



NorthStar

WATERMEDIA SOCIETY

Awakening
SPRING EXHIBITION

May 7, 2026 at 7 pm on Zoom

Juror David R. Becker

NorthStar Watermedia Society is honored to welcome David R. Becker as the juror for *Awakening*. Becker is an accomplished artist, educator, and author whose lifelong passion for art began with early experiences in tempera paint and charcoal and was shaped through formal training at the American Academy of Art.

A versatile artist working in oil, pastel, drawing, and especially watercolor, Becker values watercolor for its freedom and portability while emphasizing that strong drawing and sound design principles underpin all great art. He is the author of *Watercolor Composition Made Easy* and *How to Sketch with Watercolor*, both widely praised for their practical guidance, clear instruction, and vibrant examples across a range of subject matter.

In addition to teaching workshops and presenting demonstrations, Becker shares his expertise through a popular YouTube channel, inspiring artists worldwide to practice daily, observe with intention, and grow with confidence.



Forest Meditation

Watercolor

By: Donald Aggerbeck

19.25" x 22.25" x 0"

\$650.00



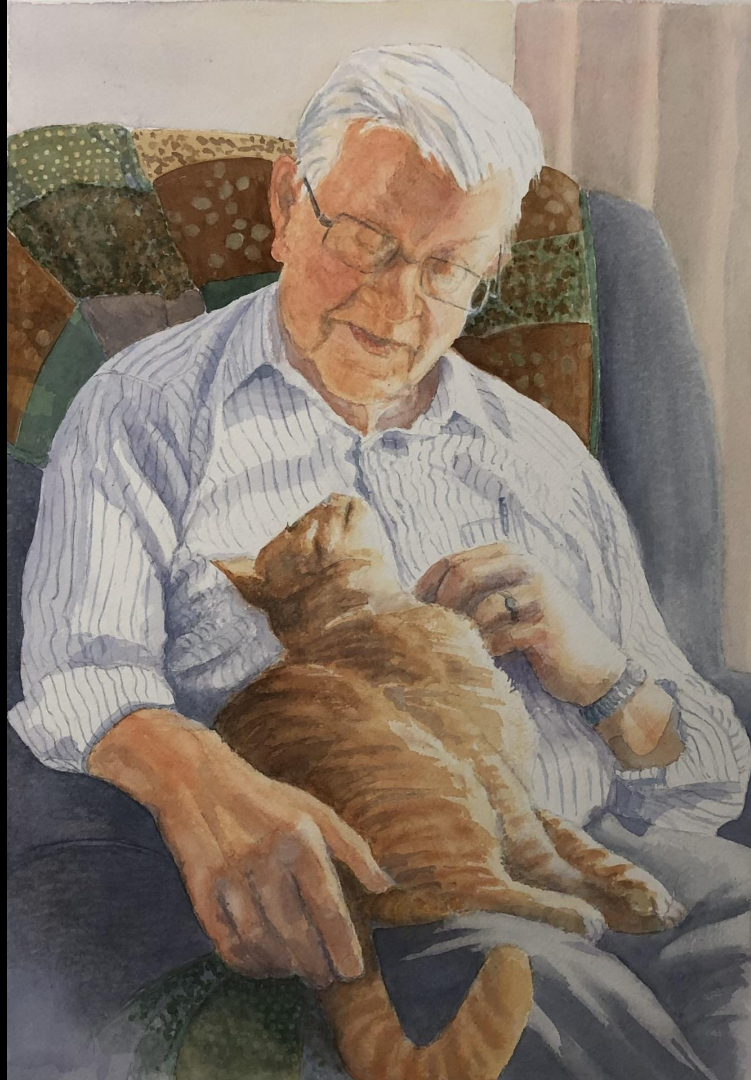
***Green Pastures, Still
Waters***

Watercolor

By: Donald Aggerbeck

9" x 13" x 0"

\$400.00



Good Morning

Watercolor

By: Nancy Amerson

20" x 14"

NFS



Death Valley Superbloom

Watercolor

By: Amy Barrett

10.5" x 11.5"

