

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.

Membership Expectations: Active Members must attend at least two (2) meetings in the past 12 months to be eligible to participate in our Members' 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.

Membership Privileges, Opportunities and Benefits

1. The privilege to attend regularly scheduled meetings.
2. The opportunity to network and share ideas to improve individual skills, and receive critique from the group on finished or nearly finished watercolor paintings.
3. The benefit of having a personal page on the LSWS webpage to display an artist statement, photos and links to your personal webpage and other social media as requested.

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 within the month of March. Vote is typically at April's meeting. To start the process of application, contact a current LSWS member or one of the Membership Committee Member's email listed below or the LSWS Secretary. One of these members will assist you through the application process. If a LSWS member recommends you, they will be asked to sponsor and speak on your behalf before the vote. A Committee member will represent you if you contact us directly. A presentation of all applicants for evaluation and voting for membership will be in the Spring.

Artist Biography: Please incorporate the following items in a letter 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 (e.g. A painting of x, or This painting was inspired by x, or My mother in her garden...). Give the title, the dimensions 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 LSWS Member or the Membership Committee member assisting you. If you need any help submitting your application, please let us know.

If you have questions or if you are interested in joining the Lake Superior Watercolor Society please contact the New Member Committee. Sarah@lakesuperiorwatercolor.com or contact@lakesuperiorwatercolor.com

Committee Members include: Sarah Archbold, Marj Stalker, and Bill Wise