



NOTE: JANUARY MEETING IS ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> RATHER THAN THE 16<sup>TH</sup> IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

## **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 2017 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**

December bank balances: Checking: \$14,973.14 Building Fund: \$15,366.85

## **January Demo Artist: Marla Morrison Fucich**



Marla currently lives in the Dallas area. She has a B.F.A. from Texas State University, in San Marcos, Texas, and an M.F.A. from Claremont Graduate University, in Claremont, California. Her work is rooted in drawing techniques. She uses acrylic inks on smooth board, and enjoys the 'action and reaction' of design. While she references items from nature, like leaves, bugs, and animal tails, for example, the work is non-objective.



*"Vibrolute"*

**Marla Morrison Fucich**

From 1999 to the present, she has been an Education Advisor for Winsor & Newton. She gives workshops showcasing Winsor & Newton artists' materials at colleges and universities in the North Texas Area. The presentations cover pigment history, how quality color is made, color bias, pigment characteristics, glazing technique, use of mediums and primers, how to choose the best brush, and more. Thanks to her job, she looks forward to sharing painting information with any interested person.

# 2016 SWA Juried Membership Exhibition

There was a great turnout for the show in spite of the rain! Here are the winners:



*"Alma with Monarchs"*  
Muriel Mimura

**The 2016 George Grant Tribute Award: Best of Show: Muriel Mimura** for *"Alma with Monarchs"*. (This painting was sold to the Grant Family)

**2nd Place: r mike nichols** for *"Family Foto"*

**3rd Place: Elaine Jary** for *"Late Afternoon Egret"*

**Awards of Excellence: Lynne Buchanan** for *"Every Single Time"*, **Robert Cook** for *"Lake Nocturne"*, **Nancy Maas** for *"Chisos Mountains"* and **Suzy Powell** for *"Keri's Jacks"*.



**Awards of Achievement: Denis Benjamin** for *"Red Onions"*, **Robbie Fitzpatrick** for *"Dressage Diva"*, **Hugh Heaton** for *"Lost Woman"* and **Dawn Kerbs** for *"Stickin' Your Neck Out"*. Congratulations to all the winners!

## Member News

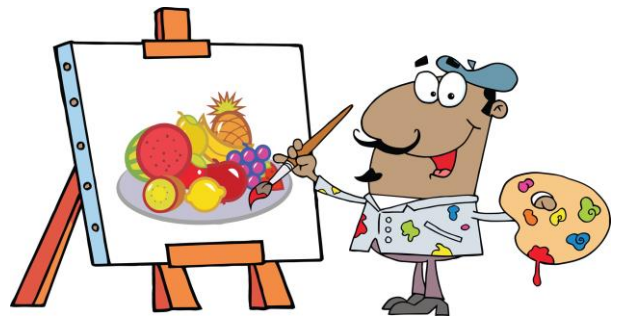
**Valeri Cranston** was one of 5 artists at a pop up art gallery for the Granbury Candlelight Christmas Tour of historical homes.



*"Warriors of Xian, China"*  
Darla Bostick

**Darla Bostick** has her painting *"Warriors of Xian, China"*

featured in the Cheap Joe's 30th Reference Catalog which will be sent out in January. The same painting will be travelling to the 22nd Arts in Harmony International Juried Exhibition in Minnesota February and March. Her painting *"Sweet Dream"* will be in the "Gimme Shelter" National Show in Charlotte, NC that benefits the Humane Shelter. The next rotation at Tierney's Tavern and Restaurant in Lewisville will include her work from January 8<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>.



The SWA Holiday Party at The Reata Restaurant in downtown Fort Worth was a success! Here are a few pictures from the fun event. Thanks to everyone that came out for the festivities!



## 2017 SWA Juried International Exhibition Coming in April!



The SWA International show will be held at the Atrium Gallery, Central Library, Fort Worth, TX, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fort Worth, TX. We are pleased to announce Laurie Goldstein-Warren as our juror. She has signature status with Southern Watercolor Society (SWS), Transparent Watercolor Society (TWSA), Watercolor West (WW), North East Watercolor Society (NEWS), North West Watercolor Society and Gold Medal Fellowship (NWWS-GMF). Laurie continues to experiment with new techniques in watercolor and watercolor/ acrylic. Her work has shown in the US, Japan, Turkey, Canada and China. She won Best of Show in the 2016 Texas Watercolor Society. Her works focus on cityscapes, portraits and still life. Laurie has been featured in 3 issues of Watercolor Artist and 3 Splash publications. Learn more on her website: [www.warrenwatercolors.com](http://www.warrenwatercolors.com)

### *Exhibition Calendar*

Exhibition Dates: 16 April-27 May

Entry deadline: Sunday, 12 March (All entry images must be sent via email before midnight)

Notification date: Wednesday, 22 March (via email)

Shipped pieces due to Box and Ship: 5-13 April

Hand-Delivered pieces due at Fort Worth Central Library: Saturday, April 15, 10am-noon

Juror Demo: Monday, 17 April, 7-9pm (\$10 fee to non-members)

Juror Workshop: Tuesday, 18 April-Thursday, 20 April

Reception in Central Library Auditorium: Saturday, 27 May, 2-4pm

Take Down and Pickup: 4-5pm immediately following the reception

### **April 18th –20th Juror Workshop with Laurie Goldstein-Warren, AWS, NWS**

Join us for an exciting workshop with our International Show Juror, Laurie Goldstein-Warren. She will present a demo at our regular April meeting (non-members \$10) with her workshop beginning the next day. Cost available soon.

