



# ArtNews

## focus

The Colorado Springs Arts Guild



## Artist Deb Komitor

Our March demonstration features Deb Komitor. Deb creates her art in a large light filled studio located in an old school house built in 1902. She finds endless inspiration in all that surrounds her. Her landscape paintings express the joy, wonder and hope she feels in nature through a distinct style all her own. One feels the energy in each brush stroke as her paintings convey the forces and serenity in nature.

"In her latest series she focuses her attention on the trees. From the ground up we see them in an abstract haze, the giants touching the sky. Each knot and twisting branch displays

their unique characteristics, the individual idiosyncrasies. Komitor's decision to portray these works in an almost pixelated fashion, asks the viewer to take a step back in order to see her works fully realized. This in turn draws you in and keeps you there. Her warm interpretations render you frozen, made to stay and take in the details.

Her vivid color choices accurately reflect the scenes she chooses to depict as well. At times they appear almost photographic, which again highlights the style in which she paints."

- Nicki Maggione, Abend Gallery

March  
demos



## The Art of Pairing Food and Wine

Taste or yourself, as a local renown Chef Jeff Knight (of 25-years), shares his craft and fundamental delicate approach of pairing different wine varieties with your favorite foods. Experience what elements will work together to acquire a balanced "palette."

# April demos



## Artist Sherrie York

Join us on April 25th at 6:30 p.m. for our featured artist Sherrie York.

Observation is the core of Sherrie's work, whether she is making a watercolor sketch of tidbits collected on a neighborhood hike or carving a complex linocut block of pinecones and leaf litter.

"I am especially drawn to subjects that might be overlooked if I were moving too quickly through a landscape," she explains. "Weedy tangles along a ditch or bones and feathers in a field suggest lives and stories that I can barely imagine. I see so much when I take a walk, for example, but it always makes me wonder what I just missed, or what will happen after I've passed by."

Her work has been included in national and international exhibitions, as well as several books and corporate and museum collections. She has been invited to and participated in projects of the international

Artists for Nature Foundation in Holland and Spain, and has been Artist-in-Residence at Acadia National Park and Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum.

She is a popular instructor in field sketching and printmaking, especially as a member of the instructional staff at Audubon's Hog Island Camp in Maine.

Sherrie and her work were featured on a segment of PPLD TV's "Off the Wall" program.



## Inspired by Music

**Tuesday, April 25th, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome the Colorado Springs Conservatory. Get inspired by the distinguished musical teachings paired with talented students and be amazed by their harmoniously creative expressions.

<http://coloradospringsconservatory.org/>

# Past demos

## shows

## January

### Visions of Light Photography Show

This was a Juried Photographic Exhibit presented by the Palmer Divide Photographers Group that several of our members participated in.

March 3 - 24, 2017

Tri Lakes Center for the Arts



Here is James Van Hoy with one of his accepted entries. And below that, Eric Wulfsberg with his Best of Show winning photo. To see more of James' work visit <http://www.purposefulwanderingphotography.com/> To see more of Donald's work visit: <http://donald-hansen.pixels.com/> And to see more of Eric's winning photography check out <http://ericwulfsbergphotography.com/>



**Teri D Brown:** Here is one example from the CSAG compositing Photoshop for artists demo that Teri led in January. Thanks everyone who came to check it out.

## February



**Laura Reilly**



**Improv Colorado**

Thank you to our demonstrators Laura Reilly for her mini-workshop on the secrets of juried shows. Laura shared and encouraged ways of sharing your art with the world, testing yourself and finding several audiences.

Scott Nowlin and the Improv Colorado team led members and guests through a series of fun improv exercises. We all had to step out of our box and be silly. It was a fun and informative night!

