

BWS NEWS

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Force of Nature by Kathie Benson

In March – The Pat Dews 3-Day Abstract Workshop



In this exciting, art intense workshop, you will learn to think and stretch your imagination by learning new techniques and importance of content, whether working in abstraction or realism. You will be starting great abstracts the first day. Focus is on the elements of texture, shape, value and color, and the principles of design. You will learn to:

- Use unexpected materials to create a textured painting using a cruciform format,
- Create a strata painting, totally transform a failed painting using acrylic paints,
- Use a grid format to design a painting, use collage to learn composition and as a means of change and learn to crop for good designs.

Through daily demonstrations and positive critiques Pat helps take the “fear out of painting.” Repeat students can choose to bring starts to finish and/or be given new, challenging projects.

MARCH 20 - 22

Pat Dews – Painting Better Abstracts

AHF Hall, 535 Hammock Rd, Melbourne Village



Pat Dews AWS, NWS

Pat Dews is an elected, signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society and the National Collage Society. She is the author of *Creative Composition & Design* and *Creative Discoveries in Watermedia*, published by North Light Books. She also has two DVDs titled *Designing Great Starts with Texture & Form* and *Let's Get started Finishing*.

www.patdews.com

Spotlight on the Artist...Kathie Benson



Our BWS Spotlight and Cover artist for this issue is member Kathie Benson. She was raised in New Jersey near the tidal waters from Sandy Hook Bay and has been involved in artistic endeavors since past remembering. Kathie recalls her mother showing her pictures of horses she had drawn at age 3. When she was not drawing or painting, she was in the local swamps.

Kathie's education includes a BA in Botany and two Masters: MEd in Science Education and MS in Biology. She retired from teaching high school science in New Jersey in 2008. After visiting her son's family locally, her lifelong penchant for beach combing and hobby of orchid growing drove her to make Florida her home.

The cover painting, "Force of Nature" won the Gold Award (Best in Show) at the 2015 Art Gallery of Viera's "Brush with Success". It is Kathie's second prize-winning painting of horseshoe crabs as they come ashore at highest tide to procreate. Crabs will vary in color depending when they molt their shells. Some are almost translucent; others are more opaque. By painting in transparent colored layers, she was able to achieve the variety of colors one sees in the painting. One of her horseshoe crab paintings will soon be in the Northeast Wildlife DNA Lab publication.

Kathie loves the Florida marshes, light filtering through dense hammocks, the scrub, patterns on water and the different way it strikes the bursting life there. She sees color in *everything*. Light on landscapes, native plants, animals and people are her inspiration to paint. Her award-winning paintings have been shown at numerous open and juried shows and displayed in corporate and residential settings. She continues to paint watercolors using a variety of techniques, but also uses water-soluble oils on canvas. Her style ranges from representational to impressionistic.

In addition to membership with BWS, she is a member of the Titusville Art Association and the Florida Watercolor Society. Kathie's paintings may be viewed at local art venues and shows throughout Brevard County. She also displays at the Manning Art Gallery, Whitehouse, New Jersey. <http://manninggalleries.com/>

Kathy will be teaching, again, at The Great Outdoors in 2016 and, tentatively, will be doing a workshop for the Titusville Art League in March. See more of her work at www.kathiebenson.com

“SPLISH SPLASH”, A Watercolor Bash! 21st Annual Art Show

Splish, Splash, A Watercolor Bash!

SPLASH 2016

of Watercolor

FEB. 20th and 21st
SAT & SUN. 10 to 5



- PAINTING DEMOS
- PAINT-A-ROUND
- BROWSE BOX ROOM
- RAFFLE ITEMS
- SILENT AUCTION

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by Beth King

AZAN SHRINE TEMPLE
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BREVARD WATERCOLOR SOCIETY AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES APPROVE EVENT 2016. ALL COPY OF THE OFFICIALS IS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING AT 321-266-7529. THIS IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLORIDA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT. THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS REVIEWED THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE BREVARD WATERCOLOR SOCIETY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLORIDA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT. THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS REVIEWED THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE BREVARD WATERCOLOR SOCIETY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLORIDA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT.

