

2026 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ONLINE EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS

Entry Dates March 5 – May 13, 2026

Selection Notification Date: After June 2, 2026

Online Exhibition Dates June 25th – August 30th, 2026

AWARDS

1st Place (Margery Soroka Memorial Award) - \$1,500

2nd Place (Barse Miller Memorial Award) - \$1,000

3rd Place - \$500

3 Awards of Merit

In addition, this year's awards will be accompanied by gifts from Portable Painter and Silver Brush Limited companies.

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JURY

Jury of Selection & Awards:

Z. L. Feng, AWS, DF

Pat Moseuk, AWS

Robert J. O'Brien, AWS

ELIGIBILITY

The exhibition is open to current AWS **Associate** Members only. For more information about becoming an Associate Member click the "Join" link at www.americanwatercolorociety.org. Signature Members may not apply.

- Eligible media: watercolor, acrylic, casein, gouache, egg tempera
- Work must be water media on paper (Yupo is accepted) or illustration board. No other surfaces accepted.
- No collage, pastels, digital images, any form of print or reproductions.
- **No work generated with or assisted by AI (artificial intelligence) may be submitted to the exhibition.**
- Artist's original work only.
 - No class work or work done under teacher supervision.
 - No copies or likenesses of another artist's work (with or without permission).
 - **If the submission is done from photographs, only source material taken by the submitting artist can be used as reference.** No exceptions.
- **One entry** per artist.
- No work previously exhibited with the American Watercolor Society may be submitted
- Artists may not substitute another work for an accepted work.
- Work may be either for sale or NFS.

Artists *have* been removed for not complying with the above guidelines.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Entries are submitted online only, through your AWS member account. Entries that do not align with the stated guidelines will not be juried. It is the responsibility of the artist to submit an image that is correctly formatted. The submission link is in your AWS account, on the upper right hand side. You must **LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT** (via the LOGIN tab at www.americanwatercolorssociety.org) to access the submission link. If you don't yet have an account, see below.

TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY ONLINE:

- If you are not yet an Associate Member, join FIRST. To become an Associate Member, see the "Join" link on the website at www.americanwatercolorssociety.org
- Once you have joined, or if you are a current member, go to the AWS web site (www.americanwatercolorssociety.org) and click on the Login tab. You will submit via your AWS online account, so you **must log in to your account first**. When you have logged in, you will see the submission portal at the upper right-hand side in your account. Again, you must LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT to be able to enter the submission portal.

If you already have an account DO NOT create a new one. If you don't remember whether you have an account or need help logging in, contact the AWS New York office (212-206-8986) or email info@americanwatercolorssociety.org. If you submitted an entry to the AWS International Exhibition in the last ten years, online or not, you already have an AWS online account.

- Be sure to **read and follow the instructions** in the section, "*About Your Digital Image*" below.
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ABOUT YOUR DIGITAL IMAGE:

- Digital file must be in JPG format, file size up to 3.5MB.
- For best presentation, resolution should be 300 DPI.
- MINIMUM of 2000 pixels on the longer side.
- Image must be correctly oriented (vertical or horizontal).
- Show only the image, no frame or mat.
- No digital enhancement is allowed.

SALES

- All paintings will be considered for sale at the price set forth by the artist unless marked NFS (Not for Sale) or 0 (zero). Prices may not be changed or withdrawn once submitted.
- Any painting sold in the Exhibition is subject to a 35% donation to AWS. ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

ENTRY FEE: \$30

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN May 13th, 2026 at NOON EDT.

NOTE submission time is NOON EDT, NOT MIDNIGHT

There will be no extension of the deadline. NO CHANGES MAY BE MADE AFTER ACCEPTANCE.