

The Lake Superior Watercolor Society (LSWS).

New Member Application and Guidelines

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The LSWS was formed in 1982. LSWS is made up of a group of experienced watercolor artists residing in and around the Twin Ports of Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin. Our Membership is limited to 50 artists. The dues are \$30.00 per calendar year.

Mission Statement:

The purpose of LSWS is to promote the development and appreciation of watercolor painting in Northern Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin and to encourage individual artist's growth through meetings, discussion, showings, and activity by Interest Groups.

Membership Expectations: Active Members must attend at least two (2) meetings in the past 12 months to be eligible to participate in our Member's Shows. It is understood there may be extenuating circumstances. As a member you are asked to be involved in our group and to help in and share the responsibilities of running the organization. You are encouraged to show your art in our LSWS Art Shows and in your own personal shows.

Benefits of Membership:

- Attend meetings to interact with and learn from professional and amateur watercolor artists in Northern Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin.
- Opportunities to network and share ideas to improve your individual skills.
- Learn from short demos presented by different members or guests at meetings.
- During most meetings there is a Show-and-Tell session where members can bring their artwork for display, discussion, or critique.
- Participate in a LSWS organized art show held at least annually in a local Art Shop/Gallery. These shows provide members a venue to show and sell their work.
- Opportunity to display several pieces of your art in digital format on the LSWS web page with a URL link to your own personal web page (A fee may be required).

Monthly Meetings:

Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, September through May, excluding December. Members gather at 6:00 p.m. for social and networking time. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and is followed by a possible demo and show and tell.

Membership Application:

Membership in the LSWS is through a juried process which takes place in the Spring of the year. Applications will be accepted between March 1st until April 1st.

To start the process of application contact one of the Membership Committee Members listed below or the LSWS Secretary or a current LSWS member. It is the Membership Committee's goal to recruit and assist potential new members through the application process. After

submission of the application the Committee will present your biography and images of your current work to the voting members for them to evaluate and vote.

Artist Biography: Please incorporate the following items to help the Committee and Membership get to know you:

1. Personal information,
 - a. Name, address, email, phone, etc.
 - b. How did you hear about the LSWS?
 - c. Why do you want to join the Lake Superior Watercolor Society?
 - d. How often do you paint?
 - e. Do you belong to any other art or painting groups?
 - f. Have you ever shown your work in public? Where?
 - g. Do you ever sell your work? Where?
 - h. Do you have a web site? Are you included on any other web sites? Please include the URL address.
 - i. Tell us about recent or influential workshops you have attended.
 - j. Have you given art lessons or demos of any kind?
 - k. What assets or skills can you contribute to LSWS administratively and organizationally?
 - l. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?
2. Please provide 5 jpeg images of your current work with brief descriptions. Give the title, size of the unframed work and date when it was painted. Please make the digital images around 1MB each. Too small and they won't show well. (Copyright of your images will be respected and protected. You may watermark the images you provide.) Depending on circumstances you may be asked to bring some of your finished pieces for display instead of digital photos.
3. Applications, which include your artistic biography and digital images of your paintings, must be submitted electronically to the Membership Committee member assisting you. Alternatively, you can mail or drop off a thumb drive of your application to the committee member.

If you have questions or if you are interested in joining the Lake Superior Watercolor Society please contact one of the LSWS Membership Committee Members:

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