NEW ENGLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

Prospectus for 2027 Signature Members Show

February 2, 2027 - February 28, 2027

hosted by

The Guild of Boston Artists
162 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116

Up to $4,000 in Awards

CALENDAR

October 1, 2026	Submissions open
January 13, 2027	Deadline for submissions (Smarter Entry)
January 15	Notification of participation
January 26	Shipped work due
January 27	Delivery of art starting at 10:30 am
January 28	Demo by Kim Johnson Nechtman 5 - 7 pm
January 29 - 31	Workshop with Kim Johnson Nechtman
February 1	Notification of awards
February 2	Show opens
February 6	Awards reception 2 - 4 pm
February 28	Show closes, Art pickup 4 - 6 pm
March 3	Shipped works will be repacked and returned

- Open to all NEWS Signature Members, one painting per person.
- All work must be for sale and meet framed size limitations. No P.O.R.'s (Price on Request), no N.F.S.'s.
- All work must be painted with aqua media including watercolor, acrylic, casein, egg tempera, gouache and water-based inks on paper or synthetic paper such as Yupo. Collage with only aquamedia is acceptable. No AI.
- All work must be original: no photocopies, color laser prints, multiple prints, computer generated work. No pastels.
- Work may not have been created in a class or workshop under a teacher's supervision and must be the work of the artist from reference to completion; specifically, reference photos must be your own or painted from life.
- Work may not be withdrawn early.
- No changes in pricing or catalog information can be made after submission.
- The Screening Committee has the right to refuse any painting that does not meet the **stated specifications or is not accurately represented by the image submitted.** As a Signature Member of NEWS it is an honor to exhibit in the SMS, therefore it is expected that you submit your best work, framed in a professional manner with white or off-white mat.

- Paintings may not have been previously exhibited in a Signature Members Show or any NEWS shows.
- Review guidelines and regulations at newenglandwatercolorsociety.org/exhibitions-howto.html

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- Enter online via the NEWS website at newenglandwatercolorsociety.org/exhibitions-upcoming.html
- Submit your image as JPG, TIF or PNG files not greater than 4MB. The longer side should be 1,200 pixels or greater.
- Paintings will be sold at the price originally stated by the artist. No changes will be accepted. Please edit your entries carefully.
- Only one image may be submitted.
- $40 entry fee through Smarter Entry.
- No CD entries, no slides.
- Dues must be up to date.

NOTE

- Submitted JPGs must accurately represent the painting. An online gallery will be created from these images, therefore the quality and clarity of your image is very important.
- Awards will be based on the actual painting that is delivered to the Guild of Boston Artists.
- NEWS and the Guild of Boston Artists reserve the right to photograph paintings or use digital images for publicity purposes.

FRAMING OF SUBMITTED WORK

Framed paintings must be in a rectangular format with the bottom edge square to the floor. Work may be floated within the frame, mounted on a white or off-white mounting board with at least one inch of mat visible on all sides or presented with a single or double mat. White and off-white mats only, liner mat less than 3/8" may be colored. **All work must be framed under acrylic (Plexiglass).** GLASS NOT PERMITTED! Wires must be attached so that they are not visible when the work is hanging. No sawtooth hangers allowed. Mat, frame and glazing package must have a professional look and be in "as if new" condition. Work not conforming to regulations WILL NOT BE EXHIBITED. **Note - Size limitation of 40 inches in width, based on outside measurement of frame, 40" and not a fraction more.**

DELIVERY OF SUBMITTED WORK

- Hand delivered artwork must be received at the Guild of Boston Artists, 162 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116 on Wednesday, January 27, 2027 starting at 10:30 am. Drop off and pick up instructions will be e-mailed to participating artists by January 18, 2027. Complete the label that is at the end of this prospectus and attach it to the hanging wire of the painting.
- Shipped works must be received at the Guild of Boston Artists, 162 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116 by January 26, 2027. Be sure to attach the completed label to your hanging wire. **A prepaid return shipping label must be included.**

Note: Except for mailed work, please deliver your work unwrapped.

We encourage artists to make use of the connections formed last year to carpool paintings into the Guild.
A list of participating artists, their emails and locations will be provided in an email on January 18 along with the drop off and pickup instructions so that you will be able to make your plans for delivering your painting on the drop off date of January 27, 2027. If you do not want your information shared please let us know.

.**NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION**

- Participating artists will be posted on the NEWS website January 16, 2027.
- We will immediately notify artists whose paintings do not adhere to the stated specifications.

EXHIBITION HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm, Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 pm; closed Monday.

SALES

A 40% commission will be retained by NEWS on all sales

RETURN OF WORK:

- Work must be picked up at the Guild of Boston Artists, 162 Newbury Street, Boston, MA on Sunday, February 28, 2027, 4 - 6 PM
- Shipped works will be re-packed and returned to the artist after March 3, 2027

JUROR OF SELECTION AND AWARDS:

We are pleased to announce that American award winning watercolor artist, and teacher, Kim Johnson Nechtman will be the juror for the 2027 Signature Members Show. Kim's masterful use of glazes and washes, wet and dry technique, and positive and negative space breathes life into pieces focused on the human and animal experiences. She uses unusual colors in an abstract way infusing traditional shapes with atmospheric effects. She chose watercolor for her medium for its transparency, versatility and immediacy, despite its challenging nature. Her use of splashy, lively colors convey her emotions through both light and color, a style that continues to evolve. Kim is a Signature Member of many prestigious Watercolor Societies, including the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America. Her paintings have won numerous awards and appear in private and corporate collections worldwide.

WORKSHOP AND DEMO

There will be a workshop with juror Kim Johnson Nechtman on Friday, January 29 - January 31, 2027 from 9AM - 4PM. See our website for complete details and to sign up at newenglandwatercolorsociety.org/learn-workshops.html

There will be a demo by Kim on Thursday, January 28, 2027 from 5 - 7 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see a master watercolor artist in action. It is open to the public and donations are encouraged.

LIABILITY

While all reasonable care will be taken, the New England Watercolor Society and the Guild of Boston Artists will not accept liability for any loss or damage.

RESOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION

Website: newenglandwatercolorsociety.org

Chair: Anik McGrory, 974-610-9726 anikscannell@gmail.com

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Registration form for all submissions to Signature Members Show.
Please type or print legibly.

Title of Painting: _____

Artist name (to appear on label): _____

Price_____ Medium_____

Frame size H_____W____ (40” max outside dimension of frame)

Phone_____Cell_____

Email_____

Address:_____

Town_____ State____ Zip code _____

2027 Dues must be up to date