MWS Online Active Member Gallery Page: www.madisonwatercolorsociety.org
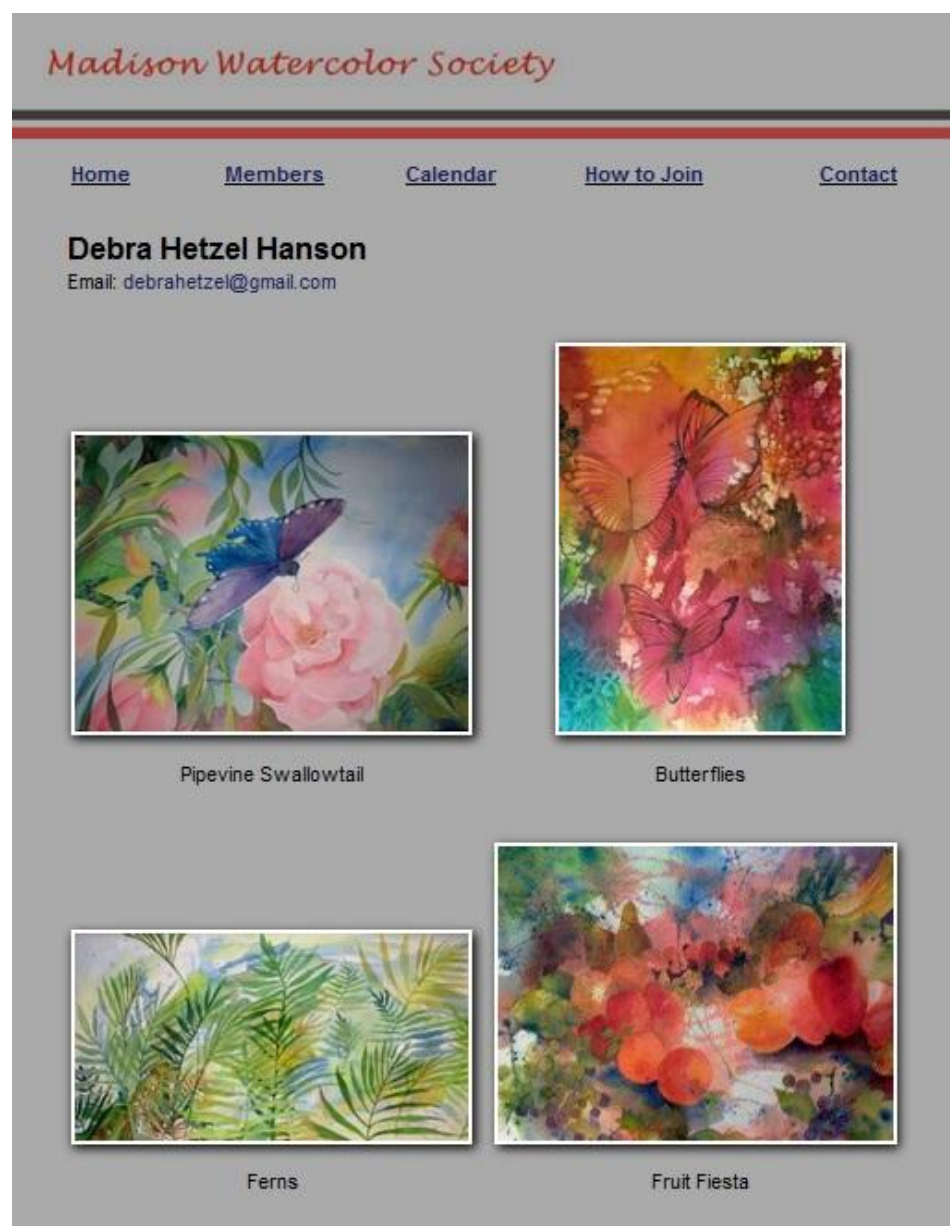
Gene Hanson: webmaster.

Ready to Update? You Can!

Your gallery page can showcase up to 4 of your watercolor images   Use the simple directions below if:

1. You don't have a gallery page and would like me to set one up for you, or
2. You already have a gallery page, but want to change some or all of the images

If you have your own website, I suggest that I link your name listed on the Members page to your website.   Got questions? Please email me! genohanson@aol.com

Setting up or Revising your Gallery Page:

Here is an example of what a typical member page looks like on our website.

1. **How to Select Images**: As you can see in the example, our gallery page is like a wall and your 4 images are paintings hung as a group on that wall. Choose images that complement and balance the space in terms of shape and orientation (vertical vs. horizontal), value, subject matter, etc. For instance, a group made up of 3 vertical images and one horizontal is less balanced than 2 verticals and 2 horizontals or even 2 verticals and one horizontal. Ask yourself: does this particular painting compliment the whole group or stick out.

2. **How to Submit the Images and Supporting Information:**

   a. Start with Good DIGITAL Images, Please! What you send me is what appears on your gallery page. I will not correct or edit your image! Do not give me blurry, uneven edges, photographed at an angle, washed out colors, wrinkled paper, glass reflections, ragged edges, mat board or frames showing. It is better to have just one nice image that speaks well to who you are as an artist than four poorly photographed images.

   b. Image Information: Include title of each piece and instructions for preferred location on your gallery page. i.e. Title: Dog and Child, upper right corner.

   c. Emailing Images:
      i. Email the image to genohanson@aol.com
      ii. For large files (each over 1MB), it is probably best to email each to me in separate emails. Some email servers have a limit as to file size.
      iii. Please note I resize large images to under 75KB before putting on the website. Smaller images help to download the gallery page faster so the viewer doesn't have to wait. Also, if someone tries to "steal" the image off the website by copying it the digital copy will be very low quality. But keep in mind it is better to send me a large image. Resizing is easy for me to perform.
      iv. Image types. JPGs are preferred, but we can also accept GIF, BMP, PNG, or TIF.

   d. Email Address on Your Gallery Page: Optional: Let me know if you want your email address on your gallery page. I will not put it on without your approval!

   e. Unless you tell me otherwise, I will publish your images on the website the moment I'm finished. But keep in mind they're quite easily edited so if there's anything either wrong, not what you'd like/expected so want corrections, you can contact me. Otherwise, you will have the opportunity to preview and edit your gallery page before finalizing.