

SWA

Splash!

October 2021

NEWSLETTER

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS



Fort Worth, Texas

From the President...

Yesterday I returned from a week in New Mexico at Ghost Ranch. Getting together with fellow artists is always a treat. We had unusually wet weather and the colors were just turning to fall. This morning I was greeted with cool temps and the promise of another gorgeous fall in North Texas!

Our September meeting was well attended with mask-wearing members.

This year will surely be more conducive to enjoying your SWA membership than last year. Don't forget, we start taking memberships payments for 2022 starting this month. Paying dues also means we have upcoming elections for our leadership next year. Your officers have certainly stepped up this past year with most adding an extra year to their terms as we zoomed and had virtual shows. Please consider playing your part in our future and volunteer as a leader.

We are about to share our Membership Juried Exhibition... a nice change from all the virtual shows we have grown to expect with the pandemic. It is always exciting to see our members attain their Signature Status and this show has produced 5 more to the ranks! Thank you all for supporting this important part of our organization. Skeeter Murley is wearing yet another hat as the Exhibition Chair and Veronica Ritchey has for several years maintained our Signature List of Members. Many thanks to them both.

We have Mollie Jones present our October demo to learn her some of her watercolor secrets! Details are on our website. Having the opportunity to glimpse how others produce beauty with watercolors is always a privilege. We will see you at our next meeting on the 18th!

Darla Bastick



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October Member Meeting

Demo Artist Mollie Jones



Mollie Jones - Watercolor is my medium of choice . . . painting light and reflection and anything red has obviously become my passion in my work. It seems that the more complicated and involved my compositions have become, the more I love to paint. There is a thought that keeps repeating itself in my head and it's very worth repeating, "paint what you love, and you'll always love to paint". I really think it is that I'm proving to myself that I can "still do it". But let me share the beginning and progression as with so many artists of my generation, life got in the way of my art world at an early age.

Do not miss this opportunity to watch Mollie share some of her skills during the demo!



**Monday, October 18th
@ 7pm**

**WE'RE EXCITED TO
ACTUALLY MEET IN PERSON**

Join us at the UNT Health Science Center



3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth

Masks are not required to attend but encouraged.

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.

**COME
JOIN
THE FUN!**

2021

Juried Membership Exhibition

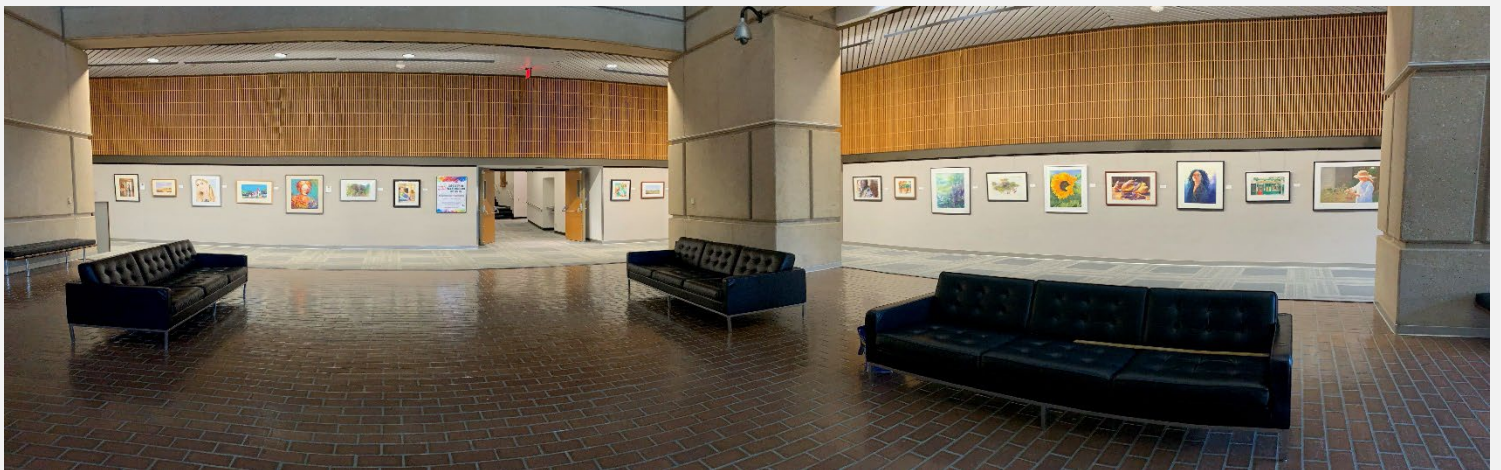


The 2021 SWA Member's Exhibition was installed on Saturday, October 9th.

