



From the President...

I trust you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, perhaps a chance to get together with families and friends. My wife and I visited our daughter in Bend, OR. Our son also flew from Hawaii to join us there. We had a big Thanksgiving supper, followed by several days of hiking on icy hills to help balance the caloric intake.

Thanks to all who participated in the email poll on painting requirements for our future International Exhibitions. Among the votes we received, the majority (57.6%) chose "Watercolor must constitute 80% or more of the work, with no more than 20% to include gouache, acrylic & ink. All paintings must be on watercolor paper or Yupo". These guidelines will be included in the prospectus of future International Shows. I truly appreciate your participation and guidance.

During the November meeting, we have also nominated and approved the members of the Board of Directors for 2023. They are:

- President – **Iok-Hou Pang**
- Secretary – **Vicki Rowley**
- Treasurer – **Janet Southern**
- Membership – **Skeeter Murley**
- Exhibition – **Laura Hannah**
- Workshop – **Shirley Nichols**
- Demo – **Marilyn Ivy**
- Communication – **Skeeter Murley**
- Newsletter – **Vacant**
- President-Elect – **Vacant**



I am very thankful for **Marilyn Ivy**, who volunteered to serve as the Demo Chair for next year. As you can see, we still have vacant positions left on the Board. If you are familiar with Microsoft Word and willing to spare a few hours each month to help edit our Newsletter, please kindly consider to serve as the Newsletter Chair. In addition, if you have leadership experience or would like to develop/improve such experience, the President-Elect position, which will automatically become President in 2024, is waiting for you. We are eager to hear from all of you who would like to serve SWA.

Just a reminder: There is no meeting in December, and our next meeting will be on January 23rd, **not 16th**. The UNT facility will be closed on Jan 16th because of Martin Luther King Day. I wish all a very happy and meaningful holiday! I look forward to seeing you again in our next meeting! Happy painting!

Warm wishes,

Iok-Hou (Yoko)

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Next Meeting...

Monday, Jan. 23RD

7:00pm

UNT Health Science Center

Guest Demo Artist **Bev Boren**



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

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".

**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.

February Demo Artist – Randy Meador

February 20, 2023

2022 Juried Members' Exhibition

AWARDS



BEST OF SHOW

Bill Dale
Arlington, Texas
Summer Hat

1st Place
(Non-Signature Division)

Alonzo Clarke
Newmarket, New Hampshire
Winter Hollow



Signature Member Division

Best of Show – Bill Dale – *Summer Hat*
2nd Place – Brenda Driggers – *Leo Michael*
3rd Place – Susan Keith – *Creation Speaks of His Glory*
Juror's Award – Gemma Haas – *Apple Bee*
Juror's Award – Jo Williams – *Remembering Argyle Acres*
Honorable Mention – Mollie Jones – *An Apple a Day*

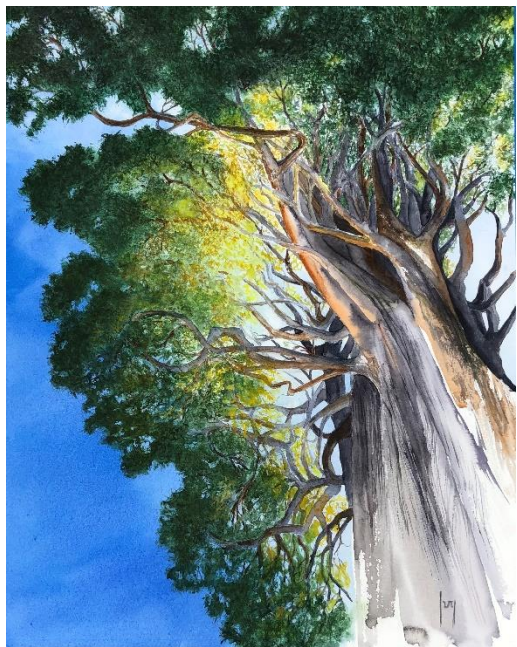
Non-Signature Member Division

1st Place – Alonzo Clarke – *Winter Hollow*
2nd Place – Annie Strack – *Serious Side Eye*
3rd Place – Maria Victoria Aurea van Dijk - *Whispering*
Juror's Award – Manal Fashi – *Morning Water Show*
Juror's Award – Jane Strong – *Sweet Perfume*
Honorable Mention – Laura Langston - *Amaryllis*

Click [HERE](#) to view the Exhibition Catalog



2022 SWA JURIED MEMBERS' EXHIBITION



Marilyn Ivy had multiple paintings accepted into the 2022 Weatherford Art Association Members Exhibition.

