



## Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society

Founded in 1980, the Society's primary aim is to promote, teach and exhibit TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR. We have two member shows each year. We sponsor a WATERMEDIA show every spring and a juried TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR show every fall.

### Fall 2026 Juried Members' Watercolor Exhibition Oct 9 – Nov 13, 2026

The Exhibition will be at the WNY Artists' Group Gallery from October 9 – November 13, 2026. The juror of Awards Has yet to be determined.

**WNY Artists' Group Gallery,**  
One Linwood Ave.  
Buffalo NY 14209 716-885-2251

**Gallery Hours**  
Tues – Fri: 11 – 5 PM.  
Sat: 11 – 3 PM

**Awards:** Cash Prizes totaling over \$1200 are awarded; the Award for First Place being \$400.

**Online Submissions:** Use the form on the **NFWS Website** at [www.nfws.org](http://www.nfws.org)

- **Online Submissions Begin** Wednesday, July 1, 2026
- **Online Submissions Deadline** Sunday Aug 9, 2026

#### **Mailed Submissions:**

- **Mailed Submission Deadline** Wednesday Aug 6, 2026
- **Submission Form** Use the form included in this prospectus

**The Non-Refundable Submission Fee of \$35, for up to two paintings, can be paid through the Web site when applying online or by mail:** Make checks payable to: NIAGARA FRONTIER WATERCOLOR SOCIETY. Send payment and your Entry Form to:

Barbara Billittier  
6 Hemlock Lane  
Lancaster, NY 14086.

#### **Important Information and Dates:**

- **Notifications of Acceptance Sent** August 22-24, 2026
- **Image Submission** By August 6 to Carol Siracuse at [csir@me.com](mailto:csir@me.com)
- **Art Drop-Off** at the WNYAG Gallery on Oct 3, 2026 11 AM-1 PM
- **Send Shipped Paintings to** Barbara Billittier, 6 Hemlock Ln, Lancaster, NY 14086
- **Shipping Deadline** Must be received by Sept 30, 2026
- **Reception & Award Presentation** Saturday Oct 24, 2026 12 – 1:30 PM
- **Pick Up Artworks** Saturday Nov 14, 2026 11 AM – 1 PM

**READ THIS PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY. Failure to follow NFWS Conditions and Rules  
may lead to disqualification of your entry.**

## **Conditions and Rules:**

**Members may submit two (2) painting(s).**

**Eligibility:** Entry is open to all members of the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, 18 years of age and older. All entries must be original works which have not been entered in any previous NFWS Show. **Copies or work done in a supervised workshop are not acceptable.**

**Media:** Works submitted must be transparent watercolor applied on a single sheet of 100% cotton rag, free of embedded materials. Use of graphite pencil is limited to planning marks. All watercolor media used, (i.e., standard tube and pan watercolors, liquid watercolor, watercolor pencil, watercolor crayon, watercolor stick) should be able to be rehydrated. Use of the following will not be accepted: Yupo, rice paper, board or canvas, white pigment, acrylic, gouache, graphite, ink, pastel, charcoal, conte, gel pen, collage or surface construction. Non-adherence to the media requirements established by the Society in this prospectus disqualifies the work based on the final decision reached by the exhibition screening committee.

**Originality:** Your entry must be an original work of art, painted only by you, and not produced in a workshop. The artwork may not be a copy or likeness of another's work (i.e. painting, drawing, photograph, digital image or print), including published source or reference material not attributable to the artist. Photo reference material must be by you, the artist, or from a permission-granted photo taken by others.

## **How to Enter:**

• **Fill out the form below or use the online form on the NFWS website.** The online Submission Form is accessed on our website [www.nfws.org](http://www.nfws.org). On the top navigation bar, follow the link from the Exhibitions drop down menu to the Call for Work page. Mailed submissions must be received by **Wednesday Aug 6, 2026.**

• **Prepare Digital Images of Paintings:** Digital images must be of professional quality, showing only the painted image, less the matt and frame. Have your paintings photographed and saved to files with the following specifications--JPEG format with a minimum of 1800 pixels on the longer side. This file size should be minimum 1-2 MB. The images will be used to qualify paintings for this juried show. They could also be used to create the postcard, the program, and to publicize the exhibition on the website, in our social media pages, and to announce the award winners.

• **Image File Name:** Label the digital image of the painting(s) you have provided to NFWS for it's use in this exhibition with your initials (first, middle and last), followed by the title of the painting, and the unframed size (12x15).

