



Society of Watercolor Artists

May Notes 2016

Message from our President:

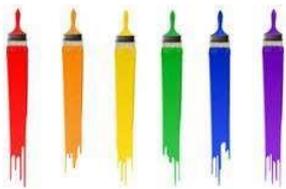
The 2016 International Exhibition is up! All involved are taking a deep breath and relaxing. The workshop is being well received. Summer is coming.

Summer is a good time for renewing our vision of our surroundings, of taking large numbers of photos "to paint" - but, if you are like me, the prints mostly sit on the shelf - and trying new ways to put pigment on paper.

The fall workshop awaits us. Enjoy.

John Nickell, President SWA

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 2016 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



April bank balances: Checking: \$21,667.17 Building Fund: \$15,364.81

Thank you to everyone for bringing refreshments to the International Show reception and especially to Cheryl Stewart for dressing the tables!



April Artist of the Month

Our 1st place winner is Court Bailey for his painting "Mirror, Mirror".

Our 2nd place winner is Bob Cook for his painting "Spring Lake Nocturne".

Congratulations to our winners!

Be sure to bring your work to the next SWA meeting on May 16th!



May Demo Artist... Laurin McCracken



Laurin McCracken is one of SWA's most eminent members, known internationally for his jewel-like still life paintings in watercolor. His achievements and recognition stretch across the globe. To take but one example, last year he exhibited in the Beijing Biennial for the third time. As the only watercolorist selected, one of his works was additionally purchased by China's National Museum of Art. "Underwood Typewriter" is displayed this season at the American Watercolor Society's annual exhibition, Salmagundi Club, New York City. He continues to work with Fabriano papers as the US master leader in Italy, and manages to teach a series of workshops across the country as well. An architect by training, Laurin is Chief Marketing Officer of Jacobs Global Building NA. Consult his website for complete information on Laurin: www.lauringallery.com.

As a loyal and immensely helpful member of SWA, Laurin will present: *"Marketing Your Art; including how to get published, getting in and managing gallery relations, pricing, selling your art, how to photograph your art and other business counseling."*

Members in the News

A number of SWA members won awards in the TAG Winter Members Juried Show. In the category for "Works on Canvas or Hardboard" 1st place went to **Court Bailey** for the painting *From the Alley*. **Lucy Opperman** won 2nd place in the "Works on Paper" category for the painting *Majestic Longhorn*. In the "Challenge" category **Pamela Oldman's** work *Look at Me* and *Memorial Poppy* both won 3rd place in a two way tie. In the same category **Susan Myers** was awarded as an Emerging Artist for Works on Paper for her painting *Agra Indian Woman*.



Marianna Alfaro, Valeri Cranston, Hugh Heaton, Elaine Jary, Norma Lively, Celeste McCall, Suzanne McNeill-Sparks and **Pamela Oldham** have all been accepted into the TAG Open Show in Bedford which runs April 20th through May 16th.

Robbie Fitzpatrick's painting *Foot of the Bed* was selected for publication in North Light Books' *Splash 18: Value | Light + Dark* edited by Rachel Rubin Wolf. Robbie was also juried into the International Guild of Realism and Women Artists of the West.

Muriel Mimura had her painting *Alma with Monarchs* juried into the Watercolor USA Exhibition which will hang June 6 to August 28 at the Springfield Art Museum.

Karin Michele Anderson has won a third place in Collage Mixed Media in the Irving Texas and Neighbors show and a first place in Mixed Media in the Richardson Spring Show. She also has been accepted into the Richardson Regional Show in water media.

Les McDonald Jr. will be included in Splash 17 coming out in June or July. His painting *Alaska Crab Traps* will be featured. Join Les in Houston for the Paint-In "Realism" Saturday, May 14th from 9:30 - 3:30pm (Set-up 9:00 - 9:30 am)

John James has a piece accepted in Splash 18.

Michael Holter recently had his painting *Shade of Red* accepted into Splash 19, his third in three years. He also won a 3rd place award in the water media division at the Texas and Neighbors show. Michael has a workshop coming up for TAG in Bedford May 28 & 29. Future workshops include in Wisconsin (Dillman's), Michigan, Virginia, Tulsa, Boone NC (Cheap Joes) San Antonio (Texas WS) and more. For more information check his website at <http://michaelholter.com/>.



"Alaska Crab Traps"
by Les McDonald Jr.

Mike Mazer, signature member has been elected to Fellow, Magna Cum Laude with the American Artists Professional League, NYC. Also, Mike's watercolor image of *New Bedford Whaleman's Statue* has been reproduced on the cover of "*A Bold and Hardy Race of Men The Lives and Literature of American Whalemens*" by Jennifer Schell and published by University of Mass Press

New member **Vie Dunn-Harr** will be leading Painting in Italy 2016 from June 12th to the 23rd. Spend 11 unforgettable days Exploring, Encountering and Portraying in Citta della Pieve, Italy. For pricing, photos, and more information go to: <http://www.viedunn-harr.com/Painting-in-Italy-2016.html> or e-mail Vie at: vie@dunn-harrstudios.com

Darla Bostick won 2nd place in the mixed media category at the Richardson Civic Art Society's Spring Juried Show.

SWA Member **Mary Leffler** has a C&H mat cutter with automatic stops in perfect condition that she would like to sell for \$150. If anyone is interested, you may contact her via email: wmpa8nter@gmail.com



Have You Renewed Your Membership? Your 2016 Dues are due now! SWA membership runs on a calendar year January-December.

We have an electronic membership directory for 2016. Each member will receive a pdf file that may be printed or tucked into a folder on your computer or ipad. Your payment can be made online with pay pal through our website: <http://www.swawatercolor.com/> or you can mail your membership fee to Paula Johnson, Membership Chair. Her address is 256 Stone Mountain Road, Cresson, TX 76035.

Individual: \$40 Seniors 65+: \$30 Family: Add \$5 to above amounts Lifetime: \$400 one-time payment
Honorary Memberships: Free and are granted by vote of the Board.

Attention Signature Members!

This is a reminder that some of our Signature Members have let their membership lapse. Of course, you do not lose your Signature status, but to be able to sign your paintings with "SWA", you need to keep your dues current. If you have a question about whether your dues have lapsed, check with membership chair, Paula Johnson, watercolormembership@gmail.com. If your name is on the membership list used as the 'sign-in' sheet at the meeting, your dues are current."

We Need Volunteers!

Please look over the Board and Committees page to see if you can help us make our SWA even better! We have a number of available spots to choose from and we need your help.

Final Date for the SWA 2016 International Juried Exhibition

Congratulations to all those who won awards in the SWA International Exhibition! The show is still being held at the Central Library in Fort Worth. Here are the remaining dates:

Saturday, May 28th, Noon-2pm: Removal of Show



Welcome to Our New Members!

Karen Brown, Benbrook, TX, karenbrown425@hotmail.com

Vie Dunn-Harr, San Antonio, TX, vie@dunn-harrstudios.com

Alan McGrew, Keller, TX

Billie Yahne, Bedford, TX, billieyahne@gmail.com

Patty Cross, Arlington, TX, mimicross22@gmail.com

And Returning Members!

William R. Bracey, Arlington, TX, ebor_2000@yahoo.com

Alice Hoener, Grand Prairie, TX, alice62645hotmail.com

Mary H. Stengle, Granbury, TX

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)
- ✚ Jo William's 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 with Jo Williams (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)
- 7:00pm Brief business notices
- 7:15-9pm Art demo, snack and art of the month

Upcoming meetings will feature the following demo artists:

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| May 16th: Laurin McCracken | October 17th: Jim Stewart |
| June, July and August: no monthly meetings | November 21st: Sharon Serrago |
| September 19th: Jo Moncrief | December: Holiday party TBA |

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



Kroger makes quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping!

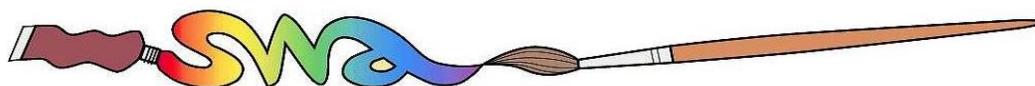
Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. If you already have a Kroger's Plus card, create your account and input your card number. In 7 to 10 days after shopping you will notice at the bottom of your receipt a donation was recorded for SWA.



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 donates .05% of your online purchase back to SWA. Choose Society of Watercolor Artists as your nonprofit organization. It is listed as Denton, TX for its location...we are working to clear that up.



2016 SWA Officers and Members Extraordinaire

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	John Nickell	Exhibits:	James Stewart	Communications:	Darla Bostick
President-Elect:	Darla Bostick	Education/Workshop:	Nancy Maas/ Janet Southern	Past President (Emeritus):	Celeste McCall
Secretary:	Heidi Russell	Membership:	Paula Johnson		
Treasurer:	Hugh Heaton				

STANDING COMMITTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRS: Nancy Maas/Janet Southern

Members are:

ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: Mary T House

House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**

Monthly Critique: Jo Williams

Programs: Nancy Maas

Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **AVAILABLE**

Workshop Chair: Janet Southern

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Jim Stewart

Members are:

Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**

Membership for Exhibitions: Paula Johnson

Monetary Entries for Exhibitions: Hugh Heaton

SWA Signatures: Debbie Downing

Website Entries & Submissions: **AVAILABLE**

Prize Sponsors: Debbie Ford

MEETING VOLUNTEERS

(Not a committee):

House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**

Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**

Painting of the Month: Mary T House

Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: Nancy Maas

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Darla Bostick

Members are:

Newsletter: Valeri Cranston

Photography: Veronica Ritchey

Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley

Publicity: **AVAILABLE**

Website Manager: **AVAILABLE**

Website Consultant: Sharon Giles

Facebook: Samantha Swayne

FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Hugh Heaton

Members are:

Director of Finance & Budget: Hugh Heaton

Fantastic Fans: Shirley Nichols

Grants: Watson Arnold

Japanese Gardens Festival: **AVAILABLE**

Professional Standards (yearly audit): Brenda Morgan

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Paula Johnson

Members are:

Director of Membership: Paula Johnson

Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Linda Taylor and Mary Bell