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*Splash!**December 2025***NEWSLETTER**



SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas

From the President...

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family & friends. I traveled out of town and was able to enjoy a nice long weekend with my brother & sister's families. The six-hour drive I took may seem like a beating to some people, but I actually find it somewhat relaxing. When I was much younger, I used to make that drive in such a hurry. I just wanted to get there, and the trip itself was just a necessity. It was always a mad rush to get to my parents' house for the holiday. But I'm a bit older now, and hopefully a little wiser. I now take more time to enjoy trips like that and try to appreciate the view along the way a bit more.



I really learned that lesson this fall when I took an extended trip to Europe. I was able to visit parts of the world I'd never seen before, and I really tried to slow down and appreciate that time. That slower pace allowed me to open my eyes a bit more and let the experience sink in.

So now I make choices to do things that energize me. I've found since I retired, that I'm actually busier than I've ever been. But all of that busyness turns out to be things I want to do, not have to do. I love volunteering my time to this watercolor society and now just need to make the time to get my paintbrush out again and start painting!

I want to thank the SWA Board and every volunteer for all their efforts and more importantly for their friendship!

I hope all of you find the upcoming holidays to be full of joy and you have the time to enjoy your friends & family.

All my best,

Skeeter Murley

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Next Meeting...

Monday, January 26th

7:00pm -9:00pm

UNT Health Science Center

Artwork critiques begin at 6:30

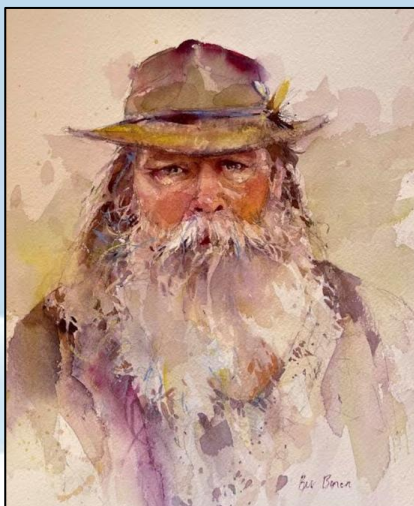
Bring a piece of your artwork, and **Ann Winchester** will critique your work. It's a great way to get free advice from a pro!



**Our meetings
are held at the**

UNT Health Science Center

3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, Tx.



[Bev Boren Website](#)

Guest Demo Artist

Bev Boren



Bev Boren was born and raised in Texas and now resides in Trophy Club, Texas with her husband Ben. She is a signature member of the Outdoor Painters Society and the Southwestern Watercolor Society. She is also a member of the Oil Painters of America, American Impressionist Society, and American Watercolor Society.

Her work is primarily the result of her need to paint. Inspiration can come at any time and in any place. She is not confined to one subject area. She loves to paint a variety of subject matter as well as working in various mediums. Bev's paintings are created with things that capture her eye whether it's a still life, landscape, or capturing a person's personality. Painting is her way of connecting with the world and the people around her and sharing those experiences along the way.

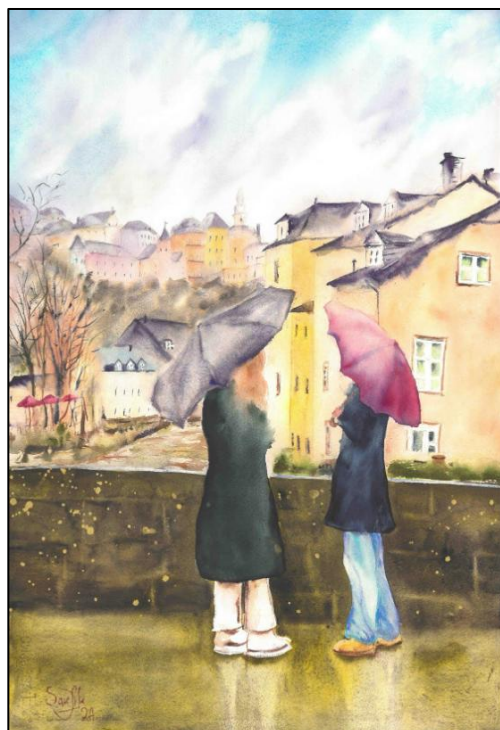
In her words "Trying to describe or explain my efforts at painting or drawing seems like a futile effort. After all, I want my work to express itself without the necessity of words. My best hope is that my work will stand simply on its own and find a connection with viewers where words fail".



Coming in February...

February Demo Artist - Jennifer Gillen

February 16th, 2026



Alexandra Savelieva recently took part in the 2025 International Watercolor Art Festival in China, organized by Rockwell and Baohong. And she had her painting *Beyond the Clouds* (far left) in the 3rd International Watercolor Festival Colors of Armenia.

Congratulations!

