



TWS BULLETIN

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Showcase of the 2020 New Members

It has been ten months since our new members were introduced at our March Monthly Meeting, and we would like to present them as a group so that we all may learn more about each of them.



Ayda Bahrami Motlagh

I am an Iranian-Canadian emerging artist based in Toronto. I have started to be a full-time artist since 2019. I moved to Toronto in late 2008. I graduated in Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Ryerson, and also received my Master of Engineering from University of Waterloo. I took some watercolor courses as a hobby while studying for my Master's, during holidays back home. In my art class, my art instructor discovered my talent, and made me dig my best out of me. It was the beginning of my new journey.



Ann MacKenzie

Ann began watercolour painting more than twenty years ago by taking classes. She still takes workshops a few times a year to be exposed to new techniques. Painting subjects are mostly macro views of things in nature, often with waterdrops, and portraits which are given as wedding presents. She is also an urban sketcher, fabric artist and author.



Beth Parker

Beth is a Canadian author and ghostwriter. She works with publishers and clients in Canada and the USA. Despite her best productivity intentions, she finds herself in a continual struggle to balance the needs of her business with the chaos of five children, a husband and various pets. She has an English Specialist BA (University of Toronto) and an MA (Journalism), Western University. In her fictional spare time, she paints pictures. Five year ago, she decided to take lessons and “discovered” the Haliburton School of the Arts, a lovely (1 hr.) drive from her Lake of Bay cottage.



Krista Von Engelbrechten

Art has always been in my life, thru drawing and painting at school, then later being a Jewellers apprentice and becoming a Goldsmith.

Pottery, Stained Glass, and a joy of lifelong learning brought me to Watercolour painting. Over the past several years of taking classes, attending demos and seminars, I still consider myself a beginner. There's really so much to explore and it never gets boring.



Lan Fang

I started painting at the age of 10 and often traveled frequently abroad.

The fusion and collision of Chinese and Western cultures make the work a strong new realistic taste .

I won the second place in the Markham Jury Exhibition in 2019 and had several images selected by China Post for stamps.

I hope that my work can bring people beautiful visual enjoyment and spiritual comfort and peace and show people a positive attitude and intention to life.



Les DeSouza, Toronto

I started painting in watercolours in the fall of 2019. I am self-taught with a lot of help from watching artists on Twitter and YouTube—a huge resource nowadays. I am inspired by the natural world especially birds and flowers, and I try to paint every day.



Lucia Ana Holzapfel

Lucia is a self-taught artist from the Philippines, currently residing in Oakville, Ontario. The travel experiences and diversity of cultural backgrounds that she had acquired have a huge influence in her art works. Her paintings speak of bold colours and harmony, inspired from her dreams and photos she captured. Everything started as a hobby. She paints with oil, acrylic and now watercolour for the past two years. Her passion for watercolour was inspired by Thomas Schaller after the workshop. She won third place on the Juried art show in RBG, participated in the TWS Artist's Choice Online Show and IFCWA - Christmas Light Juried Show.



Mary Malyk

Mary is retired and lives in Richmond Hill. Mary is a novice watercolour painter. She started lessons with Bonnie Steinberg in 2018. She finds the medium to be challenging. By joining the TWS she hopes to be inspired and learn from the works of other artists.



Rosemary Leckie

After living in Vancouver for many years, I returned to Toronto and live in The Beach - a little bit of Vancouver transported. I am so happy to again be a member of TWS. I was a charter member and wrote the newsletter. I love being with others who share my great delight.



Sherrill Girard

Sherrill is award-winning artist and instructor living in Scarborough. Inspired by the ecstasy of colour and light, her work embraces vibrance and luminosity using the mediums of watercolour, mixed media, and photography. Sherrill has participated in numerous juried, group and solo exhibitions, both national and international, and has been on juries for Art Societies such as the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition and the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour. She teaches art to loyal following of dedicated students and is currently conducting several painting classes on Zoom.



Stasia (Anastasia) Eskin

Hello, I earned my formal 5-year art education from Art School in Orel, Russia. Then, I took private lessons to sharpen my drawing skills and completed two years of Graphic Design program. At this point of my life, I felt that I would like to spend my professional life in the human studies field, where I could improve the lives of others. I earned my Bachelor Degree in Nursing and Master Degree in Community Health studies. After 16 years as a Registered Nurse in a general hospital in Israel, mostly in Cardiac Surgery department, Head Nurse position for 4 years, raised three kids and took a 20-year break from painting, I found my old passion in the art, particular in watercolour painting. When I picked up my brushes and saw the magical influence of pigments in watercolours, I just felt like I was falling in love again. I am inspired by nature, landscapes and atmospheric light around me from morning to evening. Watercolor painting makes me feel more alive, focused and happier. Thank you for inspiring me and giving me the opportunity to be part of this amazing community.



Zohreh Annabestani

I am an Iranian -Canadian emerging artist based in Toronto. In my reaching out to arts, I was initially attracted to photography a few years ago, and usually, I have sought details of rare wildflowers and nature through my pictures.

As I progressed further, I became open to other types of arts such as oil painting and watercolour. Last year my focus was on watercolour painting and this media became my great passion in my life.

It has given me a broad perspective on art and letting me bring my creative captures into my paintings, beautifully.