

**SWA***Splash!**November 2023***NEWSLETTER**

# SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

*Fort Worth, Texas*

## *From the President...*

Dear Friends,

I am sure that you are enjoying the wonderful fall weather, with gorgeous sceneries everywhere, ready to inspire another stunning painting. Two weeks ago, my wife and I drove down to Beaumont to view and photograph migrating birds. It was a great trip. We spied many interesting species that we never saw before.



One evening while looking for birds in the Cattail Marsh Wetland, we were totally surprised by four rather big alligators blocking our path. We did not see them until very close (perhaps within pouncing distance?). They were kind enough to let my brave wife take their photos. Such cool and memorable encounter!

The SWA annual Membership Exhibition, together with the inaugural Small Works Exhibition, has been hung (thanks to the great efforts of the many fabulous volunteers) in the UNT Health Science Center Atrium, and will be exhibited through November 18th, at which date reception will be held from 2-4 pm. Please come, and invite your families and friends to enjoy a wonderful event and have a good time. It definitely is a very beautiful and spectacular show. If you are willing, please bring a snack to share. I look forward to seeing you there!

Ms. Manal Fashi, a young, multi-talented artist, will be the demo artist at our November monthly meeting, which is on Nov 20th, 7 pm, at UNT Health Science Center (Room RES-100).

At the November meeting, we will also elect 2024 Directors of the SWA Board. Your participation will ensure good steering hands for the society.

In addition, to celebrate the Winter Holidays, SWA will have our annual dinner party on Dec 9th, 6:30 pm, at El Fenix (6391 Camp Bowie Blvd). Dinner, gift exchange, friendship, laughter, and fun are on the itinerary. Please mark your calendar. Reminders will be sent as it gets closer.

Finally, we would like to have one more fun activity this year: Holiday Card Exchange. Members who would like to participate will be randomly paired and will exchange a personally painted holiday card with each other. If you are interested, please send us an e-mail with your home mailing address to [SWAHolidayCards@gmail.com](mailto:SWAHolidayCards@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you again! Happy painting!

Kind regards,

**Iok-Hou** (Yoko)

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# Happy Thanksgiving!



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# Next Meeting...

**Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**UNT Health Science Center**

## Guest Demo Artist Manal Fashi

**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

Manal Fashi is a watercolor artist & illustrator who lives and works in North Texas. A graphic designer by day, Manal loves to sketch en plein air and incorporate portraits and city scapes in her work. Her personal style can be described as vibrant, expressive and diverse in subject matter.

From a young age Manal has been creating art works and experimenting with different mediums. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Art in Graphic Design from the University of North Texas, which has set her journey as a professional creative. In the last few years her passion for self expression has materialized in creating watercolor pieces that she shares on her instagram account.

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

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.

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**January Demo Artist – Soon Warren**

January 22, 2024



# 2023 Annual Members' Exhibition

## ARTIST RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY

Join us **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** as we announce the awards for the 2023 Annual Members' Exhibition.

We'll have small dishes & snacks to enjoy during the reception.

We are asking for individuals to bring food based on the first letter of their last name.

**A - M Savory (Chips & Dip, Chees, Appetizers)**  
**L - Z Sweets (Cookies, Desserts, Fruit)**

We hope you will join us for a wonderful afternoon of art, food & friends! We hope to have a full gallery of people enjoying the beautiful artwork.

**UNT Health Science Center – Atrium Gallery 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas**



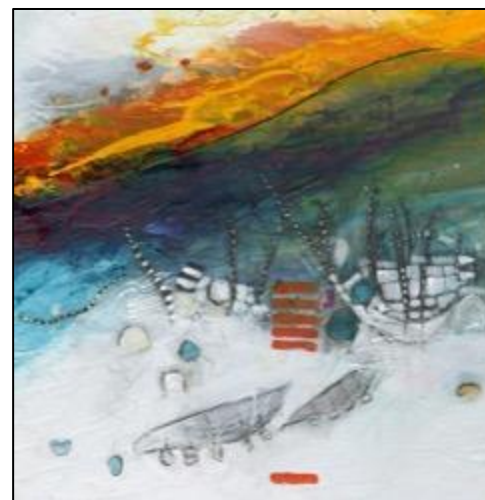


# Tim Oliver Demo & Workshop



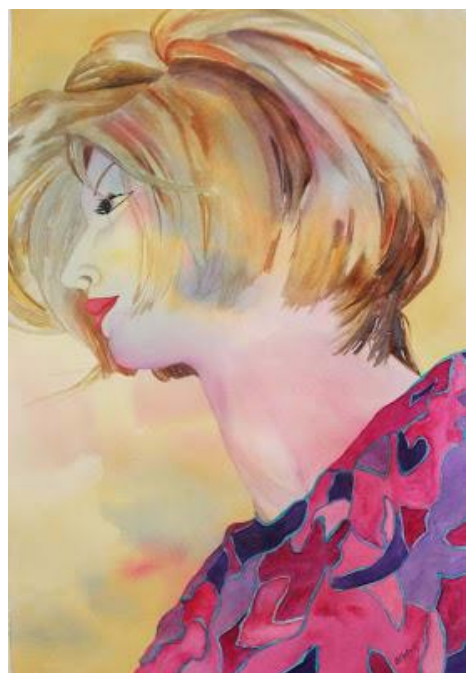


# SWA MEMBER NEWS



**Christine Alfrey** had multiple paintings accepted into the Wausau Museum (Wisconsin) 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juried Exhibition.

