

*Splash!*  
November 2024

# SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

*Fort Worth, Texas*

## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a chance to attend the Fabriano Event. It was a stunning, breathtaking, spectacular extravaganza! All the different styles and themes - each of the 1000+ paintings a joy, a delight and an inspiration! And all the demos! Watching these world-renowned masters create their chef's d'oeuvres is really a once-in-a-lifetime, elating and exhilarating experience. I felt lucky to have participated in this unique, and exceptional feast of watercolor art.

Without a doubt, the Fabriano Exhibition owes its success to **Laurin McCracken**, who spent more than a year in planning and bringing the event to fruition: raising funds from public and private sources; identifying and negotiating for the venue; booking demo artists from all over the world; carefully formulating the itinerary; designing the detailed arrangements of the paintings; mobilizing the army of volunteers; and attending to a million other behind-the-scene logistic challenges. He deserves a huge round of applause from us all!

Importantly, I also like to express my deep appreciation for the wonderful volunteers from SWA! You have done so much for the Exhibition - before, during, and after the Show. You framed, sleeved, and hung the paintings; registered guests, artists, and visitors; managed, assisted, and provided info to the participants; resolved unexpected incidences; took down, sorted and re-packaged the paintings; and a myriad of other tasks. You did all these with a cheerful, admirable, and diligent disposition! Without you, the Event would not have been so successful. I thank you very much! You are the best!

The 2024 SWA Members' Exhibition & Small Works Exhibition is closed for submission of entries. Lisa Tennant, the juror, is busy choosing from the submitted works. Notice of acceptance will be sent out on November 16. The exhibition will be at The REC at Grapevine (1175 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX). Exhibition Dates are Dec 7-21, 2024. Award Ceremony will be held at 2-4 pm, Dec 21, at the REC. I look forward to seeing your creations in the show.

Our next Monthly Meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of November. We will be voting for the SWA Board members for 2025. The Board is instrumental in running the Society and guiding its future development.

The Demo Artist of the next meeting will be Lu Zheng. Mr. Lu is interested in painting urban life and nature, emphasizing light and atmosphere. According to him, he aims to uncover the hidden beauty of our surrounding and convey stories about people and places in an artistic manner, both impressionistic and expressive styles. This sounds like another exciting and nourishing demo! I look forward to seeing you again! Happy painting!

Kind regards,

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# Next Meeting...

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**UNT Health Science Center**

## Guest Demo Artist Zheng Lu

**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!



Born in Beijing, China, Zheng Lu immigrated to the United States in 2009 to pursue a master's degree. Zheng knew his professional path would lie in the creative industry, and he is utilizing his artistic background to visualize design solutions with his skills.

Zheng Lu's love for watercolor painting's immediate, spontaneous, and effective way of capturing mood and atmosphere helps express his feelings while maintaining respect for his source of inspiration.

Lu focuses on painting local scenery, urban life and nature, emphasizing light and atmosphere. He uncovers the hidden beauty of our surroundings and convey stories about people and places in an artistic manner. Along with local landscapes, he also enjoys depicting classic European architecture, piazzas, and street life.

Lu has two main goals for painting. First, he utilizes his drawing skills to inspire more sketching within his profession. Second, he wants to teach watercolor workshops and share his tips and tricks. Like all of us, he struggled with watercolor early on, finding it to be a love-and-hate relationship. For him, watercolor should be a source of fun and joy if it works well.

He has had several paintings selected for state exhibits across the country and is one of the youngest signature members of the Southwestern Watercolor Society. Lu resides in Plano, Texas with his wife and daughter.



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are held at the  
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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.

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**January Demo Artist –Melinda Morrison**

January 20, 2025



# Painting of the Month

2024 Winners of **Painting of the Month** competitions are eligible to enter the **Painting of the Year** contest in November.

Prizes provided by Jerry's Artarams

## Next Meeting:

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

*(Artwork Critique starting at 6:30pm.)*

UNT Health Science Center - Fort Worth, Tx.

## October Winner!



# *Congratulations!*

**Winner Non-Signature Division**

**Peggy Dickerson**  
"Skull Duggery"

Prizes provided by Jerry's Artarama

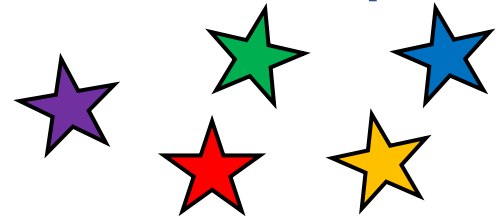




**We like to welcome new members to our association, along with others that have been members in the past.**

**Monica Austin - Denton, Texas**

**Pam Brandon - Colleyville, Texas**



## **SWA Membership Renewal Time!**

**We are beginning to accept membership renewals for the **2025** season.**

Your membership fee helps us cover the cost of ongoing events throughout the year including hosting meetings at the UNT Health Science Center. It also allows us to bring in Demo Artists each month for our member meetings.

