



PROSPECTUS

39th National Exhibition

April 28 – May 28, 2023

To be held at

The Next Picture Show

A Fine Arts Center

113 W. First St.

Dixon, Illinois

Illinois Watercolor Society

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The Illinois Watercolor Society was established in 1981 and the first exhibition took place in 1982 at Glenview, Illinois. Today with over 190 members, IWS sponsors both a national show and a members' invitational exhibit. IWS has also partnered with the Oak Brook Library and holds four meetings that feature demonstrations by nationally recognized artists which are free and open to the public.

Juror of Selection and Awards, Beth Shadur

Beth Shadur is an artist who has exhibited widely in solo and group exhibitions in the United States and abroad, including at the Art Institute of Chicago; the Drawing Center in New York City; the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers, NY; the Butler Institute of Art in Youngstown, Ohio; and at the Colorado Springs Art Museum, Colorado Springs, CO. She has created over 150 large public murals as public, private and community art projects in both the United States and Great Britain. She was an Artist-in-Education for the Illinois Arts Council in Chicago, IL. She has taught and served as a visiting artist at many colleges and universities, including Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, MO; and as a visiting artist and scholar at Paradise Valley Community College in Scottsdale, AZ. Shadur's work appears in many publications, books and catalogues, including *Twentieth Century Watercolors*, Abbeville Press; *The Special Unit, Barlinnie Prison, Its Evolution Through Art*, Third Eye Centre, Glasgow, Scotland; *Community Murals: The People's Art*, Associated University Press, NJ; and *Art and Cartography*, Art Institute of Chicago. Her mural work in Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow, Scotland is included in the archives of the Peoples Palace Museum in Glasgow.





Exhibition Overview

- Selection and Awards Juror: Beth Shadur
- Entry Submission Deadline: Sunday, March 12, 2023
- Entry Fee: \$35 for Non-Members, \$25 for Members, \$10 for Signature Members
- How to Enter: Online entries only at www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org
- Over \$6,000 in cash awards — Best of Show is \$1,500
- Exhibition Dates: April 28 - May 28, 2023

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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| March 12 | Deadline for entries |
| March 21 | Accepted entries posted on www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org |
| April 18 – 25 | Paintings due (gallery is closed on Sundays and Mondays)
Shipped or hand delivered
The Next Picture Show
113 W. First St. Dixon, Illinois 61021 Phone# 815.285.4924 |
| April 28 | Show Opens |
| May 6 | Reception
Beth Shadur will give presentation at 1pm.
Awards presentation following demo |
| May 28 | Show closes (work shipped back to artists) |
| May 29 | Pick-up of hand delivered work
10am – 4pm or call for arrangements (Gallery closed on Sunday and Monday) |



Entry Submission

Artwork Eligibility

- The IWS National Exhibition 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 1, 2020**
- Entries cannot have been displayed in an IWS Members' Exhibition or IWS National Exhibition.
- Entries cannot have been completed in a class, 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 framed under plexiglass must use plexiglass (no glass permitted). Paintings completed on stretched canvas may be framed without plexiglass or mat.
- Mats must be white or neutral (a color similar to white).
- 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 . . . Non-Members
 - \$25 . . . Members
 - \$10 . . . 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
- Questions sent to: NationalShow@illinoiswatercolorsociety.org

Confirming Entries

- Acceptance only notification will be via email and posted 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.
- 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 by the IWS Board of Directors.

Reception Invitation

- The reception is free and open to the public and will be held at the Next Picture Show Gallery on Saturday, **May 6, 2023** beginning at 1pm.
- The Awards Juror will offer a watercolor presentation at 1pm. This will be followed by a ceremony recognizing award winners and new Signature honorees.

Sales

- The Next Picture Show is responsible for all sales and will retain a 20% commission on all sales.
- 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.

Contact Information

For additional questions or clarification, please contact the show chairman at:
nationalshow@illinoiswatercolorsociety.org