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Summer 2024

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all doing well even under this extremely crazy summer and find time to cherish your loved ones, as well as creating delightful paintings. Remember, July is the World Watercolor Month!

There are several items I would like to draw your attention to. Earlier we sent you an email explaining a major change in our upcoming 2024 Members' Exhibition & Small Works Exhibition. Because the atrium at the UNT Health Science Center will no longer be available for all future art exhibitions, we have to change the location and time of our scheduled Members' Show. New arrangements are as follows (An update prospectus will be sent to you soon):

Location: The REC at Grapevine (1175 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX)

Exhibition Dates: Dec 7-21, 2024

Deadline for Submission: Nov 1, 2024

I hope these unexpected changes do not cause too much inconvenience to you.

Additionally, I am quite sure most of you have heard about the exciting news that Fabriano-In-Watercolor 2024 will be held in the Fort Worth Community Arts Center (1300 Gendy Street, Fort Worth) on October 14 -19, 2024. In collaboration with the Fabriano-In-Aquarello in Italy, this event in Fort Worth will showcase more than 1000 curated watercolor paintings by artists from more than 180 countries all over the world. The event will also feature demonstrations conducted by internationally well-known masters. It is definitely a great occasion to interact with watercolor artists near and afar.

To ensure its success and to allow us a chance to participate, the Exhibition Chair, Laurin McCracken, is asking for volunteers to assist in the many functions of the event. We have previously sent out an email asking for volunteers to serve as team leaders of different functions. I thank those of you who have responded. In the near future, additional requests for volunteer team members will be sent to you. I thank you in advance for your kind considerations.

Our next Monthly Meeting is on the third Monday of September (Sept 16th). The Demo Artist will be Scott Bodell. Scott was trained as a graphic designer and medical illustrator. He is currently an illustrator and assistant professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. His works span a large variety of genres, from landscapes, to animals, to portraits, etc. Please visit his website for more details and examples of his artworks (<https://www.scottbodell.com>).

I am very excited about the upcoming 3-day workshop in October 22nd–24th conducted by Lisa Tennant. She is truly an accomplished artist of botanicals and urban landscapes in photorealistic style. Her workshop is titled "Tangible Patterns, Painting Color, Light & Texture". Registration is open. Based on previous experience, seats go fast. Application and other details are available on the SWA website (<https://www.swawatercolor.com>).

Finally, our Monthly Painting Challenge was a big success! We would like to inviting everyone to paint the same image and bring the results to the next meeting. This is just for fun, not for any prizes or awards. Hopefully it will encourage everyone to keep painting, and to feel comfortable sharing our work with our fellow artists! For those of you not able to attend in person, if you'll e-mail us a photo of your painting, we will show it during the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you again! Happy painting!
Kind regards,

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Next Meeting...

**Monday, September 16th
7:00pm
UNT Health Science Center**

Artwork critiques begin at 6:30
Bring a piece of your artwork, and **Ann Winchester** will critique your work. It's a great way to get free advice from a pro!



**Our meetings
are held at the
UNT Health Science Center**

3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth

**Masks are not required
to attend one of our meetings.**

There is plenty of room to spread out to encourage social distancing.

We want everyone to have fun and feel safe at the same time.

Guest Demo Artist Scott Bodell



For Scott Bodell drawing and painting became a full blown passion at an early age. For years, he filled sketchbooks copying the bird art of Audubon and others. He developed enough skill to copy almost anything he could see.

After college as a graphic design major, medical illustration was a perfect combination for an ambitious and academic artist. Scott's Graduate studies at UT Southwestern Medical Center yielded a master's degree and started his career in Dallas as a medical illustrator.

Scott has discovered he has new stories to tell. His academic curiosity now reveals that same beautiful gesture and flow all around him. Fine art is a new avenue of exploration and expression. Light and shadow describe form, while that graceful gesture and flow tells stories that inspire him. Mountains and canyons are boldly defined by light and shadow. But within the bigger shapes, textures of rocks and brush tell the story of creation, time and geology. Trees are exactly analogous to his ongoing inspiration with bones.

For Scott, the most rewarding and satisfying revelation from two years revisiting nature through art has been the people, the engaging enthusiasm, and joy he shares through art, and the humility and support from those in our new community of fellow artists.

October Demo Artist – Lisa Tennant – “Patterns”

October 21, 2024



Painting of the Month

Don't forget to bring a painting to the September meeting to enter the **2024 Painting of the Month** contest.

