



Illinois Watercolor Society

PROSPECTUS

40th National Exhibition

*May 3– May 31,
2024*

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, Lenin Delsol



Lenin Delsol attended the American Academy of Art in Chicago in the early Eighties. An artist member of the Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Arts since the mid 80's, he teaches, is a board member and participates and monitors various open studios. eager to help other artists grow where upon request, the artist gives critiques and advice. He's an avid draughtsman but his true passion is painting. Watercolor, pastel and oil are his mediums of choice. Currently he owns Envisionaire, Inc, an art studio in Chicago.



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Exhibition Overview

- Selection and Awards Juror: Lenin Delsol
- Entry Submission Deadline: Sunday, March 10, 2024
- 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: May 3- May 31, 2024

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 10** Deadline for entries
- March 21** Accepted entries posted on www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org
- April 16 – 27** Paintings due (gallery is closed on Sundays and Mondays)
Shipped or hand delivered
The Next Picture Show
113 W. First St.
Dixon Il 61021
Attn. Letha Catalina, 815 285 4924
- May 4** Reception, Lenin Delsol will give presentation at 1pm.
Awards presentation following demo
- May 31** Show closes (work shipped back to artists)
- June 1 or after** Pick-up of hand delivered work. Please make arrangements with the gallery.
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, 2021**
- 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.
- All water soluble media including Watercolor, Acrylic and Gouache are permitted. Work painted on yupo or canvas is also permitted.
- Paintings framed must use plexiglass (no glass permitted). Opaque paintings completed on stretched canvas or boards may be framed without plexiglass or mat as long as they are glazed for protection.
- 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.

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- 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.

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 4, 2024** 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.



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Sales

- The Next Picture Show is responsible for all sales and 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.

Contact Information

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

Gallery Director
815-285-4924
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