shall be deposited in the account

of the Society in a bank designated by the Officers. All disbursements shall be by check signed by the Treasurer who shall maintain a current record of all funds and financial transactions and shall deliver a financial report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

- Section 1: The President shall appoint the Chairperson of the Standing Committees herein, with the exception of the Exhibition Committee.
- Section 2: The President may appoint the Chairperson and members of such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary.
- Section 3: Workshop Committee: The Workshop Committee shall arrange for painting sessions, workshops and demonstrations to promote the objectives of the Society and provide information on workshops in the area. This Committee also will encourage other members to attend Wednesday Paint at LCC or any other location and will coordinate with staff members at such location.
- Section 4: Exhibition Committee: The Exhibition Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President who shall make arrangements for the Annual Juried Exhibition and other exhibitions of the Society following the procedures outlined in the Exhibition Guidelines. They will also review the Exhibition Guidelines as necessary.
- Section 5: Nomination Committee: The Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees and deliver it to the President prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chairperson of the Committee shall determine that all persons named have agreed to serve if elected.
- Section 6: Publicity Committee: The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for informing the public of the activities of the Society by any print or online media available and for keeping the members

informed of area shows and exhibits for viewing or participation. This includes maintaining the Society's website. This Committee will also develop, with the assistance of all members, a mailing list of buyers, friends, etc. in an effort to encourage attendance at events and shows. This committee will also maintain a relationship and communicate as necessary with the South Carolina Water media Society.

Section 7: Program Committee: The Program Committee will plan monthly programs of 30 minutes or less for the Society that strengthen the knowledge of art, most especially watercolor.

Section 8: Ways and Means Committee: The Ways and Means Committee will be Chaired by the Treasurer, and it will be this committee's task to ensure that, in addition to dues, the GCWS has the means to provide community service, as approved by the membership, to promote the Arts. This committee will also help to ensure that all members are in good standing.

Section 9: Special Events: The Special Events Committee will be in charge of special activities such as Arts Under the Oaks.

ARTICLE IV ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Section 1: An Annual Exhibition shall be held. The exact date and place of the Exhibition shall be proposed by the Exhibition Committee and submitted for approval by the Officers.

Section 2: Entries shall be accepted for judging only from Active and Honorary members of the Society. Associate Members are not eligible to participate due to the residency restriction.

Section 3: All paintings selected for exhibition shall be original works of art executed in an aqueous medium following the guidelines established by the Exhibition Committee.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting or any meeting called by the President by a consenting majority of eligible members present provided written notice of the amendment is circulated by e-mail or postal delivery to the full membership at least ten days prior to the meeting.

**Georgetown County Watercolor Society Officers
2025**

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Vice PresidentSharon Soulen
SecretaryKelly Gibson
TreasurerBrian Zell

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Programs Karen Joyce/Gail Joley
Ways and Means.....Brian Zell
Special Events
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History of the Georgetown County Watercolor Society

Special thanks to Johnny Cowan, founder of the wonderful society, and to all of the original members: Nancy Bourne, Darden Camlin, Carolyn Camlin, Elizabeth “Lib” Ferdon,** Elizabeth “Betty” Fogel,** Lu Hook, Harriette Howell, Bobby Owens, Jeannette Smith, Hazel Todd** and early members Janice Coward and Doris Athey**

** - In Thankful Memory

They met each week at the Rice Museum and Price George Fellowship Hall located in the heart of Georgetown, S.C. In addition to painting, books, paints, rides to workshops and transportation of paintings were shared. Thus a family of artists and friends was born and extended its legacy to our present members. The original group “society” became official in 1978, with the intent of to bring artists to Georgetown to teach , which proved quite successful.

We continue to thrive and carry on the mission of friendship, education and assistance to budding artists. We still carry on their legacy with open arms and welcome all who wish to expand their knowledge in the world in the world of art and friendship.

Rules for Entry into the Annual GCWS Art Show

Who May Enter:

Any Active Member of GCWS in good standing (as defined by the GCWS Bylaws) who has paid the annual dues by February 1 of the year of the show and has assisted with or participated in at least three GCWS events during the year of the show is eligible to enter the show. One painting per Active Member may be entered. There is no entry fee.

What May Be Entered:

All paintings for exhibition shall be original works executed in an aqueous medium according the GCWS Bylaws. Aqueous media

include watercolor paint, acrylic paint, ink, gouache, watercolor sticks, and watercolor pencils. No dry media will be accepted.

Each painting must be the sole original creation of the artist and must have been completed within the last two years prior to the show. Work executed in a class or workshop will not be accepted.

All paintings must be on a surface that accepted water media. A prepared surface with a water media product, watercolor canvas, Yupo, and a prepared gesso surface are acceptable.

All paintings must be framed, matted (single or double matted, white or light materials), having a hanging wire securely in place. Mats, liners, and glass protection are optional for acrylic paintings only.

All paintings shall follow the exhibit guidelines of the venue hosting the exhibit including subject matter and size. If the picture is a recognizable portrait, a release from the model must be obtained.

President's Letter

Dear Artists,

We start 2024 with a strong group of committed watercolor painters. So much is happening in the art world here in Georgetown County. Through our website, Facebook page and with the participation of all our members, The GCWS is growing and continuing to be a part of the thriving, local art community.

I have been so fortunate to be able to be a part of the energy of art. This will be my last year as President but I anticipate that my involvement with this wonderful organization will continue for many years.

In closing, I want to thank each one of you for working to make our society such a valuable resource in our community.

Sharon Bogan

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