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**February 2025  
NEWSLETTER**

# SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS



*Fort Worth, Texas*

## *From the President...*

It was exciting to see how many people attended our January meeting. That has to be one of the largest crowds we've had in a while, and I think everyone really enjoyed it. I sure hope we can keep that going the rest of the year. Our demo artist on February 17th is Sarah Janece, and she brings a different style of watercolor that should be really fun to see. I hope you'll be able to attend.



We have a couple of big events that are coming up in the new few months and I want to make sure you are all aware. The 2025 International Juried Exhibition will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>. This is our largest event of the year, bringing in entries from all over the country and even internationally. The juror for this show is Michael Holter from Plano, Tx. Michael is widely known in our area and throughout the country as an exceptional watercolor artist. We are already accepting entries into the International Exhibition and the entry deadline is March 29<sup>th</sup>. The show will hang in The House of Neville Gallery & Gatherings in Fort Worth, Texas. We're very happy to have this nice gallery work with us and help promote your artwork. They will be hosting events in the gallery and we're hoping many of the accepted entries will sell. It would be great to have as many SWA members as possible enter this show to show off the talent of our members to everyone in attendance.

Another upcoming event is the Michael Holter 3-day watercolor workshop on April 22, 23 & 24. If you've never taken a workshop before, this would be a really good one to take. Michael's workshops explore the use of light and shadow to create interesting compositions and achieve dynamic results. There are a limited number of spaces available, so don't wait too long to sign up.

We are still looking for volunteers to fill positions, especially someone interested in running our workshops. If you might be interested in helping, please feel free to contact me.

Stay warm until Spring arrives!

All my best,

**Skeeter Murley**

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DAY!**



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# ***Next Meeting...***

## **Guest Demo Artist** **Sarah Janece**

**Monday, February 17th**  
**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.



Sarah Janece is an artist and art instructor currently residing in Dallas, Texas. She works primarily in watercolor to create unique wildlife portraits and nature inspired paintings. Sarah's work is influenced by her passion for art, attraction to color, and love for nature's beauty. The energetic movements in her organic abstractions, along with vivid colors, and a focus on intricate detailing allows her work to capture nature in both literal and abstract ways.

Sarah's paintings have been showcased at various group and solo exhibitions in the United States and internationally. Such exhibits include being selected as a finalist in the Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series as well as being a finalist of the Hunting Art Prize which is a prestigious annual competition with the most generous annual award in North America.

Sarah's unique point of view, attention to detail, and bold artistic expression has caught the eye of many, and her work continues to travel worldwide to reach collectors. One such notable collection her work is a part of is the Golden Artist Colors, Inc. collection in New York. After being a part of the Golden collection and working exclusively with QoR Modern Watercolors Sarah was designated as an Artist Educator with Golden. As an art educator Sarah works at various private art institutes/organizations teaching art classes, conducting painting demos, & hosts numerous workshops helping students of all skill levels discover and develop their unique artistic voice.

**Coming In March...**

**March Demo Artist - Jim Gensheer**

March 17th, 2025



# International Juried Exhibition

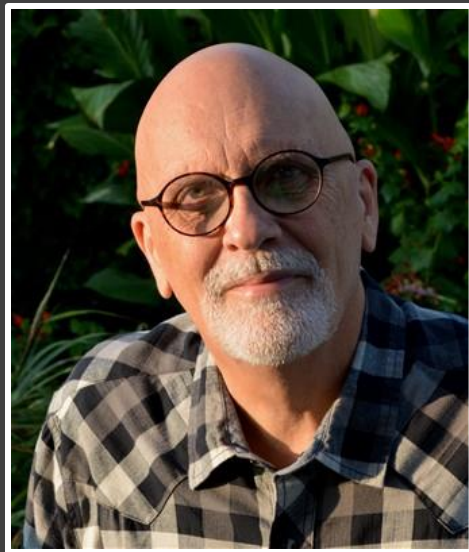


## CALL FOR ENTRIES!

May 7<sup>th</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Entry Deadline March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



Juror:

**Michael Holter**

*AWS, NWS, AIS, TWSA*



We are excited to announce that we are accepting entries into our annual International Juried Exhibition.

