



## Letter From AWC President

As I reflect over this past year, I feel like we all have made it through a very confusing and chaotic time. The mixed messages are enough to put anybody into a tailspin. I am so proud of everyone for working hard to keep your families intact and your friendships healthy, and for trying your best to keep yourselves well. I know it has not been easy, but we have done it! Another year comes to a close!

I look forward to a new year full of opportunities to make new friends and learn new things. I love the process of learning, no matter what the subject may be. There is so much to be discovered! To this end, I decided to purchase four watercolor DVDs this Christmas to try to give myself a leg up with watercolor painting. Looking forward to trying new techniques and being able to share some of what I learn. Cannot wait to see what I paint and what I will add to my style of painting.

We all look forward to seeing the paintings at our next AWC exhibit at Ginger Cove retirement community. Thank you to everyone who submitted their art work.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Holiday Party at the Live Arts Studio. It was a pleasure meeting you and I look forward to seeing you again at our next live meeting or event.

*Finally – I would like to wish you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

Juanita Green, President

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<https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org/>

# HOLIDAY PARTY

After 2-1/2 years, our AWC members enjoyed being together at the Live Arts Studio venue at the Annapolis Mall on December 14th



Welcoming Host, Connie Robinson

Enjoy seeing more of our AWC friends on our Facebook page.



Event Organizers:  
Linda Luke and Juanita Green



Gift Exchange Host: Barbara Burns







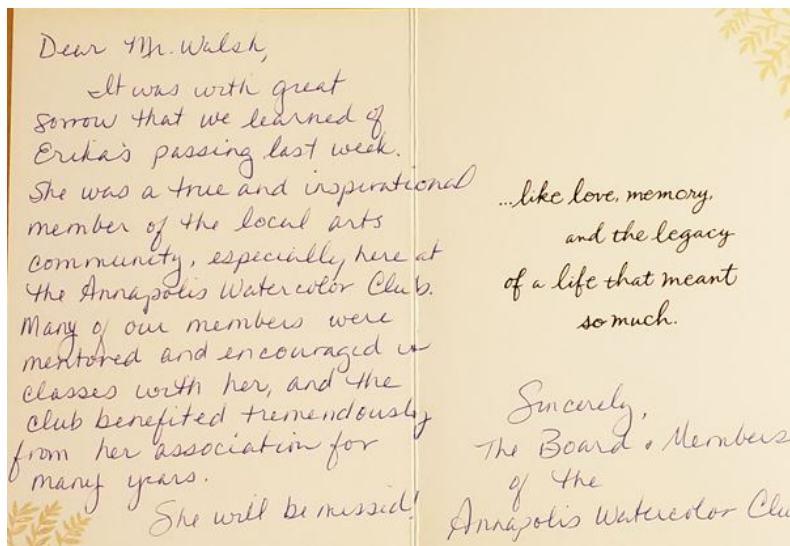
## Sad News to Share

Our club was notified by members Barbara Burns, and Trish Doty (former AWC President), that Erika Walsh passed away on December 22nd. Erika's husband, Bill, asked Trish to ask anyone she contacted to share the news of her passing as he does not have all the far-reaching contact information for all Erika's art community. Trish stated in an email, "Many of AWC's past and probably present members were former students, and some of our more prominent Annapolis artists were influenced by Erika's style. As Erika was a past demonstrator at AWC, a long-standing instructor at Maryland Hall, and a featured artist at McBride and Benfield galleries, it is more than appropriate to honor her memory."

Her arrangements are being made by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland. The memorial will be for family members only. Bill does not have email. Condolences may be mailed to him at:

**William Walsh**  
**1135 Ocean Parkway, Apt 313,**  
**Berlin MD 21811**

Our Sunshine Club volunteer, Dina Weavers, sent this lovely card from the AWC.





## JANUARY 18 ART SALON

Our Art Salon host, Andrea Naft, will be returning to present the slide show of paintings that were submitted by AWC members for our November 9th Art Salon. Her computer did not cooperate that evening; so, she will try again to run the PowerPoint show for us at 6:30 pm before the general meeting.



