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April 2025

NEWSLETTER



SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas



From the President...

It's an exciting time for us this time of year! Our 2025 International Juried Exhibition is right around the corner. We had almost 300 paintings entered in the exhibition and our juror Michael Holter chose 55 to be in the show. Paintings are being shipped in, and we will have the rest hand delivered in just a few days. I'm very excited about the show being held in the House of Neville Gallery in Fort Worth. The folks over there have been great and have all kinds of things planned during the run of the show. Those paintings will be seen by so many people and hopefully we'll have many of them sell. I know they plan to have a premiere party on the evening of May 10th. Everyone is invited to see the amazing artwork, and they will be serving hors d'oeuvre and drinks. We sure hope to see a lot of you there. The show will run from May 7th until May 28th. The artist reception / awards ceremony will be on Saturday, May 24th from noon to 2pm. We'll be sending out reminders as those dates come near.



We also have the Michael Holter demo on Monday, April 21st at 7pm. Then Michael will have a 3-day watercolor workshop on the 22nd through the 24th. Those participants are already hard at work drawing off images Michael has provided and are looking forward to some entertaining instruction from him.

And we're also working on having a Plein-Air event in late May. We thought it would be fun to invite members to join us in the Fort Worth Stockyards to sketch some artwork and paint some fun Cowtown scenes. Then we'll all gather together to share our work and maybe find a fun restaurant to socialize. More details on all of that will be coming out soon.

We know springtime is a busy season and we hope you're all inspired to keep painting. There's so much beauty out in the world and I love to see how artists interpret it and bring it out for others to see. Maybe we'll see some of your work in our Painting of the Month Contest!

All my best,

Skeeter Murley

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Next Meeting... Guest Demo Artist

**Monday, April 21st
7:00pm
UNT Health Science Center**

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

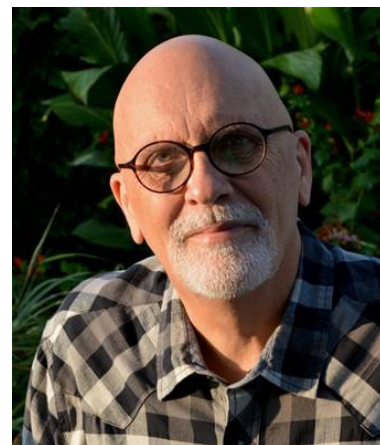
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, Tx.



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.

Michael Holter

Michael Holter is an
award-winning artist who
works in watercolor and
oil whose paintings can
be found in private and
corporate collections in
the US and several
foreign countries.
Although Michael has
been painting most of his
life, his work experience



spans a wide range of creative challenges. He has been an art teacher, creative director and businessman in both fine art and commercial art. Michael has owned and operated galleries and holds a bachelor's degree in art education and an MA in Visual Communication.

Michael is a member of the Salmagundi Club, a signature member of The American Watercolor Society, The National Watercolor Society, The American Impressionist Society, The Watercolor Honor Society, The Transparent Watercolor Society of America, The Outdoor Painter Society, the Southwestern Watercolor Society, The Missouri Watercolor, The Society of Watercolor Artists and more.

Michael says, "My work is impressionistic. I like to represent people or places and allow the painting to evolve from the structure of what is recognizable. The challenge is to balance the care needed to make the representation interesting... and perhaps believable, with the freedom, looseness and painterly quality that makes painting so unique and expressive."



Coming Next Month...