Darla Bostick's painting *Southwest Images* (right) won third place in the mixed media division of the Richardson Civic Art Society Fall Membership Show. Juror – Dr. Anna Fritzel

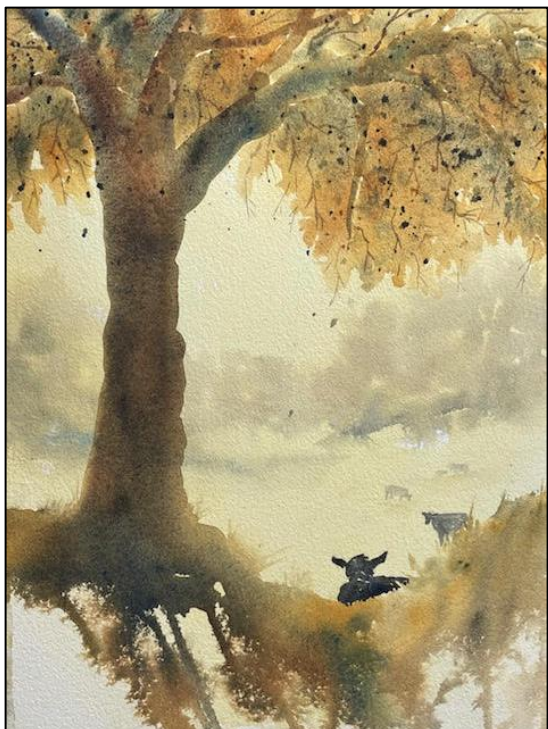
Darla also has a painting in the current Visual Art Society of Texas exhibition, *Marks! – Leave Your Mark*. Juror – Burt Finger

She has 20 pieces currently showing at the Emily Fowler Library in Denton, Tx. through the end of the year.

And she has her 2026 Calendar available for sale on her website: www.darlatostick.com



SWA accepts information from members each month in order to promote those that have won awards or been invited to shows/exhibitions. Please feel free to send into to us a watercolorcommunications@gmail.com

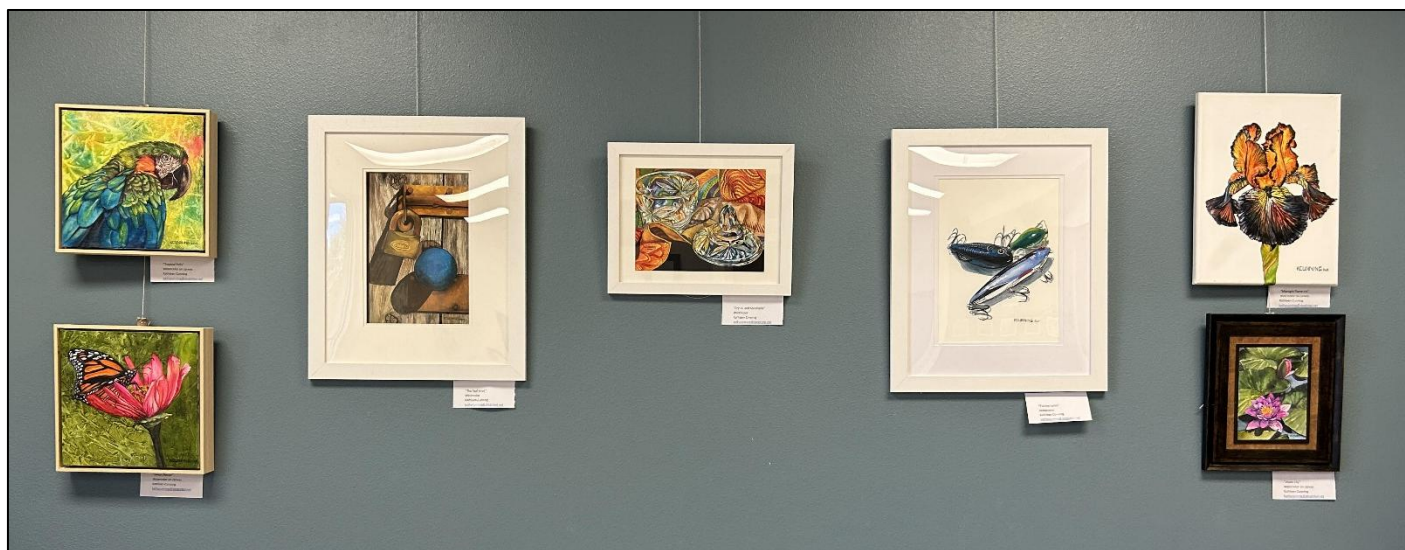


Terri Hennessy's painting *Sentinel* (left) won first place in the watermedia division of the Richardson Civic Art Society Fall Members Show.

