

**SOCIETY OF
WATERCOLOR ARTISTS***Fort Worth, Texas**From the President...*

Dear Friends,

I trust that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, perhaps with families, friends, and loved ones. My wife and I went to central Oregon to spend the holiday with our daughter and her friends. The weather was cold, but our hearts were warm, and our stomachs were full of turkey and yam.

I was ecstatic to see so many of you coming to the reception of the Membership + Small Works Exhibitions. Based on your very helpful comments, I feel that the shows were a big success. You apparently like the more inclusive painting requirements and especially the addition of small works.



We will definitely keep these changes, and hopefully they will continue to excite all of us and inspire more participation in future exhibitions. I must also thank Laura Hannah, our Exhibition Chair, and Skeeter Murley, our Ex-Exhibition Chair, and many volunteers for their great efforts in putting together this fantastic event.

During the November monthly meeting, members have voted to elect the SWA Board of Directors for 2024. This group of folks are selfless, dedicated, experienced, and highly skillful (me, not so much). I am certain that the SWA is in good hands.

- President – Lok-Hou Pang (by default due to the absence of President-Elect in 2023)
- President-Elect – Skeeter Murley
- Communication/Membership – Skeeter Murley
- Education – Shirley Nichols
- Exhibition Chair – Laura Hannah
- Secretary – Vicki Rowley
- Treasurer – Janet Southern

Also during the November monthly meeting, members have voted to modify the procedures for our “Painting-of-the-Month” competition. Starting January 2024, the competition will be divided into two separate divisions: “Signature Members”, and “Non-Signature Members”. A monthly winner (Painting of the Month) from each division will be chosen by members’ votes. From these monthly winners, a “Painting-of-the-Year” of each division will be chosen by members in the November meeting. This modification is to encourage different levels to join in the fun.

Our January meeting will be on the evening of the 4th Monday, because the 3rd Monday is MLK Day and the Health Science Center will be closed. Soon Warren, an internationally famous watercolor artist, will be our demo artist. Please don’t miss this opportunity to learn from her.

Lastly, on behalf of the Board members, I wish all of you a very merry, joyful, and meaningful Winter Holiday! Happy painting!

Kind regards,

lok-Hou (Yoko)

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**Merry
Christmas!****Follow Us!**

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Next Meeting...

Monday, Jan. 22nd

7:00pm

UNT Health Science Center

Guest Demo Artist Soon Warren "Patterns"

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!



Soon Warren is a full-time artist and teacher. She was born in South Korea and immigrated to the United States in 1987. She is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society (NWS), American Watercolor Society (AWS), Southern Watercolor Society (SW), Texas Watercolor Society (TWS), and Society of Watercolor Artists (SWA).

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UNT Health Science Center

3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth

Soon paints in both oil and watercolor and her favorite subjects are those found in nature. Flowers from her gardens often become models for paintings. She says that, "I'm inspired by the beauty and complexity of nature and our surroundings. I try to paint the essence of subjects and my sincere feeling for nature."

**Masks are not required
to attend one of our meetings.**

Soon has won numerous awards and honors including NWS Purchase Award with Silver Star; SWA Best of Show and People's Choice Awards; and NSW Juried Merchandise Award and Exhibition and national traveling show. In 2014, her recognition went international with Best of Show International SWA. Several of her works were part of a trilateral exhibition at the South Korean Embassy with works from artists selected by Watercolor USA.

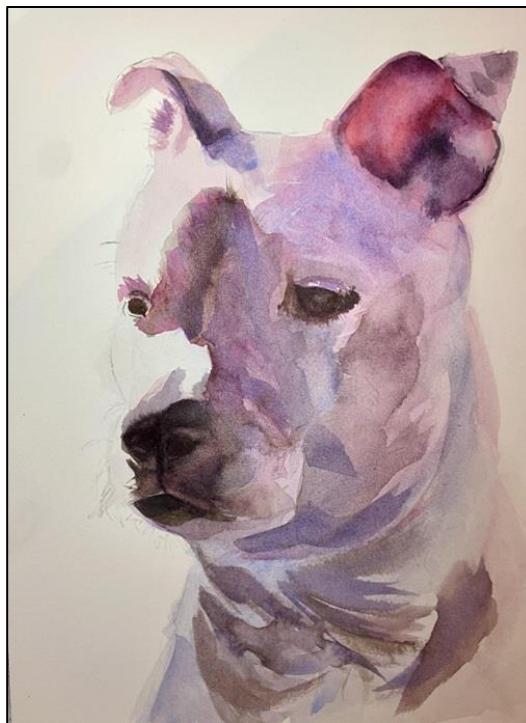
There is plenty of room to spread out to
encourage social distancing.

We want everyone to have fun and feel
safe at the same time.

February Demo Artist – Kay Byfield



Karen Romani's painting Pickle was juried into the Mid-Southern Watercolor Society 54th Annual Exhibition.
Juror – Alicia Farris



ONGOING SWA FUNDRAISERS



An easy way for you to help us out!



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Area companies support charitable organizations like SWA by donating a portion of their sales with you, directly to us. We hope you'll consider choosing SWA when shopping with these companies.



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2024

2024 Calendar

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

January 22 – Soon Warren - "Pattern"

February 19 – Kay Byfield: "Water Reflections" - Demo Artist

March 18 - Kathy Cuning: "Reflection or Rust" - Demo Artist April

15 – Carrie Waller: "Still Life" – Demo Artist

April TBD – Carrie Waller Workshop

May 20 – Linda Kingsley: "Floral Batik on Rice Paper" - Demo Artist

September 16 – Scott Bodell: "Animals" - Demo Artist

November 18 – Lu Zheng: "Seascape" - 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 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



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
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ ASEL Art of the Month Contest
- ✚ While maintaining active SWA membership, earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 SWA juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ ASEL Art Supply 20% discount
- ✚ 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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Shirley Nichols
Painting of the Month/Year: Rebecca Joos
Monthly Critique: Ann Winchester / Court Bailey
Programs: Shirley Nichols
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: 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: Skeeter Murley

MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Skeeter Murley
Newsletter Editor: Christopher Stewart
Photography: Veronica Ritchey
Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley
Publicity: **AVAILABLE**
Website Manager: Skeeter Murley
Facebook, Instagram & Twitter: Skeeter Murley

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**
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