(Left) *Villa d'Este Cypress*

(Below) *Hensaw-Barden Mill, Northumberland*



Trish Poupard's paintings *Haunting Beauty* (below, left) and *Urban Cowgirl* (below, right) were accepted into the Arizona Aqueous XXXVII.

Juror – Jackson Boelts





ANNOUNCEMENTS!

2023 Member Meeting / Demo Artist Schedule

January 23 – Bev Boren

February 20 – Randy Meador

March 20 – Paula Pillow

April 17 – Z.L. Feng

April 18 & 19 – Workshop

May 15 – Paula White

- Summer Break -

September 18 – Laurin McCracken

October 16 – Demo Artist / Juror & Workshop TBD

November – Manal Fashi

**We Need
Your Help!**



We are in desperate need for someone to volunteer to take on the role of
SWA Newsletter Editor

Ideally, we would have two people serve in this role, so you'd only have to put out a newsletter every other month. We usually send out around 10 newsletters each year, so if we have two volunteers, that means it would only be 5 for each. That number should be much more manageable.

Volunteers have a lot of freedom on how they want to put the newsletter together. Some skills are needed in Microsoft Word or other programs they are familiar with.

Please consider volunteering your time!

Contact us if you're interested. Send an e-mail to us at
watercolorcommunications.com

Welcome

New Members

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

Karen Farmer – Euless, Texas



It's Time to Renew Your SWA Membership!



SWA Memberships run from January thru December of each year.

We start taking memberships in October of each year for the following year.



Your SWA membership helps us fund many of the programs we provide each year. It helps us book demo artists for each of the monthly membership meetings and allows us to book the meeting room at the UNT Health Science Center.

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

Remember, we are a non-profit organization, so we do our best to spend funds wisely.

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

ONGOING SWA FUNDRAISERS



An easy way for you to help us out!

These companies support charitable organizations like SWA by donating a portion of their sales with you, directly to us.

We hope you'll consider choosing SWA when shopping with these companies.



AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Society of Watercolor Artists. Once you set our organization of choice as SWA, every time you shop from Amazon Smile, you're helping 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

Colors of Nature offers SWA members a 20% discount on their watercolors and customized brushes that are 100% vegan and cruelty-free. The savings are matched and donated back to SWA. The company will post member's artwork 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>

If you are aware of any other companies that donate to organizations like ours, please feel free to send us a note, and we'll add them to the list. Thanks!



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2022

2022 CALENDAR

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

January 24 – Laurin McCracken - *Marketing your Art on Social Media*

February 21 – Michael Holter - Demo Artist

March 21 – Ann Winchester & Bill Dale – Demo Artists

April 18 – Laurin McCracken – Demo

April 19 – 22 – Laurin McCracken Workshop

May 16 – Hollan Holmes – Demo Artist

July 18-21 – Stephen Zang Workshop – *Portraits that Captures*

September 19 – John Cogley, Daniel Smith Artist's Material Demo

October 17 – Cecy Turner – Demo Artist

October 18 & 19 - Cecy Turner Workshop

November 21 – Tina Bohlman - Demo Artist

Masks are not required to attend the meetings.
There is a lot of room 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
ipang@sbcglobal.net



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.

swa.membernews@gmail.com

SWA INFORMATION STATION

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 do not meet during the summer months but 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 into SWA exhibitions
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ Painting of the Month Contest
- ✚ While maintaining active SWA membership, earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 SWA juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ Advance notification & entry into Workshops
- ✚ Fun Competitions!
- ✚ 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 signs 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

2022 SWA COMMITTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Shirley Nichols
Painting of the Month/Year: Harvey Youngblood
Monthly Critique: Ann Winchester
Programs: Shirley Nichols
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: **AVAILABLE**
Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **AVAILABLE**
Workshop Chair: Shirley Nichols
House & Properties: Shirley Nichols

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Skeeter Murley
Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**
SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey
Prize Sponsors: Skeeter Murley

MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Skeeter Murley
Newsletter Editor: **AVAILABLE**
Photography: Veronica Ritchey
Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley
Publicity: **AVAILABLE**
Website Manager: Skeeter Murley
Facebook, Instagram & Twitter: Skeeter Murley

FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Finance & Budget: Janet Southern
Professional Standards (yearly audit): **AVAILABLE**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Membership: Skeeter Murley
Greeters: **AVAILABLE**
Editor of Online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley