Qualifications for Signature Membership in New England Watercolor Society

Any artist residing in New England who has been accepted into four (4) New England Watercolor Society biennial exhibitions (one of which must be a NEWS North American Open show) can become a Signature Artist Member. **Acceptances into NEWS Gallery Exhibitions do not count towards qualifying entries for Signature Membership status.**

In addition to this, any artist who wins 3 Awards of Merit in a NEWS Gallery show, which includes NEWS Signature and Associate Members, will get to have that count as 1 regional show in the above requirements. This can only be used one time, and is retroactive to the beginning of the gallery shows in 2021. In this case, an artist would still have to be accepted into at least one North American open show, and two other Open Shows to achieve Signature Member Status.

There are currently 3 NEWS Gallery shows a year where this would apply.

Associate Memberships are available.
For information:
ams@newenglandwatercolorsociety.org

Please visit our website at:
newenglandwatercolorsociety.org

Liability

Neither the New England Watercolor Society nor the Plymouth Center for the Arts shall be held liable for any loss or damage.

Submissions

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NEW ENGLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
11 North Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Promoting Excellence in Aqua Media since 1885

GALLERY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE 2027

New England Watercolor Gallery
at Plymouth Center for the Arts
11 North Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

Jan - Feb: Wednesday - Saturday, 11am - 3pm
Sunday: 12 to 3
March - December: Wednesday - Saturday, 10am-4 pm
Sunday 1-4pm
Closed: December 23, 2026 to January 5th, 2027

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Juried Gallery Exhibition Schedule

Brushes With Nature Show- Jan 15-March 3
December 3,2026 - Entries Due
December 11 - Accepted works posted on the NEWS website
January 14, 2027 - Drop off, 12-2pm
March 4 - Pick Up, 12-2pm

Spring Into Art All Members Show- Mar 5- May 5
Feb 4 - Entries Due
Feb 12 - Accepted works posted on the NEWS website
March 4- Drop off, 12-2pm
May 6- Pick Up, 12-2pm

Works By Associate Members- May 7- July 7
April 1- Entries Due
April 9 - Accepted works posted on the NEWS website
May 6- Drop off, 12-2pm
July 8- Pick Up, 12-2pm

Works By Signature Members Show-July 9 -Sept 1
June 3- Entries Due
June 11- Accepted works posted on the NEWS website
July 8- Drop off, 12-2pm
September 2- Pick Up, 12-2pm

Celebrating New England All Members- Sep 3- Nov 3
July 29- Entries Due
August 6 -Works posted on the NEWS website
September 2- Drop off, 12-2pm
November 4 - Pick up, 12-2pm

All Members Watercolor Gone Wild! Nov 5 - Jan 12, 2028
September 30 - Entries Due
October 8-Accepted works posted on the NEWS website
November 4- Drop off, 12-2pm
January 13, 2028 - Pick Up, 12-2pm

NOTE: THIS SHOW HAS A SEPARATE PROSPECTUS

Eligibility

- Artists must be an Associate or Signature Member of NEWS to enter NEWS Gallery Exhibitions.
- All work must be painted with aqua media including watercolor, acrylic, casein, egg tempera, gouache and inks, and painted on unvarnished paper or paper such as Yupo. (**See website for complete allowed materials)**
- No photocopies, color laser prints, multiple prints, or computer generated work.
- Work may not have been created in a class or workshop under a teacher's supervision. **All entries must be original paintings created from the artist's own reference material—works based on others' photos, artwork, or other images are not eligible.**
- The Screening Committee has the right to refuse any painting that does not meet the stated specifications or is not accurately represented by the image submitted.
- **All work must be for sale.**
- No changes in pricing information may be made after
- acceptance.
- Art may not be withdrawn early.
- Art may be taken at time of purchases; a replacement painting may be requested from the artist.
- Artwork may not have been exhibited in ANY past New England Watercolor Society exhibition.
- **SEE COMPLETE REGULATIONS ONLINE AT:**
- **https://newenglandwatercolorsociety.org/exhibitions-howto.html**

Submission of Entries

- Submit images and pay entry fee online via **https://client.smarterentry.com/NEWS**
- Submit your image files not greater than 4MB. The image should not be less than 2000 pixels on the longest side.

Entry Fees

NEWS Members and Associate Members
$20 one entry, $25 two entries, $30 three entries. Entry fees are collected at the time of entering images. Please be sure your membership dues are paid for the year before entering

Notification of Acceptance & Awards

All NEWS Gallery exhibits will be juried for 3 $100 Awards of Merit as noted

Framing of Accepted Work

Paintings must be framed. Work may be floated within the frame, or presented with a single or double mat. Any frames or mats should be in harmony with the artwork. Work must be wired with no wire or hanger showing when hung. Work must be glazed under Plexiglas or similar clear acrylic surface. No glass. No unglazed work accepted. No saw-tooth hangers. Frames, Plexi and mat must be clean and in excellent shape.
Work not conforming to regulations WILL NOT BE EXHIBITED. **Size limitation of 30" in width, not a fraction more, based on outside measurement of frame.**

Delivery of Accepted Work

Hand delivered artwork must be received during specified hours, unless arranged with the NEWS Gallery Coordinator ahead of time See schedule on left, and complete details on website.
Shipped works must be received prior to drop off date, have a prepaid return postage label and a NEWS@PCA form enclosed. Please ship works to NEWS Gallery, 11 North St, Plymouth, MA 02360

Sales

A 40% commission will be retained by NEWS to be split with PCA on all sales. Paintings will be sold at the price originally stated. No changes will be accepted. No Price On Request (POR) and no Not For Sale (NFS).

Return of Work

Work must be picked up at the PCA following the show at the stated pick up date, unless arranged ahead of time. Shipped works will be repacked and returned to the shipper after the exhibition.

Note

It is the obligation of artists to exhibit accepted works. NEWS and PCA reserve the right to photograph or use digital images for publicity purposes. Acceptances into NEWS Gallery Shows do not count towards qualifying entries for Signature Membership status.