## **January 18 - Zoom Meeting** **(You will receive an email invite with a Zoom link the morning of January 18)**

**6:30 pm Andrea Naft presents PowerPoint Art Salon**

**7:00 pm President, Juanita Green, with AWC updates**

**7:15 pm Art Demonstration with **Surprise Guest****

## **EXHIBITS**

I hope everyone had a most enjoyable holiday season and you're all looking forward to a creative new year.

Our annual exhibit at Ginger Cove will be on view until February 2. The 30 paintings are beautiful and varied, as always, representing 15 of our member artists. Do stop in and see this exhibit if you have the opportunity, and bring your friends to enjoy it with you. Please remember that masks are always appreciated while inside the building.

If anyone has any suggestions for future exhibit venues, please contact me or any board member. We welcome all suggestions.

Joan Machinchick  
Exhibits Chair

# WEBSITE NEWS

Happy New Year! Have you renewed your dues for 2023? Our membership year begins on January 1st, so if you have not done so yet, please visit our website and renew your dues. It is easy; most of our members who have renewed so far did so online, and there have been almost no questions or issues.

Just go to <https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org/Sys/Profile> and log in, using your email address as your user name and selecting 'Forgot password' if you have not logged in before or don't remember your password. If payment has not been received by January 21, your membership status will be changed to "lapsed," and you will need to renew your dues before registering for any members-only events.

I have created a 'Frequently Asked Questions' page attempting to answer questions that may arise about the Wild Apricot interface. Here are a few samples:

- My personal information is missing or incorrect. How do I change it?

Select the avatar symbol in the upper right corner (appears as a right-facing arrow on a mobile device) and select 'View Profile'. You should then see a button labeled 'Edit Profile' at the top left.

- My email has changed. How do I change it?

You cannot change your email address yourself since this is your primary identifier in the database. Please contact the site administrator.

- Who can see my personal information?

Only AWC members can see the directory. Your name, town, state, and zip code are visible in the directory by default. Only site administrators can view all of your information. To change what is visible, select 'Edit Profile', then select 'Privacy' in the line below the 'SAVE'/'CANCEL' buttons.

- I want to call another member/send an email to another member. How do I get their phone number/email address?

Due to privacy concerns, email addresses and phone numbers are not displayed in the directory, but you can send a message to another member through Wild Apricot; just click on their name and you will see an option to contact them. The message will be sent to their email address.

If you have still have questions, contact me at [lizgrimes@comcast.net](mailto:lizgrimes@comcast.net).

Liz Grimes, Website administrator

## PLEIN AIR / SKETCHING

Watch for the February newsletter. We have a great event scheduled for February 15th. No boots or mittens required. Details to follow.

By **Kate Tufts**



**Richard Schatz**

## **MONTHLY FEATURED ARTIST Richard Schatz**

**By Newsletter Editor, Connie  
Robinson**

We currently have over 200 members in our club, and not everyone knows each other. Because we have been Zooming during our monthly meetings, we can see faces and names on our computer screens, but have not been able to converse with each other. Hopefully, we will some day meet in person again at a local Annapolis venue. There are members from out of state that still need an introduction.

For future articles, please send me an email with a nomination for another artist: [constancejr@comcast.net](mailto:constancejr@comcast.net)