**Example:** DRM\_View from Three Sisters\_12x15.jpg.

Submit the image(s) using the online form or by email by sending to **Carol Siracuse** at [csir@me.com](mailto:csir@me.com)

**Mail Your Payment or Pay Online:** The non-refundable submission fee of \$35 can be paid online from the Submission Form link on the Call for Work page on the NFWS website. If you choose to pay by check (U.S. Funds only), send your check for \$35 to the address listed above. Your submission fee covers up to two paintings. We welcome new members. Membership in NFWS is \$45.00 per year. If you enter by mail and wish to join NFWS, you may include this fee on a separate check with your show registration. You can also become a member and pay online by going to the Membership page on our website.

**Framing Requirements:** Framed Paintings must have a professional appearance and be free from damage or blemishes. Diptychs, etc. should be in one frame. Improperly framed paintings will NOT be hung.

- **Framing Material:** Simple profile is encouraged.
- **Hanging Wire:** Required on all paintings. No saw tooth hangers permitted.
- **Glazing:** All paintings must be glazed with either Plexiglas/acrylic sheeting or Glass. Plexiglas or acrylic sheeting must be used for paintings larger than 16" x 20" framed size.
- **Mats:** A 2" minimum visible mat (5.08 cm) is recommended.
- **Mat Color:** Must be white or nearly white. Thin colored liners no wider than 1/4" are allowed.
- **Submission Size:** The size of any framed painting must not exceed 52" in any direction.

**Local Delivery of Paintings:** Drop off hand delivered paintings at the **WNY Artist Group Gallery** on **Saturday, Oct 3, 2026, 11 – 1 PM**. A timed drop off schedule will be sent to participating artists.

**Shipped paintings** must arrive by **Wednesday Sept 30, 2026**. All shipped entries must include return postage and a \$25.00 packing and handling fee.

**Sales: PLEASE NOTE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN SALES POLICY**

All submitted paintings must have a sale price noted. NFS (not for sale is no longer an option) NFWS is aware that the strength of the arts community in WNY is not only based on the participation of artists themselves but also the presence and health of the gallery community which supports us. Sales from shows such as ours are a lifeline to our galleries. The **WNY Artists' Group Gallery will charge 40% commission of the sale price on any sold paintings**. Prices CANNOT be changed once entry is submitted. **Please make a record of the sale price upon submission so there are no discrepancies when filling out paperwork at drop-off**. Payment to artists by the gallery is usually within 30 days of the gallery receiving full payment from the purchaser. Artwork is not released to the purchaser until the cost is paid in full.

**Return of Paintings:** No paintings may be released before the end of the show. Shipped paintings will be returned as soon after the close of the show as possible.

**Liability and Agreement:** Although the utmost care will be taken in handling the digital images and paintings, neither the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society nor the WNY Artists' Group Gallery will be responsible for damage or loss whatsoever the cause. Artists desiring to insure their work are advised to contact their insurance agent directly. By entering, the images and paintings are subject to the conditions set forth in the prospectus. The artist releases and discharges the officers of the NFWS and its representatives, employees, and assistants of the WNY Artists' Guild Gallery from any and all claims occasioned by damage/loss of said images or painting(s) while in the possession of the NFWS or the WNY Artists' Group Gallery. By completing this submission, either by mail or online, agreement to all provisions of the prospectus is given, as is the right to reproduce or photograph the work(s) for publicity and educational purposes. The artist also agrees that he/she confirms that the painting submitted complies with the Specifications outlined in this prospectus, and that the paintings cannot be removed before the closing of the exhibition.

**SUBMISSION FORM NFWS FALL 2026**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRYS**

**Please Note: This will be the title used in the exhibition catalogue and on the painting label in the exhibition.**

**Title 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Framed Size** \_\_\_\_\_

**Price** \_\_\_\_\_

I will email a digital image of my artwork. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Title 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Framed Size** \_\_\_\_\_

**Price** \_\_\_\_\_

I will email a digital image of my artwork. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**It is understood that by submitting his/her painting(s) either online through the NFWS website or by mail, the entrant has read and understood, and agrees to the conditions of the Prospectus and website directions put forth by the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society for this Fall 2026 Members Transparent Watercolor Exhibition.**

**Please note that you must bring the SAME WORK to the gallery that is LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM. SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE REJECTED!**

Prices CANNOT be changed once entry is submitted. Please make a record of the sale price upon submission so there are no discrepancies when filling out paperwork at drop-off.

Please attach both labels to the back of your painting, this will facilitate the hanging process for the WNY Artists' Group Gallery staff.

**Labels MUST be filled out completely and attached to paintings prior to arriving at the Gallery at your designated drop-off time.**

ENTRY (attach to back of painting)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever won a NFWS Award \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY (attach to back of painting)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever won a NFWS Award \_\_\_\_\_