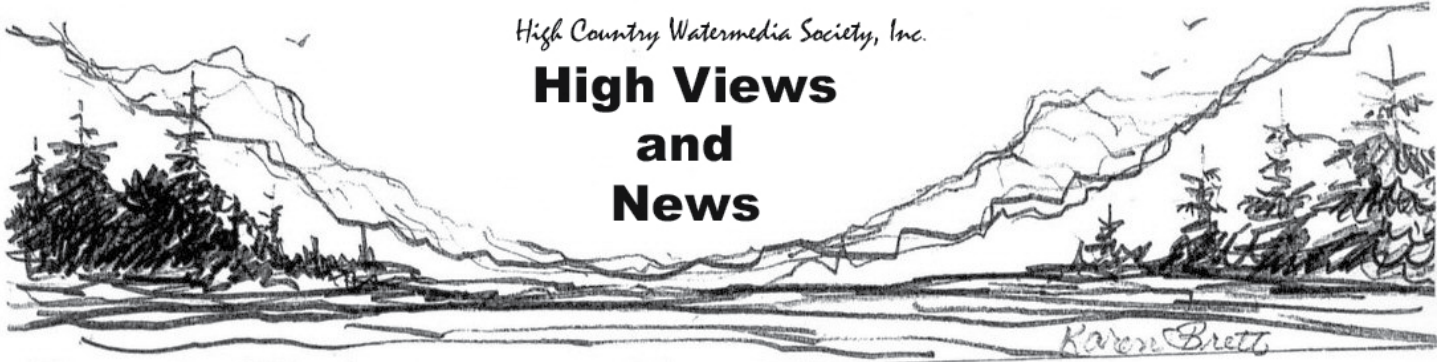


# High Views and News



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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome all to another exciting season for HCWS! I don't know about the rest of you, but I am experiencing white fatigue! Unable to jet to the south of France or fly to tropical Costa Rica, I had the opportunity to experience way more snow than I find enchanting. In my studio, I found myself painting wintery landscapes and snowy scenes...funny how that works.

I am ready for spring—the riot of colors, rich textures, intricate patterns, fresh, fragrant scents. We are so fortunate to live in this magnificent area offering so many resources for our artistic expression. For me, art and nature are fundamentally linked. My studio is filled with the art of nature... delicately crinkled tree bark, sun bleached sea shell fragments, fragile Chestnut leaf skeletons, a bright blue feather from our neighboring Bluebirds. I find inspiration in Mother Nature's creations and often her creations find their way into my artwork, sometimes directly!

We have some super new workshop offerings this year thanks to our talented workshop coordinator Nell Kline. Also, I am proud to let you know that

the first part of our web site is up and running. Visit us at [www.highcountrywatermediasociety.com](http://www.highcountrywatermediasociety.com). We have grown so much since our founding members created HCWS. As always, we are so grateful for this magnificent meeting space provided by our friends at Cheap Joe's. I feel fortunate to be a part of such a talented and supportive community of artists.

So look around you and draw inspiration from our beautiful surroundings and artful friends.

*"Art is everywhere, except it has to pass through a creative mind."*

—Louise Nevelson

Happy Creating!!!!

*Cathy Taylor*



*Raney Rogers Demo Artist for May*

Raney Rogers has been working as a professional artist for over 30 years and opened the Acorn Gallery in West Jefferson nineteen years ago. Rogers has traveled extensively to paint plein air and teaches workshops throughout the US. Her work is in private and corporate collections throughout the world, has been included in numerous publications and won many awards.

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This workshop will reflect Raney's passion for life, the creative process and encouragement for each artist to pursue their own style and technique for painting landscapes, seascapes, animals, people and still life. Raney paints with watercolors, oils, acrylics and pastels and her subject matter is as varied. She will guide you through the creative process using your favorite photos and, if the weather permits, views from the porch at Cheap Joes. The class will use pencil thumbnails to create dramatic compositions and the impact of color to emphasize the subject in your painting. Raney will share observations about technique, tips for specific effects and evaluation of the painting process as well as a final critique of the day's results.

Workshop participants will also enjoy a taste of Raney's chocolate truffles from the Purple Chocolatier for extra energy through the afternoon.

#### materials...

- your favorite photos for reference
- choice of medium and appropriate tools
- support
- paper towels

## WORKSHOPS

Dear High Country Watermedia Society Members:

I hope you are having a pleasant winter - it has certainly been a cold one here! All the more reason to look forward to spring and a new round of watercolor workshops in Boone.