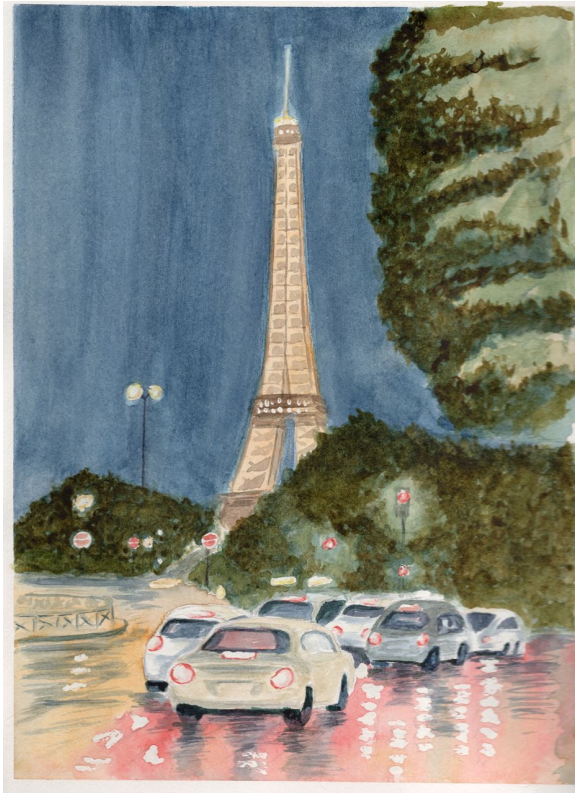
Richard states: I am not sure when I felt that I became an artist. I just always loved to draw, or color, or paint. I have found sketches of mine in the keepsakes storage of my Mom. Not great stuff; but, worth looking at twice for a young child's work. I remember, as a pre-teen, sketching cars that I might enter into the General Motors Design contest. I never won but I enjoyed the process. After I became an adult, I found myself continuing to draw, just for the love of it, whether on the road or on vacation.

After I retired, I had a desire to do something more substantial than just drawing, and so I started taking classes at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis. First I took sketching classes, and being inspired, I took watercolor classes with Christine O'Neill. After my second class with her, I entered a class exhibit at Maryland Hall and sold my first painting. It was called "Annapolis View."

I was privileged to attend workshops with Linda Luke, Sue Corrigan-Yo, and Lee Boynton. Each of them gave me a different perspective of skills that I constantly use today. David Lawton at Maryland Hall via Zoom became my next guiding light.

I became involved with the Annapolis Watercolor Club as Vice President, recruiting artists to show at our live meetings. Ultimately, I got the Club involved in a Chesapeake Conservancy Contest, which I wound up winning with my piece called "Sunrise at Drum Point." That inspired me to continue my quest to paint more and more.

I consider myself a work in progress. Who knows what will come next, Stay Tuned.



Paris Rain



Sunrise At Drum Point

## SUNSHINE CLUB

Happy New Year and Happy New Beginnings! Assuming your New Years Resolution includes making more time for painting, or getting out more for plein air, I wish you success in all your endeavors. But should the New Year find you or another member friend a bit low or needing support, remember our Sunshine Committee is here to provide a little pick-me-up by way of a colorful Jacquie Lawson e-card. We are also on hand to send congratulations to our award winning members, and for those deserving our praise and good wishes. If you, or someone you know qualifies for our e-card services, please send their name, email and occasion to [sunshine.AWC.dw@gmail.com](mailto:sunshine.AWC.dw@gmail.com) and a card will be sent without delay.

Thank you, Dina Weavers



# AWC CALENDAR 2022

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## MEETINGS (on Zoom):

### January

- 5 7:00 Board Meeting
- 18 6:30 Art Salon
- 7:00 General Meeting
- 7:15 Art Demonstration by  
**Surprise Guest**

### February

- 2 7:00 Board Meeting
- 5 Paintings due to Andrea
- 8 6:30 Art Salon
- 7:00 General Meeting
- 7:15 Art Demonstration

### March

- 2 7:00 pm Board Meeting
- 5 Paintings due to Andrea
- 8 6:30 Art Salon
- 7:00 General Meeting
- 7:15 Art Demonstration

## EXHIBITS:

**Ginger Cove "Brushstrokes Two"**  
**Exhibit: Dec 17 to Feb 2**  
**Pick Up: Feb 3, 9-11**

**Plein Air / Sketching**  
**February 15th TBA**

## Treasurer's Report

As of December 28, 2022, AWC's accounts are as follows:

Checking: \$8,760.03

Savings: \$11,24.73

Total \$20,000.76

**Sheryl Paris, Treasurer**

**Do you have an article to submit?**

**Any friends having an art exhibit?**

**Did you read something art related to share?**

**Send the article or link to Connie Robinson, Newsletter Editor,**

**[constancejr@comcast.net](mailto:constancejr@comcast.net)**

## **MEMBERS AT LARGE (Chairs)**

### **ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

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