# guild news

## greetings from the president

### Dear CSAG Members!

I am so excited to be your new President! In case you haven't heard the news, we will be meeting from now on at Gold Hill Mesa Community Center at 142 S. Raven Mine Drive in Colorado Springs. Tuesday March 28th at 6 p.m. is our next meeting. Our meeting times have changed too! Our board meeting will be held at 5:30 pm and our meeting will start around 6 pm. We will take a few minutes to socialize with each other and members of the community who may wish to attend. We have two demos scheduled which you may find fascinating, each in their own way. My intent is to build up our organization to be a fun, informative, social group of friends!

In addition to being your President, I am the (volunteer!) curator for Gold Hill Mesa. I want MEMBERS ONLY art in half of the community center at all times. There will be a \$2 donation per piece to go towards CSAG's demo

costs and snacks. The only hitch is that you be a member in good standing (that means PAID!). We will be rotating CSAG art throughout the year, intake and outtake dates will be sent by email announcements. Sign up as a family and bring your significant other and/or children to our demos.

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS! WE ARE ADDING ALL TYPES OF ART TO OUR GROUP!** Culinary arts, martial arts, dance, theatre etc! I will have plenty of membership application or you can go online to join ahead of time!

Let me know if you have any questions. I will have more exciting news to share at the meeting! See you then! — *Carol*

**Did You Know?" Our new webmaster Joel is working hard on a new art guild website due to be unveiled in late Spring. Thanks Joel!**

## membership & dues

Dues are \$25 annually (January-January). You may join online through a secure paypal link.

Membership to the guild includes a discount on our show entry fees, free outings or paint-outs if planned, membership discounts with a few local businesses, a CSAG newsletter, free monthly art demonstrations, voting rights in CSAG elections and participation in any member

only shows. Send dues to CSAG, P.O. Box 1304, CoSp, CO 80901 or pay online with paypal or bring your form (downloadable) to our meetings. Membership packets with coupons will be sent to your email. If you didn't receive yours by email after paying your dues please pick one up at our next demo or email, [president@csartguild.org](mailto:president@csartguild.org)  
[Visit http://csartguild.org/join.htm](http://csartguild.org/join.htm)

## calendar

**Meetings:** Last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. (Except July, Nov., Dec.)

Gold Hill Mesa Community Center  
142 S. Raven Mine Dr. #200  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

### March 28th

6 p.m. Socializing  
6:30 p.m. *Demo: Deb Komitor & The Wine Gallery*

### April 25th

6 p.m. Socializing  
6:30 p.m. *Demo: Sherrie York & The Colorado Springs Conservatory*

### May 30th

6 p.m. Socializing  
6:30 p.m. *Demo: Raquel Baiza (alcohol ink) & Fran Pilch, a national award winning Air Force Academy Professor brings us Academy Award Short Documentary nominee "Joe's Violin".*

## welcome new members!

- Marsha CM Blasgen
- Kristine Burnell
- Diana Cordaro
- Mireille Damicone
- Suzanne Favier
- Mary Gorman

# workshops

## Cheryl St. John workshop

Plein Air in Taos, NM  
Cheryl St. John  
May 18 - 20, 2017, Class Fee \$425

Making sense of composition, values, color and shapes on location. Learn to make quick decisions and complete paintings in 3 hours or less!

For more information, email  
[cheryl@cherylstjohn.com](mailto:cheryl@cherylstjohn.com).

## Soon Y. Warren workshop

Watermedia 3-day workshop  
June 22 to 24, 2017

Cottonwood Center for the Arts  
Info. Contact: Claudia Jones  
Email: [candjjones@q.com](mailto:candjjones@q.com)  
Phone: 720-771-4448  
<http://soonwarren.com>

CSAG member Linda Kittiel invites you to view her photography during March at a featured show located in the lobby of the Plaza of the Rockies in downtown Colorado Springs.

## Casey Klahn & Ken Elliott

May 15-18, 2017

Casey Klahn and Ken Elliott will be holding a 4-day intensive art workshop at my home / studio in Castle Rock, CO (Denver metro). [kencelliott@gmail.com](mailto:kencelliott@gmail.com)

This class is almost at the limit of 8 students, \$690 each. If this class fills, a second class will be held following weekend.