The artist reception and awards ceremony will be held on November 20th

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped take in the artwork and install it on the gallery walls. You made the process so much easier!

Cindy Baird, Peggy Brady, Rebecca Joos,
Shirley Nichols, Skeeter Murley, Iok-Hou Pang
Janet Southern and Ann Winchester.



SWA OPERATES COMPLETELY ON VOLUNTEERS

Below are a few open positions we would like to fill. None of these are very time consuming, but we do need help. If interested, please reach out to a current SWA Board member, or send an e-mail to watercolorcommunications@gmail.com

Exhibition Chair
Newsletter Editor
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Monthly Artwork Critique
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist
Prize Sponsorship
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**PAINTING
of the
Month**

Don't forget to bring a completed painting to the next Member Meeting on October 18th if you want to compete in the final Asel Art Supply Painting of the Month Contest this year.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 18th at 7pm
UNT Health Science Center - Fort Worth, Tx.

At the November meeting, all the monthly winners
will compete for the Painting of the Year!

MEMBER



Robbie Fitzpatrick's painting *Gentle Persuasion* has become a finalist in the Art Renewal Center 2021 Salon. Also, Robbie's painting *EnPoint* has been accepted in the International Guild of Realism Fall Online Salon.



Krystyna Dale's painting *Kazoo* won the Best of Show award at the Lake Granbury Art Association Fall Juried Show.

Congratulations!

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

MEMBER NEWS



Les McDonald Jr.'s painting *Dining Out*, won 1st Place during the Watercolor Art Society-Houston Annual Members Exhibition.



Kathy Cunning won 1st Place at the State Fair of Texas in Professional Watercolor with her painting *Sunday in the Park*.



Trish Poupard's painting *Lush*, has been accepted into the Philadelphia Watercolor Society's 121st International Exhibition of Works on Paper.

And her painting, *Soaring Above* received an Honorable Mention award at the Coppell Arts Blue Juried Exhibition.



Congratulations



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2021 CALENDAR

Our normal meeting place at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth is currently closed to group meetings. When we're able to resume our monthly meetings, we will notify our membership!

January 25 – Soon Warren demo. Marketing strategy for new artists

February 15 – Stephen Zang demo. Portraits and marketing strategy

March 15 – Laurin McCracken – Excerpts from his new DVD

April 19 – Andy Evansen demo – Juror of International Exhibition

April 21-23 - Andy Evansen Workshop

May 17 – Darla Bostick - Artwork Presentation

September 20 – Kay Cross – Artist Demo – Large Scale Florals

October 18 – Mollie Jones – Artist Demo, Still Life

October 19 – 21 - Mollie Jones Workshop – Fabric, Apples & Reflective Surfaces

November 15 – Artist Demo – TBD

November 20 – Membership Exhibition Artist Reception & Awards

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

Your SWA Board Members have continued to meet via Zoom during the past year.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to Darla Bostick at darlabostickart@gmail.com or call at 940.320.5660



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.

swa.membernews@gmail.com

SWA INFORMATION STATION

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
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ ASEL Art of the Month Contest
- ✚ While maintaining SWA membership earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 juried exhibitions our juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Asel Art Supply 20% discount
- ✚ Fun Competitions!
- ✚ 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)

6:00pm Artwork Critique (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Shirley Nichols

ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: **AVAILABLE**

Monthly Critique: **AVAILABLE**

Programs: Shirley Nichols

Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: **AVAILABLE**

Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **AVAILABLE**

Workshop Chair: Shirley Nichols

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **AVAILABLE**

Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**

Membership for Exhibitions: **AVAILABLE**

SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey

Prize Sponsors: **AVAILABLE**

President's Volunteer Exhibition: Darla Bostick

MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Skeeter Murley

Newsletter Editor: **AVAILABLE**

Photography: Veronica Ritchey

Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley

Publicity: **AVAILABLE**

Website Manager: Skeeter Murley

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FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Finance & Budget: Janet Southern

Professional Standards (yearly audit): **AVAILABLE**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Membership: Skeeter Murley

Greeters: **AVAILABLE**

Editor of Online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley

House & Properties: Shirley Nichols