May Demo Artist – Joshua West

May 19th, 2025

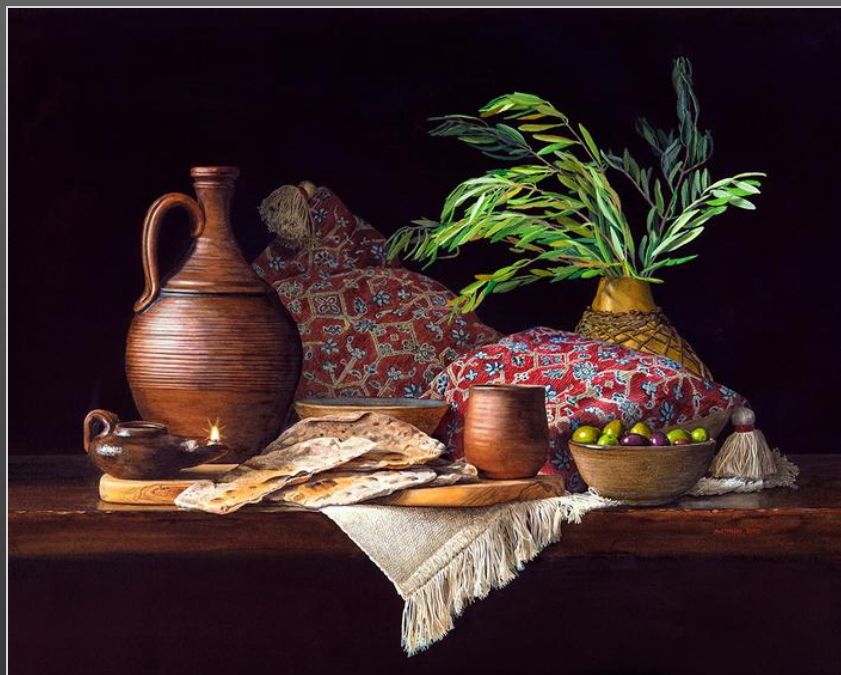


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International Juried Exhibition

May 7th thru May 28th, 2025

The House of Neville Gallery & Gatherings – Fort Worth, Tx.



2024 Best of Show Award

Matthew Bird
Sykesville, Maryland
In Remembrance



2409 Neville Street
Fort Worth, Texas

PREMIERE PARTY
Saturday, May 10th
7:00 – 9:00 PM



Juror:

Michael Holter
AWS, NWS, AIS, TWSA

Artist Reception & Awards Ceremony

12 Noon to 2:00 PM

WELCOME!

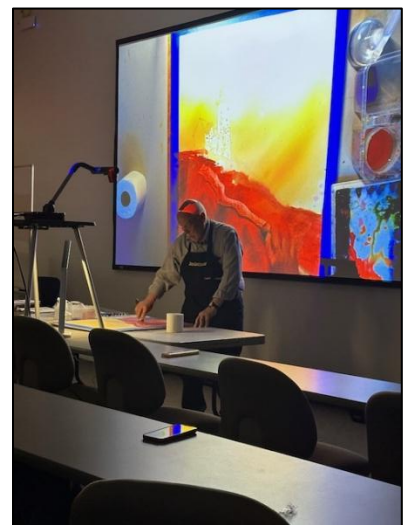
To Our Newest Members

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

Larisa Anaya – Georgetown, Texas
Sue Bagwell – Granbury, Texas
Emalene Clark – Fort Worth, Texas
Joe Don Conger - Fort Worth, Texas
Gregory Effinger – Steamboat Springs, Colorado
E Jane Stoddard – East Amherst, New York
Tony Gerloff – San Antonio, Texas
Vicki Kennedy – Temple, Texas
Mary Lytle – North Richland Hills, Texas
Sherry Peters – Pocola, Oklahoma
E Jane Stoddard – East Amherst, New York
Lynn Wiseman – Arlington, Texas



March Demo Artist
Jim Gensheer



PAINTING OF THE MONTH WINNERS



March Winners

Signature Division

Kathy Cunning
Sarah's Indian

Non-Signature Division

Ivy Starnes
Golden Light

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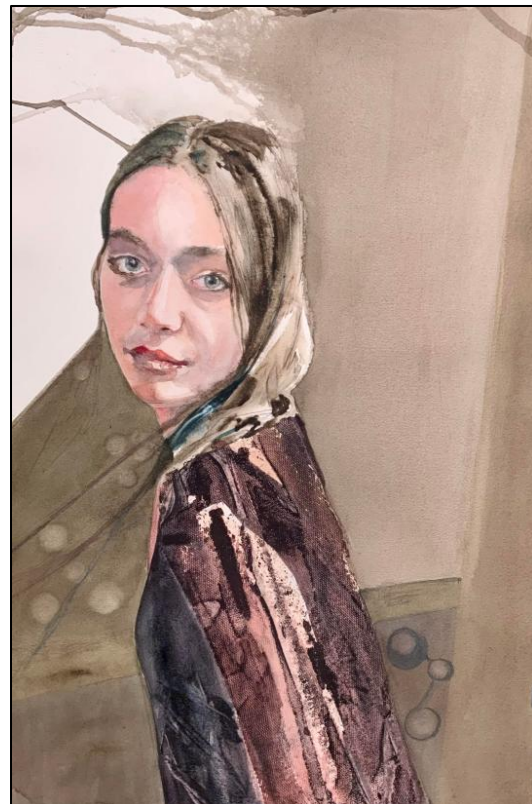
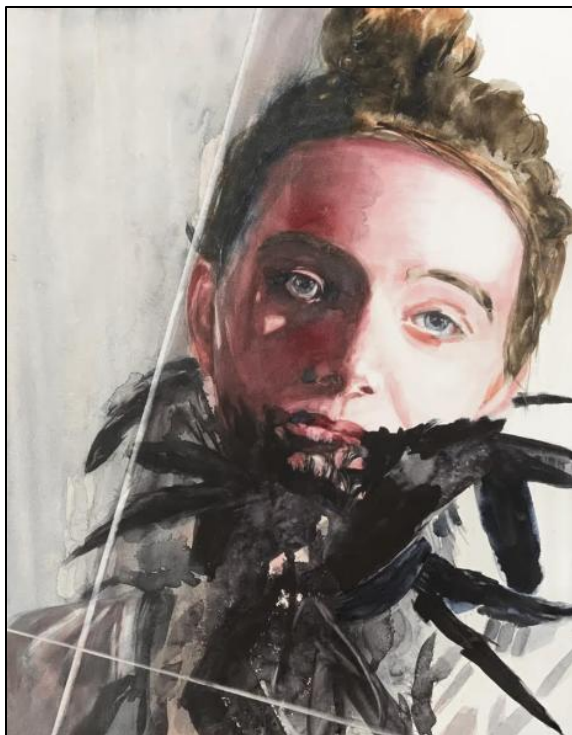
Prizes donated by Jerry's Artarama



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Rebecca Krutsinger's painting *Crackle* (below) won 5th Place in the Georgia Watercolor Society's 2025 National Exhibition. Juror – Ryan Fox
And her painting *Properties of Being* (right) was accepted into the 2025 Fabriano in Watercolor International Exhibition in Italy.



Rebecca also had paintings accepted into Houston Watercolor Society's 48th Annual Exhibition, the Missouri Watercolor Society's International Exhibition and the Illinois Watercolor Society 41st National Exhibition.

Yuji Uchiyama had his painting *Toy Cha Cha Cha* selected for the Louisiana Watercolor Society's 55th Annual Exhibition. Juror – David R. Smith



Suzy Ware has four paintings (right) in the Upstairs Gallery in Arlington, Tx. For Spring Gallery Night. The theme was "The Flower Show". The paintings will be on display through the end of April.



Trish Poupard's painting *Johanne* (left) was juried into the NWS Associate's Exhibition online by juror Mario A Robinson. She also had paintings accepted into the Illinois Watercolor Society's 41st National Exhibition and the Emerald Spring Painting Exhibition.

Darla Bostick has three paintings on display at the Grand Prairie Hilton Inn & Convention Center at Epic Central, including *Ghost Ranch Skull* (right). She also has a painting in the Richardson Civic Art Society 59th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition.