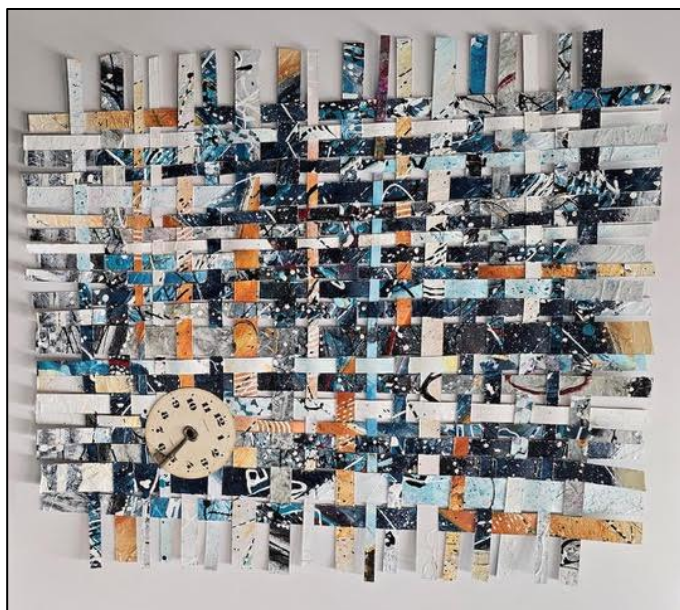
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Kathy Cuning currently has multiple paintings on display at the Hudson Oaks City Hall. They will be on display through the month of December.



Christine Alfery's painting *Intersections* (left) has been accepted into the 36th Annual Midwest Seasons Exhibition at the Caroline S. Mark Gallery in the Center for the Visual Arts in Wausau, Wisconsin.

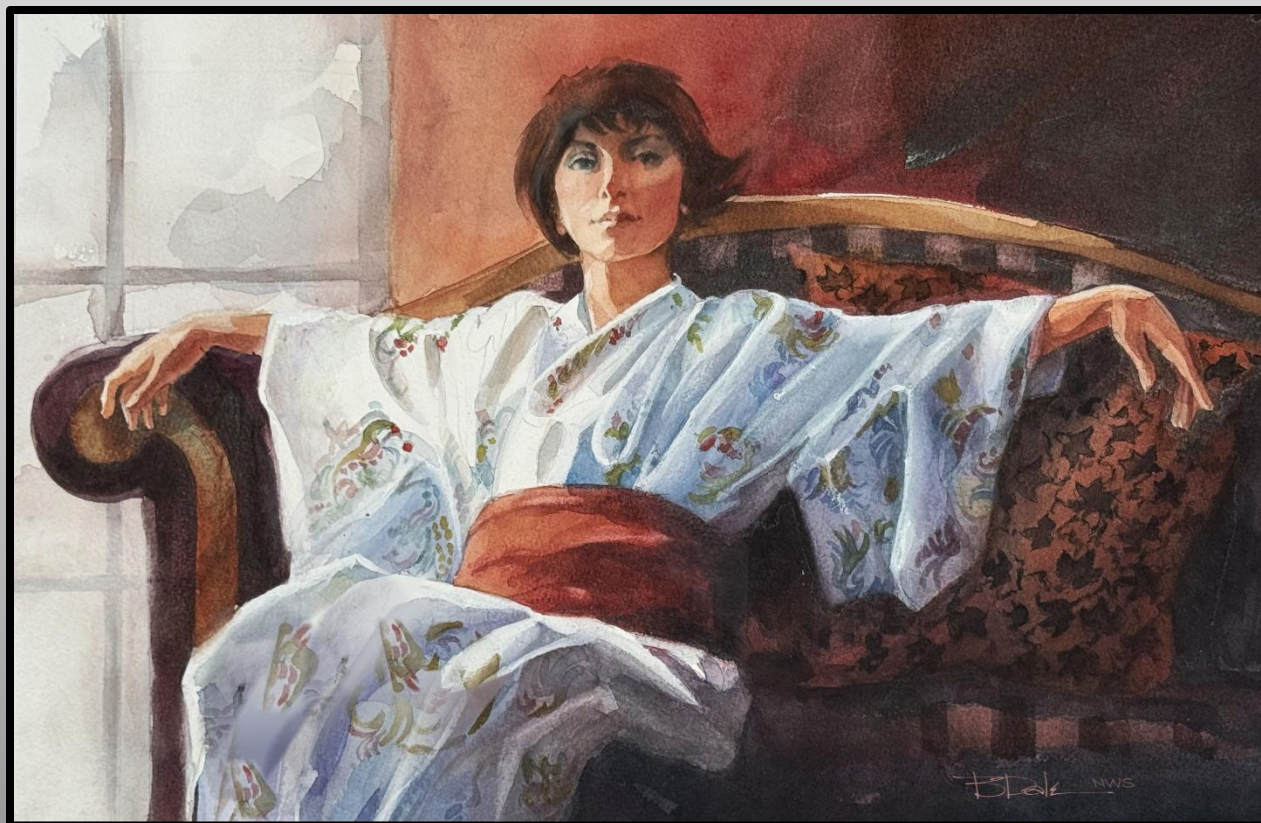


Larisa Anaya took part in an international watercolor exhibition "The Dawn of Impressionism" in Brittany France. She had three watercolors on display among 200 pieces by 80 artists from 14 countries.