All entries must be submitted through the CaFE (Call for Entries) website.

Click this [link](#) to be taken directly to our page on the CaFE website.

If you want to see the full prospectus, [click here](#).



Please direct all questions to:  
[swaexhibitions@gmail.com](mailto:swaexhibitions@gmail.com)



# Michael Holter

- watercolor workshop -

*Expressing Yourself in Watercolor*



**April 22, 23 & 24, 2025**

9am to 4pm

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

2401 College Ave.

Fort Worth, Texas

**LIMITED SPACES  
AVAILABLE!**

SWA Members - \$350

Non-Members - \$400



[www.swawatercolor.com](http://www.swawatercolor.com)

**Spaces are filling up quickly! If interested in taking part of this exciting workshop, click the link below to find more information.**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

# WELCOME!

## To Our Newest Members

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

**Gwen Holder** – Fort Worth, Texas

**Gary Johnson** – Fayetteville, Arkansas

**Mary Kelly** – North Richland Hills, Texas

**Moira McCarthy** – Fort Worth, Texas

**Carol Marks** – Richardson, Texas

**Ivy Starnes** – Fort Worth, Texas

**Krystin-Youngju Smith** – Flower Mound, Texas

**Robert Southerland** – Fort Worth, Texas



**It's Time to Renew  
Your SWA Membership!**



SWA Memberships run from January thru December of each year.

We start taking memberships in October of each year for the following year.



**By renewing your SWA membership, it allows us to fund many of the programs we provide each year.**

It helps us book demo artists for the each of the monthly membership meetings and allows us to reserve the meeting room at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth.

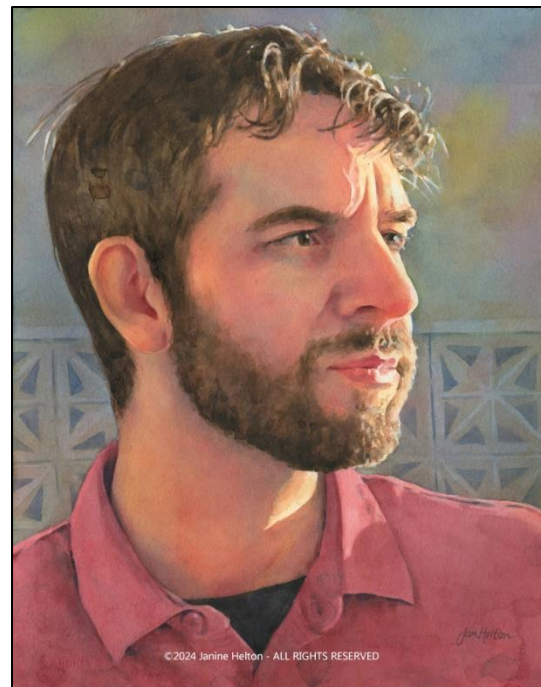
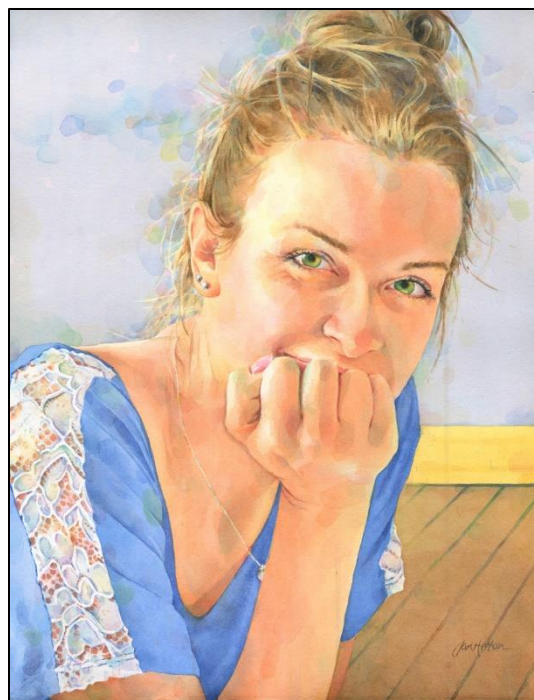
Thos fees also allow us to maintain our website, not to mention multiple smaller expenditures that arise throughout the year. Remember, we are a non-profit organization, so we do our best to keep fees low and spend any funds wisely.

