



AWS stands for “Art Workshop of Western Sonoma County” and was founded in 1965. Our website is [awsomeart.org](http://awsomeart.org). Our 2023 President is Judy Goldberg: [jmg@myriadnet.com](mailto:jmg@myriadnet.com).

**MEETINGS** – Third Thursday of each month at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 282 S High St, Sebastopol, CA. *Exceptions are the June picnic (outdoor location) & December holiday party, which replace the regular meeting.*

- 12:00 to 12:30 - Sign-in, Potluck lunch & mingle
- 12:30 to 1:15 - Members’ business meeting & art share
- 1:30 to 2:45 - Presentation or demo by guest artist or member, critiques, etc.
- Ideas for a demonstrator? Contact **Vice President Lonna Necker**: [lonna@sonic.net](mailto:lonna@sonic.net)

**Sign-in** - *Remember to sign in each month at the sign-in table*, noting attendance, potluck, and/or art brought in to share, as these tallies go toward **Apple Blossom Show eligibility** (see below).

- Guest fee: \$5.00, which may be applied toward membership

**Potluck** - Please deliver your luncheon contribution (for 12 people) by noon. Set-up is by our Hospitality Committee.

- Write your name on bottom of serving container (if not to be discarded). Easy-to-serve items are best.
- Indicate on the list at the buffet table that you have brought your contribution (*Yes, there AND at the check-in table*).
- At the far end of the buffet table is the Food Sign-up for the following meeting.
- If you’d like to bring your own silverware/place setting you are welcome to. Please dispose/recycle trash properly.

**Monthly Raffle** - Get lucky and win a \$15 gift certificate to RileyStreet Art Supply in Santa Rosa!

- Raffle tickets are sold by a volunteer at the check-in table; tickets are \$1 (6 for \$5).
- Raffle volunteer sign-up for the following month is at the end of buffet table, on the Food Sign-up sheet.

**Art Share** - Due to space constraints, members are asked to bring no more than ONE work of art per meeting to share, whether it is a **Monthly Prompt** (*suggested* theme or subject matter to inspire you) or other recent artwork.

**MEMBERSHIP** – **Membership Chair Lorraine Stribling**: [lorrainestribling@comcast.net](mailto:lorrainestribling@comcast.net)

- Please wear your name badge at each meeting.
- To order a name badge, give fee (appx \$12) and order form to **Treasurer Patty Bird**: [patty.bird@yahoo.com](mailto:patty.bird@yahoo.com)

**Dues** - \$40, to be paid in November/December for the coming year. Deadline: January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues for joining during the year are adjusted as follows:

- January - March, dues are \$40
- April-June, dues are \$30
- July-September, \$20
- October-December, \$10

**New Members** - Soon after joining, new members are invited to share a bit about themselves and show recent work.

**Roster** - A roster of all members with contact information is maintained by the Membership Chair; contact her for the latest roster.

**Facebook** - Located at the back of the meeting room, this is a helpful tool to learn everyone’s name/face. We strive to be a welcoming group of active members.

**AWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - The strength and continuity of this organization is 100% dependent on volunteers who serve on the Board and in other appointed positions. Long time and recent members are sought to serve on it.

- The Board includes President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, Communications (Newsletter/Website), Hospitality (Potluck setup), and Historian), and the Past President. Members of the Board are elected in November of the prior year to serve the following year.

- Anyone is welcome to attend Board meetings, which start at 10:30am on the third Thursday of the month.
- Our Constitution is available at bottom link on <https://www.awsomeart.org/board-of-directors>

### APPLE BLOSSOM SHOW – 2024 ABS Chair Linda Reid: [lindalreid100@gmail.com](mailto:lindalreid100@gmail.com)

- This major art show & sale is produced by AWS each year in conjunction with Sebastopol's Apple Blossom Festival, held in April. It takes place in the large rear room of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts.  
Learn more: [www.awsomeart.org/apple-blossom-show](http://www.awsomeart.org/apple-blossom-show)
- There is an entry fee per piece and size limitation (total entries together must fit within a specified amount of space).
- A professional judge selects the Best in Show, the Founders' Award, and winners in each media category. The cash awards and ribbons are presented at the following AWS meeting, and two Popular Vote winners are announced.
- A 25% sales commission is retained by AWS on any sales.

**Members are eligible** to enter who have paid their dues and have met the requirements\* below:

JOINED January-March	6 meetings ... 4 works of art ... food 3 times
JOINED April-June	4 meetings ... 3 works of art ... food 3 times
JOINED July-September	3 meetings ... 2 works of art ... food 3 times
JOINED October-December	2 meetings ... 1 work of art ... food 1 time

*\*Note: the December holiday party and June picnic do count for attendance, but not for art work or food.*

**Requirements are tallied starting in April and go through February of the following year, the year of the ABS.** (Someone who joins in February or March would not be eligible for that year's ABS.) Updated tallies are listed on the right side of the sign-in sheet each month. Any discrepancies should be brought to the Membership Chair for a review of the monthly sign-ins.

**Participation** in production of the ABS is also required. Choosing from a range of committees, participants will also complete several volunteer hours to make the show happen, and are expected to publicize the show. It is a great opportunity to meet other members and step into a leadership role as a committee chair.

### VENUES PROGRAM – Venues Coordinator Deni Marrone: [denijomarrone@gmail.com](mailto:denijomarrone@gmail.com)

- This is a benefit for members to show (and sell) their art work in local restaurants and businesses as a part of our community service.
- Read the **Venues Info Sheet** completely and *visit the venue* before signing up with the Venues Coordinator, who can answer any questions. Info sheet link at bottom of page: [www.awsomeart.org/other-aws-venues](http://www.awsomeart.org/other-aws-venues)
- Shows hang for two months. No commission is taken on sales.

### GRAVENSTEIN FAIR – 2023 Chair Carol Mills: [carolmills202@gmail.com](mailto:carolmills202@gmail.com)

- AWS members have in the past displayed and sold their work at the Gravenstein Fair, which takes place in August in Ragle Park, Sebastopol. There is an entry fee and artists must be present during the two-day event. A 20% sales commission is split between AWS and Farm Trails, sponsor of the Fair. Check the June newsletter for latest information.

### NEWSLETTER – Editor Gail Mardfin: [gail@plpgraphicdesign.com](mailto:gail@plpgraphicdesign.com)

- AWS publishes a monthly online newsletter that keeps everyone informed and involved. It is sent via email usually by the first of the month.
- To have your announcements or artwork appear in the next newsletter, send a clear, squarely-taken image (along with your name, title, dimensions (HxW), and medium) to the Editor by *Wednesday of the week following the monthly meeting*.

### WEBSITE – Web designer Gail Mardfin: [gail@plpgraphicdesign.com](mailto:gail@plpgraphicdesign.com)

- [www.awsomeart.org](http://www.awsomeart.org) is robust with information, artwork, and links to 12 months of past newsletters.
- A benefit of being a member is having a link to a **Member Artist Page**, displaying three of your art pieces and your website, if applicable. These pages are created/updated twice a year, in June and December.  
Visit [www.awsomeart.org/members-artwork](http://www.awsomeart.org/members-artwork)