

Splash!
May 2024

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I am sorry that I missed the April meeting. My college roommate, whom I first met 50 years ago, and I have a tradition of having a trip together every two, three years. This year I messed up in counting the dates, which resulted in missing our meeting. My bad!



We spent three weeks in France, river cruises on the Seine and the Rhone, then rented a car and an AirBnB for a week in Avignon. Among many other sightseeing locations, we visited Monet's mansion in Giverny, Cezanne's studio in Aix-en-Provence, and the hospital that Van Gogh stayed in Arles. We had so much fun that I did not want to come back.

Thanks for the hard work of our exhibition chair, Laura Hannah, with great help from Skeeter Murley, as well as many volunteers, the 2024 Annual International Exhibition is installed and open for viewing. The 50+ paintings are now shown at the REC of Grapevine (1175 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX). Reception and award ceremony will be at 2-4 pm, May 25th. Please come, and better yet, bring your friends and families to enjoy this wonderful exhibition. I love to see you all and hear your comments.

Our Monthly Meeting is on the third Monday of the month. The next one will be on May 20th. The Demo Artist will be Lynda Kingsley. She is famous for "marrying organic life with corrosion and dilapidation in such a way that accentuates the beauty of each, blurring the lines between beauty and decay, life and death and the organic and the man-made." Please visit her website for more details and examples of her works (<https://www.lyndakingsley.com/about>).

I am very excited about the upcoming 4-day summer workshop in June, which will be conducted by Laurin McCracken. We probably all know of Laurin's always superb workshops. He is such a knowledgeable watercolor artist in all aspects of the art, from carefully researched painting materials, to perfected and practical techniques, to insightful aesthetic theories, to helpful constructive critiques. As usual, seats are expected to go fast. I myself have signed up for it and am looking forward to the thrill of learning from a master.

Finally, our first Monthly Painting Challenge was a big success! We would like to invite 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! Warm wishes,
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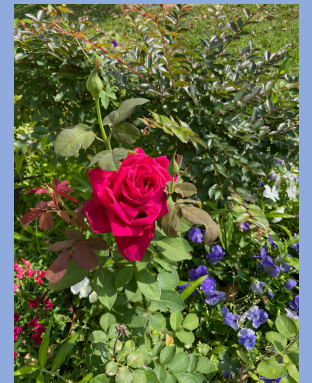
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Next Meeting...

Monday, May 20th

7:00pm

UNT Health Science Center

Guest Demo Artist Lynda Kingsley



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.

Lynda DeGrow Kingsley is an artist whose inspiration and subject matter begins in her own yard full of perennials, greenery and rusted objects in the Historic District of McKinney. She enjoys using watercolor in different and exciting ways incorporating watercolor batik, 3-D watercolor collages and organic abstracts. Lynda started the International Facebook group Watercolor Unleashed, where using other media along with watercolor is lauded!

She graduated with a BFA in studio art with an emphasis in watercolor from the University of North Texas in 2014. Since that time, she has received significant recognition for her work, including several "People's Choice" and "Best of Show" awards in prestigious shows. She has been the featured artist in several shows in McKinney, TX and the Haley-Henman Gallery and North Haven Gardens Gallery in Dallas. Currently, she shows her work exclusively at LAST Art Gallery, in Historic downtown McKinney, where she is a Director.

She has a large studio space at her home where she paints and teaches class. She achieved President of The Art Club of McKinney, the oldest art club in Texas during the 2014-2016 years. She resides with her husband, Dr. M. Scott Kingsley, a professor at Southern Methodist University and their rescued Basset Hounds and enjoys her three adult children who live in the metroplex.

September Demo Artist – Scott Bodell

September 16, 2024



Painting of the Month

Don't forget to bring a painting to the April 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, April 15th at 7pm

(Artwork Critique starting at 6:30pm.)

UNT Health Science Center - Fort Worth, Tx.

April Winners!

Winner Signature Division

Kathy Cunning - "Flaming 57"



Congratulations!



Winner Non-Signature Division

Laura Stamp - "French Cafe"

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

2024 International Juried Exhibition

April 13th – May 25th, 2024

We invite you to visit The REC of Grapevine to view the 55 amazing paintings on display for our annual International Juried Exhibition.

We moved to this new location because the Fort Worth Central Library building we used for so many years has been closed.

This new location will ensure a very large number of people will see this incredible show every single day. This place is full of energy with people!

Juror Carrie Waller chose some incredible paintings for this show, and we really hope you'll be able to attend during its run. The REC of Grapevine is open:

Mon-Thurs: 5am to 10pm

Friday: 5am to 7pm

Sat & Sun: 7am to 7pm

AWARDS Saturday, May 25 from 2 to 4

Entry is free so bring a friend!

The REC of Grapevine

1175 Municipal Way
Grapevine, Texas 76051

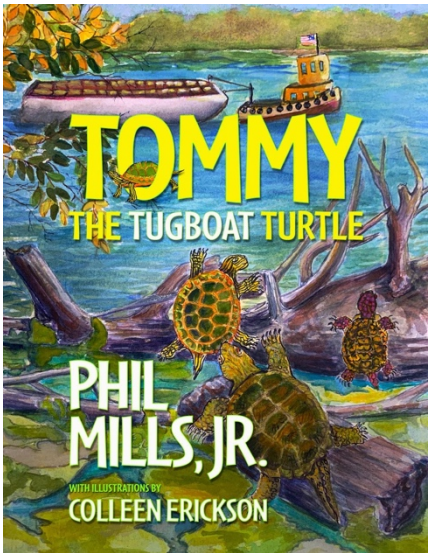


SWA MEMBER NEWS



SWA member Kathy Cuning received the 2024 DAR Woman in the Arts award from the Molly Corbin chapter.

Yuji Uchiyama work "Sunlight" was selected for the 54th Annual International Exhibition. Judge : Kathleen Giles



Last year Colleen Erickson worked on illustrating a children's book which was published in April. She did 16 watercolors for this book. It can be found on amazon.

SWA MEMBER NEWS



Darla Bostick's work "Going Home, Chau Doc Harbor, Vietnam" will be on display 1-27 May at the Charles W Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, TX where it is included in the Richardson Civic Art Society 58th Annual Regional Show and Sale.

Darla's 19th Ghost Ranch Art Workshop/Retreat at Ghost Ranch, NM is 27 October-2 November 2024
2024 Annual Art Abroad Adventure back to Southern France 14-23 Sept.
2025 Annual Art Abroad Adventure in Belgium & Holland 15-20 April in Bruges & Brussels...and optional 8-day river cruise to see the gardens, tulips, and windmills of Holland.
Reserving now is critical (it is very popular) 20-27 April 2025

Check my website for details. <https://www.darlabostick.com>



Cindy Baird's painting "Hanging On" was just juried into the 2024 American Women Artist's online exhibition.

From the exhibition: "Your work, referenced below, has been juried into AWA's 2024 Annual Online Juried Show. We are thrilled your piece was selected from such a competitive group of entries both in quality and quantity. Over 1,000 pieces were entered, and the final exhibition includes 160 works."



Christine Alfery received the following recognitions for her work "Approaching Storm".
2024 Society of Watercolor Artists International Juried Exhibition. Grapevine, TX.

"The Mask." **Honorable Mention.**
2024 Members Online Exhibition. Philadelphia Watercolor



"Pileated." **2nd place.**
"Nature Homage" Exhibition. The d'Art Center. Norfolk, VA.



Tina Mewhinney is delighted that her painting Enlighten was accepted into the 75th Texas Watercolor Exhibition and was given the Blick Award by juror Andy Evansen.

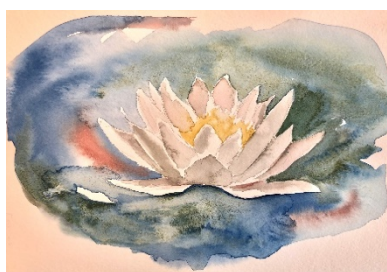
SWA MEMBER NEWS



Marilyn Ivy will have 5 paintings in the exhibit Flight at the House of Neville Gallery and Gatherings opening May 11, reception: 7-9 pm. Hours: 11 am – 7 pm, Wednesday through Saturday. <https://www.houseofneville.art/> Find the gallery just ½ block south of Camp Bowie on Neville St.



Detail from Escalier, Diptych, Oil on panels



Join Marilyn Ivy in the studio at House of Neville Gallery and Gatherings for the Splash into Floral Workshop Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 and 6, 10 am to 4 pm both days. Four morning and afternoon sessions are \$240 with an option to purchase lunch. The workshop is designed for beginning watercolor artists who will learn techniques to paint individual flowers and to create compositions filled with flowers.

House of Neville Gallery & Gatherings
2409 Neville Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107 | 817-454-4107 |

Annie Strack's works "Any Which Way" and "Disconnected" were juried into Northwest Watercolor Society Member Exhibit, Philadelphia Watercolor Society Member Exhibit, Southern Watercolor Society 47th National Exhibit, Colorado Watercolor Society 33rd National Exhibition.





WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

We like to welcome new members to our watercolor society,
along with returning members from years past.

Alexandra Savilieva - Kirkland, Washington

Rita Dauchot - Namur, Belgium





2024 SWA Membership



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SWA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024?

SWA Memberships run from January through December.

We started taking 2024 memberships in October for the 2024 art season.

If you aren't sure if you've already renewed, just send us a note, and we'll look it up for you.

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Renew your membership online at www.swawatercolor.com/joinswa



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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 17 – Lisa Tennant - Demo Artist "Patterns"

October 18, 19 & 20 – Lisa Tennant Workshop

November 21 – 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
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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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CHAIR: Skeeter Murley
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