\$300.00



Pier Group

Watercolor

By: Holly Branch

13.5" x 21"

\$650.00



The Geometry of Nature

Watercolor

By: Holly Branch

14" x 10"

\$750.00



***Eternal Love Upon A
Whisper of Wings***

Watercolor

By: Erin Burton

10" x 8"

NFS



Trapped

Watercolor

By: Brian Casteleyn

11" x 15" x 1"

\$430.00



A Street In France

Watercolor

By: Brian Casteleyn

15" x 10" x 1"

\$670.00



Service Midi

Watercolor

By: Patricia Choffrut

20" x 17" x 1"

\$550.00



Superior Cliffs

Watercolor

By: Julie Creamer

12" x 16"

\$500.00



Ely Rocks 2

Watercolor

By: Julie Creamer

16" x 12"

\$475.00



Rest and Art

Watercolor

By: Gregory DeGroat

22" x 30"

\$1,500.00



When Cousins First Meet

Watercolor

By: Gregory DeGroat

30" x 22.5"

NFS



Immersion

Mixed Watermedia

By: Calvin deRuyter

5' x 5' x 2.5"

\$4,680.00



In the Beauty

Gouache & Watercolor

By: Ellen Diederich

28" x 22"x1"

\$2,475.00



Fish & Chips

Watercolor

By: Ellen Diederich

21" x 19"x1"

\$1,675.00



***Echoes of Poet's
Lane, Ireland***

Watercolor

By: Jean K. Doyle

10" x 13.12"

NFS



***Spring Is Breaking
Through***
Watercolor

By: John Grancorvitz

11" x 15"x.2"

\$435.00



Colors of Grand Marais

Watercolor

By: John Grancorvitz

15" x 11"x.2"

\$435.00



First Blush

Watercolor

By: Claudia Hanson

18" x 20" x 2"

NFS



Snowy Egret Morning

Watercolor

By: LouAnn Hoppe

14.5" x 11.5"

