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In this time of the COVID-19 Virus, the Georgia Watercolor Society is presenting a new type of Member Show. All those, who have entered the show, will have their work represented. This is our way for members to have a positive memory of this time. Some artists sent 3 images of their paintings to be considered, others sent one or two pieces of work. All work was looked at very carefully, many times. Only one piece of art was selected, regardless of the number of pieces entered.

I love the painting process. For me, the journey is the best part. Congratulations to those who entered. Never be afraid to enter. I have had paintings that received a high award in one show, be rejected from another show. Some artists have travelled farther. With desire and hard work great things are possible.

I think it is a good show. For those who entered more than one piece, I would like to have taken more than one. I tried to make my selections so there is a varied show. Be sure you have good values. In many cases, paintings are not selected because of value issues. Remember design is everything! Strong design, color and content are what I look for. I look for technical skill, for work I would like to have painted and paintings that draw me in for a closer look.

Paint what you know and love. Success will follow. I have loved working with the people from Georgia Watercolor. I am so sorry that I cannot be there to see the paintings and all of you in person. I will be viewing the paintings for awards, when they are on display.