

Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society

Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society (FSWS) is a nonprofit organization for members who reside on the west coast of Florida. FSWS was formed in 1983 to foster the advancement of and promote excellence in the art of watercolor painting. The intent of the Society is to inform and educate through exhibitions, lectures and painting demonstrations as to the best work currently being done in watercolor.

FSWS usually has at least three juried exhibitions a year at various art centers and galleries in the region. These exhibitions can be either transparent watercolor **or** aqueous water based media like acrylics.

Transparent Watercolor is defined as a painting executed in traditional watercolor paints, namely water-resoluble transparent medium without the addition of opaque white pigment (the white of the paper being the only white). It is rendered on traditional watercolor paper, not Yupo; unvarnished, matted, and framed under Plexiglas.

Aqueous Watercolor is a painting executed with any water-soluble medium, including gouache, acrylic, ink, egg tempera or watercolor collage, on such surfaces as paper, silk or Yupo, matted, and framed under Plexiglas.