\$200.00



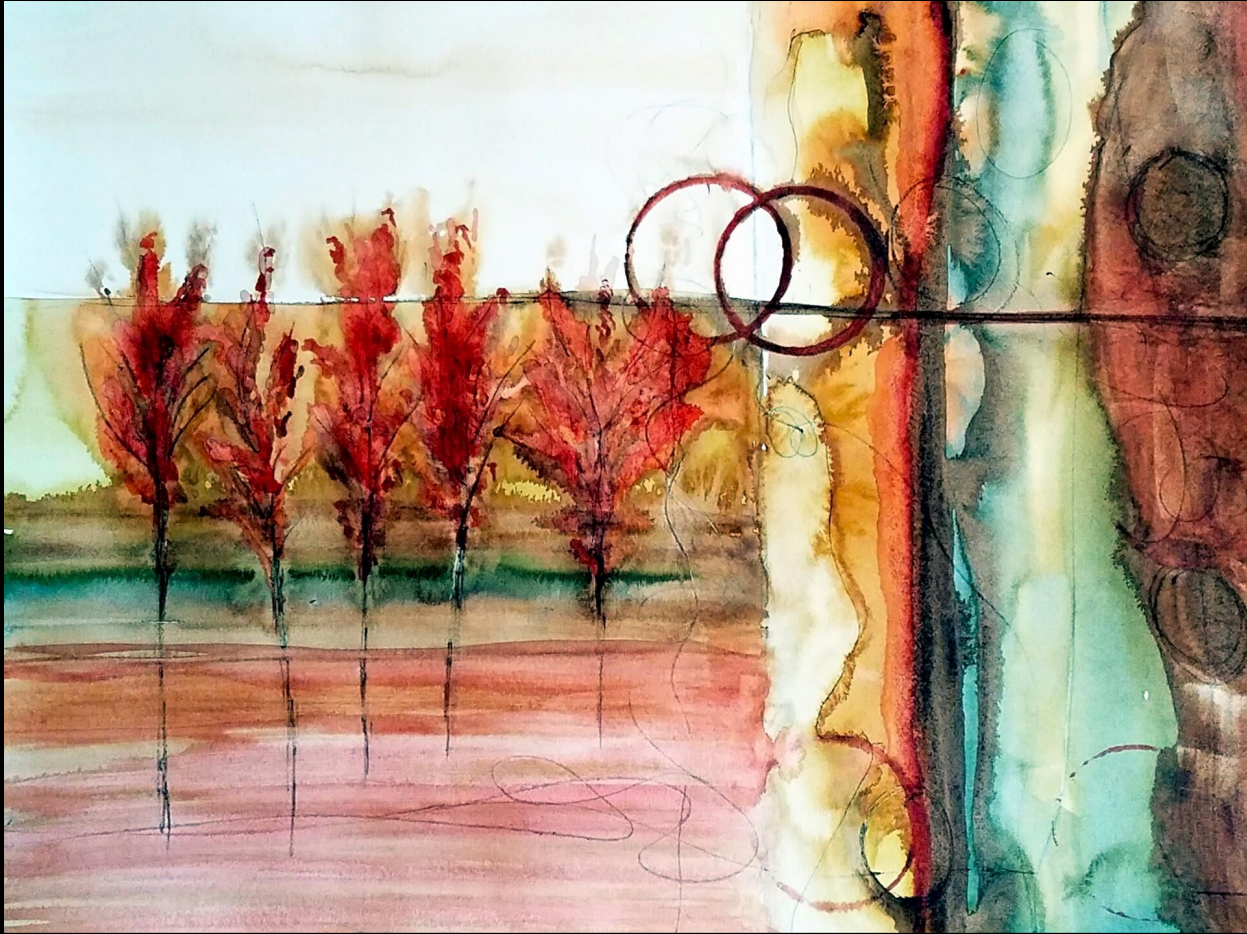
***Child's Play at the
MOA***

Gouache

By: Suhaila I

12" x 16"

\$700.00



Tethered
Watercolor
By: John James
17" x 23"
\$1,050.00



***Stringing A Thought -
Spring Awakening***

Mixed Watermedia

By: John James

23" x 17"

\$1,050.00



***Knockin' on Heaven's
Door***

Watercolor

By: Robert Jeffery

20.5" x 16.5" x 1"

\$2,850.00



Barcelona Calling

Watercolor

By: Robert Jeffery

20" x 20"

\$2,500.00



Beneath Our World

Watercolor, Ink

By: Sumin Joo

7.25" x 10"

\$390.00



Horseback Stable

Gouache

By: Sumin Joo

15" x 20"

NFS



Generations

Watercolor

By: Gina T. Judy

21.75" x 15"

NFS



Dancing Queen

Watercolor

By: Georgia Kandiko

24" x 18"

\$1,000.00



Painted Lady

Watercolor

By: Maryanne Kinane

12" x 9" x 2"