Judged Gallery Awards this year total over \$1,500! Be a part of the excitement by volunteering! Please contact Barbara Brennan (321/266-9278) to volunteer.

The Friday night Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held from 6:00pm - 8:00 pm. It is open to all BWS (current) members and guests. Light refreshments will be served. Awards will be presented at 7:00 pm. The Azan Shrine Temple will be handling all of the food this year, with the exception of our Friday night event.

Please be advised that there is an error in the Prospectus. The second painting in the Judged Gallery may be half sheet (15"x22") instead of 11" x 15" as stated.

Be sure your membership is current. Dues may be paid on line at our website www.brevardwatercolorociety.com or by mail.

Meet Our 2016 President – Cathy Brion

I personally want to thank Ken Spaulding, our Past President, for doing so well these past few years to help this organization. He was tireless and always on top of everything. Thank you Ken!

Before moving to Brevard County, I lived in California for 44 years and worked for The City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte. I left in 1988 when I became very sick with Lupus and spent the next 14 years just trying to stay alive from the many things that plague Lupus patients. My son and I moved here in 2002 to be closer to my sister.

In 2006 I observed some women painting in the Cocoa Beach Library and the following week I bought a brush and some paints. I started painting with watercolor with Helen Wheatly, who was a big inspiration, and taught me how to put a painting together. My next teacher was Linda Neal, who



taught me how to paint what I truly enjoy the most – portrait painting. Finally, my last and most loved teacher, Therese Ferguson. I spent a number of years with her helping to refine my skills and solve painting dilemmas to the point where I feel I can show my paintings with pride. In the 2013 “Splash” show I won a Merit Award for one of my paintings.

I want to give back in some way to my community and maybe touch a life somewhere in the Art World. I hope I can follow in Ken’s footsteps and continue making BWS the great organization that it is. I want BWS to be lots of fun and, as President, I will be available at all times. On another note, we need more people to step up to the plate and help *their* organization, especially our male members. I encourage more of our professional members demonstrate their techniques and skills at mini-workshops to inspire us all to be our best.

Wishing all a great new year ahead!

Cathy Brion
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Our thanks and appreciation go to the last year's Board Members, Ken Spaulding, Lynn Tweed, Elizabeth Bishop, Kathie Benson and George Breslau.

Special thanks go to Salvage "team" (Mary and Steve) for doing such a great job with our beautiful web page and newsletters!

Remaining 2016 BWS WORKSHOPS

3-DAY WORKSHOPS, SUNDAY TO TUESDAY, 9AM TO 4PM

BWS MEMBERS \$190

NON-MEMBERS \$300

Kathleen Maling – *Painting with Series in Watercolor*

AHF Hall, 535 Hammock Rd,
Melbourne Village

MAY 15 - 17



NOVEMBER 13 - 15

Lynn Ferris– *Capturing the Light*

AHF Hall, 535 Hammock Rd, Melbourne Village



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Mail it to: Brevard Watercolor Society
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BWS EVENT SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY Thru MAY

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February 19: SPLASH Take-In, Friday 9-10 am, Reception/Awards Ceremony
6-8 pm, AZAN Shrine Temple, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne

Feb. 20 – 21: SPLASH of Watercolor 21st Annual Art Show Saturday and
Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm, Azan Shrine Temple

March 19: General Meeting / Pat Dews Demo, Saturday 1- 3 pm

March 20 - 22: Pat Dews Workshop, Sunday - Tuesday, 9 am - 4 pm,

March 26: Mini-workshop with Barbara Rios & Jan Faerber, Sat. 10 am - 2 pm

April 23: Mini-Workshop with Therese Ferguson, Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

May 14: General Meeting / Kathleen Maling Demo, Saturday 1- 3 pm

May 15-17: Kathleen Maling Workshop, Sunday - Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm

May 21: Mini-Workshop TBD

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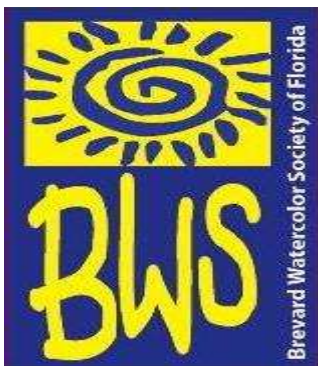
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