

Illinois Watercolor Society



PROSPECTUS

34th National Exhibition 2018

May 4 – 25

To be held at

The Next Picture Show

A Fine Arts Center

113 W. First St.

Dixon, Illinois

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The Illinois Watercolor Society was established in 1981 with Chuck Strissel as its president. The first exhibition took place at the Redfield Estate at The Grove in Glenview, Illinois in 1982. Today with well over 180 members, the IWS sponsors two shows each year, a national show and a members' invitational exhibit. Bi-monthly meetings feature demonstrations by artists with a national reputation.



Juror of Selection and Awards, William G. Hook

Bill is a Seattle based artist, internationally known for his masterful watercolor interpretations of industrial and urban settings. His drawing and observational skills were developed during a 30 year career as a highly respected and awarded architectural illustrator. A turning point in his artwork occurred in 2007 when he was awarded a NIAUSI Fellowship for a two month residency in Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy. He has since focused his efforts toward freeing his artwork from the constraints of illustration and sees his art career as a process of change and development as he searches for more evocative, introspective and powerful means of capturing his interests. He is a signature member of the AWS, NWS,

NWWS and CWA and has won awards in all of these as well as numerous other exhibitions. He was a finalist in the Art of Watercolor Magazine world watercolor competition in Narbonne, France in 2014 and was a featured artist in the August 2016 issue of Watercolor Artist Magazine and SPLASH 18.

Facebook - William G. Hook • www.wghook.com • wghookart@gmail.com.

Exhibition Overview

- Selection and Awards Juror: William G. hook
- Acceptance of entries: December 6, 2017 – March 10, 2018
- Entry Fee: \$35 for Non-Members, \$25 for Members, \$10 for Signature Members
- Entry via: Online entries only at www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org/.
- Over \$6,000 in cash awards — Best of Show is \$1,500
- Exhibition Dates: May 4 – 25, 2018

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Exhibition Awards

In addition to the prestige of participating in this wonderful Exhibition, cash awards presented by the Illinois Watercolor Society will total at least \$6,000. Below is a complete list of awards.

- Best of Show 1500
- Award of Excellence I 700
- Award of Excellence II 600
- Award of Excellence III 500
- Schultz Creative Spirit 500
- Outstanding Figurative 325
- Outstanding Landscape 325
- Outstanding Abstract/Non-Representational 325
- Director's Choice 225
- Charles Strissel Memorial 150
- People's Choice 150
- Honorable Mentions (7) 100

Exhibition Calendar

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| December 6 | Online only acceptance of entries begins |
| March 10 | Deadline for entries ends |
| April 1 | Accepted entries posted on www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org |
| April 21 – 28 | Paintings due
Shipped or hand delivered
The Next Picture Show
113 W. First St.
Dixon, Illinois 61021
815.285.4924 |
| May 4 | Show opens |
| May 5 | Reception
William Hook painting demo 1 PM.
Awards presentation following demo |
| May 25 | Show closes |
| May 26 – June 2 | Work then shipped back to artists
Pick-up of hand delivered work
10 AM – 4 PM or call for arrangements (Gallery closed on Sunday and Monday) |

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Entry Submission

Artwork Eligibility

The 34th National Exhibition 2018 is open to all artists who are 18 years or older.

- Work must be original (not derived from another's intellectual property or copyrighted references).
- Painted after January, 2015.
- Entries cannot have been displayed in an IWS Members' Exhibition or IWS National Exhibition.
- Entries cannot have been completed in a workshop or under supervision.
- Collage, digital media, photography, prints or reproductions ARE NOT permitted.
- Acrylic and work painted on yupo or canvas is permitted.
- Paintings MUST BE FRAMED under Plexiglas (NO GLASS). Mats must be white or neutral.
- Paintings must be wired and ready for hanging. No "saw-tooth" hangers.
- MAXIMUM FRAME SIZE: 40" in width or height.
- Only ONE PAINTING PER ARTIST will be selected.

Submission Requirements

- Fees for one or two entries: \$35 for Non-Members, \$25 for Members, \$10 for *Signature* Members.
- Detailed instructions for shipping and delivery will be provided in the Acceptance Notification.
- Insurance will be the responsibility of the artist.
- Entry information along with images must be submitted **ONLINE ONLY**.
- File names should include the JPEG (JPG) extension.
- File size should be no more than 2MB.
- Crop images to show only the painting, no mats, background images or frames.
- Image names must include the title of the painting and the correct number corresponding with entry form. Example: Flowers1.jpg and Barn2.jpg.
- Payment will be made online via PayPal

Confirming Entries

- Acceptance only notification will be via email and on the IWS website.
- Once an entry is received you will receive a confirmation email that your entry has been successfully processed. After your entry has been submitted and confirmed, the art registration information cannot be revised or changed. This includes the Price, Title of the Entry and Entry Size.

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Accepted Artwork

- All artists whose work is selected for exhibition will receive instructions for shipping and delivery in the Acceptance Notification.
- Artist's work accepted by the Juror will be displayed in the Next Picture Show Gallery for the duration of the exhibition.
- Only one painting will be accepted from an individual artist.
- No substitutions of artwork can be made after acceptance.
- No peanut packing or wood cartons, please!
- Once accepted, no changes can be made to price, title or dimensions.
- Artwork must remain on display in the Gallery for the duration of the Exhibition. Removal of artwork prior to the closing will result in penalties assessed by the Board of Directors of IWS.

Reception Invitation

- All artists entering the exhibition are cordially invited to attend the reception honoring the 34th National Exhibition Award Winners and the Juror. The reception will be held at the Next Picture Show Gallery on Saturday, May 5, 2018 beginning at 1 PM
- Awards Juror William Hook will present a watercolor demonstration at 1 PM. This will be followed by a ceremony recognizing the new *Signature* honorees. The awards ceremony will then take place at no later than 3 PM.
- You and your guests are welcome to participate in the reception and awards ceremony.

Sales

- The Next Picture Show is responsible for all sales. The IWS will retain a 20% commission.
- Unless specified by the artist (NFS) all paintings will be for sale.

Publicity

- IWS reserves the right to photograph and duplicate works for the catalog/website and publicity purposes. A catalog featuring the award winning artists is included with entry fee, and will be sent to all artists submitting entries.

Contact Information

For additional questions or clarification, please contact the show chairman at:
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