\$225.00



***Jogging
Through Life***
Watercolor
By: Maryanne
Kinane
30" x 41" x 3"
\$1.500.00



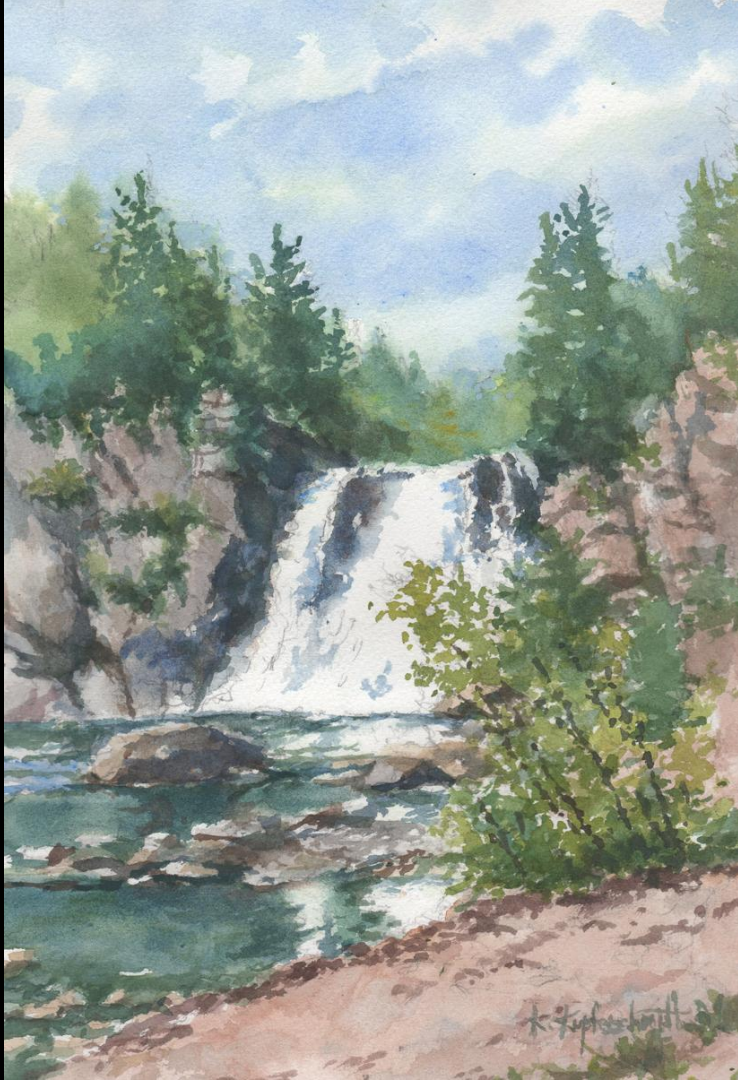
Dazzled

Watercolor

By: Kerry Kupferschmidt

13.5" x 9.5"

\$135.00



High Falls at Tettegouche

Watercolor

By: Kerry Kupferschmidt

13.5" x 9.5"

\$145.00



Fascination

Watercolor

By: Peggy Magee

14" x 10"

\$350.00



Spring In The Mountains

Watercolor

By: Eber Lusty

16" x 12" x 1"

\$525.00



Watching In Awe

Acrylics

By: Richard Mittelstadt

30" x 24" x 1.5"

\$700.00



Conflict And Struggle

Acrylics

By: Richard Mittelstadt

30" x 24" x 1.5"

\$710.00



Memories With Grandma

Watercolor

By: Darlene Mowry

21" x 16"

\$2,000.00



First Azaleas

Watercolor

By: Linda Olson

15" x 11"

\$150.00



***Saddled Up and
Ready***

Watercolor

By: Paul Oman

11" x 15"

\$800.00



River and Rail

Watercolor

By: Paul Oman

11" x 15"

\$800.00



Hjordis

Watercolor

By: Barbara Parisien

11" x 14" x 1"

NFS



Stillness

Watercolor

By: Barbara Parisien

11" x 14" x 1"

\$300.00



Downtown Girl

Watercolor

By: Dorrie Rifkin

20" x 11" x 1"

\$750.00



Hey...Wait for Me.

Watercolor

By: Dorrie Rifkin

26" x 19" x 1"

\$3,500.00



U-Pick Strawberry Day

Watercolor & Gouache

By: Karen Romani

17" x 15"