AT THE DISCOVERY GALLERY

ROSE REFLECTIONS

APRIL 8 - JUNE 8 - 2025



Jennifer Gillen has a solo exhibition at the Texas Discovery Garden in Dallas, featuring 20 of her watercolor botanical paintings. The show will run through June 19th.

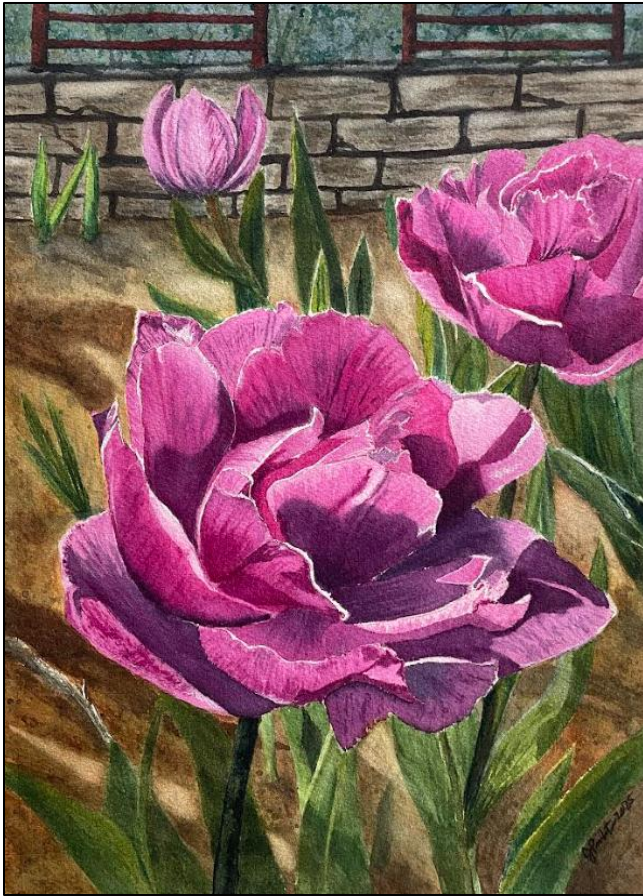


Gina Judy won the Susan Kiren Memorial Award at the Greensburg Pennsylvania Art Center 2025 Biennial for her painting *Weathering Storms*.

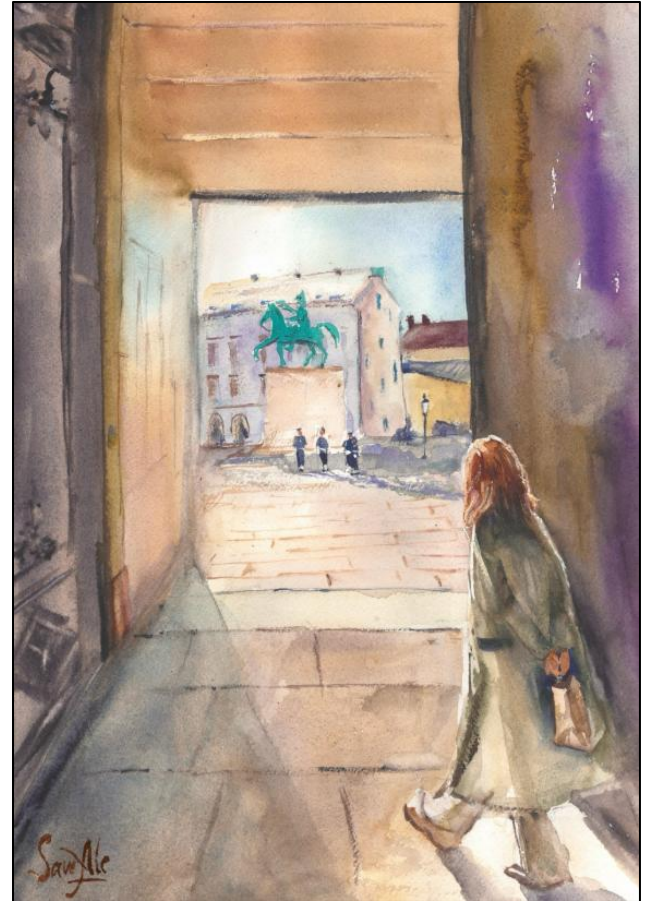
She also won the Irene Ackerman Memorial Award at the Cranberry Township Spring Show. And she has a painting accepted into the North West Watercolor Society Online Member Show.



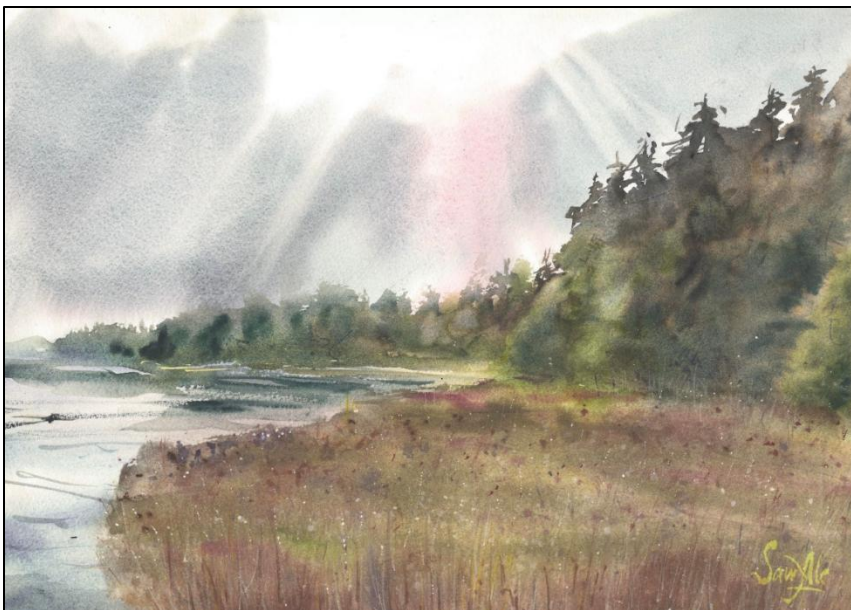
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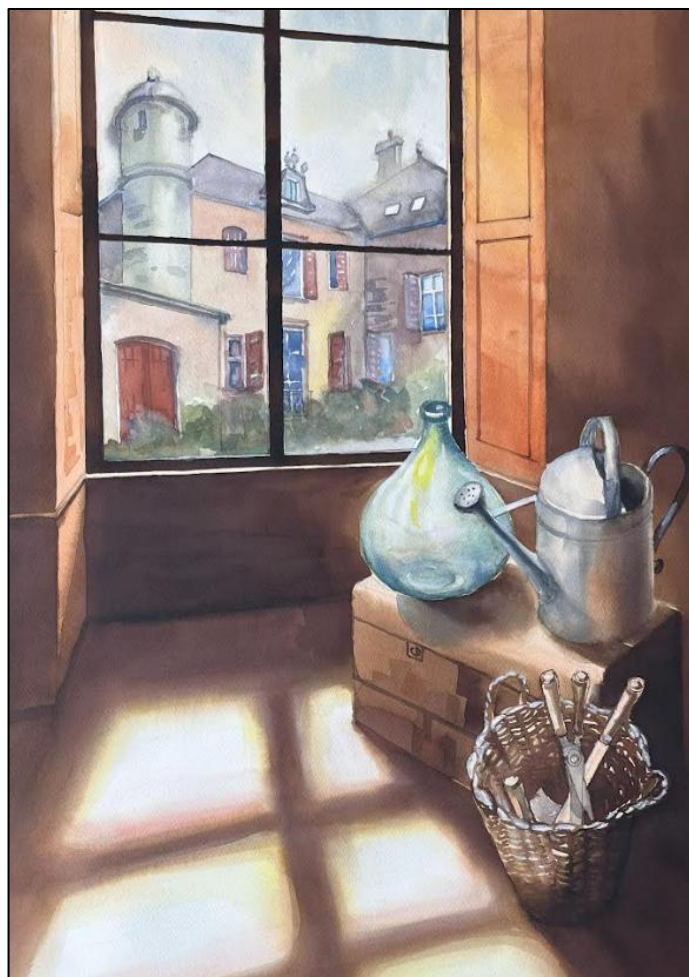
Joyce Pinkerton's painting *Pink Tulips* (left) won the artist of the month contest at the Mineral Wells Art Association.



Alexandra Savelieva's paintings (above & left) *Souvenirs from Stockholm* and *When Heaven Opens* have been accepted into the International Watercolor Festival in Bratislava, Slovakia.



Margaret Edmondson's painting *Solo* (right) was accepted into the Richardson Civic Art Society's 59th Annual Regional Art Show.



Irene Sheytman's painting *Garden Lodge* (above) was accepted into the Richardson Civic Art Society's 59th Annual Regional Art Show.

Juror – Keith Williams



SWA Fundraiser Opportunities



*Community
Rewards*

Kroger offers us the opportunity to raise funds for our watercolor society. They make quarterly donations to SWA based on the shopping you do every day in their stores.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Then simply follow the directions on how to link your Kroger card to our organization. We are listed as Society of Watercolor Artists Inc.

Your transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to SWA, at no added cost to you. **Every dollar we raise helps!**

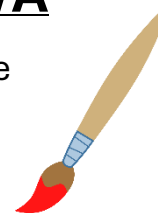


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You can also donate by writing a check payable to Society of Watercolor Artists and sending it to:

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Fort Worth, Texas 76147

We want to thank you in advance for considering a donation to the Society of Watercolor Artists.

SWA will be able to use your donations to support our operational needs.

Those needs include funding for meeting & gallery space, equipment, outreach and awards.

SWA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

SWA Painting of the Month Competition



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Next Meeting

Monday, April 21st at 7:00pm

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
- ✚ Invitation to Plein-Air events
- ✚ Links to Members' Websites
- ✚ While maintaining active SWA membership, earn SWA Signature Status after selection to 5 SWA juried exhibitions. (without disqualification)
- ✚ Advance notification & entry into Workshops
- ✚ Fun Competitions!
- ✚ Watercolor Holiday Greeting Cards
- ✚ 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 short business discussions & announcements.

2025 Committees & Volunteer Opportunities

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Laura Rugg (*Additional Volunteer Needed*)
Painting of the Month/Year: Vicki Rowley
Monthly Critique: Ann Winchester
Programs: Marilyn Ivy
Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): Linda Hidalgo
Workshop Chair: Laura Rugg
House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

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

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CHAIR: Skeeter Murley
Newsletter Editor: Iok-Hou Pang / Skeeter Murley
Photography: Veronica Ritchey
Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley
Publicity: **AVAILABLE**
Website & Social Media Manager: Skeeter Murley

FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Membership: Iok-Hou Pang / Skeeter Murley
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2025 CALENDAR

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

January 27 – Melinda Morrison - Demo Artist

February 17 – Sarah Janece - Demo Artist

March 17 – Jim Gensheer - Demo Artist

April 21 – Michael Holter - Demo Artist

April 22, 23 & 24 – Michael Holter Workshop

May 19 – Joshua West - Demo Artist

June, July & August – No Meetings, Summer Break

September 15 – Tim Saternow - Demo Artist

September 16, 17 & 18 – Tim Saternow Workshop

October 20 – Robert Krazewski - Demo Artist

November 17 – Ron Crouch - Demo Artist

Masks are not required to attend the meetings.
There is a lot of space 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 Skeeter Murley at
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