

# Robert J. O'Brien AWS NWS



*“I have been painting in the watercolor medium for over thirty-five years. One of my main objectives in watercolor painting is to create light through the use of shadow. In painting ordinary images, I find a fascinating interplay between the two. The transparency of the medium helps in bringing shadows alive while allowing the light to glow.”*

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**Medium and Subject:** Watercolor and Pastel. A traditional painter of landscape, and architectural studies who has studied with James Whatford, Tony Couch, and the late Marshall Joyce AWS.

**Memberships:** American Watercolor Society – *Scholarship Chair*, National Watercolor Society, North East Watercolor Society, New England Watercolor Society, Academic Artists Association Southern Vermont Artists, Central New York Watercolor Society, Vermont Watercolor Society- *Board of Directors, Exhibition Chair*.

## **Recent Exhibitions and Awards:**

2009- Philadelphia Watercolor Society Award, 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the National Watercolor Society, Brea, CA

2009- Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition Old Forge, NY

2009- Watercolor Honor Award, 59<sup>th</sup> Academic Artists National Exhibition, Springfield, MA

## **Recent Exhibitions and Awards (cont.)**

- 2008- The Bradley C. Barnard Award, 27<sup>th</sup> Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, Old Forge, NY
- 2008- Silver Medal, New England Watercolor Society juried members show, Boston, MA
- 2007- Watercolor West Award, 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the National Watercolor Society, CA
- 2007- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, Old Forge, NY
- 2007- Honorable Mention, Academic Artists Association 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit, Springfield, Ma.
- 2006- 86<sup>th</sup> Exhibition of the National Watercolor Society, Fullerton, California
- 2006- New England Watercolor Society, 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial North American Open Show, Gloucester, Mass.
- 2006- Juror's Choice Award, Academic Artists Association 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit, Springfield, Mass.
- 2006- 139<sup>th</sup> International Exhibit of the American Watercolor Society, New York, N.Y.
- 2006- Silver Medal, New England Watercolor Society's juried members show at The Guild of Boston Artists, Boston, Mass.
- 2005- Guerrilla Painter Award, North East Watercolor Society, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Kent, Ct
- 2005- The George Sponable Memorial Award, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition
- 2005- Fran Scully Award, Academic Artists Association, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit, Springfield, Ma
- 2004- North East Watercolor Society, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Kent, Ct.
- 2004- Watercolor Honor Award, Academic Artists Association, 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit, Springfield, Mass.
- 2003- North East Watercolor Society, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Kent, Ct.
- 2003- 72<sup>nd</sup> Hudson Valley Artists Assoc. Annual Exhibition, Hastings on Hudson, N.Y.
- 2003- 136<sup>th</sup> International Exhibit of the American Watercolor Society, New York, N.Y..  
Selected for travel exhibition.
- 2003- Guild of Boston Artists Award, New England Watercolor Society juried show, Boston Mass.
- 2002- 8<sup>th</sup> North American Open Exhibition, sponsored by the New England Watercolor Society, Concord Mass.
- 2002- Kent Day Coes Memorial Award, 71<sup>st</sup> Hudson Valley Annual Exhibition, N.Y
- 2001- North East Watercolor Society, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, Kent Ct.

## **Recent Exhibitions and Awards (cont.)**

- 2001- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, Old Forge N.Y. Selected for travel exhibit.
- 2001- 134<sup>th</sup> International Exhibit of the American Watercolor Society, New York N.Y.
- 2001- Daler-Rowney USA Award, Academic Artists 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Exhibit, Springfield Ma.
- 2000- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Equinox Art Exhibition, Manchester, Vt. Second Place Award
- 1998- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, Old Forge, NY
- 1996- 5<sup>th</sup> North American Open Exhibition sponsored by the New England Watercolor Society, Boston Ma.
- 1996- Watercolor Honor Award, Academic Artists 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Springfield, Ma.

## **Represented by :**

- Hunter Gallery of Fine Art, Grafton, Vt.
- Vermont Fine Art, Stowe, Vt.
- Powers Galley, Acton Ma.
- Gallery at the VAULT, Springfield Vt.

## **Publications:**

- 1998, 1999, 2001, and 2006 Fletcher Allen Health Care Calendar.
- Artists of New England Vol. 1.
- American Artists Watercolor Magazine; Spring 2003
- American Artists Watercolor Magazine; Spring 2006
- Splash 9, The Best of Watercolor, North Light Publications
- Watercolor Magic Magazine; December 2007
- Splash 10, The Best of Watercolor, North Light Publications
- 2008 Artists Magazine Calendar
- Watercolorpainting.com featured artist, October 2008
- Splash 11, New Directions, The Best of Watercolor, North Light pubs. coming 2010