\$1,200.00



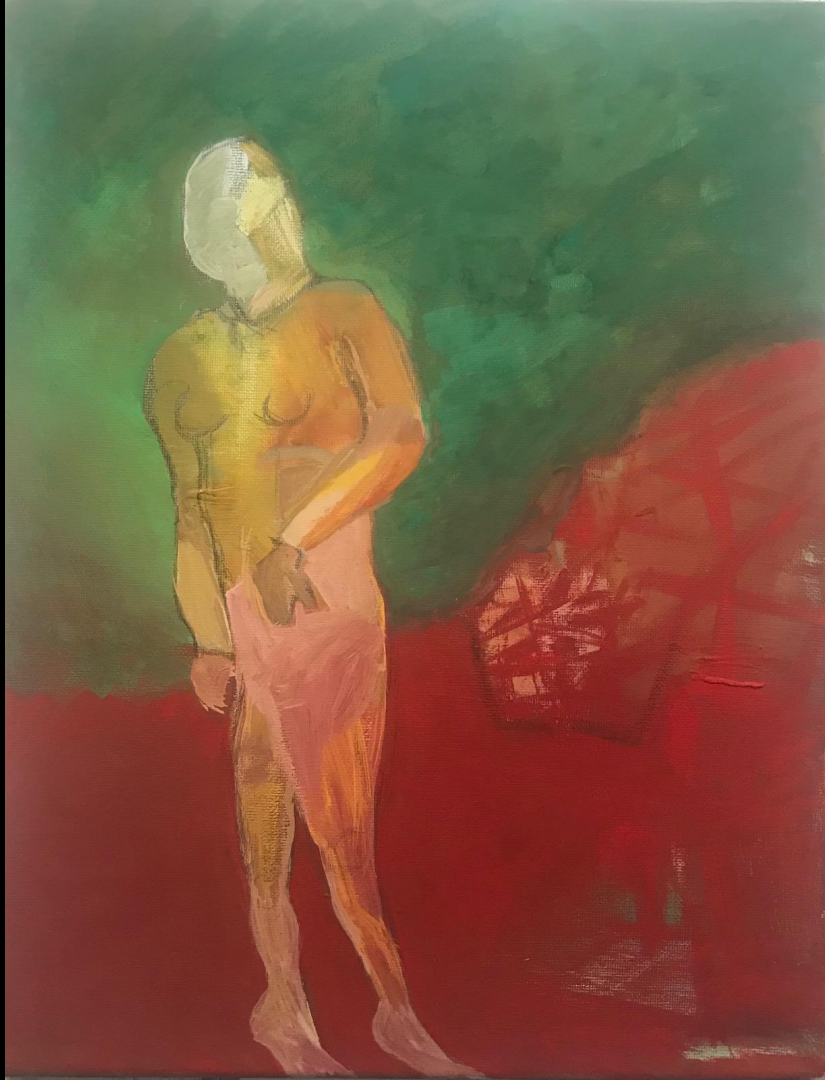
Lonely Parsnip

Watercolor

By: Karen Romani

11" x 15"

