



[www.montanawatercolorsociety.org](http://www.montanawatercolorsociety.org)

## **Welcome -**

**The Montana Watercolor Society**, or MTWS, is a creative group of people who seek to encourage the advancement, study, appreciation, and creation of watercolor painting in Montana and elsewhere. Founded in 1983, today the Society has over 240 members representing a full spectrum of water media artists from across the country.

**WATERMEDIA** is the Society's premier exhibition with awards totaling over \$5,000. The Exhibition is open to members AND non-members and receives entries from nearly every state in the union. Each year the Society selects a nationally recognized water media artist as the Juror of Selections and Awards who then teaches a 4-day workshop. The Exhibition has an Opening Reception, a Gallery Talk by the Juror, and celebrates with an Awards Banquet. Artists with work selected and shown in 3 different exhibition years are offered the privilege to become a Signature Member of MTWS. Both the Prospectus for entry and the workshop registration form are on the MTWS website and entries are due by June first of each year.

**Members-Only Open Show** is an exhibit held annually near the geographic center of Montana. This year, it will be hosted by Confetti Heart Studio in Billings during the month of May. This venue offers more members the chance to attend and display their work as the show draws viewers from all around the state. The exhibit has an Opening Reception, a Gallery Talk by the Juror of Awards, and a Member Dinner. The Society offers nine awards which are selected by the Juror who is usually a Signature Member of MTWS. The Juror also teaches a 2-day workshop in conjunction with the opening of the show. Entries are accepted from all members in mid-April, and the Prospectus for entry as well as the workshop registration form are on the MTWS website.

**MTWS Great Falls Art Show & Sale** is a program offered by MTWS for members to participate in "Western Art Week," a sales event held each March in Great Falls, Montana, honoring the birthday of C. M. Russell.

**MTWS Show and Share Groups** are members who gather in their area to share paintings and participate in open critiques, meeting on-line or in-person. They may even host workshops, art shows or en plein air painting events. Members and groups share good news on the MTWS Facebook and Instagram accounts.

**Benefits of Membership:** Members receive a discount on all show entry fees and workshops! Members also receive the Society's quarterly Newsletter, and a printed color copy of the WATERMEDIA Catalog. Most of all, members have fun and enjoy supporting one another in their painting journeys!

## **Join MTWS today!**



## Montana Watercolor Society Membership Form

*Join, Renew, or Invite a Friend to Join the Montana Watercolor Society*

To join or to renew your membership, please complete this form, printing clearly and legibly, especially your email address. Make your check out to Montana Watercolor Society. Dues are \$35 annually if paid before January 31st. Late renewal is \$40. Membership dues are to be paid by January 31st of each year, regardless of which month the member joined. New members pay just \$35 no matter what month they join. A more convenient option is a Lifetime membership for \$300.

Clip this form and mail it with your check to:

Mrs. Kris Gullikson, P.O. Box 1437, Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase dues for \_\_\_\_\_ years @ \$35 per year (or \$40 for a late renewal).

Check total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Want to be part of a team of like-minded artists? Wishing for some camaraderie with a fellowship of folks sharing their time to further the art of water media in Montana and beyond? We have a spot for you! Please check if you'd like more information about becoming a:  Board member,  Committee Chair,  Committee member,  Volunteer where needed

Other interest or skill is \_\_\_\_\_

I'm a new member! I was introduced/encouraged by \_\_\_\_\_ current member, \_\_\_\_\_ website, \_\_\_\_\_ advertising, or \_\_\_\_\_ MTWS event. *(please check those that apply)*

Name of member who recruited me is: \_\_\_\_\_

(Members who recruit will be entered in a drawing for a free year of membership.)

1/2025 update