Paintings that win 1st Place in the monthly contests throughout this year become eligible for the year ending Painting of the Year contest.

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 16th at 7pm

(Artwork Critique starting at 6:30pm.)

UNT Health Science Center - Fort Worth, Tx.

May Winners!

Winner Signature Division

Margie Whittington - "Navy Boondockers"



Congratulations!



Winner Non-Signature Division

Phil Whittington - "Central Park"

Lisa Tennant

- watercolor workshop -



October 22 - 24, 2024

Fort Worth, Texas

*Tangible Patterns:
Painting Color, Light & Texture*



SWA Members - \$275

Non-Members - \$325



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Patricia Dickerson – Aledo, Texas
Michael Haynes – Burleson, Texas
Jill Williams – Crestview, Florida



FABRIANO In Watercolor - International Show -

Volunteer Groups Needed – Please Sign Up For As Many As You Can
October 13th through the 17th

- Team #1- Painting Unpacking, Hanging and Take Down
- Team #2 – Information Point
- Team #3 –Welcome Bags
- Team #4 – Artist Check In
- Team #5 – Exhibition Check In
- Team #6 – Theater Tickets Collection
- Team #7 – Assist Demo and Workshop Artists
- Team #8 – Take Evening Event Tickets
- Team #9 – Museum Guides
- Team #10 – Hotel Guides



For specific details or if you're interested in volunteering for this event, please contact us by sending an e-mail to watercolorcommunications@gmail.com



MEMBER NEWS

and announcements



Christine Alfery's painting "Sacred Rock" (above left) was accepted into the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's 45th Annual International Juried Exhibition in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. And her painting "Migration Trails II" (above right) won First Place in the Fallbrook Art Center 13th Annual Guild Show Artists Exhibition in Fallbrook, California.



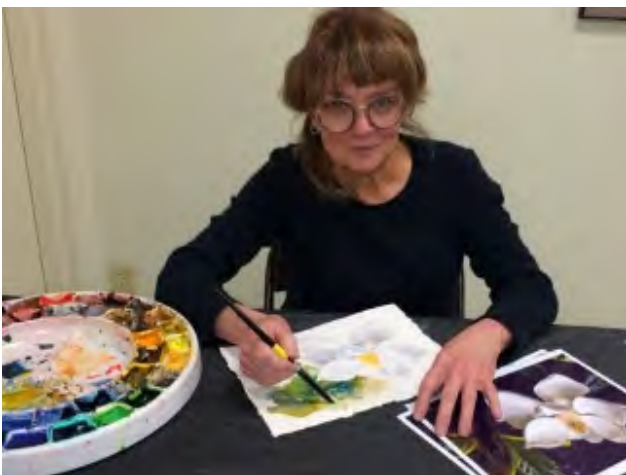
Darla Bostick recently had a solo show at the Lewisville Grand Performance Hall in Lewisville, Texas. "Through the Lens and Brush" has works from Wales, Kenya, Tanzania, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Nepal,, India, Hawaii & Alaska, Italy, New Zealand, Ireland, Rock and Gibraltar, Spain the Galapagos and more.

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Alexandra Savelieva's painting "An Autumn Poem" (right) won a Nominee Award in the 2nd Singapore IWS International Watercolor Exhibition. Her painting "The Light of Spring" (below) was accepted into the International Watercolor Festival, Colors of Armenia.



Ann Winchester is holding ongoing classes at Sparks Studio in Arlington. Private lessons are also available. Contact Ann at 817-308-1889 annwinn4324@charter.net

Darla Bostick has a few remaining spaces for her annual Ghost Ranch UN-Traditional Watercolor Workshop/Retreat. Oct 27 – Nov 2 in New Mexico.



MEMBER NEWS

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Gina Judy won an Award of Merit for her painting “Veteran’s Memorial Bridge, Steubenville, OH” in the West Virginia National Aqueous in Wheeling West Virginia. Juror – Jess Reger-Davis. It also won first place earlier this year in Kentucky Watercolor Society’s Regional “AquaVenture” in Lexington, Kentucky.



Kathy Cunning was awarded Artist of the Month at the July Weatherford Art Association meeting. She has several pieces hanging at the Doss Heritage Center through July. She also won an award at the 2024 Peach Festival Art Show.



SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

2024 International Juried Exhibition



Best of Show

Matthew Bird - *In Remembrance*



2nd Place

Chris Krupinski - *Take a Cutie to Lunch*



3rd Place

David Stickel - *Window Shopping - Old Shanghai*

2024 International Juried Exhibition

Additional Award Winning Paintings

Juror's Award - **Giovanni Balzarani** - *G.i.O.*

Juror' s Award - **Michael Holter** - *Got Tats?*

Honorable Mention - **r. mike nichols** - *Self Portrait with Quorra*

Honorable Mention - **Iok-Hou Pang** - *Autumn Repose*

Honorable Mention - **Jennifer Gillen** - *Farm to Market: Peppers*

Honorable Mention - **Janine Helton** - *Girl with Hazel Eyes*

Special Recognition Award - **Carla Gauthier** - *Balcony Light*

Special Recognition Award - **Karen Barnes** - *The Elephant in the Room*

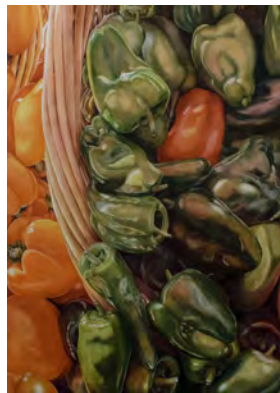
Special Recognition Award - **Brenda Driggers** - *Coffee Run*

Special Recognition Award - **Carmella Tuliszewski** – *Oculus*

Special Recognition Award - **Anne Hightower-Patterson** - *Set Up Color Wheel*

To see all of the paintings in the show, visit our website at

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2024

2024 CALENDAR

Our meetings are held at the UNT Health Science Center
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. in Fort Worth, Tx.

January 22 – Soon Y Warren - Demo Artist, "Patterns"

February 19 – Kay Byfield - Demo Artist, "Water Reflections"

March 18 – Kathy Cunning - Demo Artist, "Reflection or Rust"

April 15 – Carrie Waller - Demo Artist, "Still Life"

April 16, 17 & 18 – Carrie Waller Workshop

May 20 – Linda Kingsley - Demo Artist, "Floral Batik on Rice Paper"

June, July & August – No Meetings, Summer Break

June 25, 26, 27 & 28 – Laurin McCracken Summer Workshop
"Clear Glass, Silver and Lace"

September 16 – Scott Bodell - Demo Artist, "Animals"

October 21 – Lisa Tennant - Demo Artist "Tangible Patterns"

October 22, 23 & 24 – Lisa Tennant Workshop

November 18 – Lu Zheng - Demo Artist, "Seascape"

Masks are not required to attend the meetings.
There is a lot of space inside the room for social distancing.
We really do want everyone to have fun & feel safe.

**Your SWA Board Members continues to
hold regular monthly meetings via Zoom .**

If you have any questions or suggestions,
please send them to Iok-Hou Pang at
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If you have any news you would like
to share in future e-mails, please feel
free to send it our way. We've set
up a new e-mail address for you to
send all of your newsletter info to.

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SWA INFORMATION STATION

2024

SWA memberships runs on a calendar year January through December

You may join SWA anytime during the year. Our official membership campaign begins in October as our regular year runs with the calendar: January through December. Those who join mid-year do not receive a discounted membership fee, but they are eligible for the membership juried show in the fall, which is for current members only. We will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume in September.

We like new members...invite your friends!



SWA Membership includes these benefits:

- ✚ Fellowship with like-minded creative folks
- ✚ Free monthly SWA newsletter
- ✚ Entry discount for any SWA show
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ Painting of the Month Contest
- ✚ Links to Members' Websites
- ✚ While maintaining active SWA membership, earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 SWA juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Advance notification & entry into Workshops
- ✚ Fun Competitions!
- ✚ Watercolor Holiday Greeting Cards
- ✚ December Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

Our Monthly meetings are held at the UNT Health Science Center building in Fort Worth. After you turn from Camp Bowie to Clinton St turn left into a sloping parking lot beyond the vacant kiosk. We are on the bottom floor of the building to the right corner. Watch for a sign on the parking lot with directions to our room (or check the map on the website)

6:30pm Artwork Critique (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice) Ann Winchester – Artwork Critique Artist

7:00pm Member meeting begins after a few brief business notices .

Committees & Volunteer Opportunities

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Shirley Nichols
Painting of the Month/Year: Rebecca Joos
Monthly Critique: Ann Winchester
Programs: Marilyn Ivy
Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **AVAILABLE**
Workshop Chair: Shirley Nichols
House & Properties: Shirley Nichols

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Laura Hannah
Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**
SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey
Prize Sponsors: Laura Hannah

MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**

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