\$700.00



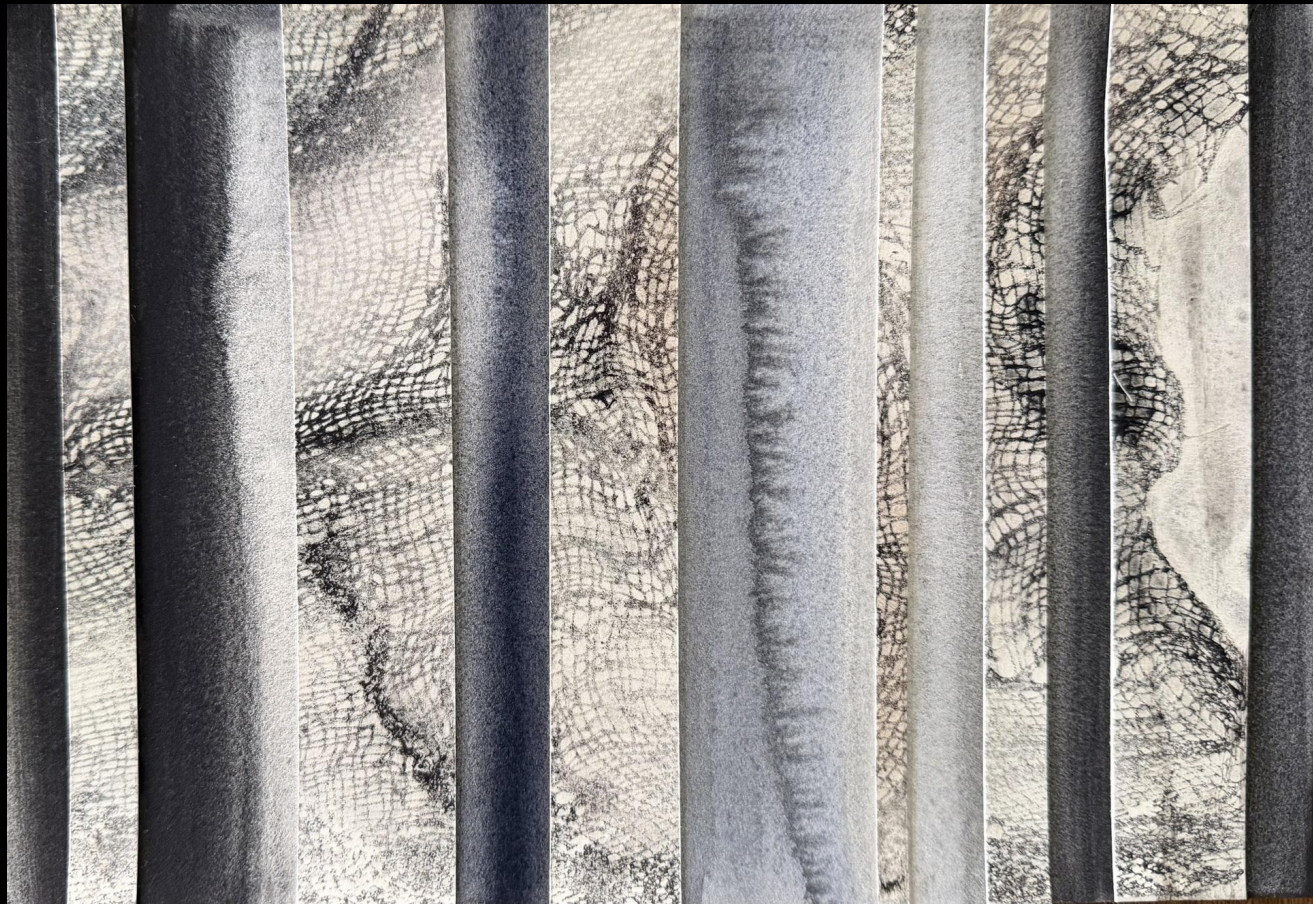
Untitled 95

Watercolor

By: Karen Rothman

14" x 11"

NFS



Looking Out
Watercolor
By: Hilary Saner
7" x 10" x .25"
\$150.00



I Love My Sister

Watercolor

By: Patty Schmid

12" x 17"

\$550.00



Sweet Girl

Watercolor

By: Patty Schmid

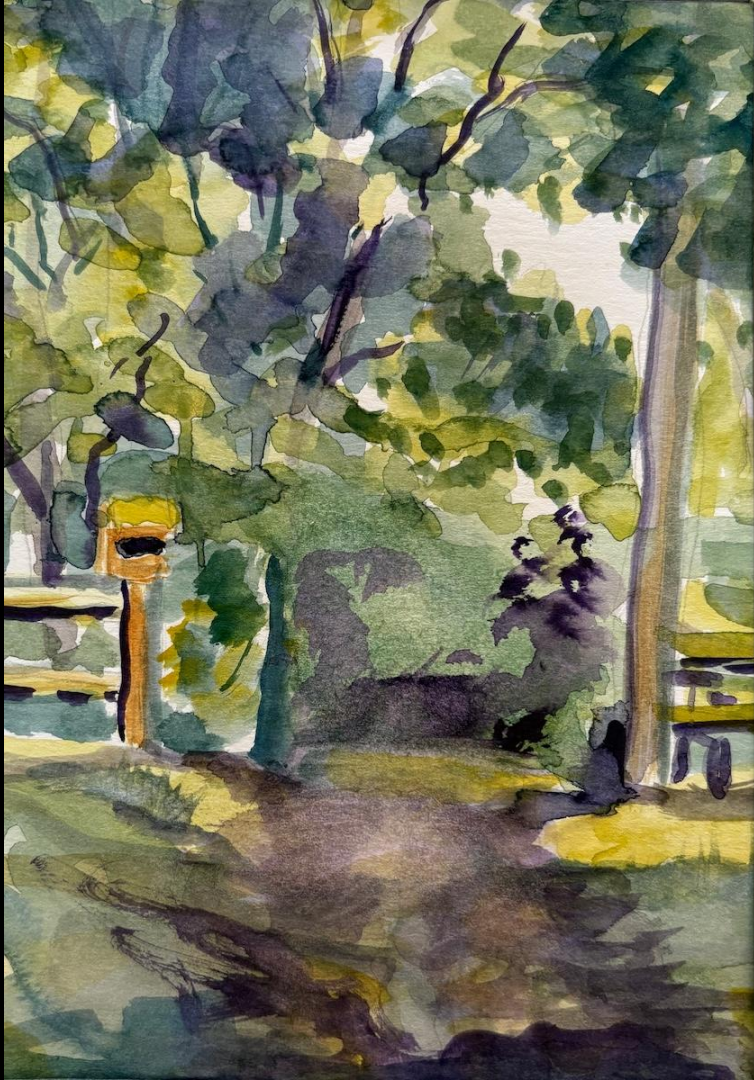
14" x 10"