Date: April 18-20, 2017 (Tuesday-Thursday) 9am-4pm

Location: St John's Episcopal Church located at 2401 College Ave., Ft Worth

Subject matter: Limited palette portraits. All levels of experience can take it.



"I am Laurie Goldstein-Warren and I live in West Virginia. I have been painting watercolors for sixteen years. Art has always been a part of my life. When I was young, ballet, tap and jazz dancing was my creative outlet. I was a dancer in the Rochester Academy of Performing Arts dance troupe until the age of 18. Later on my creative path took me to hair styling. I opened my own salon in New York and competed in fantasy hair competitions. I loved these particular shows because you had to create something never seen before, more avante garde than styles you would see on the street. When I moved to West Virginia in 1998 and found myself in the countryside, I went back to one of my first creative loves, art. After many years of studying the art of watercolor with some fantastic teachers and mentors, I have been so fortunate to have found success in this field. I now enjoy teaching my workshops and jurying exhibits around the country. I found my voice in art... find yours....Create!"

## ***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)
- ✚ Monthly 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 (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)
- 7:00pm Brief business notices followed by guest artist demo

## ***SWA membership runs on a calendar year January through December***

You can join SWA anytime during the year. Our official membership campaign is 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 December which is for the 2016 members only. We will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume again in September.

## ***2017 meetings will feature the following demo artists:***

- January 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Marla Morrison Fucich**
- February 20<sup>th</sup>: **Bev Boren**
- March 20<sup>th</sup>: **Kim Collins**
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: **Workshop Leader**
- May 16<sup>th</sup>: **Sarah Graham Harmon**



- June through August: no meetings**
- September 18<sup>th</sup>: **David Tripp**
- October 16<sup>th</sup>: **Cheryl Meggs**
- November 20<sup>th</sup>: **Sharon Giles**
- December: **Holiday party TBA**

## ***Ongoing SWA Fundraisers (They help you to help us!)***



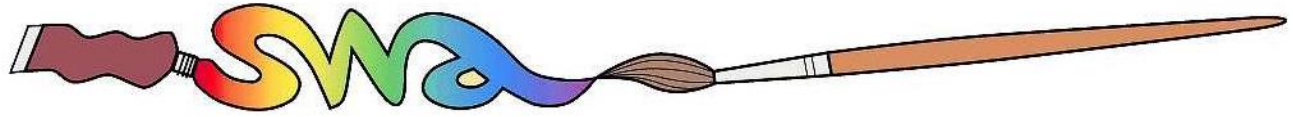
Kroger makes quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping! Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) If you already have a Kroger's Plus card, create your account and input your card number. In 7 to 10 days after shopping you will notice at the bottom of your receipt 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 automatically donates .05% of your online purchase back to SWA. Choose Society of Watercolor Artists as your nonprofit organization.



## 2017 SWA Officers and Standing Committee Members

### 2017 Board of Directors

**President:** Janet Southern  
**Secretary:** Dawn Kerbs  
**Treasurer:** OPEN

**Exhibits:** OPEN  
**Education/Workshop:** Bill Dale

**Membership:** Mary Bell  
**Communications:** Veronica Ritchey and Skeeter Murley

### 2017 Standing Committees

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Bill Dale

*Members are:*

ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: Mary T House

Monthly Critique: OPEN

Programs: OPEN—have schedule but need monthly demo assistant for set-up and take-down

Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): AVAILABLE

Workshop Chair: Janet Southern

#### PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Co-CHAIRS: Skeeter Murley and Veronica Ritchey

*Members are:*

Newsletter Editor: Valeri Cranston

Photography: Veronica Ritchey

Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley

Publicity: OPEN

Website Manager: Skeeter Murley

Website Consultant: Sharon Giles

Facebook & Twitter: Skeeter Murley

#### EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: OPEN

*Members are:*

Hanging Volunteers: Jim Stewart head

Membership for Exhibitions: Mary Bell

Monetary Entries for Exhibitions: Treasurer

SWA Signatures: Debbie Downing

Website Entries & Submissions: OPEN

Prize Sponsors: Debbie Ford

#### FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: OPEN

*Members are:*

Director of Finance & Budget: OPEN

Fantastic Fans: Shirley Nichols

Professional Standards (yearly audit): Brenda Morgan

#### MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

House & Properties: OPEN

Hospitality: Rhonda Barefield

Painting of the Month: Mary T House

Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: OPEN

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Mary Bell

*Members are:*

Director of Membership: Mary Bell

Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Linda Taylor, Suzy Ware

**NOTE: Bill Dale and Dawn Kerbs will be on the ballot for election at the January meeting.**