



August 1, 2021

Newsletter

President's Message:

Thank you to everyone who entered artwork in the Iowa Watercolor Society Annual exhibition. Michael Holter, our 2021 juror, has made his selections and winners have been notified. If your painting was not selected for the Annual Exhibition this year don't be discouraged. Keep painting, improving your skills and try again in 2022.

The Annual exhibition and 2020-21 travelling show are both Hanging at La Poste, 1219 Warford St., Perry, IA. The exhibition is open to the public every Thursday from now through September 9th from 4pm until 8pm. While you are there check out the live music and food at the Handlebar Happy Hour.

Hope you are registered for at least one of the two Michael Holter workshops. Don't pass up this opportunity to learn for one of the best. Michael is an experienced teacher. Even if you are a beginner, you will enhance your skills. If you are staying in Perry overnight for the workshops, be sure to tell them you are with the IWS and ask for the IWS discount. Don't wait to register. Workshops are filling fast.

The Iowa Watercolor society has many events coming up this Spring, Summer and Fall. Below is a list of the important dates to put on your calendar.

Important dates:

August 23, 2021,	Registration ends for Michael Holter workshop
September 8,9,10, 2021.	Michael Holter Landscape/Cityscape workshop
September 12, 2021,	Annual Meeting/Lunch, Michael Holter Demo
September 12, 2021,	Annual Exhibition- 2020-21 Traveling show - painting pick up
September 13,14,15, 2021.	Michael Holter Faces and Places workshop
October 10, 2021,	IWS Miniature show, Johnston Library opens
November 6, 2021,	IWS Miniature show, Johnston Library closes

Workshops: Michael Holter



Watercolor Impressionism: Landscape/Cityscape

Sept. 8, 9, 10, 2021

Location: La Poste, Perry, IA

Cost: \$355 - Members
\$390 - Non-Members

Registration Period: Monday - May 1, 2021, through August 23, 2021,

This workshop will focus on the use of watercolor to paint exciting impressionistic paintings. You paint from photographs and will explore the use of light and shadow to create interesting compositions and achieve dynamic results.

We will examine the fundamentals of watercolor painting to assure that all students are familiar with the techniques. Daily discussions and application of the principles and elements of design will be woven into your painting experience.

Lunch is provided each day and is included in the workshop fee.

The registration deadline is August 23, 2021. This workshop is capped at 22 students. A list of suggested supplies will be provided to each registrant before the workshop.

Visit www.michaelholter.com/workshops to read more about Michael's workshops.



Lilly, Watercolor, Michael Holter

Watercolor Impressionism: Faces and Places

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Many artists have an unnatural aversion to painting people, yet we know there is an attraction to the human form when viewing a painting. Not only does including people in artwork add interest and connection to the viewer, but it also takes the same skills as painting a landscape or still life. The method Michael demonstrates and instructs you in will take you through the necessary steps to achieve your goals and give you tools to create a well-structured representation while still allowing for the expressive use of color and brushstroke. Even artist new to Portrait painting will learn important skills to start them on the journey to including Faces and Places in their artwork.

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Annual Meeting and Lunch:

The annual meeting/lunch will be Sunday, September 12, 2021, at La Poste in Perry. Doors open at 10:30 AM. This is your opportunity to view the IWS 2021 Annual Exhibition and the 2020 Traveling Show. A short business meeting will be at 11:15 followed by lunch. Michael Holter will have a demo after lunch followed by the 2021 awards ceremony. This is also the pickup date for paintings in the Annual exhibition that will not be in traveling show for 2022 and the 20-21 Traveling show. Be sure to put the date on your calendar. Prices for the lunch with the link to register will be sent in a future email.

By-laws Changes:

At the Annual Meeting we will vote on the following By-Laws changes. According to the IWS by-laws all changes need to be voted on by the membership in person at the meeting.

FOUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO IWS BYLAWS

Except for the last one, all these changes are merely to clarify terminology and update positions to meet current needs due to technology and changes in the organizational needs of the IWS.

1. Change Executive Board to Board. Technically an Executive Board consists only of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who are the only voting members of the board. Our Board also includes committee chairpersons. These committee chairpersons have voting rights on the board.
2. Under Duties of Elected Officers, delete No. 4. "Duties of Committee Chairpersons". We no longer need a Membership Chairperson because (1) our Treasurer currently accepts payments for dues and workshops, etc., mostly through PayPal, and keeps an accurate membership role. Correspondence duties will be picked up by the Secretary. (2) Over the years the IWS has added new committee chairpersons to fit the changing needs of the IWS. By deleting this entire section, it allows the Board to make and maintain a separate document of the duties of the Committee Chairpersons that changes with the needs of the organization. For example, we now have Chairperson for Mini Shows, Website Administration and Social Media. When the By-Laws

were written, these positions did not exist. We will no longer need to amend the bylaws but can simply update the chairperson list as needs and technology change.

3. Delete Section C, Area Representative, under Article III. We have not been successful in getting people to volunteer as Area Representatives and feel that outreach to communities around Iowa can be accomplished ways. i.e., small workshops/demonstrations, our traveling show, etc.
4. Delete “with no entry fee” under Article II, “Membership”, to allow the Board to set a reasonable fee to enter our annual juried exhibition. Most art organizations charge a fee to enter a competition, so this would be in keeping with other art organizations. Currently our \$35 dues do not cover the cost of membership. Every year we pay for the website, insurance, costs for the annual show, printing costs for the Annual Exhibition catalog, etc. By charging an entry fee we can help to cover these expenses.

Johnston Library Miniature show:

The Iowa Watercolor Society Fall miniature show will be at the Johnston Library October 10 through November 6, 2021. The Iowa Watercolor Society will send an email with the drop off date and time once we have them.

News from IWS Board:

This year we have multiple board positions to fill.

Secretary

Annual Exhibition Chair

Historian Chair

Hospitality Chair

We will continue to hold our meetings via Zoom so members from around the state can participate. Board meetings are held four times a year on Saturday mornings.

The IWS is staffed by volunteers only. The only way the organization continues is by everyone helping. Contact us at iowawatercolorsociety@gmail.com for more information and duties for these board positions.

Art events around Iowa

Iowa Artists has several watercolor workshops that you will be interested in. Several of them are watercolor related and taught by members of the IWS. Here is a link to their upcoming workshops.

<https://www.iowaartists.us/workshops.html>