\$150.00



Blue Light
Watercolor &
Ink

By: Ann Sisel
12" x 16" x 1"
\$1,200.00



Early Light

Watercolor

By: Ann Sisel

12" x 8" x 1"

\$450.00



Wetlands

Watercolor

By: Wayne Sisel

5.5" x 7.5" x 1"

\$250.00



***Farm Fields
Awaken, Await
Planting***

Watercolor

By: Wayne Sisel

5" x 7" x 1"

NFS



***Summer Storm Over The
Ocean***

Watercolor

By: Patricia Stewart

11" x 15" x 1"

\$75.00



Floral #3

Watercolor

By: Caitilin Stolle

11" x 11" x 1"

\$900.00

CAITILIN STOLLE



Floral #4

Watercolor

By: Caitilin Stolle

17" x 17" x 1"

\$1,200.00

OW STOLLE



Old Friends

Watercolor

By: Annie Strack

16" x 12"

\$1,200.00



Into Darkness

Watercolor

By: Annie Strack

12" x 16"

\$1,600.00



Perfect Pair

Watercolor

By: Tara Sweeney

11" x 15"

\$1,300.00



OB Triage

Watercolor

By: Barbara Van Eeckhout

21.5" x 20.5"

\$800.00



Comet

Watercolor

By: Melissa Van

Egdom

22" x 22" x 1"

NFS



***Enlightened
Curiosity***

Watercolor

By: Melissa Van
Egdom

22" x 30" x 1"

NFS



Millie the Macaw

Watercolor

By: Jill Wageman

16" x 12"

\$1,200.00



Lilacs

Watercolor

By: Linda Webster

8" x 10"

\$150.00



***Farming a Sunrise,
Daybreak***

Watercolor

By: Art Weeks

9" x 12"

\$600.00



Minnesota North Shore

Reflections

Watercolor

By: Art Weeks

9.5" x 12.5"

\$800.00



The Village Church
Watercolor & Gouache
By: Roxanne Weymouth
14" x 10.5"
NFS



Casa Cactus Chicago

Watercolor

By: Roxanne Weymouth

10.5" x 9.5"

NFS



Spring in Minneapolis

Watercolor & Pen

By: Alyssa Whetstone

7" x 5"

NFS



After Dinner Stroll

Watercolor

By: Ann Wolfe

14" x 10"

\$300.00



Snow Storm
Homage
Watercolor
By: Ann Wolfe
10" x 14"
NFS



Sunrise Surf

Watercolor

By: Mary Zadach

10" x 14.5"

NFS



Morning Grackle

Watercolor

By: Mary Zadach

7" x 9.5"

NFS

Thank You

Thank you to all of the artists who submitted such outstanding work to this year's exhibition—we are truly grateful for your time, talent, and dedication. We extend our sincere appreciation to juror David R. Becker for his exceptional judging and thoughtful jurying, and to Rick Mittelstadt for his invaluable assistance with CaFE administration. The NorthStar Watermedia Society looks forward to continuing our national juried exhibition next year and to seeing more incredible work from this vibrant community.

Warm regards,
Erin Burton - NSWS President



The End

The words "The End" are written in a highly decorative, white cursive script. The letters are thick and feature elaborate flourishes, particularly in the 'T', 'E', and 'L'. The text is set against a solid black background and is embellished with numerous small, bright white starburst or sparkle effects scattered around the letters, giving it a magical or celebratory appearance.