

Donna Jill Witty, NWS, MWS works primarily with watercolor and holds Signature Membership Status in the National Watercolor Society, Midwest Watercolor Society (where she is also on the Board), Pennsylvania Watercolor Society (where she has earned admission to the prestigious Sylvan Grouse Guild), and Western Colorado Watercolor Society. She took formal art instruction at the American Academy of Art in Chicago, IL., and studied in workshop format with nationally known artists Nita Engle, Irving Shapiro and Gerald Brommer. A professional artist for over 25 years, her watercolors are included in private and corporate collections throughout the United States and Western Europe and are also featured in the following publications:

Splash 7: A Celebration of Light,

North Light Books, March 2002

25 Tips by the Best of MWS,

Midwest Watercolor Society, Aquarelle Press, 2001

"Patterns of Value" (article) *The Artist's Magazine*, July, 2001

Splash 6: The Magic of Texture,

North Light Books, March, 2000

The Chicago Art Scene,

by Ivy Sundell, Crow Woods Publishers, 1998

Creative Watercolor, A Step-By-Step Guide and Showcase,

by MaryAnn Beckwith, Rockport Publishers, 1996

Selected Regional Awards

Best of Show: Art Fair on the Square, Madison, WI - 2001

Best of Show: Art in the Barn, Barrington, IL - 2000

Best of Medium - Watercolor: Art in the Barn,

Barrington, IL - 2000

Best of Show: Geneva Lake Art Association Art in the Park,

Lake Geneva, WI - 2000

Best of Show: Woodstock Fine Art Fair,

Woodstock IL - 1993, 1999

Best of Show - Watercolor: Evanston Lakeshore Art Fest,

Evanston, IL - 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002

Best of Painting: Rockford Art Museum Festival,

Rockford, IL - 1995, 1997

Best of Show Finalist: Woodstock Fine Art Fair,

Woodstock, IL - 1996

Award of Excellence: Fall Festival of Fine Art,

Lake Forest, IL - 2000, 2001

Award of Excellence: Barrington Area Arts Council Fine Arts

^Fair, Barrington, IL - '99, 2002

Award of Excellence: Woodstock Fine Art Fair,

Woodstock, IL -1986, 1994, 1995

Award of Excellence: " Watercolor Masters: Midwest Show",

Chicago, IL - 1995

Award of Excellence: Des Plaines Art Guild Fine Art Fair,

Des Plaines, IL - 1994

Award of Excellence: Arlington Heights Art Guild,

Arlington Heights, IL -1980, 1986

Invitational Award: Art Fair On The Square,

Madison, WI. - 1999, 2000

Invitational Award - 57th Street Art Fair, Chicago, IL - 2002

Aileen Berg Memorial Award for Watercolor: Fall Festival of Fine Art, Lake Forest, IL -1999

1st Place Award: Northwest Area Arts Council Acres of Art,

Crystal Lake, IL -1992, 1998

1st Award ('90), Honorable Mention ('96, '93), Business Patron

Award ('96, '94): "Women's Works"

Women in the Arts Exhibit, Woodstock, IL

Selected National Exhibitions and Awards

American Watercolor Society Annual International Exhibition

2003 - Salmagundi Club, New York City, NY

(*Elsie and David Wu Ject-Key Memorial Award*)

(*Selected for Traveling Exhibit*)

National Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition

2002 - Muckenthaler Cultural Center, Fullerton, CA

(*Awarded Signature Status*)

Watercolor U.S.A.

2002 - *Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, MO*

Midwest Watercolor Society National Exhibition

2001 - Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL

(*Merit Award*)

1999 - The Rahr-West Fine Art Museum, Manitowoc, WI

(*Edgar A Whitney Memorial Award of Excellence - Silver Place*)

1998 - Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI

1997 - West Bend Art Museum, West Bend, WI

1996 - Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, WI

(*Awarded Signature Status*)

1994 - Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, WI

1988 - Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, WI

Watermedia 2003 Challenge of Champions

The Continental Center, Houston, TX

Pennsylvania Watercolor Society National Exhibition

2000 - Crary Art Gallery, Warren, PA

(*Savoir Faire, Fabriano Paper & Raphael Kolinsky Award*)

(*Earned Admission to the Sylvan Grouse Guild*)

1999 - Lancaster Art Museum, Lancaster, PA

(*M Graham Professional Watercolor Award*)

1998 - Bucknell Art Gallery, Bucknell University,

Lewisburg, PA

1997 - Gallery 444, LTD., Hershey, PA

(*Awarded Signature Status*)

1996 - Seigel Gallery, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

(*Bronze Medal*)

Western Colorado Watercolor Society National Exhibition

1999 - Western Colorado Center for the Arts,

Grand Junction, CO (*Daler-Rowney Award*)

1998 - Western Colorado Center for the Arts,

Grand Junction, CO

1997 - Western Colorado Center for the Arts,

Grand Junction, CO (*1st Award of Excellence*)

(*Awarded Signature Status*)

Philadelphia Watercolor Society 101st Exhibition

2001 - The American College, Bryn Mawr, PA

(*Sandra Swain Memorial Award*)