Our schedule has been confirmed and I wanted you to have an opportunity to sign up early and reserve your spot. Our workshops are a bargain at \$30.00, so sign up soon and often!

I look forward to hearing from you. Please note my new e-mail address [nellkline@gmail.com](mailto:nellkline@gmail.com)  
828-295-0606 home  
504-296-0145 cell

Sincerely,

*Nell Kline*

## 2010 SCHEDULE

May 8	Raney Rogers acorngallery.com
June 12	Jane Slivka janeslivkagallery.com
July 19	Susan Crouch susancrouch.com
August 14	Jeffrey Jakub jeffjakub.com
September 11	Wes Waugh weswaugh.com
October 9	Cathy Taylor ctaylorart.citymax.com

All HCWS Meetings are held at  
Cheap Joe's 9:30 AM--Noon  
Workshops begin at 1PM



## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Your place at a workshop is guaranteed only upon receipt of payment. The workshop fee is nonrefundable, but in exceptional cases one may appeal to the Board for a refund. If one decides not to attend a workshop in which he/she has a guaranteed position, he/she can secure a substitute attendee and collect the appropriate fee from that person.

Workshop fees (only) may be paid to Nell at a general meeting or mailed to her at 7041 Globe Road, Lenoir, NC 28645.

Make checks payable to HCWS. Note on your check the titles of the workshop of workshops for which you are paying.

Send a phone number and e-mail address along with the check.

## MINUTES-OCTOBER 2009

Cathy Taylor opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Refreshments were tasty. Thank you Inge, Jan and the providers. We have had the best food this year, yea!!!

We had one visitor, Bev Wolfe and a new member, Carol Bryant. Last month's minutes were okayed.

Treasurer's report---\$3.614.00.

We still need someone to do the Archives for next year. Bea Bumgarner has been doing them for a loooong time.

The proposed change for price increase is just a \$5.00 raise for workshops and no change at this time for dues. Non members will be charged \$75.00 for workshops.

A golden retriever of good character and charm needs a home and new parents. Please call 260-2166, Colette.

Norma Suddreth was the winner of the work shop which will be chosen through a drawing each year at the last meeting The winner has a choice of any of Cheap Joe's workshops in the coming year.

Cathy T. has another article coming out in *Cloth, Paper, Scissors* magazine in January. Way to go, pres!!!

Nell introduced Pat Weaver, incredible teacher, resident and former mayor of Dade City, FL.

Respectfully submitted by Vaun Healey

## HCWS Board – 2010

### *OFFICERS (elected by the membership)*

#### **President**

Cathy Taylor 828-759-1427

#### **Vice President:**

Bettie Bond, 828-264-4275

#### **Secretary**

Vaundel Healey, 828-758-2058

#### **Treasurer**

Nancy Underwood 336-957-3935

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#### **Newsletter**

Beth Andrews 336-877-9317

#### **Programs**

Nell Kline 828-295-0606

#### **Jone's House Exhibit**

Gail Champion 828 295-9786

### ***We need a web mistress/master.***

Our web site is.....

[www.highcountrywatermediasociety.com](http://www.highcountrywatermediasociety.com)



### **MAKE YOUR OWN NAMETAG!**

At the start of each HCWS meeting, there is always a crowd trying to find their nametag. After the meeting, some folks forget to return them. The board made a decision at the last meeting that will create faster checking in at meetings... we are requesting that members make, keep and bring their own nametags to meetings. So put your creativity in gear, and make an amazing, creative nametag!

### Coffee Cup Alert:

Remember,  
there will be  
a fee of 10 cents  
for each  
Styrofoam cup used.

Please bring your own cup  
and help save the environ-  
ment! Thanks for a great  
start last year!

## HCWS Scholarship Endowment Report

No funds were awarded during 2009. There were no applicants despite efforts to promote the awards by website, paper, and personal calls. Bettie Bond and the Scholarship Committee urge every member to talk this program up in your community. The good news is that the funds not awarded will continue to draw interest and build the fund's balance.

In April 2010, a grant application from The Children's Playhouse in Boone, NC was approved by the board. The Children's Playhouse's request was for funding to buy art supplies for their art room for 6 months. The Playhouse offers 4-5 art activities daily including painting, drawing and collage. Over the course of 1 year they provide 850 hours of access to open-ended art projects, Tuesday - Saturday, 50 weeks per year.

