



From the President...

Let's look at 2021 as a year to celebrate! This is the 40th Birthday for SWA! Notice our new look for the newsletter. We can hope the Covid vaccinations continue to roll out (I've had my first dose) and we can meet as a group once again. There is no news from UNTHSC on the possibility of our next meeting but we have learned to roll with the pandemic virtually! Join us Monday, Jan 25th for our zoom meeting with Soon Warren. She will share some of her magic with us in a demo. Be sure your membership is paid well in advance of the event. We will send an email to current members only, with a passcode to view the demo. It's time to start thinking about our International Juried Exhibition! Get your brushes wet and share your accomplishments. The Fort Worth library cannot determine an opening and so SWA will once again offer a virtual exhibition. Read later for details. It can't be easier to participate! While our Board positions have been filled, we are asking YOU to help us out. We have vacancies for the Asel Art of the Month Coordinator and Newsletter Editor. (We have a template for your use). Charlie Nieman is asking for an Exhibition Chair-in-training this year as he rotates from the Board in 2022. So there are at least 3 urgent positions we need to fill. Perhaps this is your year to give some time back to SWA. Check the back page of the newsletter for other vacancies.

Darla Bostick



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Janet Rogers

ONLINE WORKSHOP

February 8 – 10, 2021



START YOUR NEW YEAR WITH A SWA WORKSHOP!

Perhaps you were introduced to Janet Rogers during our October SWA zoom meeting with her. Janet was our juror for the 2020 Membership Exhibition, but the pandemic cut short our expectations as we had to delay a workshop.

She is offering us an online workshop Monday through Wednesday, February 8th thru 10th. Ours will be a small group, but a few places remain for participants.

Janet has been a working professional artist for over 32 years, and is a nationally recognized instructor, conducting workshops all over the United States and in Europe, and is a Signature member of the American Watercolor Society, Florida Watercolor Society as well as others, winning many awards for her paintings.

Fresh flowers in the studio will be the inspiration to begin this dynamic workshop – progressing to faces. Through a series of fun painting exercises, students will develop a more loose and natural approach – giving them an opportunity to be more spontaneous and expressive in their paintings.

With the portrait, she will show how to express translucent flesh tones, as well as features of the person. Painting children will also be covered. Janet will demonstrate her intuitive approach throughout the workshop and work individually with each student coupled with class instruction.

She will send photos and drawings which can be used by students for fun interpretations in a quick and spontaneous manner.

During the workshop we will be able to see each other and share our work during "Show and Tell." Her cameraman, Steve (husband) will make a recording available to all participants.



**For more information,
and to sign up, [click here.](#)**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO BE PART OF
THIS EXCITING 3 DAY WORKSHOP!
ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN OPEN**

January Member Meeting



Zoom Demo WITH Soon Warren

From Shirley Nichols, Director of Education:

I hope everyone is as excited as I am about the upcoming year. Until it is safe again to meet as a group, SWA will present our upcoming demo artists virtually and hope each of you will update your membership so you can enjoy these talented artists who have so much to share.

Soon Y. Warren is a full-time artist, teacher and workshop instructor, nationally and internationally. She has an Associate degree in commercial art. Soon has had numerous exhibitions and earned numerous awards. She is a signature member of National Watercolor Society (NWS), American Watercolor Society (AWS), Society of Watercolor Artists (SWA), Southern Watercolor Artist (SW), Texas Watercolor Society, Purple Sage Brush (TWS), Transparent Watercolor Society (TWSA) and more. Her paintings and articles have appeared in *Artist's Magazine*, *Watercolor Magic Magazine*, *North Light Book*, *Southwest Art Magazine*, *Watercolor Artist Magazine*, *International Artist Magazine*, *The Art of Watercolour* and *Pratique des Arts*.



Her paintings were included in *Splash: The Best of Watercolor* 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 and published in *Strokes of Genius: The Best of Drawing* of 3 and 4. She is published in two watercolor instructional books: "*Vibrant Flowers in Watercolor*" and "*Painting Vibrant Watercolor: Discover the Magic of Light, Color and Contrast*" both with North Light Book Publications. In the book "*Watercolor Secret*" she contributed one chapter: "Create Drama with Bold Composition." Soon is responsible for the creation of seven DVDs and her paintings are in permanent collections of private, corporate and educational institutions both nationally and internationally. She is represented by Your Private Collection Art Gallery in Granbury, Texas and Southwest Gallery in Dallas, Texas.

On **Monday, Jan 25 at 7pm** we are pleased to present our fellow SWA member, Soon Warren

Coming next month is an exciting demo by Stephen Zhang.



2021 MEMBERSHIP

**Have you renewed your
membership yet?**

SWA runs on a calendar year, January to December. Your yearly dues insure we can continue to offer many outstanding opportunities. We host one of the very few International Art Exhibitions in Texas. Your membership entitles you entry discounts in our International as well as Membership Juried exhibitions. Members also receive our monthly newsletter, exclusive invitations to online demo meetings and the opportunity to compete monthly in the Asel Art of the Month contest. Perhaps the most important facet of membership is the camaraderie of meeting folks of the same interest and the friendships that develop. Our exhibits bring noteworthy jurors who provide workshops...also at a discount to members.

During these trying times we need everyone to support our organization. The shortfalls this past year (cancelled workshops and no meetings) are usually covered by our workshop opportunities. This means we dipped into our general funds to maintain the standards set by our exhibitions, even if virtual.

In a time of uncertainty, SWA believes we are all in this together. We hope to meet again soon and enjoy the camaraderie only an art association can provide. Remember your current dues keeps your Signature Status with SWA intact! In the meantime, please visit our website [HERE](#) and update your commitment to SWA by paying your 2021 dues. It's easy with Pay Pal on the website!

2021 International Juried Exhibition



The prospectus for the
2021 SWA International Juried Exhibition
will be released very soon.

Juror: ANDY EVANSEN

The entry deadline will be here before you
know it, so get busy painting!

WANTED

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We're looking for a volunteer to take over as editor for our monthly newsletters.

Elaine Jary has done a wonderful job for several years, and now we need someone to volunteer to take that position over. If you have any questions or think you could possibly be interested in volunteering, please contact us by sending an e-mail to watercolorcommunications@gmail.com

SWA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!



WE L  VE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SWA operates completely on volunteers. Below are a few open positions we would like to fill. None of these are very time consuming, but we do need help. If interested, please reach out to a SWA Board member, or send an e-mail to watercolorcommunications@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor
Publicity Coordinator
Painting of the Month Coordinator
Monthly Artwork Critique
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist

Prize Sponsorship
Social Chairman
Painting Hanging Volunteers
Hospitality
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2021 CALENDAR

Our normal meeting place at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth is currently closed to group meetings. When we're able to resume our monthly meetings, we will notify our membership!

January 25 – Soon Warren demo. Marketing strategy for new artists

February 15 – Stephen Zang demo. Portraits and marketing strategy

March 15 – Laurin McCracken – Excerpt from his new DVD

April 19 – Andy Evansen demo – Juror of International Exhibition

April 21-23 - Andy Evansen workshop (pending)

May 17 – Tina Bohlman demo – Plein Air Landscapes

September 20 – Kay Cross demo – Large scale florals

October 18 – Mollie Jones demo & workshop, Still Life

November 18 – Brenda Driggers demo

Please note that all meeting demos, workshops and events are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please watch for email updates or future newsletters for any calendar changes that may occur.

Your SWA Board Members have been Meeting via zoom during the past year.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please send it to Darla Bostick at darlabostickart@gmail.com or call at 940.320.5660



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

MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations!

Laurin McCracken had two paintings in the February edition of Watercolor Artist magazine. The article, entitled ***The Best of 2020 (in Watercolor)***, highlighted twenty award winning paintings from around the country. Laurin won two of those exhibitions.



"Still Life with Silver"

Watercolor USA 2020 (Springfield) Art Museum



"Three Magnolias and Silver"

Adirondack National Exhibition of American Watercolors



Darla Bostick's *"Henri's Yellow Tulips"* won 2nd Place in the Visual Arts Society of Texas December Art of the Month contest.



Members That Teach

Ann Winchester has been teaching at Suzanne Sparks Studio in Arlington and says that hopefully by April or May she will once again be able to accept new student in her regular classes.



Suzy "Pal" Powell not only won the 2020 SWA Painting of the year, she is presenting an online workshop with Cheap Joe's Art Stuff. The virtual workshop, Make your Mark! in Sketchbooks, is scheduled March 15, 17, 19. To register and find out more, visit this [link](#).

Kim Hoerster is offering two online choices for Watercolor instruction:

Monday – Beginners

Jan 11 – May 10

3:00 to 5:30 pm

Wednesday – Paint Alongs

Jan 13 – Ongoing

10:00 – 1:00pm

www.kimhoerster.com



BULLETIN BOARD



PAINTING of the Month

January begins a new year for this fun competition!

SWA was the first art organization in the DFW area to facilitate a virtual Painting of the Month contest during 2020.

We plan to continue this fun way to share our paintings and have a friendly competition.



Many thanks to **Asel Art Supply** who generously sponsors our monthly contest.

Each month our members are invited to submit an image of their painting which then competes anonymously. Artwork that has appeared in a SWA exhibition or previous SWA Art of the Month is not allowed.

Our first-place winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to Asel Art Supply with second place winning the same for \$15. (Please note the winners may redeem their certificate at any Asel Art Supply retailer or online.)

After winning 1st place, that artist retires from the competition for the remainder of the calendar year. Those who win 2nd place may continue in the competition with other pieces of work. In November all of the first place pieces return for a final selection of "Artist of the Year."

While we cannot meet in person, we will continue this contest totally online until we can meet again in person.

Asel has generously provided the certificates, and we're looking for someone to help mail the winners their award certificates.

Breaking news on our Art of the Month!

Beginning this year, whomever wins the title of Painting of the Year will receive an award worthy of the title. SWA is proud to give \$100 comprised of cash/Asel Gift Certificate!



Let the contest begin!

Welcome

New Members

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

Lena Bradford – Madera, California
Linda Brendler – Modesto, California
Barbara Otey – Folsom, California

Returning Member

Kathleen Cuning – Weatherford, Texas

We hope you'll consider signing up for these, to help our association.



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.



Amazon Smile donates .05% of your online purchase back to SWA. Choose Society of Watercolor Artists as your nonprofit organization.

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

SWA INFORMATION STATION

SWA memberships runs on a calendar year January through December

You can 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 the 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
- ✚ Post your artwork on our Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor>
- ✚ Free monthly SWA newsletter
- ✚ Entry discount for any SWA show
- ✚ Annual International Juried Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Membership Juried Exhibition
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ While maintaining SWA membership, earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 juried exhibitions our juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Asel Art Supply 20% discount
- ✚ Fun competitions
- ✚ December Holiday Party and painting swap
- ✚ ASEL Art Supply Painting of the Month Contest

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)

- 5:45pm SWA Board Meeting
- 6:00pm Artwork Critique (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)
- 7:00pm Member meeting begins after a few brief business notices

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Shirley Nichols
ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: **AVAILABLE**
Monthly Critique: **AVAILABLE**
Programs: Shirley Nichols
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: **AVAILABLE**
Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **AVAILABLE**
Workshop Chair: Shirley Nichols

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Charlie Nieman
Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**
Membership for Exhibitions: Rhonda Barefield
SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey
Prize Sponsors: **AVAILABLE**
President's Volunteer Exhibition: Darla Bostick

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 & Twitter: Skeeter Murley

FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Finance & Budget: Pat Banell
Professional Standards (yearly audit): Jane Barrett

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Membership: Janet Southern
Greeters: **AVAILABLE**
Editor of online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley
House & Properties: Shirley Nichols