**We sincerely appreciate your continued support of this wonderful watercolor society!**



# Holiday Card Exchange



**Let's share the holiday spirit by painting  
your very own watercolor holiday card!**

If you're interested in participating, send us an e-mail with your home mailing address to  
[SWAHolidayCards@gmail.com](mailto:SWAHolidayCards@gmail.com)

We'll randomly draw names in early December, and send you the name & address  
to another SWA member to send your card to.

And then you can look forward to receiving a wonderful holiday card in the mail  
from one of your watercolor friends.

**Join the fun & spread the cheer!**





**Kathy Cunning's** painting "Eldorado" has been juried into the annual @dutchartgallery Fresh Off the Easel show in Dallas, Texas. The show runs Nov 9th through Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.

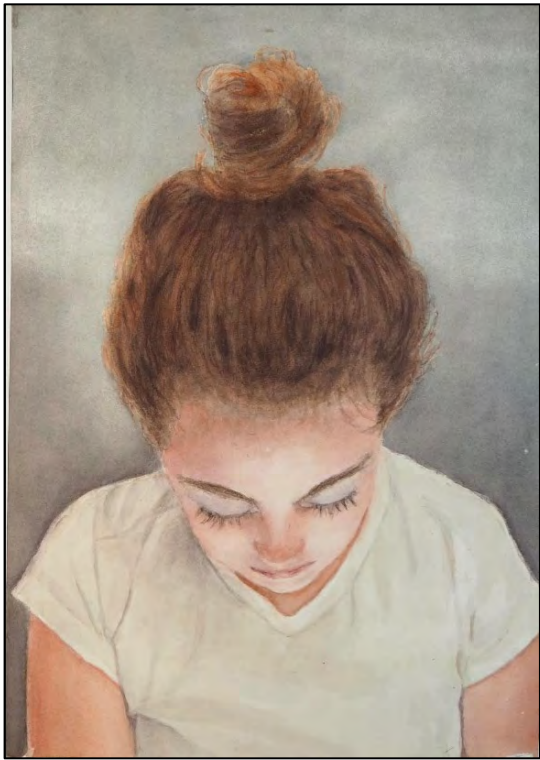
*ELDORADO*

**Gina Judy's** painting "Sunny Sully at Attention" was accepted recently into the Kentucky Watercolor Society National Aqueous. She is also a signature of National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) by the screening of five of her images and is in their New-Signature-Member Show in New York City.



*SUNNY SULLY AT ATTENTION*

**Tina Mewhinney's** painting "Enlighten" was accepted into the 75th Texas Watercolor Exhibition and was given the Blick Award. Juror - Andy Evansen.



*ENLIGHTEN*



**Janine Helton** will be one of the faculty members of Watercolor Live! January 22 - 24, 2025.

Watch, paint along, and learn how she handles facial features, flesh and hair her demonstration. Don't wait! Save 10% when you register for this global virtual event with the code HELTON.

Also, to watch a YouTube video of Janine during an episode of Art School Live with Eric Rhodes, click [HERE](#).

**Yuji Uchiyama's** painting "Searching for Light" was accepted for the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 45th Annual International Juried Exhibition and exhibited at the Lancaster Museum of Art.



*SEARCHING FOR LIGHT*

Another of Yuji's paintings "Time Keeps Turning" was selected as one of 72 works from 316 entries at the Philadelphia Watercolor Society 24th International Exhibition of Works on Paper and exhibited at the Henry Gallery in Great Valley.



*TIME KEEPS TURNING*





*CASCADE*

**Carmella Tuliszewski** has recently won the following awards for the paintings shown below:

"Cascade"

Philadelphia Watercolor Society International Exhibition's of Works on Paper Award for Use of Color

"Eclipse" - The National Watercolor Society 104th International Open Exhibition

Award XIII - Jeanette Thayer Schmidt Memorial Award

Fabiano Award

The Gold Coast Watercolor Society

Michael Harding Watercolor Award

Jerry's Artarama Award

Silver Brush Limited Merchandise



*OASIS*

"Oasis" - This painting was featured in The Art of Watercolor Magazine 55th issue.



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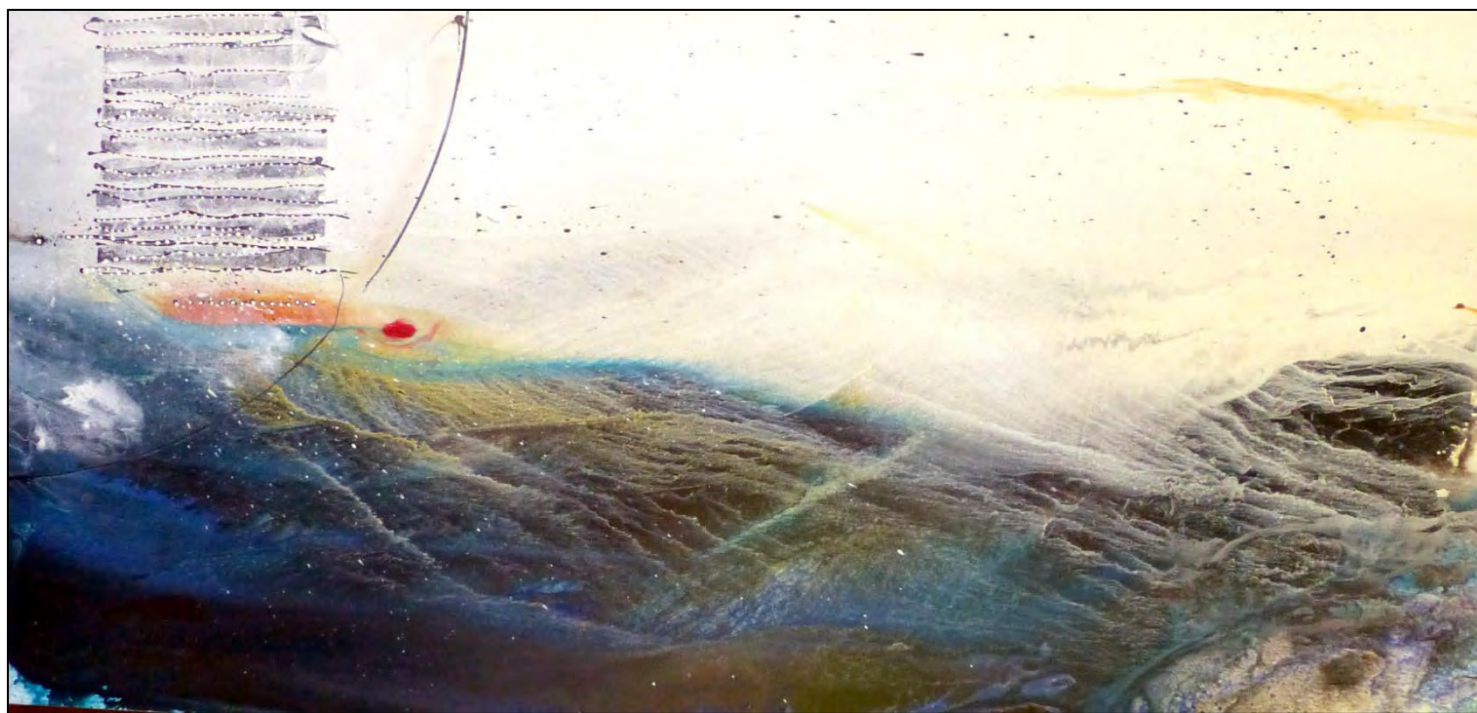


**Christine Alfery's** painting "Rolling Stones" won First Place at the National Society of Artists 36th Annual Juried Show.



*ROLLING STONES*

Christine also won First Place for her painting "Your Inner Compass" at the Lakeland Art League's Annual Membership Exhibition. Center for the Visual Arts. Wausau, WI.



*YOUR INNER COMPASS*

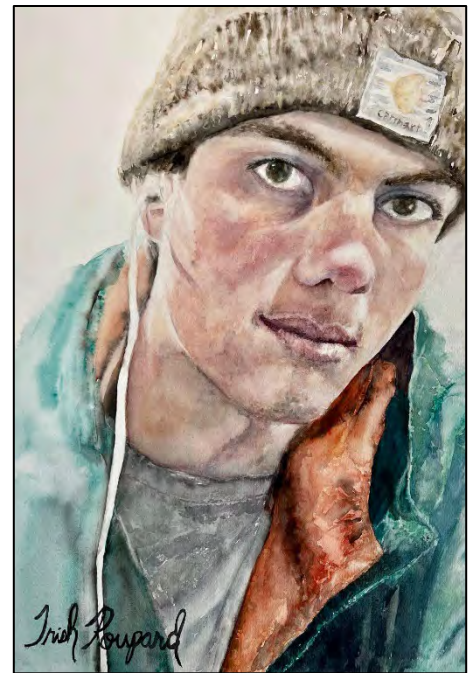


*LUSH*

Trish Poupard's painting "Lush" won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in watercolor in the Rockwall Art League's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Fina Art Show.

And her painting "Earbuds & Beanie" was juried into the South Carolina Watermedia Society 47<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition.

Juror: Ken Call



*EARBUDS & BEANIE*

# **2024 SWA Membership & Small Works Exhibitions**

December 7th – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024



**This year's Membership & Small Works Exhibition will be held at The REC of Grapevine.**

**There will be 50 paintings in the Membership show and another 25 in the Small Works show.**

**Bring a friend to see the show, support your fellow artists and see some great artwork!**



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# 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 "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 .

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## 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**

### **PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

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Newsletter Editor: Christopher Stewart

Photography: Veronica Ritchey

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Publicity: **AVAILABLE**

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