

Florence artist receives WSO Award of Distinction

FLORENCE — Kathryn Damon-Dawson's painting, "Sea Change," received the Award of Distinction at Watercolor Society of Oregon, Fall 2015, conference and exhibition.

Ratindra Das, of Chicago by way of India, juried the show and critiqued the award winning paintings. He called "Sea Change" a bold painting by a daring artist.

WSO members in Hermiston, Ore., hosted the conference. At the Awards Banquet, Damon-Dawson received a Gold Award for outstanding accomplishment in watercolor painting in accordance with the guidelines set forth by WSO.

During the WSO membership business meeting, Damon-Dawson was elected to a three-year term of leadership: first year as vice-president, second as president and third as past-president, fall 2015 through fall 2018.

Watercolor Society of Oregon is a 50-year-old nonprofit organization created for the purpose of furthering interest

in watermedia and providing educational opportunities for both members and oth-

ers interested in the creation and appreciation of the visual arts.



COURTESY PHOTO

Florence artist and newly elected WSO vice-president Kathryn Damon-Dawson with her award-winning watercolor, "Sea Change"

WSO's fall and spring conferences and exhibitions are held all over the State of Oregon where members are willing and able to be hosts.

It was hosted in Florence in the Fall 2000, with Kari Mais as chairwoman, and again in Fall 2008, with Damon-Dawson and Jane Rincon as co-chairs.

WSO conferences are scheduled for the next three years for spring and fall 2016-2018, with the upcoming spring conference in Silverton at Oregon Gardens.

WSO is a member of Western Federation of Watercolor Societies. WFWS members will join WSO members in Eugene, Ore., in Spring 2017.

The Schnitzer Museum of Arts will host both juried shows.

Anyone interested in joining WSO, either as an active member as a watermedia painter, or as a subscriber member, can visit www.watercolorsocietyoforegon.com.

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