



# *Society of Watercolor Artists*

## *February Notes 2016*

### *Message from our President:*

We are off to a really good start for 2016! We had good attendance for the January meeting, many visitors and a great demo from James Tennison with a lot more on the list for this year.

The painting of the month competition had many entries for January. Various committees are hard at work for the upcoming International competitive exhibition and the accompanying workshop.

There are a lot of tasks yet to be done. Please make yourself available if you are called to help with a project. Be sure to check out the committee lists on the last page of this newsletter and help us fill those available spots!

I hope that every member works on at least one project this year. This helps bring home the fact that we are all working together, through the SWA, to help us simply achieve our goals to be the best artists that we can be.

Here's to a great start for 2016!

John Nickell, President SWA

### *ASEL ART AWARDS Artist of the Month Competition!*



SWA members are invited to bring a completed piece to our monthly meeting. The artwork is shown anonymously with each member in attendance voting once for their favorite. After winning 1<sup>st</sup> place, that artist retires from the competition for the remainder of the calendar year. Those who win 2<sup>nd</sup> place may continue to compete with other pieces of work. Art work previously shown in a SWA juried exhibit is not allowed. The first place winner goes home with a \$25 Asel gift certificate and 2<sup>nd</sup> place earns one

for \$15. In November all first place pieces during 2016 will return for selection of "Artist of the Year." Many thanks to Mary T House who chairs this fun event for us each month! Be sure and thank Asel Art Supply when you shop at 825 Foch Street.

### *Treasury Report*



December bank balances: Checking: \$15, 375.40 Building Fund: \$15,363.54



## *January Artist of the Month*

We had quite the turnout for January Artist of the Month and all were beautiful works of art!

Our 1st place winner is Rhonda Barefield for her painting "Gerber Daisy".

Our 2nd place winner is Paula Neighbors for her painting "Jesse".

Congratulations ladies!

Be sure to bring your work to the next SWA meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>!



## *February Demo Artist... Randy Meador*



Randy Meador is a wholly self-taught artist without any instruction except his own exhaustive study of works by Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, and Paul Cézanne. Born just a stone's throw from the Waggoner Ranch in Vernon, Texas and raised on a smaller ranch in Central West Texas, he fell in love with the hues of the West and returned to those hues in 2007 as a full time artist. Randy currently lives in Fort Worth with his wife and two remaining children (of five) and has a PO box in Saint Jo, Texas. In 2012 Randy began accepting workshop and demo requests. His animated and unorthodox presentations are filling much of his annual schedule.

Randy is a two-time Texas Watercolorist of the Year, has been awarded Best of Show in five international exhibitions, had a solo show with Justin Boots and is an Exhibition Juror for approximately 40 shows each year. He has designed several 12-foot stone relief panels for new TCU stadium, three large monuments for the Chickasaw Nation and installed two life-sized horse sculptures for City of Grand Prairie, Texas. Randy is the official artist for the Chris Kyle Foundations and the Wounded Warrior Project. He is a popular workshop instructor and regularly lectures museum staff, students, teachers, and enthusiasts concerning western art and watercolor technique.



## ***Have You Renewed Your Membership? Your 2016 Dues are due now! SWA membership runs on a calendar year January-December.***

We have an electronic membership directory for 2016. Each member will receive a pdf file that may be printed or tucked into a folder on your computer or ipad. Your payment can be made online with pay pal through our website: <http://www.swawatercolor.com/> or you can mail your membership fee to Paula Johnson, Membership Chair. Her address is 256 Stone Mountain Road, Cresson, TX 76035.

Individual: \$40 Seniors 65+: \$30 Family: Add \$5 to above amounts Lifetime: \$400 one-time payment  
Honorary Memberships: Free and are granted by vote of the Board.

Don't miss out on your membership discount to the upcoming SWA International Juried Exhibition and workshop in April with Frank Eber, our juror and workshop instructor!

### ***Members in the News***

Darla Bostick won 3rd place in the Visual Arts of Lewisville Juried Exhibit this month for her painting "Oahu Blooms"

A Week in Provence: Watercolor Experience with Jo Williams (Watercolor Workshop in France's Provence Region, Gourmet Food, Local Wine, and Exciting Destinations) Hosted by Walter and Kim Eagleton of Artistic Gourmet Adventures. July 3 - 9, 2016, [www.artisticgourmetadventures.com](http://www.artisticgourmetadventures.com).

Put some color in the gray month of February! The Star Harbor Watercolor Society is sponsoring its tenth annual For the Love of Art show and sale on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 – 5 p.m. at the Star Harbor City Hall building at 99 Sunset Blvd. SWA members Norma Fitzwater, Carolyn Seely, Celene Terry and Davilla Harding will have work in the show! Directions to the event and examples of the members' artwork can be viewed at the society website [www.starharborws.org](http://www.starharborws.org).



### ***Dates for the SWA 2016 International Juried Exhibition***

Plans are well underway for the 2016 International Show at the Central Library in Fort Worth juried by Frank Eber. Please note the entry dates are earlier than originally posted.

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: Midnight deadline online through CaFe  
Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: Notifications sent to entrants  
Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Shipped paintings due

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2pm: Installation  
Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm: Reception/Awards  
Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2pm: Removal of Show

Instructions for Entry: Here is the link to the SWA International Exhibition 2016  
[https://www.callforentry.org/festivals\\_unique\\_info.php?ID=3040](https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=3040) Go to Cafe at: <https://www.callforentry.org/> Log into your account (creating one is free and simple) at Café. Click on the link below once logged in or copy and paste the following: [https://www.callforentry.org/festivals\\_unique\\_info.php?ID=3040](https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=3040)

## ***Make Your Reservation for the 4-Day Frank Eber Workshop 26-29 April!***

To accommodate the demo and workshop provided by Frank Eber please notice the April SWA meeting will be Monday, 25 April (***one week later than usual***).



It isn't too early to make your plans for the Frank Eber 4-day workshop.

Where: St John's Anglican Church, 2401 College Ave, Fort Worth, Texas

When: April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Cost: Your SWA membership earns a workshop discount! Rhonda Barefield, Workshop Chair, can be contacted at: [swaworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:swaworkshop@gmail.com)

## ***A Tip for Resizing Your Work for Entries***

For some of us entering art shows is made more difficult by the digital requirements. After you photograph your art, download your image to the computer and name it according to the prospectus. You can use the free service <http://www.picsize.com/> Follow 3 or 4 easy steps, choose "Custom Size" and enter the pixels required on the longest side (depending upon horizontal or vertical format). Then be sure to select "Best" for the quality. Next choose "save to disc" so that the image goes to your computer. You will immediately get your image back with the same title except "rsz" will be at the front of the name. Save to your computer and rename the image to fit your prospectus. Picsize will eliminate your image from their website within minutes.



## ***Welcome to Our New Members!***

James E. Evans, Arlington, TX

Anna Roberts, Brownsburg, IN

Bill & Krystyna Dale, Arlington, TX, [bill@billdaledesign.com](mailto:bill@billdaledesign.com)

Lee Larkin, Hurst, TX, [lee.larkin.m@gmail.com](mailto:lee.larkin.m@gmail.com)

Susan Myers, Lubbock, TX

Johanna Storm, Arlington, TX, [johanna\\_storm@yahoo.com](mailto:johanna_storm@yahoo.com)



## *We like new members...invite your friends! The first visit is free.*

Membership includes these benefits:

- ✚ Fellowship with like-minded creative folks
- ✚ Post your art work on our Facebook page
- ✚ Free monthly SWA newsletter  
[Http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor](http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor)
- ✚ Entry discount for any SWA show
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Buy space on the SWA Premium Gallery for \$20
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ While maintaining SWA membership earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 juried exhibitions our juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Jo William's free critique session
- ✚ Asel Art Supply 20% discount
- ✚ Fun competitions
- ✚ December Holiday Party and painting swap
- ✚ ASEL Art of the Month Contest

Our Monthly meetings are held at the UNTHSC, Everett Building. 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 banner on the parking lot with directions to our room (or check the map on the website)

5:45pm Board Meeting

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

7:00pm Brief business notices

7:15-9pm Art demo, snack and art of the month

## *Upcoming meetings will feature the following demo artists:*

February 15th: Randy Meador

March 21st: Soon Warren

April 25th: Frank Eber

**April 26th-29th: Frank Eber Workshop in Fort Worth**

16 May: Laurin McCracken

**June, July and August: no monthly meetings**

September 19th: Jo Moncrief

October 17th: Jim Stewart

November 21st: Sharon Serrago

December: Holiday party TBA

## *Ongoing SWA Fundraisers (They help you to help us!)*



Kroger makes quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping!

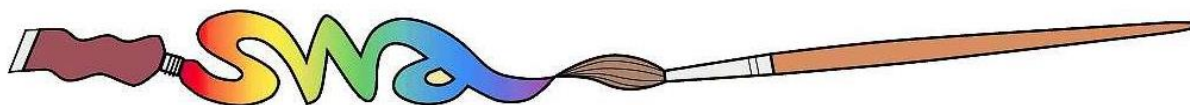
Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). If you already have a Kroger's Plus card, create your account and input your card number. In 7 to 10 days after shopping you will notice at the bottom of your receipt a donation was recorded for SWA.



Colors of Nature offers SWA members a 20% discount on their watercolors and customized brushes that are 100% vegan and cruelty-free. The savings given members are matched and donated back to SWA. The company will post member's art work created with their paints on their website, blog and direct people to a site of the artist's choice. SWA discount code: Members-20-SWA <http://shop.colorsofnature.com>.



Amazon Smile donates .05% of your online purchase back to SWA. Choose Society of Watercolor Artists as your nonprofit organization. It is listed as Denton, TX for its location...we are working to clear that up.



## *2016 SWA Officers and Members Extraordinaire*

### *2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

<b>President:</b>	John Nickell	<b>Exhibits:</b>	James Stewart	<b>Communications:</b>	Darla Bostick
<b>President-Elect:</b>	Darla Bostick	<b>Education/Workshop:</b>	Nancy Maas/ AVAILABLE	<b>Past President (Emeritus):</b>	Celeste McCall
<b>Secretary:</b>	Heidi Russell	<b>Membership:</b>	Paula Johnson		
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Hugh Heaton				

### *STANDING COMMITTEES*

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

CO-CHAIRS: Nancy Maas/ AVAILABLE

*Members are:*

ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: Mary T House

House & Properties: AVAILABLE

Monthly Critique: Jo Williams

Programs: Nancy Maas

Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions):

AVAILABLE

Workshops: AVAILABLE

#### **EXHIBITION COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Jim Stewart

*Members are:*

Hanging Volunteers: AVAILABLE

Membership for Exhibitions: Paula Johnson

Monetary Entries for Exhibitions: Hugh Heaton

SWA Signatures: Debbie Downing

Website Entries & Submissions: AVAILABLE

Prize Sponsors: Debbie Ford

#### **MEETING VOLUNTEERS**

*(Not a committee):*

Greeters: Shirley Nichols Open for more!

House & Properties: AVAILABLE

Hospitality: AVAILABLE

Painting of the Month: Mary T House

Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: Nancy Maas

#### **PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Darla Bostick

*Members are:*

Newsletter: Valeri Cranston

Photography: Veronica Ritchey

Print Editor for Catalogs: AVAILABLE

Publicity: AVAILABLE

Website Manager: AVAILABLE

Website Consultant: Sharon Giles

Facebook: Samantha Swayne

#### **FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Hugh Heaton

*Members are:*

Director of Finance & Budget: Hugh Heaton

Fantastic Fans: Shirley Nichols

Grants: Watson Arnold

Japanese Gardens Festival: AVAILABLE

Professional Standards (yearly audit): Brenda Morgan

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Paula Johnson

*Members are:*

Director of Membership: Paula Johnson