Open to artists in all media. This is a two-instructor workshop for artists wanting to make advancements in their techniques and strategies. Casey and Ken will have ample time to give very focused attention to individuals and offer a number of provoking ideas to the group.

Additionally, Ken will present simple Photoshop techniques for taking your works to the next level and creating better pathways for finishing your artworks. You will be given a Photoshop instruction guide and have access to Ken's personal photo file of over 1500 inspiring images by various artists. Look for a new PPWS/WC workshop in June.

## Carol Naylor batik

In home batik classes starting mid-January. Please contact her for more information.

[carollosinkinaylor@gmail.com](mailto:carollosinkinaylor@gmail.com)

## Teri Brown art classes

**Senior Center on Hancock Avenue**  
*Note: If the class is not full with students 55+, they will let any age register.*

**Watermedia Abstract Class**  
March 15, Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.  
for 6-weeks.

Explore a brand new class called abstracts in watermedia. You may use any watermedia you like including watercolor pencils, acrylics, gouache or watercolor. We will even show you how to use fluid acrylics to create a purely abstract watercolor painting without ANY brushes! Come and have some fun!!

### Acrylic Class: Animals of the Rainforests

Academy Art and Frame  
April 6 - May 11  
Thursday afternoons after school from 4:30-6 p.m.

**Join me** at my home studio on Thursday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. Work on your own pictures or follow along with me. Drop-in or monthly rates. Requirements: Bring your own paints, understand the basics of watercolor and be comfortable painting florals or landscapes on your own.

Visit: [www.facebook.com/arthaven](https://www.facebook.com/arthaven)

# bulletin board

## Freemont Center for the Arts 70th Annual Juried Blossom Exhibit 2017

### IMPORTANT DATES

Form, Image & Fee Deadline  
April 1, 2017

Acceptance Notification by email  
April 15

Exhibit Dates - May 5-20  
Open: Th urs. - Sat. 10 am to 4 pm

### QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?

Call 719-000-2790  
Email: [fca@freemontarts.org](mailto:fca@freemontarts.org)  
[http://www.freemontarts.org/  
blossom-2017.html](http://www.freemontarts.org/blossom-2017.html)

## Call for Artists:

### Pikes Peak Plein Air Painters Annual Mueller State Park's Fine Art Show & Sale

Application Deadline: June 30, 2017  
Event Dates: July 28 to 30, 2017  
Reception: July 27, 2017  
[www.PikesPeakPleinAirPainters.com](http://www.PikesPeakPleinAirPainters.com)  
Info. Contact: Kenneth Shanika at:  
[Ken@ShanikaFineArts.com](mailto:Ken@ShanikaFineArts.com)

### Art Guild of Louisiana 48th Annual National River Road Show

Deadline: June 12, 2017  
Juror: Lian Quan Zhen  
Prospectus: [www.artguildlouisiana.org/  
river-roadshow](http://www.artguildlouisiana.org/river-roadshow)

## Pikes Peak Watercolor Society International Watermedia 2017

**Deadline: April 1, 2017**

Juror: Soon Y. Warren, AWS, NWS

Prospectus: [http://www.  
pikespeakwatercolorssociety.org](http://www.pikespeakwatercolorssociety.org)

CaFE Entry: [https://www.callforentry.  
org/festivals\\_unique\\_info.php?ID=4097](https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=4097)



## 14th Annual Sunny Vista Art Show

**May 10, 2017**

Instructions, information, and deadlines  
for submitting artwork are included  
on the website. The direct website for  
submitting to our Art Show is:  
[https://onlinejuriedshows.com/Default.  
aspx?OJSID=10810](https://onlinejuriedshows.com/Default.aspx?OJSID=10810)

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## member packets

The 2017 member packets are  
finished. They will be sent by email to  
all the 2017 paid members. They will  
include discounts from our sponsors.