



Society of Watercolor Artists

June Notes 2016

Message from our President:

The spring 2016 International show is up, is beautiful, and is a success. The workshop was equally successful. Many, many, thanks to Jim Stewart and Janet Southern.

Our monthly demonstrations this year have all been excellent - thank you Nancy Maas.

We look forward to the fall, 2016 workshop, led by Soon Warren. The members' juried show is in December.

The executive committee is working smoothly and communicating well. What more could I ask!

Have a full and exciting summer! Be with family, eat well, and really paint a whole lot!

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 1st place, that artist retires from the competition for the remainder of the calendar year. Those who win 2nd 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 2nd 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



May bank balances: Checking: \$19,050.85 Building Fund: \$15,365.06

A big THANK YOU to...

Laurin McCracken for your informative presentation on marketing fine art!

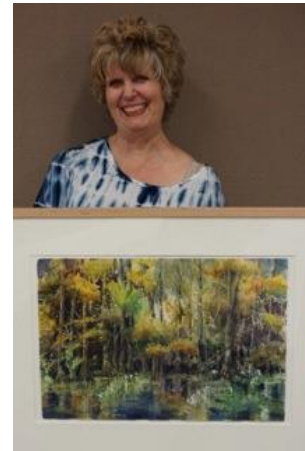


May Artists of the Month

The first place winner is Darla Bostick for her painting, "Ladies of Lamu, Kenya".

The second place winner is Jo Williams for her painting, "Caddo Wonder".

Congratulations ladies!



Members in the News



There were a number of SWA Members that were in the Texas and Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition. The show ran April 16th through May 14th in Irving. The list of winners include: **Lynne Buchanan**-3rd place in the Acrylic Division, **John James**-2nd Place, **Michael Holter**-3rd place and **Debbie Downing**-Honorable Mention in the Water-Based Division and **Karin Michele Anderson**-3rd Place in the Mixed Media Category. Other members who were accepted to the show were: **Darla Bostick**, **Colleen Erickson**, **Nancy Maas**, **Connie Logan-Levson**, **Barbara Mason**, **Judy Mason**, **Suzanne McNeill-Sparks**. Congratulations also to those who achieved Signature TXN Status with this show: **Colleen Erickson** and **John James**. **Karin Michele Anderson** achieved a 10-year mark of Signatue Status.

The Trinity Arts Guild Open Show in Bedford which ran April 20th through May 16th had quite a few SWA members winning awards. **Iok-Hou Pang** got Best of Show for his painting *Consonance*. **Hugh Heaton** got 3rd Place for his painting *Sax Player* in the Acrylic/Mixed Media division. In the Water Media division **Elaine Jary** got 1st Place for her painting *Neighborhood Hibiscus*, **Norma Lively** got 2nd place for her painting *Sunny Blooms*, **Celeste McCall** got 3rd place for her painting *Imagination Roses* and **Valeri Cranston**-Honorable Mention for her painting *Prickly!*.

Jo Williams received the Women in the Arts Recognition Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution at the DAR meeting in Denton on May 21. She also received the Founders Award in the recent Rio Brazos Art Exhibition in Granbury.

Celene Terry's painting *Cool 'N Her Heels* was awarded Best of Show at the 88th annual Henderson County Art Club Spring Show. The show was held at the end of April at the East Texas Arboretum in Athens, Texas.



"Consonance"
by Iok-Hou Pang

Bob Cook has won a 2nd Place Award of Excellence for his painting *Long Time Passing* and **Valeri Cranston** won an Award of Achievement for her painting *Peonies Paradise* in the Lake Granbury Art Association Open Members Show 2016.

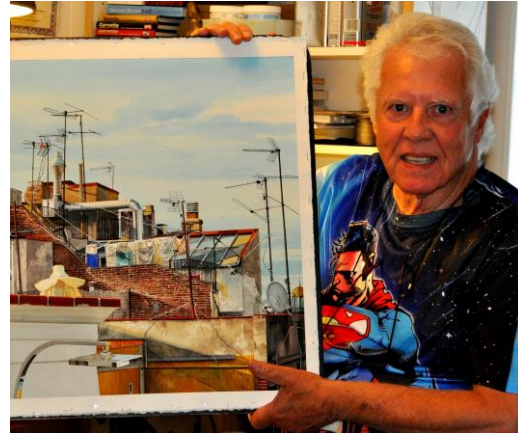
Darla Bostick has works up at Tierney's Tavern and Restaurant in Lewisville through August. She also has 3 pieces in the Plaza of the Americas building in downtown Dallas in the Texas Visual Arts Association show for the month of June.

Carol Rowley was awarded People's Choice Award for the best duo of poem and artwork in the Visual Artists Society of Texas in Denton. The Merging Visions show runs through June 5th in the Center of Visual Arts in Denton.

Bob Cook won the People's Choice award in the Rio Brazos Art Exhibition for his painting *Rooftops of Barcelona*. He has been accepted into WAS-H, Houston show, LWS show and the Fabriano Show in Italy. He will have an article on Watercolor techniques in the Spring PleinAir Magazine and is the featured artist for May at Your Private Collection art gallery in Granbury.



"Long Time Passing" by Bob Cook



"Rooftops of Barcelona" by Bob Cook

Michael Holter is the Oil Painters of America Plein Air Winner of a \$3000 full page ad in Western Art Collector magazine for his painting *Catch of the Day* presented by juror John Michael Carter. He is the winner of Honorable Mention Award presented by Juror Frank Eber for the SWA International Show. Michael has a number of workshops set for the summer as well. His Watercolor Impressionism workshops will be in Lac du Flambeau, WI June 5th, Galax, VA June 21st, Fredricksburg VA on June 27th and Tulsa, OK on June 28th. Creating Figurative Watercolors from Photos Workshop will be on June 13th through the 15th in Leland, MI. For a complete listing of all of the workshops available go to <http://michaelholter.com>.

Muriel Elliott Mimura has a show at The Art Gallery in the Point that is free and open to the public from June 2nd through June 29th. The Point & Pavilion at C.C. Young, 4847 W. Lawther Dr, Dallas, TX 75214, 214-841-2831. www.ccyoung.org

Fort Worth Library Card Design Contest!

Whether you're an award-winning artist or just an everyday doodler, you are invited to enter the Fort Worth Library Card Design Contest! Winning designs will be turned into official library cards and made available to the public. The contest will run from **August 31 – September 24, 2015**. Anyone can enter in either the Youth, Teen or Adult categories. Semi-finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges and put to a public vote on the Fort Worth Library's website. The winner in each age division will then be printed on Fort Worth Library cards available for distribution during the Library Card Sign-up Month, which will run from October 26 – November 25, 2015. Participants can download the entry form [here](#) and return their entries to any library location or electronically beginning August 31. If you have any questions, please [email](#) the library or call 817-392-7323.



Welcome to Our New Members!

Alan McGrew, Keller, TX, joined as a family member with Adela
Billie Yahne, Bedford, TX, billieyahne@gmail.com
Patty Cross, Arlington, TX, mimicross22@gmail.com
William Hilliard, hank1.hilliard@gmail.com

And Returning Members!

Alice Hoener, Grand Prairie, TX
Marilyn Bourbon, Coppell, TX
Mollie Jones, Flint, TX
Christine Alfery, Lac du Flambeau, WI

SWA membership runs on a calendar year January-December.

You can join SWA anytime during the year. Our official membership campaign is in October as our regular year runs with the calendar: Jan-December. Those who join mid-year do not receive a discounted membership fee, but they are eligible for the membership juried show in December which is for the 2015 members only. We will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume again in September.

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:

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. 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

President:	John Nickell	Exhibits:	James Stewart	Membership:	Paula Johnson
President-Elect:	Darla Bostick	Education/Workshop:	Nancy Maas/ Janet Southern	Communications:	Darla Bostick
Secretary:	Heidi Russell				
Treasurer:	Hugh Heaton				

STANDING COMMITTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRS: Nancy Maas/Janet Southern

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**

Workshop Chair: Janet Southern

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):

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: Skeeter Murley

Publicity: **AVAILABLE**

Website Manager: **AVAILABLE**

Website Consultant: Sharon Giles

Facebook & Twitter: Skeeter Murley

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

Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Linda Taylor and Mary Bell