

Splash!

February 2024

NEWSLETTER

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Taiwan! I am very sorry that I missed the January members meeting and demo. My brother-in-law, who is also a good friend of mine since high school, has reached the end stage of an aggressive form of brain tumor. So, my wife and I decided to visit the family before it is too late. We will be back to Texas on the 7th of February.



Thanks to Laura Hannah, the annual SWA International Juried Exhibition is proceeding in earnest. Its prospectus was finalized by the capable hand of Skeeter Murley and is published. Please go to the SWA website for details. Just a reminder: because the Fort Worth Central Library is no longer available for our exhibition, this year our show will be hung in the Grapevine Recreation Center. I understand that the change of location may be slightly inconvenient for some of us, yet more convenient for others. Regardless, I really appreciate Laura's diligent efforts in scouting, analyzing, and comparing various possible locations, as well as identifying, negotiating, and finalizing this venue. I hope you all like it.

Please also note that for the International Exhibition, the requirements of painting materials remain watercolor on paper/Yupo. Please do not confuse with the requirements of our Members Exhibition in the autumn (which allows other water media). Again, please refer to the prospectus for details. I look forward to seeing your exciting entries.

Our next meeting will be on 19th of February. Kay Byfield will be our demo artist. She used to be a college art professor. Please go to the SWA website and check out samples of her paintings.

February 10th is the Chinese Lunar New Year. This is the **Year of the Dragon**. I wish you all a very prosperous, healthy, and energetic year (like the mythical dragon).

Happy painting!
Warm wishes,

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Next Meeting... Guest Demo Artist **Kay Byfield**

"Water Reflections"

**Monday, Feb. 19th
7:00pm
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.

**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.

Transparencies and reflections change the direct appearance of the world and offer opportunities for compelling artworks. At the SWA February meeting, Kay Byfield, MFA, will examine how they can be incorporated into captivating paintings in water-media. Transparencies and reflections distort subject matter, establish new pictorial relationships, and allow viewers to consider additional perspectives, but they can be complicated to paint. Aesthetically they add opportunities for beautiful shapes, colors, and textures but they can also carry metaphorical significance. At the February meeting, Kay will analyze how water and other reflective surfaces respond to light and how that can be successfully depicted in paintings. Together we will analyze the ways some master works use reflections and transparencies effectively to create award winning paintings.

Teaching art in some capacity has been Kay Byfield's passion for more than 40 years. In fact, she likes to say that she is a teacher who paints rather than a painter who teaches. Kay started painting after she earned a Master of Fine Arts degree at Vermont College of Norwich University, and then became a college art professor for 10 years. More recently she has focused on expanding the number of workshops and courses she offers and now teaches a Basic Watercolor class and two Intermediate to Advanced Watercolor classes at the Creative Arts Center in Dallas. <https://www.creativeartscenter.org/classes-painting> She delights in helping budding artists find their own direction and in discovering their own voices.

NEXT MONTH...

March Demo Artist – Kathy Cuning

March 18, 2024



Laurin McCracken will have two paintings appear in Splash 25, an annual program of Golden Peak Media, publishers of Artists Magazine. His painting *Silver with Magnolia* was selected as an Honorable Mention winner.



Laurin's painting *Objects on a Table* was selected as a finalist. This is the 17th consecutive year that his paintings have been included in the Splash program.



Christine Alfery's painting *She Didn't Know* was honored as Best of Show at the Wisconsin Visual Artist Association 47th Members Memorial Exhibition.



Christine will host an upcoming solo art exhibition at the New Visions Gallery in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Her work, *As the Wind Blows*, along with many other will be featured during the event.



Les McDonald, Jr's painting *Casas Costa Rica* has been accepted in the 157th American Watercolor Society's International Exhibition New York. With this, Les receives signature status in AWS!



Cindy Baird shares a interview she recently did with Red River Paper, a company in Dallas. Click this link to read more information on how she makes prints of her artwork. [Click Here](#)

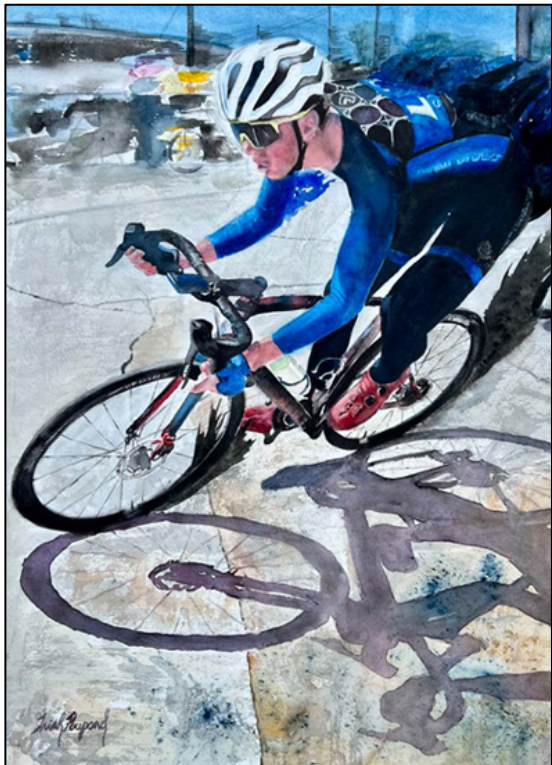


Marilyn Ivy will teach landscape watercolor classes at the House of Neville Gallery and Gathering.
February 21st "You Rock" (Arizona Landscape),
February 28th "Snow Drifts" (Pines in Snow) &
March 6th Captured Memories (Your own photo landscape). Each class is 1 to 3pm.
For more information, click [Here](#).



Darla Bostick has multiple paintings in the Richardson Civic Art Society Membership Show. Shown above is *Camellia, Giverney Gardens, France* and to the right is *Side Street, Paros, Greece*. Darla will also be doing a demo at the meeting of the Visual Arts of Lewis on February 13th.

Trish Poupard's painting *The Essence of Speed* was invited to the Fabriano in Aquarello exhibition in Italy.





Painting of the Month

Don't forget to bring a painting to the February 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, February 19th at 7pm

(Artwork Critique starting at 6:30pm.)

UNT Health Science Center - Fort Worth, Tx.

January Winners!



1st Place
Signature Division
Trish Poupard
"Determined Beauty"



1st Place
Non-Signature Division
Lori Williamson
"Winter Robin"

Congratulations!

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following SWA members who have been accepted into the 2024 Fabriano in Acquarello Exhibition in Italy!

Fabriano in
Acquarello
in Watercolor
2024

Bill Dale
Krystyna Dale
Michael Holter
Mollie Jones
Rebecca Krutsinger
Laurin McCracken
Trish Poupard

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WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

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

Becki Hesedahl – Salem, Oregon

Christina Mewhinney – Dallas, Texas

Justin Spradlin – Fort Worth, Texas

Soon Warren – Fort Worth, Texas

Carmella Tuliszewski – Flourtown, Pennsylvania

2024 SWA Membership

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SWA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024?

SWA Memberships run from January through December.

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 TBD "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
send all of your newsletter info 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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