

*Splash!*  
September 2023

# SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

*Fort Worth, Texas*

## NEWSLETTER

### *From the President*

Dear Friends,

Before we know it, the meteorological autumn is here, although the temperature in north Texas doesn't seem to reflect that. I hope you all had a wonderful summer, perhaps did some traveling, family get-together, and better yet, painting. My family had a small family reunion in Hawaii in late August. My wife and I haven't seen our two kids since Thanksgiving. I was very glad that they made time to see their old man.

I wish to thank all of you who submitted your beautiful opuses to the Membership Exhibition, which will start in October. Earlier this year the majority of members have voted to allow a more inclusive format, both in painting materials and in matting requirements. I am eager to see how the show will look with these changes. I am also excited about the new Small Works Exhibition, which should encourage more participation. I have submitted my works to both, and am crossing my fingers hoping that they will be selected by the juror.

Our fall workshop will last three days on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. The instructor is **Tim Oliver**, an internationally well-known landscape artist. Please visit our website for details. There are only limited spaces available now. For those who are interested, this is a highly valuable learning opportunity.

Our next monthly meeting is on September 18, same time, same place. The demo artist is our great friend **Laurin McCracken**, who, I am sure, needs no introduction. He has so much knowledge in the art of watercolor: from tools, materials, techniques, aesthetics, to presentation, to marketing .... Much of this cache of information cannot be found in any books or elsewhere. Every time I heard him talk, I felt that I could use some of the information to improve my paintings.

I look forward to seeing you again! Happy painting!

Kind regards,

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# Next Meeting...

**Monday, Sep. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**UNT Health Science Center**

## Guest Demo Artist **Laurin McCracken**



**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

**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.

Born in Meridian, Mississippi, Laurin studied at Auburn University and holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Architecture from Rice University and a Masters in Architecture and Urban Planning from Princeton University. He is a signature member of more than a dozen watercolor societies including the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Southern Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, and Watercolor USA Honor Society. He is an Elected Member of the Allied Artists of America in their Watermedia Category.

He is a realist watercolorist whose work is largely influenced by the Dutch and Flemish Still Life painters of the 16th and 17th Centuries.

His goal is to record the world around him with a high level of detail. Look closely at one of his paintings and you will not only see the objects in the paintings, but you will also see reflections of other objects within the very objects.

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## October Demo Artist – Tim Oliver

October 16, 2023

# *Welcome* to our Newest Members



We like to welcome new members to our association,  
along with others that have been members in the past.

**Telagio Baptista** – Omaha, Nebraska

**Cheryl Baron** - Carrollton, Texas

**Dianna Halevy-Holub** - Celina, Texas

**Theresa Hennessy** - Plano, Texas

**Barbara (Ara) Leites** – Santa Cruz, California

**Louise Lachance** – Saint-Anicet, Quebec Canada

**Vickie Pier** - Colleyville, Texas

**Janet Pribble** – Fort Worth, Texas

**Laura Stamp** – Dallas, Texas

**Sujit Sudhi** – Kenosa, Wisconsin



*Painting of the Month!*

There are two more months (Sept & Oct) to qualify for

**Painting of the Year!!**

(We vote in November)

**SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS**



# Tim Oliver



**watercolor workshop -**

3-Day Workshop

**October 17, 18 & 19, 2023**

9am to 4pm

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

2401 College Ave.

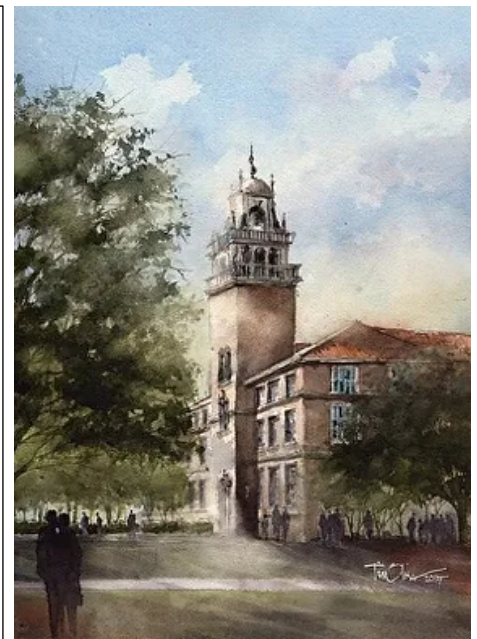
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Tim Oliver is a Landscape Architect and owner of a design/build landscape firm in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in landscape architecture in 1983 from Texas Tech University.

Tim holds Signature membership in the National Watercolor Society and the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies. He is an exhibiting member of the American Watercolor Society, American Impressionist Society, Outdoor Painters Society, Southwestern Watercolor Society, the GAS Painting Group and the West Texas Watercolor Society. Tim is also an associate member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, the American Plains Artists and Plein Air Painters of New Mexico.

Tim is active in doing watercolor demos for watercolor societies across West Texas and his work has appeared on the cover of Watercolor Artist Magazine.





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# 2023

# 2023 CALENDAR

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

**January 23** – Bev Boren - Demo Artist

**February 20** – Randy Meador - Demo Artist

**March 20** – Paula Pillow - Demo Artist

**April 17** – Z.L. Feng - Demo Artist

**April 18 & 19** – Z.L. Feng Workshop

**May 16** – Paula White - Demo Artist

**June, July & August** – Summer Break

**September 18** – Laurin McCracken - Demo Artist

**October 17** – Tim Oliver – Demo Artist

**October 18, 19 & 20** – Tim Oliver Workshop

**November 21** – Manal Fashi - 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  
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If you have any news you would like  
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# 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 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!
- ✚ 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 .

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## 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**

### PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Skeeter Murley

Newsletter Editor: Christopher Stewart

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### 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