

Lake Superior Watercolor Society (LSWS)
Membership Application
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Thank you for your interest in joining the Lake Superior Watercolor Society (LSWS)

About LSWS: LSWS was formed in 1982 with a mission to promote the development and appreciation of watercolor painting in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. Our members include watercolorists from the Twin Ports Area and beyond. Member meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm during September-May (no meeting in December) at Vineyard Church, 1533 W. Arrowhead Road, Duluth - . Membership dues are \$30/year.

LSWS relies on member volunteers to manage and support the organization and its mission. There are a variety of ways members support LSWS: 1) attend monthly meetings and bring art for critique; 2) demonstrate or explain a new technique at member meetings; 2) enter artwork in LSWS art shows or in personal shows; 3) become an LSWS board member or serve on a committee. (Note: members must attend at least two member meetings in the past 12 months to be eligible to participate in member art shows. Special circumstances can be discussed.)

There are many reasons to join LSWS including the opportunity to meet other artists and share ideas. Additionally, members are offered a personal page on the [LSWS webpage](#) to display their art, provide an artist's statement, and link to their own personal webpage or social media site.

About the Membership Application Process: New member applications for LSWS are accepted each year during the month of March. New members are chosen by secret vote of active members who attend the April member meeting. At that meeting the applicant's art is critiqued (juried process) and a secret vote cast.

The response deadline to be considered for membership to LSWS is **March 31, 2024**. If you are interested in applying for membership, please review the application on the following page and provide the information requested. Send your response to the Membership Committee using this address: lakesuperiorwatercolorsociety@gmail.com

Upon receipt of your application you will be contacted by a member of the LSWS Membership Committee who will answer your questions and assign a Member Sponsor. If you have questions before or while you are completing the application, we will be happy to help. The membership committee includes Sarah A, Anita G and Marj S and can be reached at the email mentioned above.

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Due March 31, 2024

(All steps must be completed to be considered for membership)

Step 1: The application deadline is **March 31**: Please email the application information to lakesuperiorwatercolorsociety@gmail.com You place application information in the body of your email, or attach a .pdf or MSWord file with the information. If you have questions before or while you are completing the application, we will be happy to help. The membership committee includes Sarah Archbold, Anita Gille and Marj Stalker and can be reached at the email mentioned above.

Application Information Required

Your Name, Phone, Email and Mailing Address and three or four short paragraphs about your personal art journey, influences, mentors as well what you hope to learn or achieve as a member of LSWS. What skills might you contribute to LSWS? If you have shown your art, or have taught art-related courses, please provide a bit of information about them as well as any web links that you would like to share. We want to get to know you!

Upon receipt of your application information you will be contacted by the LSWS Membership Committee to answer questions about Step 2 below and discuss the assignment of a Member Sponsor. The Member Sponsor will help to coordinate delivery of your art and speak on your behalf when your art is reviewed by members on April 18 (see Step 2). If an LSWS member has recommended you, they will be asked to be your Member Sponsor. Otherwise, an LSWS member will be assigned.

Step 2: Please provide three of your original art pieces that have been created within the last three years and that demonstrate your watercolor and/or watercolor and mixed media ability. A variety of sizes is helpful. It is your choice, (not a requirement) to mat and frame artwork. Provide a short description of each work along with your contact information taped to the back of each piece. Please make arrangements with your Member Sponsor to have your original artwork delivered by 5:00 pm to the LSWS member meeting on April 18, 2024 held at the Vineyard Church, 1533 W. Arrowhead Rd, Duluth. We would like your original art (no reproductions please) to arrive by 5:00 pm that night. Your Member Sponsor will be responsible for presenting your art to LSWS members for review and secret vote by members who are present. Please be sure to include your name, email, and phone number and the description of your art piece on the back of each piece.

Step 3: Current members will convene at 5:30 on April 18 at the Vineyard Church to review your art and cast a secret vote about your membership to LSWS. You will be notified by email the following day as to whether your membership application has been accepted.

Thank you for applying to become a member of LSWS!