Click [HERE](#) to be taken to the membership page on our website.





**Janine Helton's** painting *Up with the Dawn* (right) was awarded Outstanding Watercolor in the December 2024 BoldBrush Painting Competition.  
Juror – Chantel Lynn Barber



And Janine's painting *Musing* (left) was selected for inclusion in the Watercolor Art Society Houston (WASH) 48<sup>th</sup> Annual International Watermedia Exhibition.  
Juror – Stephen Zhang

**Trish Poupard's** painting *Aubergine* (right) has been accepted into the Watercolor Art Society Houston (WASH) 48<sup>th</sup> Annual International Watermedia Exhibition.  
Juror – Stephen Zhang







**Christine Alfrey's** painting *Sacred Rock* (left) was accepted into the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Abstract Online Exhibition at Verum Ultimium Art Gallery.



Christine's painting *She Flies* (right) won an Honorable Mention award at the Wisconsin Valley Art Association Memorial Exhibition Center for the Visual Arts.



**Yuji Uchiyama's** painting *Japanese Beauty* (left) was accepted into Missouri Watercolor Society's International Juried and Judged Exhibition. Juror – Dongfeng Li

**Darla Bostick** has paintings accepted in Grand Prairie, Tx. at the Center Curated Art Display and will show Jan 6 – March 30. She also has two paintings showing a the Thrive Rec Center in Lewisville, Tx.

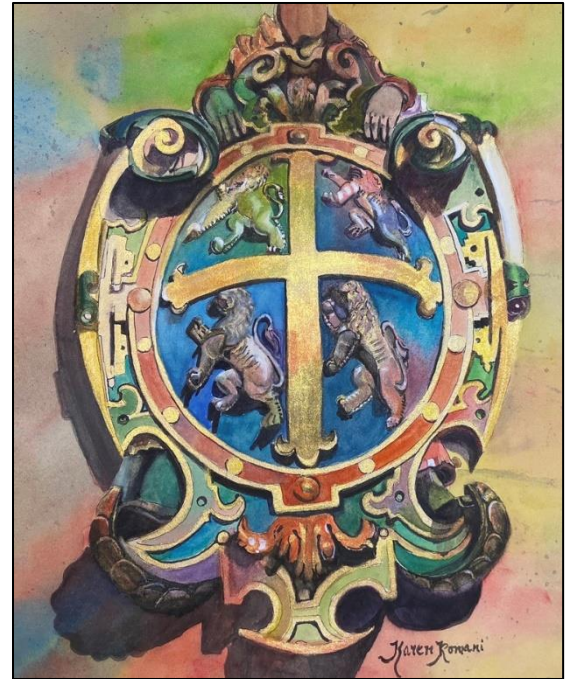
Also, Darla has 1 room still available for her 2025 Art Abroad Adventure in Belgium & Holland, April 15-20  
For more information, visit her website at [www.darlabostick.com](http://www.darlabostick.com)



# SWA MEMBER NEWS



**Karen Romani's** painting *Coat of Many Colors* (right) won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's Illumination Exhibition.  
Juror – Vlad Ducheve



**Lisa Tennant** has an article in the Winter edition of Watercolor Artist magazine. She will also have a painting in the Splash 26 Best of Watercolor coming out in July of this year. She was also in the Art of Watercolor, Dec 24 / Jan 25 issue.

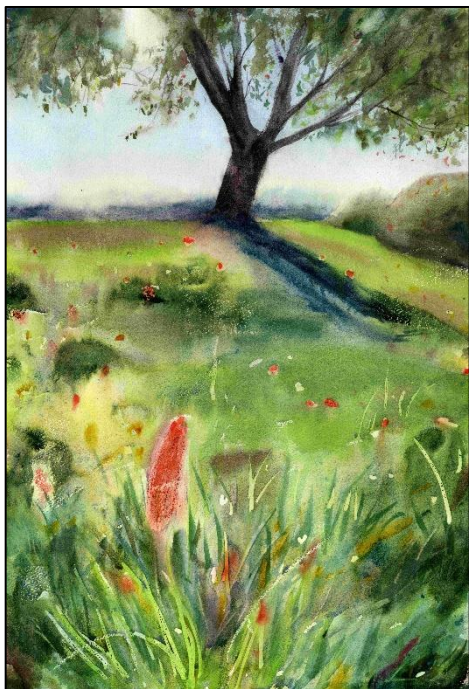


**Marily Ivy** has two paintings in the University Christian Church Fine Arts Exhibition.  
Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am to 1 pm.