Three of Christine's paintings are shown above. *As the Wind Blows, Elsewhere, and Along the Shore.* The Wausau Museum's mission is to inspire appreciation & understanding of contemporary art.



**Kay Smith's** painting *Model* received a merchandise award from Cheap Joe's & Blick Art Materials at the recent SWA Annual Membership exhibition in Dallas. Juror – Stan Miller



**Iok-Hou Pang's** painting *Waiting* recently won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the 2023 Grand Prairie Arts Council's Myrle Knox Memorial Juried Art Show.





**Les McDonald Jr's** painting the *Old Days* received a merchandise prize from En Plein Air Pro & Blick Art Materials at the recent SWS Annual Membership exhibition in Dallas. Juror – Stan Miller



**Sondra Carr's** painting *Another Flat Day* received a merchandise prize from Daniel Smith Watercolors at the recent SWS Annual Membership exhibition in Dallas. Juror – Stan Miller



**Jennifer Gillen's** painting *Farm to Market: Peppers* won the Edgar A Whitney Transparent Watercolor Award at the recent SWS Annual Membership exhibition in Dallas. Juror – Stan Miller



**Jane Strong's** painting *Transferred Energy* received a merchandise award from Cheap Joe's & Blick Art Materials at the recent SWS Annual Membership exhibition in Dallas. Juror – Stan Miller

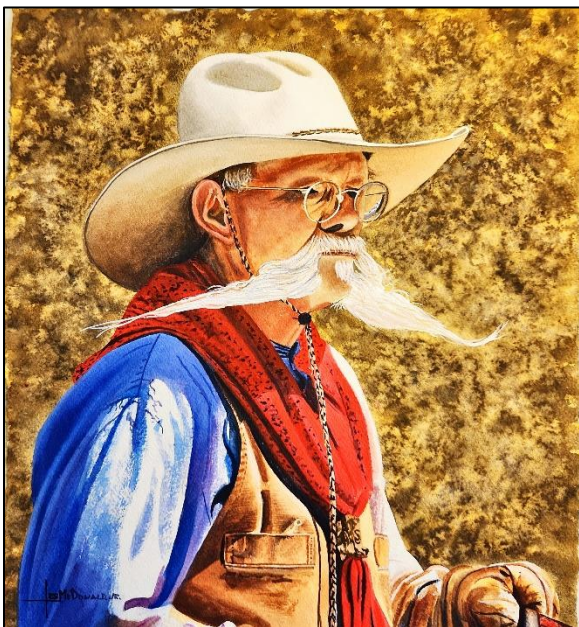




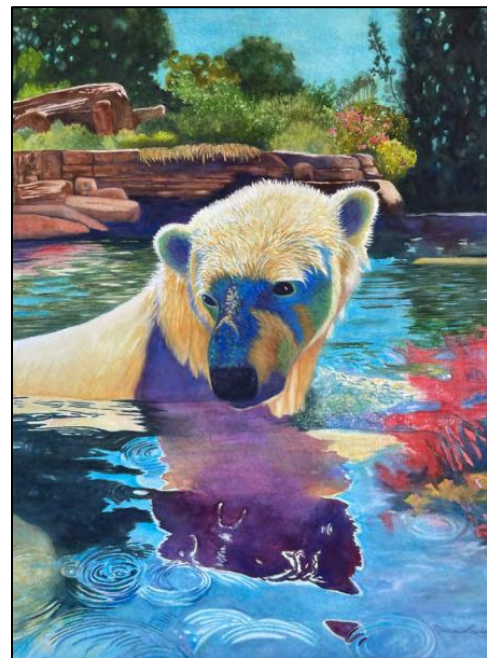
**Annie Strick's** painting *Seen Better Days* received a Merit Award at the Kentucky Watercolor Society's 46<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition and in the Montana Watercolor Society's 41<sup>st</sup> National Exhibition.



Annie was also featured in the 51<sup>st</sup> Edition of The Art of Watercolour Magazine.



