

2023 SWA JURIED MEMBERSHIP & SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION



Juror – Tim Oliver

I was first introduced to watercolor in 1981 as a landscape architecture student at Texas Tech University. I had a friend in the architecture program who mesmerized me with his skill at rendering his illustrations. At the time, landscape architecture students were not taught watercolor as a rendering medium. Instead, all of our rendering was done with design markers on blueprint paper. I fell totally in love with the effects that he was achieving with watercolor. The transparency, the way the colors moved and blended, the dry-brush technique and the detail that he was able to achieve all came together to entrance me with the medium. My first attempt with a cheap scholastic watercolor set, a bad brush and thin typing paper left me frustrated and disillusioned. While that initial attraction to watercolor remained with me, it was not until 2009 that I found myself in a life situation that allowed me a new beginning with the medium.

As with all artists, my style is constantly evolving but presently I describe my style as "sloppy representationalism". I paint in a representational style with a "sketchy" quality to it. It seems to fit me. I'm passionate about interpreting and communicating the character and the emotion of places in my work. Watercolor, in a practiced hand, is the perfect medium for capturing the powerful emotion of a place. While I paint a variety of subjects, I'm most attracted to landscapes that stir passion within me in the moment. I'm always drawn to things western, rural, gritty and seemingly mundane or ordinary. Anything evocative of a 'time long passed by' will always capture my attention.

I love the authenticity, immediacy and raw honesty of painting finished watercolor works en plein air. This can be a challenge at times, but the rewards of plein air painting are numerous and immense.

The entries in the Membership Exhibition were judged in two separate divisions.

They were split between members that have / have not obtained their SWA signature status.

This allowed the juror to recognize more artists with awards.



SWA President - lok-Hou Pang



Exhibition Chair – Laura Hannah





Best of Thou

Scott Bodell

Bad Attitude
Dallas, Texas
\$1,000



Juror's Comments:

Pure Watercolor! Wet in Wet, lost edges, excellent brushwork, simplicity of composition. Has WOW factor.



Signature Members - Award Winning Paintings



1st Place

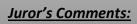
Bill Dale Arlington, Texas Bad Attitude 21" x 14" \$1,000

Juror's Comments:

Superb subject and composition, outstanding mood created by the monochromatic color pallet! The Light! What a Painting!

2nd Place

Dawn Kostenko Burleson, Texas Snuggled In 18½" x 18½" NFS



Very unique and well executed pieceinnovative and very effective blending of watercolor, acrylic and gouache- lovely!





3rd Place

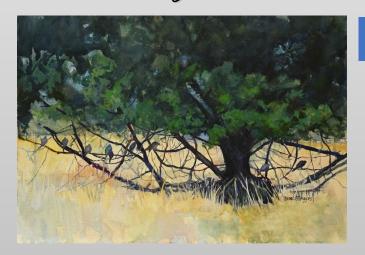
Laurin McCracken Fort Worth, Texas Toy Farm Equipment 14" x 18" \$2,500

Juror's Comments:

Expertly conceived still life composition! The juxtaposition of the cool reds (tablecloths) and the warm reds (tractors) is mind blowing!



Signature Members - Award Winning Paintings



Juror's Award

Brenda Driggers Arlington, Texas Natures Canopy 15" x 22" \$750

Juror's Comments:

I love this painting! Dark limbs, dry grass, fun birds. Excellent!

Honorable Mention

Suzy Powell
Plains, Texas
Two Are Better Than One
Juror's Comments: 14½" x 21½" \$900

Beautifully conceived and executed painting! Strong Values and composition!





Honorable Mention

lok-Hou Pang Grand Prairie, Texas La Rambla 16" x 22" NFS

Juror's Comments:

Amazing level of detail and simplification of a complex scene! Fantastic!



Non-Signature Members - Award Winning Paintings



2nd Place

Manal Fashi Denton, Texas The Cardinal's Nest 20" x 14" \$300

Juror's Comments:

Exudes Beauty and Grace/Wonderful Composition, excellent technical skill and expertise-wonderful painting!

3rd Place

Louise LaChance
Saint-Anciet Quebec, Canada
Fly Again
14" x 14" \$1,900

Juror's Comments:

Beautifully composed abstraction- Fantastic use of darks, lights and muted color – Couldn't look away





Non-Signature Members - Award Winning Paintings



Juror's Award

Sudhi Sujit

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Twins

15" x 11" \$250

Juror's Comments:

Fantastic exploration of the medium! Expert washes, wet in wet- perfect mood!

Honorable Mention

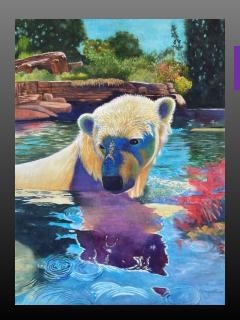
Jennifer Gillen

Plano, Texas Farm to Market: Carrots 22" x 22" \$960

Wonderful still life, great composition, fabulous

Juror's Comments:

skills, fun painting.



Honorable Mention

Maureen Lewin

Houston, Texas California Captive 30" x 20" \$2,000

Juror's Comments:

Wonderful painting! Festive Colors, extreme Technical Skills and tremendous use of warm and cool hues. Well Done!





Kathy Albright
Denton, Texas
Puddling Tiger Swallowtail
10½" x 13½" \$450



Denis Benjamin, SWA Fort Worth, Texas Stinking Rose 21" x 14½" \$800



Sondra Carr, SWA Chico, Texas Blue the Color of Sorrow 15" x 22" \$1,200



Darla Bostick, SWA Denton, Texas Wrinkled in Time 11" x 15" \$850





Chao Lui Sugan Land, Texas Red Wild Fruit 11" x 15" \$500



Alonzo Clarke Newmarket, New Hampshire Still Summer 21" x 14" \$1,000



Loudon, Tennessee Chestnuts in the Snow 30" x 15" \$650



Krystyna Dale Arlington, Texas City Cowgirl 13" x 17" \$1,000





Colleen Erickson, SWA Weatherford, Texas Blazing Sails 22" x 30" \$2,000



Debbie Ford, SWA Benbrook, Texas Silver Spurs 14" x 20" \$3,000



Gemma Haas, SWA Fort Worth, Texas Temptation 15" x 22" NFS



Terri Hennessy Plano, Texas Quanah 15" x 21" \$400





Barbara Holms Burleson, Texas Scottish Leaves 10" x 14" NFS



Marilyn Ivy Fort Worth, Texas Tokyo Street Cafe 19¼" x 14¼" \$600



Gina Judy
Richmond, Ohio
Deck at Fallingwater
18¼" x 12½" \$675



Susan Keith Murrieta, California Live Beautiful 24" x 18" \$1,600





Rebecca Krutsinger, SWA Xenia, Illinois Cut Offs 24" x 18" \$1,200



Eric Miner Fort Worth, Texas Home rom Hutto 14" x 17" NFS



Barbara Lindley
Dallas, Texas
Rush Hour
21" x 15" \$450



Skeeter Murley, SWA Arlington, Texas Mom's Green Stamps 15" x 15½" \$950

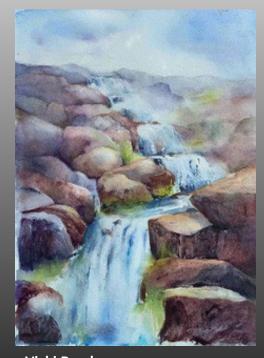




Ann Patton, SWA Meridan, Texas Spoonbills on the Outer Banks 10" x 20" \$500



Trish Poupard, SWA
Celina, Texas
After Her Run
22½" x 16½" \$900



Vicki Rowley Arlington, Texas *Dynjandi* 11" x 15" \$400



Wennan Qiu Quingao, China Daisies 14½" x 10" \$1,000





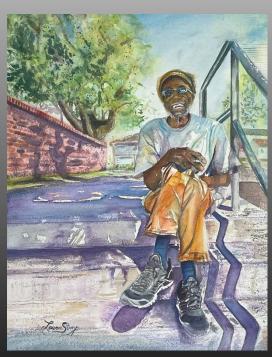
Heidi Russell, SWA Fort Worth, Texas Healthy Living 11" x 14" \$800



Janet Southern, SWA Arlington, Texas Cummins 18" x 11½" NFS



Irene Sheytman Houston, Texas Jewish Prague 28" x 20" \$550



Laura Stamp Dallas, Texas Contentment 18" x 14" \$675





Annie Strack Kennett Square, Pennsylvania Seen Better Days 20" x 14" \$2,600



Jane Strong Plano, Texas Buttercup and Mom 24" x 20" \$700



Bonnie Tucker Fort Worth, Texas Boatworks at Moss Landing 10" x 15½" \$550



Suzy Ware, SWA Arlington, Texas **Rocks and Reeds** 13" x 28" \$1,000





Don WhitsonWaynesboro, Virginia
Waiting on the World to Change
\$1,500



Phil Whittington Fort Worth, Texas Old Martina's Restaurant 11" x 14" \$350



Jo Williams, SWA Denton, Texas Gerbera Daisies 15" x 14½" \$800



Pam Wilson McKinney, Texas Here's Looking at you, Gran! 14" x 14" NFS





1st Place

Bill Dale Arlington, Texas Ship Channel 10" x 9" NFS

Juror's Comments:

Great Composition, Value range perfect, just enough detail to tell the story, I can smell the salt air!

Juror's Comments:

Beautiful treatment of complex composition, the values and harmony are spot -on! Couldn't stop looking!

2nd Place

Heidi Russell Fort Worth, Texas Hometown 10" x 8" \$300





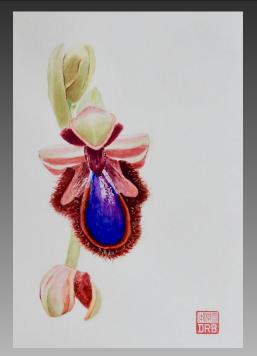
3rd Place

Ann Patton
Meridan, Texas
Cowbirds in the Yucca Seed Pods
8" x 8" \$300

Juror's Comments:

Excellent utilization of complimentary color scheme- strong values and shapes, simple and powerful composition- I love the simplicity and the interactive posture of the birds!

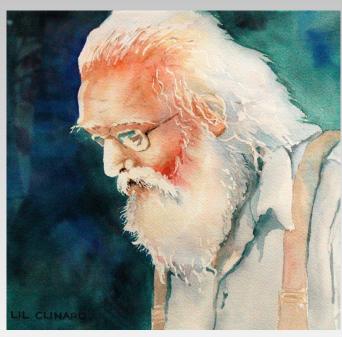




Denis Benjamin, SWA Fort Worth, Texas Mirror Bee Orchid 8 ½" x 10" \$250



Chao Lui Sugar Land, Texas Cherry 5 1/4" x 7 1/4" \$300



Lil Clinard Loudon, Tennessee Papa Noell 9" x 9" \$400



Krystyna Dale, SWA
Arlington, Texas
Escape
8" x 5" \$200





Brenda Driggers, SWA Cleburne, Texas North Country Farm 9 ½" x 6 ¼" \$175



Jennifer Gillen
Plano, Texas
The Captive
9 ½" x 4 ½" \$250



Dianna Halevy-Holub Celina, Texas Broken Fences 8" x 10" \$250





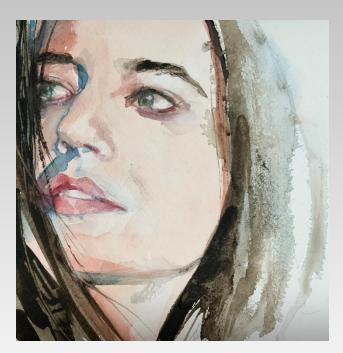
Terri Hennessy Plano, Texas *Cheeky Squirrel* 8" x 8" \$150



Judy Kristoff Huebner
Fort Worth, Texas
The Eyes Have It
8 ½" x 5 ½" \$250



Susan Keith, SWA Murrieta, California The Whole World's In His Hands 10" x 10" \$350



Rebecca Krutsinger, SWA Xenia, Illinois Heartbeat 8" x 8" \$200





Louise LaChance
Saint-Anciet Quebec, Canada
Ice Music
10" x 10" \$1,600



Iok-Hou Pang, SWA Grand Prairie, Texas Angel of Music 8" x 10" \$300

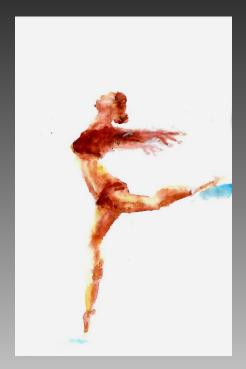


Ann Rowley
Dallas, Texas
The Chama River
9½" x 7½" \$700



Vicki Rowley Arlington, Texas Welsh 4" x 4" NFS





Michael Sherman Woodbridge, Virginia Misty 5" x 7" \$200



Janet Southern, SWA
Arlington, Texas
By the Stream
5" x 8" \$100

Laura Stamp Dallas, Texas Poppies 10" x 9" \$290





Bonnie Tucker Fort Worth, Texas January King Waves 4 ½" x 6 ½" \$300



Pam Wilson McKinney, Texas *Hmmm* 8 ½" x 8 ½" \$250



Suzy Ware, SWA Arlington, Texas Durango Train 8" x 8" \$200

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April - Carrie Waller
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Signature status is awarded to those artists who are juried into five SWA exhibits while maintaining a current membership (disqualified pieces do not count.) Monthly meetings are held at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Everett Hall and further the education of water media use through live demonstrations.

SWA hosts our annual Juried Membership Exhibition in the fall of each year.





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