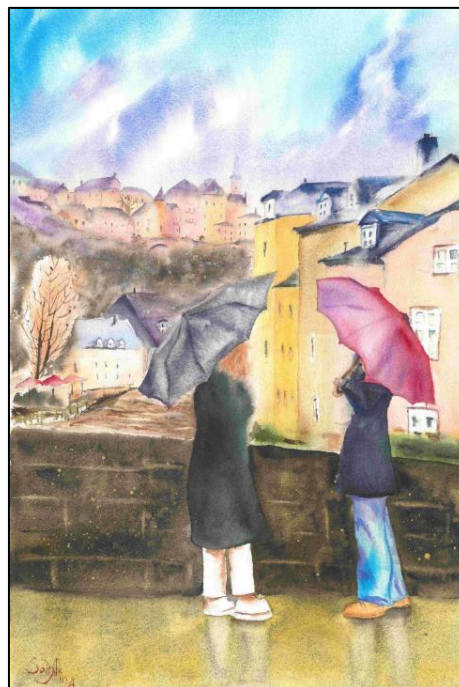




# SWA MEMBER NEWS



Alexandra Savelieva's painting *Summer Kiss* (left) was accepted into the 3<sup>rd</sup> FINeSS International Art Festival in Rybnik Poland.



And Alexandra's painting *Imagine* (right) was accepted into the International Watercolor Festival – CERET in Ceret France.

**Linda Hidalgo** will have multiple paintings on display at the Women of Worth Art Group in the Keller City Hall, March 10-April 17.





**Annie Strack** was the special invited guest artist and conducted a live watercolor painting demonstration for Sennelier. It can be watched online. [Click Here](#)

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**Darla Bostick** has paintings at the Grand Prairie Events and Convention Center, accepted for the Center Curated Art Display and will show Jan 6 – March 30. She also has two large canvas paintings showing a the Thrive Rec Center in Lewisville, Tx.

Also, Darla has 1 room still available for her 2025 Art Abroad Adventure in Belgium & Holland, April 15-20, then an optional 8-day Avalon river cruise to see the gardens, tulips and windmills of Holland April 20-27. Must be reserved right away. For more information, visit her website at [www.darlabostick.com](http://www.darlabostick.com)

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**Gina Judy** had two paintings accepted in Nude Nite 2025 St. Pete, a national competition held in St. Petersburg, Florida.



# 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](http://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!**

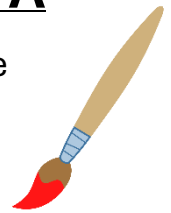


## DONATE DIRECTLY TO SWA



Click the link below to be taken to a page to donate to SWA through PayPal.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)



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

SWA  
P.O. Box 471571  
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



ARLINGTON  
FORT WORTH

Don't forget to bring a painting to the February meeting to enter the 2025 Painting of the Month contest.

Paintings that win 1st Place in the monthly contests throughout the year become eligible for the year ending Painting of the Year contest!

**Next Meeting**  
Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm



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# 2025

# 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  
[swawatercolorpresident@gmail.com](mailto:swawatercolorpresident@gmail.com)



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.

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# 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: **AVAILABLE** (*Candidate Identified*)

Painting of the Month/Year: **AVAILABLE**

Monthly Critique: Ann Winchester

Programs: Marilyn Ivy

Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): Linda Hidalgo

Workshop Chair: **AVAILABLE**

House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**

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CHAIR: Janet Southern

Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**

SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey

Prize Sponsors: Skeeter Murley

### PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

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

Greeters: **AVAILABLE**

Editor of Online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley