



# Global Association of Watercolor Artists Presents

## **GAWA Annual International Watercolor Online Contest - 2019**

### **About the contest**

GAWA Annual International Watercolor Online Contest - 2019 is organized by Global Association of Watercolor Artists (GAWA). It's a great opportunity to showcase your artistic talent on an international level without the restrictions of specific size, theme or style. By participating in this prestigious juried contest you can win fabulous cash awards without the need of physically shipping your painting for the contest and online exhibition. Please see below the detailed guidelines to participate in this contest.

### **Contest Highlights**

- ✓ **The Awards** - GAWA Annual International Watercolor Online Contest - 2019 has 15 cash prize awards of total **US\$4200**.
- ✓ **It's Purely Online** - For participating in this contest and exhibition, you will need to upload images of your watercolor paintings. Physical shipping of your original paintings is not required.
- ✓ **Open for All** - For participating in this contest, you do not require GAWA membership. This contest is open for watercolor artists of all levels from any country around the world who are 18 years of age or older.

### **Award Categories**

- **Best of the show** : US\$800 + art materials + e-certificate
- **5 Best of Category Awards** : US\$500 + e-certificate each
  - Best portrait / figurative
  - Best landscape / cityscape / seascape
  - Best wildlife
  - Best still-life
  - Best floral / botanical

- **5 ‘Honorable Mention’ Awards** : US\$100 + art materials + e-certificate each
  - Best hyperrealistic painting
  - Best plein-air painting
  - Best abstract painting
  - Best miniature painting
  - Pushing the boundaries of watercolors
- **4 GAWA Special Recognition Awards for Upcoming Artists** : US\$100 + e-certificate each
  - Most versatile upcoming artist of the year
  - Judges choice award for outstanding composition
  - Judges choice award for technical excellence
  - Judges choice award for originality of concept
- **50 e-certificate awards for ‘Among the best’ category**

## The Jury Team

The online watercolor contest will be juried by the following eminent artists from different parts of the world.

- [Laurie Goldstein-Warren](#) (United States)
- [Meeta Dani](#) (India / Canada)
- [Ona Kingdon](#) (Canada / United Kingdom)
- [Richard Tiejun Chao](#) (China / Australia)

## The Jury Process

The applications that follow **all the guidelines** of the contest will be accepted into the contest. Email notifications will be sent to all the artists whose applications are accepted. The accepted entries will be announced on social media thru our Facebook page only.

The jury process will involve multiple rounds of evaluation based on pre-decided selection criteria. For each round of evaluation, the selected images will be reviewed independently by each juror. The selection criteria will be different for each round and for each category of awards. Only the best 65 paintings will be declared as winners. The winning paintings will be exhibited online on GAWA website. All winning artists will be sent email notification of the result once the jury process is over. The contest result will be declared on our [Facebook page](#), [Instagram page](#) and [GAWA website](#).

## **Contest Schedule:** (All timelines are in **PST**)

**5th March 2019** : Offline Submissions Start

**11th March 2019** : Online Submission Start

**31st May 2019** : Submissions deadline

**5th June** : Announcement of accepted entries for the contest

**15th June** : Announcement of the winners for the contest

**7th July onwards** : Online exhibition of the best 65 entries on GAWA website

## **Contest guidelines:**

Please know that by submitting into this contest you are giving your consent to agree and follow the below listed contest guidelines:

1. An artist participating in this contest must be **18 years** or older.
2. Paintings submitted in this contest must not be an award winning painting, nationally or internationally.
3. Paintings submitted in this contest must be made on or after **1st Jan 2016**.
4. No work previously exhibited with Global Association of Watercolor Artists may be submitted.
5. Each submitted image must be in **JPG** format, must not exceed **3MB** and minimum of **1800 pixels** on the longer side.
6. Applications submitted in offline mode via email must be in English.
7. An artist can submit upto **4 images** of watercolor paintings in this contest.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **1. What is the theme for the contest?**

There is no specific theme for this contest. An artist is free to select any subject of his/her choice.

### **2. How much is the contest submission fee?**

A non-refundable entry fee of US\$15 has to be paid for submitting one image. An artist can submit up to 3 additional images by paying US\$10 for each additional image.

### **3. What reference material can be used?**

The painting cannot be a copy of another artwork, or partially based on another artist's artwork or in anyway an infringement of copyright law. Painting based on reference image of another photographer will be accepted only if permission is granted by the photographer in written prior to making of the painting OR if the reference photograph is within the public domain. GAWA reserves the rights to reject entries that appear to be in direct violation of the copyright law.