The painting above is her demonstration painting from the event.

Her painting *Spring Lives Here* won an Honorable Mention award at the 10th annual Plein Air competition in Capitola, California.

2026 SWA Painting of the Year



White Kimono

Bill Dale

Arlington, Texas

Each year SWA has a Painting of the Month competition, where members bring in completed paintings to a meeting. Those in attendance vote for the monthly winners. Those that win are then eligible for the SWA Painting of the Year.

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2026 *International Juried Exhibition*

May 6th – 30th, 2026



2025 Best of Show Award

Ken Call

Northbrook, Illinois

Charlotte in Waiting

***Ken Call of Northbrook, Illinois will be the juror of the
2026 SWA International Juried Exhibition!***

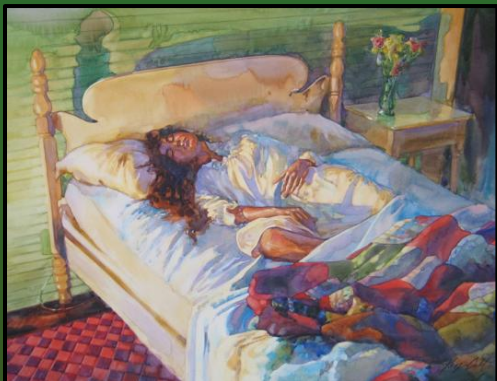
Ken Call will serve as our juror and also be conducting a 3-day watercolor workshop.
If you don't know Ken's award-winning work, we encourage you to visit his website.

[Ken Call Website](#)

Ken is best known for his amazing portraits but paints a wide range of subjects.
His unique style has won him numerous awards, including at our International Exhibition last year.

The prospectus will be released in the coming weeks.

More information on his workshop will be released soon.



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2026 SWA Membership Renewal

It's Time to Renew your SWA Membership for 2026!

By renewing your SWA membership, it allows us to fund many of the programs we provide each year.

It helps us reserve the meeting room at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth and book demo artists for the each of the monthly membership meetings.

The fees also allow us to maintain our website, not to mention multiple smaller expenditures that arise throughout the year.

Remember, we are a non-profit organization and are run by non-paid volunteers, so we do our best to keep fees as low as possible and spend funds wisely.

Click [HERE](#) to be taken to the membership page on our website.

Membership Options

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew for \$40. Add family members for \$5 each

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Over age 65 for \$30. Add family members for \$5 each

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

One-time fee of \$400 per individual

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Student Memberships cost \$25 per year

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6, 2025



SWA Fundraiser Opportunities



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Signed Up?

Community
Rewards

Kroger offers us the opportunity to raise funds for our watercolor society. They make quarterly donations to SWA based on the shopping you do every day in their stores.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Then simply follow the directions on how to link your Kroger card to our organization. We are listed as Society of Watercolor Artists Inc.

Your transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to SWA, at no added cost to you. **Every dollar we raise helps!**



DONATE DIRECTLY TO SWA

Click the link below to be taken to a page to donate to SWA through PayPal.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

You can also donate by writing a check payable to Society of Watercolor Artists and sending it to:

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Fort Worth, Texas 76147

We want to thank you in advance for considering a donation to the Society of Watercolor Artists.

SWA will be able to use your donations to support our operational needs.

Those needs include funding for meeting & gallery space, equipment, outreach and awards.

SWA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.



TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS!

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

Leigh Cain – Grand Prairie, Texas

Christine Waara – Haiku, Hawaii



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2026 CALENDAR

Our meetings are held at the UNT Health Science Center
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. in Fort Worth, Tx.

List of Demo Artists

January 26 – Bev Boren - (Portraits)

February 16 – Jennifer Gillen - (Veggies & Leaves)

March 16 – Ron Crouch - (People & Interiors)

April 20 – Monica Austin - (People)

May 18 – Ken Call - Demo Artist

May 19, 20 & 21 – Ken Call Workshop

June, July & August – No Meetings, Summer Break

September 21 – TBD - Demo Artist

September 22, 23 & 24 – Workshop

October 19 – Brenda Driggers - (People)

November 16 – Cheryle Chapline - (Natures Tagle / Forest Light)

December – SWA Holiday Parts

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 Skeeter Murley at
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