



WATERCOLOR SHOW HISTORY AND RETROSPECTIVE



2011, 10 years already, but only 10 years, Aquarelle took its place in the world of culture in Caussade. 10 years which marked the start of a great adventure and extraordinary encounters. Like many, it was in retirement that I really discovered watercolor. In my youth, drawing and watercolor fascinated me already, but school priorities were not in this register. It was when I was Culture Assistant at the Town Hall of Caussade that the conditions were met for my dream to come true ! It was just due to a few things: a chance meeting in Limousin area, during a visit toa Watercolour Salon ! Strolling through the streets, I stopped in front of a gallery, my attention caught by a painting, so magnificent to my eyes. The theme was a cow's head, a work produced by Jean-Claude PAPEIX. I was dazzled by so much beauty, and all the talent that this work gave off. I then dared to enter the Gallery and initiating a conversation with the gallery owner, she confided in me that she knew this artist well and, kindly, offered to contact him.

That's when my desire to create a salon came true, to say the least in my mind. I then very quickly suggested to Jean-Claude PAPEIX to come and exhibit at CAUSSADE as guest of honor, if my project took shape. I then had to build this project and convince the Mayor of Caussade and his Municipal Team. After some sustained discussions, I gained the confidence of the Municipality, despite all the requirements and constraints related to such a project.

1st salon from 2011 april 2nd to 10th.

This first watercolor fair therefore saw the light of day with the 1st guest of honor, Jean-Claude PAPEIX, surrounded by 29 other artists. There were a few introductory courses open to the public and 2 or 3 demonstrations were organized by Artists for visitors who were already very interested. I had won my bet by then, the public was won over, the Municipality too, and it was demonstrated how beautiful a watercolor could be.

A blog was then created to communicate about this show, to make us known, but also to share this passion for watercolor. The adventure was just beginning



**1^{ER} SALON INTERRÉGIONAL DE L'AQUARELLE
CAUSSADE - Du 2 au 10 avril 2011**
Entrée libre de 10h à 12h - 14h à 19h
Invité d'Honneur : Jean-Claude Papeix
Démonstrations gratuites par de nombreux artistes.
Stages d'Aquarelle avec Paty Becker et Gilles Brunerie.

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2nd salon from 2012 march 17th to April 1st.

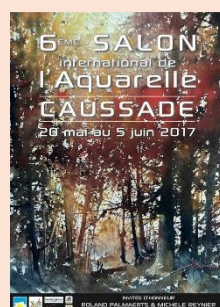
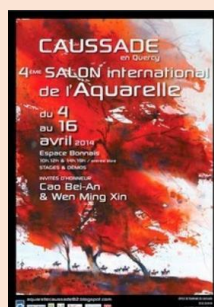
The road was cleared, but I wanted more and obtain double the exhibition space, 1200 m2, with adapted panels and lighting dedicated to the quality of the works. Our 2nd guest of honor was Reine-Marie PINCHON surrounded by 36 watercolorists from all over France and, with communication helping, from many other countries such as Spain, the USA, India and Moldova. 6 public demonstrations were carried out and broadcast on the big screen. Again introductory courses were organized. The City of Caussade was particularly proud to assert once again its desire to be at the service and at the heart of the artistic heritage. We also created a “tea room” space that still continues today. This place allows visitors to rest, drink, meet and chat. As art also extends to gluttony, a pastry artist from Caussade created an individual cake on the theme of watercolor. Its success has not been denied ...

3rd salon from 2013 april 13th to 28th.

For this 3rd show, we welcomed as guests of honor Marc FOLLY from Lyon and Viktoria and Slawa PRISCHEDKO (Germany) surrounded by 34 artists. More and more visitors, sales of paintings, public demonstrations and training courses, reinforce the success of this Show. We have included discovery workshops for schoolchildren from Caussade schools, thus welcoming around a hundred children. The bookstore space is expanding. Visitors come from a number of countries and leave all delighted by the quality of the works on display and the environment of this Caussade fair.

4th salon from 2014 april 4th to 16th.

CAO Bei-An and WEN Ming-Xin (Belgium-China) were guests of honor, surrounded by 38 other artists. More and more works exhibited. The show is now at a wonderful peak. The demonstrations attract nearly 500 people each time. In addition to enthusiasts, connoisseurs, amateurs, many trips organized mainly for retirees, residents of retirement homes, come to visit us. They all leave delighted, not without having stopped at our tea room where they are offered refreshments.



5th salon from 2015 may 16th to 31st

Marie-Line MONTECOT is our 5th guest of honor. She is a native of the Tarn. 40 artists will exhibit with her. The "AQUARELLE EN QUERCY" Association takes up the torch and carries the 5th show in close collaboration with the City of Caussade, pursuing the same objectives: disseminate, enhance, develop and promote watercolor by all possible media and actions.

6th salon from 2017 may 20th to june 5th.

Right now the show takes place every two years. That year, Roland PALMAERTS (Belgium – Canada) and Michèle REYNIER from Vaucluse were the guests of honor. The show is progressing by welcoming 49 artists from France but also from all over the world. 400 works are exhibited. It is a lively and dynamic show with a free exhibition, open and accessible to all, to which are added conferences, maintaining increasingly attractive and technical demonstrations, and training courses which are fully booked.

7th salon from 2019 march 30th to april 14th.

Liliane GOOSSENS (Belgium) and Théo SAUER (Bas-Rhin) guests of honor are surrounded by 55 watercolorists offering some 500 works. Many courses are offered, as well as free demonstrations broadcast on the big screen. The cultural and economic benefits for the city of Caussade are very important in view of the reputation and the thousands of visitors. Caussade has become a stronghold of watercolor, recognized in France and internationally.

8th salon from 2022 september 10th to 25th.

8th show but 10 years of existence of Watercolor in CAUSSADE

It was supposed to take place in May 2021 but the health crisis forced us to cancel it, or rather to postpone it from September 10 to 25, 2022. To celebrate this anniversary, we have decided to have all the guests of honor from previous years. (12), those who were awarded (29) and 14 additional chosen for their involvement outside the shows or according to their particular help. For the 10th anniversary of Aquarelle, and during this 8th show, we will be joining us carnettists, very fashionable artists, who will undoubtedly be a very beautiful artistic environment to discover. We will welcome 6 of them, who will show us their travel diaries, real works of art, with sketches and texts and beautiful demonstrations in perspective.

Anne-Marie COUDERC,

Together with AQUARELLE EN QUERCY Team and all the Volonteers who support this great success.