Please note : If an artist breaches copyright law, they will be ineligible to participate in any contest or exhibitions conducted by GAWA for a period of 5 years.

### **4. What materials are allowed for creating a painting for this contest?**

All paintings must be done using transparent watercolor (90%) and should be painted in a transparent manner. The usage of gouache should not exceed 10%. Acrylic, egg-tempera, coffee, tea, fruit juice or any other medium is not permitted in this contest. Paintings done on paper, watercolor canvas, aquaboard, gesso coated paper, silk and yupo are all acceptable for the contest. Paintings done on any other substrate will not be accepted for the contest.

Please note : Paintings done digitally with the help of computer will not be accepted for the contest.

### **5. What are the restrictions on the image for submission?**

There is no size restriction on the painting. However, the file size of each submitted image of the painting should not exceed 3MB. Minimum of 1800 pixels on the longer side. Make sure that the image only shows the painting. Image must show complete painting and must show the signature of the artist over the painting. No digital enhancement is allowed. Image must be correctly oriented (vertical or horizontal)

Images submitted for the jury that are blurry, low resolution, poorly cropped, display a background/frame/mat, or wrongly oriented will not be accepted.

Please note : Images not following the above guidelines and quality specifications will be rejected without any refund.

### **6. How to name an image to be submitted?**

The name of the image should be Firstname\_Lastname\_Title of painting. The extension of the images submitted for the contest must be .jpg, or .gif

For e.g. George\_Smith\_The blue valley.jpg

## Terms & Conditions:

Please know that by submitting into this contest you are giving your consent to agree the following terms & conditions.

1. The juror's decision will be final; entry into this exhibition marks your acceptance of their decision.
2. Once you have successfully submitted your application by paying the contest submission fee you cannot make changes to your application details.
3. Due to the volume of entries, GAWA will not provide individual feedback on submissions.
4. The images submitted by the winning artists may be used by GAWA organization to promote future events and contests through their website, or any other social media pages.
5. If successful at jury, only one image per artist will be included in the contest for the final exhibition.
6. Your submission process will be considered complete only after the contest submission fee is paid.
7. Once the results have been declared, GAWA will give e-certificates to the winning artists. GAWA will not send hard copy of the certificates to the winners.

## Submission Process

Before submission, make sure that you have carefully read and understood all the guidelines and terms & conditions written in this document. You can submit your entries either **offline** or **online**.

**Contest Submission Fee:** This is a paid contest. For submitting image of one painting, the contest fee is **US\$15** USD. For submitting more images of paintings, **US\$10** per additional image will be charged. Contest submission fee is non-refundable.

### For online submission:

Online submissions will start from **11th March** onwards. You can submit your contest application online through our website [www.globalwatercolorartists.org](http://www.globalwatercolorartists.org)

Online submission will allow you to make the fee payment using paypal, mastercard or visa card.

### For offline submission:

Offline submissions will start from **5th March** onwards. To submit your entry offline, first you need to send your contest application to [gawa.staff@gmail.com](mailto:gawa.staff@gmail.com) with ALL the following details:

1. Your complete name : (This will be used for your e-certificate if you are among the 65 winners)

2. **Email address:** (This email address will be used for further communication if required)
3. **Country of origin:** (This country name will be mentioned in the e-certificate if you are among the 65 winners)
4. **Address of residence:** (This address will be used as specified for sending art material if you award includes any. This address must be complete and without any mistakes)
5. **Phone number:** (This contact number will be used for any future communication if required)
6. **Date of birth**
7. **Proof of age:** (attach an image of any photo identity card like driver's license, passport, etc. that proves that you are 18 years or older)
8. **Number of images you want to submit:** (maximum 4 images)
9. **Select mode of payment :** **1.** PayPal, Credit card or Debit card OR **2.** direct deposit of money in GAWA bank account
10. For each image please specify the following details in our email:
  - a. Title of painting
  - b. Year of completion
  - c. Painting width (in cm)
  - d. Painting height (in cm)
  - e. Short description about the painting (this is optional)

Take care to attach all the images to your email application before sending it to [gawa.staff@gmail.com](mailto:gawa.staff@gmail.com). Make sure that your email is in English, **all** the attached images are in **JPG** format and you have followed all the contest submission guidelines. Zipped file or JAR (compressed) file submitted via email will not be accepted.

### **How to make payment for offline submission?**

Once GAWA receives your offline submission email, you will receive email notification from The GAWA Support Team who will assist you to make the contest fee payment. Your offline submission process will be considered complete only after the contest fee is paid. You will receive a confirmation email of your payment once we receive your contest submission fee.

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**Best Wishes and Happy Painting!**