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Dear Fellow Sumi-e Members, Ming Chiao Members and Friends,

The Sumi-e Society of America, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization founded in 1963 to foster the awareness and appreciation of East Asian brush painting techniques through workshops, lectures and exhibitions. Our current membership consists of over 400 professional and non-professional painters, teachers and art lovers worldwide. We organize an annual juried exhibition open to all brush artists to show the best current East Asian brush painting and calligraphy and to further the Society's mission. Our judges who are recognized experts in the field of Asian style brush painting and calligraphy select artwork from the outstanding submissions to be given an award in selected categories.

Our Ming Chiao Chapter will host our 56th Annual Exhibition from August 9 to September 20, 2019. The exhibition will be held at the Artistry, Bloomington Center for the Arts in Bloomington, Minnesota, with Yuming Zhu for painting and Hong Zhang for calligraphy judges/jurors and workshop leaders.

Anticipated expenses of organizing the gallery exhibition, awards banquet and workshop, producing the catalogue and DVD will exceed the entry and workshop fees. Your generous support will enable us to continue to excel as the premier art organization in the promotion of Sumi-e in America. Since we are a non-profit educational organization any donation you make is tax deductible. There are four contribution categories:

Patron of the Society, \$300 plus
Benefactor of the Society, \$100 to \$299.99
Supporter of the Society, \$50 to \$99.99
Friends of the Society, up to \$49.99

Please make your check or money order payable to the "Sumi-e Society of America, Inc." and indicate "**2019 Exhibition Donation**" in the "Memo" space on the check and send it to Ken Johnson, Ming Chiao Treasurer at 18835 30th Ave. No., Plymouth, MN 55447. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the 2019 exhibition catalogue.

Thank you for your generous support to promote the art of sumi-e.

Sincerely,

Joan Lok
2019 Awards and Donation Manager
Sumi-e Society of America, Inc.

Patricia Gustafson
Ming Chiao President
2019 SSA Exhibition Chair