

Valerie Larsen, N.W.S.

Artist Statement

Like a journalist, I look for the slant in which the important elements of a painting can be woven together into a cohesive and meaningful story. Each work is a decision making process with preliminary drawings and color studies to resolve the composition, design, technique, and even style choices to communicate more clearly the essential ideas of the painting. There is an invitation for the viewer to enter the scene without a personal editorial.



MoMA in Motion, Gouache

Resume

Valerie Larsen is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and a member of the Watercolor USA Honor Society. She has participated in numerous national exhibitions.

American Watercolor Society

Watercolor U.S.A. [Paul A. Dufour Memorial Award '10], '08

Adirondack National Exhibition of American Watercolors '10, '09 [Adirondack Express Award '08]

North West Watercolor Society [Third Place Award]

National Watercolor Society Exhibitions

Art League of Hilton Head National Exhibition

Pikes Peak Watercolor Society Watermedia XVI [Honorable Mention]

Baltimore Watercolor Society [Potomac Valley Watercolorists Award '09, Fritz Briggs Award '08]

Rhode Island Watercolor Society '09, [Third Place '08]

San Diego Watercolor Society's International Exhibition

Salmagundi Club Juried Exhibition for Non-members

Georgia Watercolor Society [Canson Fine Paper Award]

Taos National Watercolor Society

Transparent Watercolor Society

Louisiana Watercolor Society International Exhibition

Her work appears in *Splash 11*, *New Directions*, 2010, and *Splash 10*, *Passionate Brushstrokes*, Northlight Books, 2008. She teaches regional workshops, has been an instructor of watercolor at the Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Rochester, and has been an artist-in-residence at Artisan Works from 1998-2004.

Valerie has a studio and galley space in the Anderson Arts Building, located in the Neighborhood of the Arts featuring four floors of art and culturally related studios. Visit www.andersonalleyartists.com

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