The grant will enable them to purchase high quality supplies for the children and possibly create a piece for inclusion in a Turchin exhibit. You can visit their website to find out more about their services.

[www.goplayhouse.org](http://www.goplayhouse.org).

## Memorial Gifts and Donations

If you would care to remember a loved one, or to make a gift in honor of some one, make out your check to the "Watauga County Community Foundation" specifying that it is for the HCWS Endowment in memory, or honor of, the person you name. Send the check to P.O.Box 2851, Hickory NC 28603. For credit card contributions, call (888)375-8117.

This is our society's endowment. Contributions are tax deductible. You will receive a receipt for your taxes whenever you contribute to this fund. If you would like someone notified of your gift, please include their name and address.

## Milestones— Personal & Artistic

**Cathy Taylor** will be teaching three workshops this summer:

### *Art and Soul Retreats*

Hampton VA

Sat May 22

### *Anthologies Workshop Art in the Mountains*

Bend OR,

July 5-10

[www.artinthemountains.com](http://www.artinthemountains.com)

### *Mixed Media and Collage*

Cheap Joe's

July 19-23

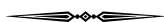
*All Mixed Up Media*, Cathy Taylor's DVD on Watercolor Collage is out and available for \$30

**Norma Suddreth** is donating her Cheap Joe's Scholarship (which includes a workshop and \$150 worth of supplies) as a raffle prize for the NC Watercolor Society....super generous.

### **Marsha Holmes, Tara Belk and Beth Andrews**

continue their traveling exhibit "Sisters on a Journey: The Art of Sisterhood" with an exhibit in North Wilkesboro at Wilkes Art Gallery. The opening Reception is Friday, April 23 and will be on exhibit until June 7. This collection originally

was shown in 2009 at Jones House in Boone, NC. Since then it has traveled to Ashe County Arts Center in West Jefferson, and to Jailhouse Gallery in Morganton. With each exhibit, paintings have sold and new work has been added to this evolving collection.  
[www.wilkesartgallery.org](http://www.wilkesartgallery.org).



**Dottie McHugh** died of lung cancer late last fall, October 29, 2009. Dottie was a great addition to the art community in Hickory. If she told you she would help with something or be involved with something, you could count on her. She was probably one of the most creative people I have ever known, as well as being a very good friend.

She loved teaching children and adults the basics of painting acrylics and collage and oil. Her latest work was very bright and very abstract, a testament to her outlook on life. She loved color! You could always count on her love of color to transfer to her personality, and even to the clothes and jewelry she wore! When Dottie walked in a room, the whole room would light up. She was light-hearted and friendly and had a great sense of humor. We have lost a wonderful asset to the art community and also a true friend. We all really miss her.

*Judy Ryder*



**Dues are due.** Please pay Nancy Underwood at a meeting or send a check payable to HCWS.

### HIGH COUNTRY WATERMEDIA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES CATEGORIES ANNUALLY:**

***Active Member Categories*** (please check one)

Individual \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Patron \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Honorary (granted only by the Board)

***Inactive Member Categories***

Benefactor \$101 - \$499 \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \$500 - \$999 \_\_\_\_\_

Golden \$1,000 and over \_\_\_\_\_

***Please get involved with our society and help it grow!*** I would like to help with:

Refreshments  Publicity  Newsletter

Membership  Exhibitions  Sale Shows

Advertisements  History  Contributions

Photographs  Future Programs

Other projects (suggest one) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the Board. My area of expertise is \_\_\_\_\_

***Please send your dues to:***

High Country Watermedia Society, PO Box 2254,  
 Boone, NC 28607.



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*Please let us know if you  
 change your address.*

Newsletter Director  
 Beth Andrews  
 beth@artlifehealth.com

## FAVORITES...

### BOOKS, QUOTES, ETC

**Coaching the Artist Within: Advice for Writers, Actors, Visual Artists, and Musicians** from America's Foremost Creativity Coach ~ Ph.D. Eric Maisel.



"If you wait for a better time to create, better than this very moment, if you wait until you feel settled, divinely inspired, perfectly centered, unburdened of your usual worries, or free of your own skin....forget about it. You will still be waiting tomorrow and the next day, wondering why you never managed to begin."

*"You must be able to create in the middle of things, or else you will not create."*

*-Eric Maisel*

## Welcome Back HCWS Artists

### Blue Ridge Art Sampler Workshops!

JUNE 17-19, 2010 • BOONE, NC

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Call 800-227-2788 to sign up today. Spaces are limited!



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