GARDEN STATE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

2026 Members Exhibition

A Virtual Exhibition

November 6, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Acceptance into the exhibit is not juried.
Awards presented in both Water Media and Non-Water Media categories
Best in Show awarded for Water Media Category only

Deadline for Entries – October 16, 2026

Our Juror: Radhika Srinivas, (National Watercolor Society)NWS is an award winning artist from the Philadelphia area. She has participated in juried exhibitions and Plein air events at a regional and national level. She was also the Past President of the Philadelphia Water Color Society. Radhika has a Bachelor degree in Fine Arts from India, a post graduate degree in textile design from The Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, and a certificate in graphic design from The Parsons School of Design, New York.

Eligibility

- Open to all GSWS active members residing in NJ, NY, PA or DE
- Artist original work only. (See **Artwork Originality and Reference Guidelines** below).
- Digital media, photography, prints or reproductions will not be accepted.
- Paintings previously shown in any GSWS exhibition will not be accepted.
- Diptychs and triptychs must be contained within one digital image.
- No size restriction on the original artwork submitted.
- GSWS reserves the right to disqualify any entry for any reason.
- Paintings must have been completed within the last 5 years.

Calendar of Events

Online entry begins	Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Online submission deadline	Friday, October 16, 2026, midnight
Notification of awards	Saturday, October 24, 2026
Show opens on YOUTUBE	Friday, November 6, 2026
Show closing	Thursday, December 31, 2026

Artwork Pricing

- Submitted artwork MUST be for sale
- Set price for unframed, unmatted artwork
- GSWS will coordinate the sale between any interested buyer and the artist
- Artist and buyer will coordinate arrangements for delivery of the artwork.
- Artist will receive a check within 30 days of the sale.

Entry Fee

- GSWS Membership must be current (paid through 12/31/2026)
- Entry fee: $15 for up to two artworks
- All entry fees are non-refundable
- Payment must be made at the time of artist's online entry with credit or debit card.

Any questions or assistance, please contact
Judy Hummer at **vicepresident@gswcs.org** (908) 872-9348

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Artwork Originality and Reference Guidelines:

- **Originality:** Work must be entirely original and created independently.
- **Workshops:** Artwork painted during a class or workshop where the instructor directs the composition and design choices is not eligible.
- **References:** Using your own photos is preferred. Third-party photos (images from the internet, books, magazines, or taken by another photographer) are for inspiration only and cannot be directly copied.
- **AI Prohibition:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) of any kind is prohibited in both the reference material and the final painting.

Artwork Requirements: Enter only **one** painting per category; up to two paintings allowed per artist.

Water Media Category:

- Artwork to be done only in aqueous media: watercolor, gouache, acrylic (on paper)
- Artwork must be done on paper (Eg., yupo, watercolor paper, bristol, illustration board)
- Any use of pencil, ink, collage must not be dominant in the work.
- No published images or reproductions; collage pieces must be original and created by the artist.

Non-Water Media Category:

- Artwork may be oil, pastel, ink, encaustic, hand-pulled prints, pencil, or acrylic (on canvas or wood).
- Acceptable substrates include canvas, paper, board, wooden or aluminum panel.

Online Digital Image Requirements

- Images must be in JPEG format, maximum file size up to 5MB.
- Image size must be at least 1900 pixels on the longest side
- Images that are not correctly formatted or sized may be disqualified
- Image must be correctly oriented (vertical or horizontal).
- Image of artwork only-do not show mat or frame.

Submission Guidelines

- Go to www.gswcs.org home page to access EntryThingy
- Login or create a new account if you are new to EntryThingy
- Complete registration and any changes PRIOR to paying entry fees online

Important! Your work will be presented as you typed it. Check spelling and grammar before you pay. Once you pay the fee, your submission is complete.

Media/Public Relations Release

GSWS reserves the right to use digital images of any artwork in the exhibition for promotion and publicity.

AGREEMENT By submitting artwork to this event, you agree to the conditions set forth above.