**Les McDonald Jr's** painting *Longhorn Wrangler* was accepted at the Watercolor Art Society – Houston Annual Membership Show.  
Juror – Ken Call



**Maureen Lewis's** painting *California Captive* won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the recent SWS Annual Membership exhibition in Dallas. Juror – Stan Miller

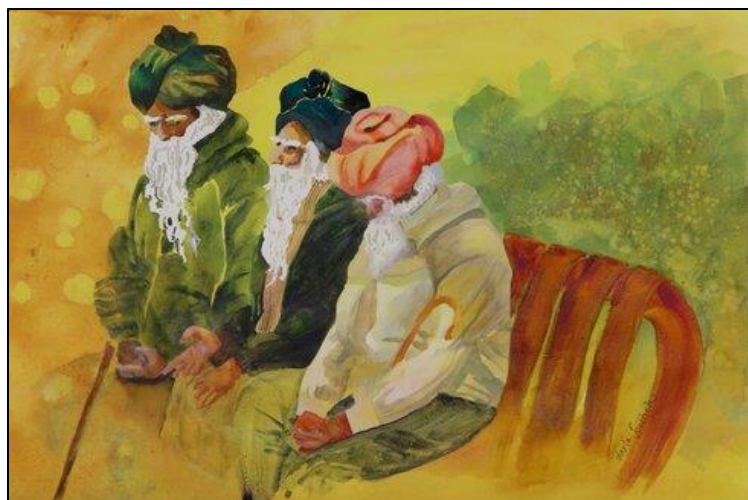




**Gareth Perry's** painting of the Ball-Eddlemann - McFarland House was chosen to be turned into cards & puzzles to raise money for Historic Fort Worth. They were available for sale at the Preservation is the Art of the City event.



**Burl Washington's** painting *Retracing the Past* won the Texas Award at the American Plains 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition in Corsicana, Texas.  
Juror – Dr. Darrell Beauchamp



**Darla Bostick's** painting *Bus Stop Buddies*, Birmingham, England won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in watermedia division at the 58<sup>th</sup> Richardson Civic Arts Society Membership Exhibition.  
Juror – Liz Bonham



Darla also has her painting *Packard 1925* on display at the Artscape City of Frisco Rail Station.





**Gina Judy's** painting *Ballet-Series VII: All Dressed* won a Juror's Award at the Pittsburgh Society of Artists 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition.  
Juror – Tara Fay Coleman



Judy's painting *Portico at Sandscrest* won first place in the Ohio Valley Plein Air competition.

## ***ONGOING SWA FUNDRAISERS***

*An easy way for you to help us out!*



**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.

**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.**





# Painting of the Month

We will be voting on  
the **2023 Painting of the Year**

Paintings that won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the monthly contests throughout this  
year are eligible for the Painting of the Year contest.

## Next Meeting:

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

*(Artwork Critique starting at 6:30pm.)*

UNT Health Science Center - Fort Worth, Tx.

## October Winners!



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
Hollan Holmes  
"1910 Sickle Mower Blade"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
Trish Poupard  
"Drama Queen"



*Congratulations!*



# Welcome

New Members

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

**Gina Judy - Richmond, Ohio**

**Joyce Mauk - Fort Worth, Texas**

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## Local Watercolor Classes

Marilyn Ivy is leading a series of three beginning watercolor classes at the House of Neville Gallery and Gatherings  
2409 Neville St. in Fort Worth, 76107.

Each class is 2 hours, 1-3 pm, Nov. 15, 29, and Dec 6.  
\$65 cost for each class includes all materials.  
Details about the classes are on the gallery website:  
<https://www.houseofneville.art/>

Carol Ivey is teaching Watercolor Painting from Observation: a process from drawing to painting. Knowledge of the basics of color mixing and watercolor paint handling are required. This class addresses the role of linear and tonal drawing in preparation for watercolor. We will paint a composition using glazes, a collection of autumn leaves receding in space. The last two classes develop one or more finished paintings from observed still life and/or photo sources.

Date: Thursday's November 16, 30, December 7, 14 (4 classes)  
Time: 7:00 – 9:30 pm  
Tuition: \$187      Registration: 817-298-3024

A materials list and parking instructions will be sent upon registration. Location:  
Arts Fort Worth, 1300 Gendy





# Holiday Card Exchange



**Let's share the holiday spirit by painting  
your very own watercolor holiday card!**

If you're interested in participating, send us an e-mail by November 30th.

[SWAHolidayCards@gmail.com](mailto:SWAHolidayCards@gmail.com)

We'll randomly draw names in early December, and send you the name & address to another SWA member to send your card to.

And then you can look forward to receiving a wonderful holiday card in the mail from one of your watercolor friends.

**Join the fun & spread the cheer!**







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**2023**

# 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 Cunning: "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

December TBD - Holiday Party and Gift Exchange at El Fenix

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  
[ipang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ipang@sbcglobal.net)



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](mailto: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.

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

## Time to Elect 2024 Officers!!!!

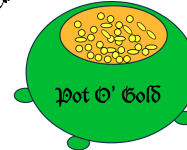
President



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Committee Chairs



## Volunteer Committee Positions Still Available

### 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**  
Editor of Online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley