

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS



Fort Worth, Texas

From the President...

It's good to be back after summer break! I hope everyone had the opportunity to get away or just relax a bit during the summer. I know summers down here in Texas can be a bit brutal, so at the very least I hope you have good air conditioning!



As we start our fall season, we have a lot of fun events coming up. We'll start with our annual **Membership & Small Works Exhibition**. The show opens on Wednesday, September 9th and will run through September 26th. The artwork looks great in the House of Neville Gallery in Fort Worth, Texas. Our juror, [David Tripp](#), will judge the show in person, and winners will be announced during the Artist Reception & Awards Ceremony on Friday, September 18th.

We've been working hard at lining up demo artists for next year's meetings and jurors for our 2027 exhibitions. We can now announce that the juror & workshop artists will be [Richie Vios](#) for the International Exhibition and [Soon Warren](#) for the Membership Exhibition. Both of these amazing artists will juror the accepted artwork for each show and also offer 3-day workshops. There will be a limited number of spots for each of these workshops, so keep an eye open for future announcements on these highly desired artists.

It's also time for us to start asking for people to consider volunteering to fill open spots on the SWA Board & Committees. We are always looking for people to help out, and if you are so inclined, we would love to have you! This watercolor society doesn't exist if we don't have people volunteer. It doesn't take much time, and we have a lot of fun putting the meetings & shows together.

We want to encourage everyone that attends our monthly meetings to bring in a completed painting to enter the Painting of the Month competition. Each month we vote on a winner and that person receives a gift certificate to Jerry's Artarama in Arlington, Tx. And each monthly winner is eligible for the Painting of the Year with an even larger award. If you're able to attend in person, get your painting ready for our next meeting.

And we know it's still hot outside, but it won't be long before we start up our Christmas Card Exchange again. I know we're all looking forward to that cooler weather!

Skeeter Murley

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2026 SWA Membership & Small Works Exhibition

September 9th - 26th, 2026

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



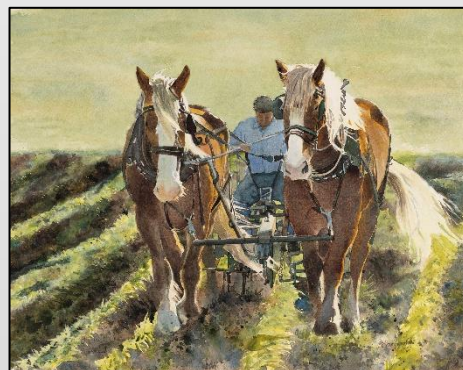
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Fort Worth, Texas

Juror

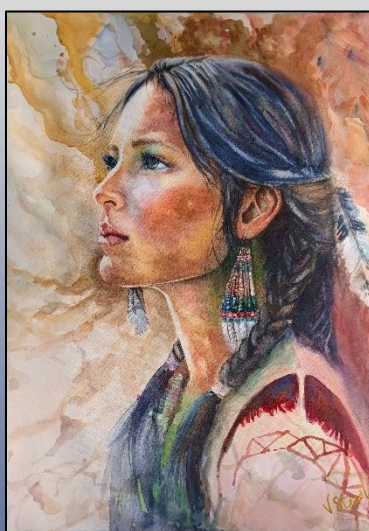
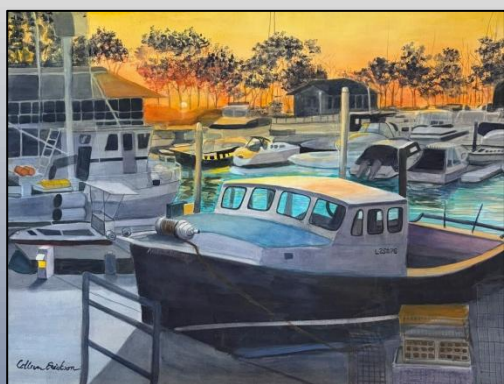
David Tripp

Exhibition Chair

Janet Southern



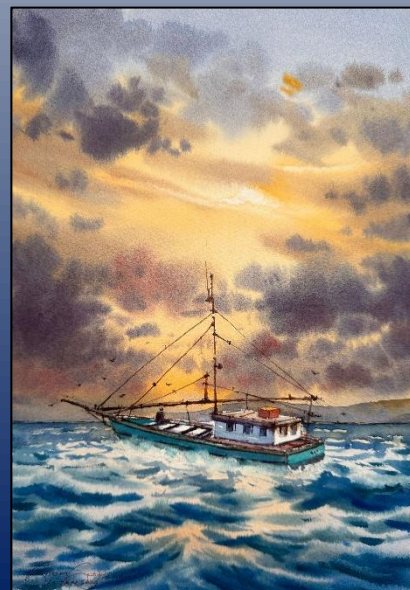
We hope you'll be able to attend this wonderful exhibition of
SWA members paintings from all over the country!



**Artist Reception &
Awards Presentation**

Friday, September 18th

5 to 7 pm



MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, Sept. 21st, 2026

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

LOCATION

UNT Health

3500 Camp Bowie Blvd.

Fort Worth, Texas

Parking Lot #6

Click [HERE](#) to see map

6:30 to 7:00pm - Artwork Critique's w/ Ann Winchester
Bring a piece of your artwork to get tips from a teaching professional.

7:00-7:15pm - General meeting with announcements and introductions of newcomers

7:15pm - Introduction of guest artist and demonstration begins

8:00pm - Break for refreshments, prize drawings and view & vote on Painting of the Month

8:15pm - Guest artist continues demo

8:45pm - Painting of the Month winners are announced

**DONATIONS OF SNACKS,
SOFT DRINKS, & FRUIT
TRAYS ARE WELCOMED**

CLICK BELOW TO VISIT

[David Tripp](#)
[Website](#)

Next Meeting... Monday, September 21st 7:00pm



Demo Artist

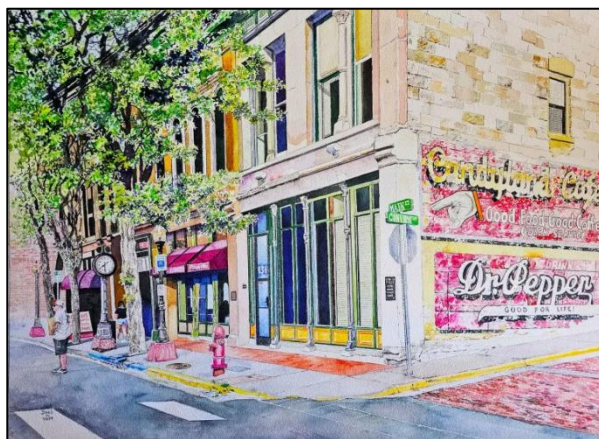
David Tripp

Retiring after three decades in a classroom, David currently enjoys his new life with more time to pursue his passion in his home art studio that he has christened Studio Eidolons.

His watercolors feature small-town American sights fading from our landscape, but not our memories. In 2015 he discovered a new genre, the Texas Laguna Madre, and spent two weeks living alone on an island there, painting as Artist-in-Residence for Texas A&M University Corpus Christi.

David, a native Missourian, grew up in St. Louis and studied art in rural northeast Missouri while earning his Bachelor's Degree from Truman State University. Residing in Texas since 1977, he draws his watercolor subjects from a host of "recollections" involving cities, small towns and rural stretches throughout the Midwest and Southwest, particularly old Route 66.

David finds inspiration for his art from the life and works of Andrew Wyeth and Edward Hopper. Having earned his Masters and Ph.D., he seeks ways to blend academic studies with his art creations, and particularly loves the writings of artists Robert Motherwell and Robert Henri, along with literary giants including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau and Marcel Proust. The poetry of William Carlos Williams, Robert Frost and Walt Whitman also drive his imagination. These artistic and literary geniuses he regards as kindred spirits. They were frequently surprised by the revelatory powers of objects connecting them with primal memories from the past. These objects, viewed on location, as well as in works of art, have a way of "drawing the viewer in." And we are usually grateful for that primal experience.



Next Member Meeting – October 19 – Demo Artist Bill Dale



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**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



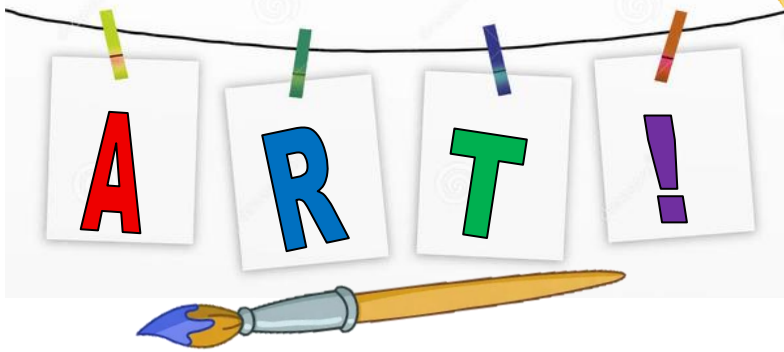
Our meeting room at the UNT Health building in Fort Worth is being renovated.

Starting in September 2026, we will meet in a new room.

The room is located just off the atrium gallery where we used to host our exhibitions. Watch for an email with a map to help guide you to our new room.



CLOTHESLINE ART



Are you working on something you'd like to share with your friends?

Bring a piece of your artwork to our next meeting and hang it on our clothesline.

It's a way to show off something you're working on or have completed in a workshop or art class. It's just for fun and a great way to get to share techniques you've learned with others.



Visit our website to see the current listings of upcoming watercolor exhibitions around the country.

[Exhibition Listings](#)



SWA encourages our members to enter art exhibitions around the state and country. It's fun to see our members being accepted into all these shows, and winning awards.

We try to update our website with art shows we think you might be interested in, but we can't keep up with all of them. If you have information on upcoming deadlines. Please send us an e-mail. We'll keep our website updated as best we can with this information.



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WOMEN OF WORTH

THE ARTISTS

Gayle Bunch
Kathy Cuning
Colleen Erickson
Linda Hidalgo
Marilyn Ivy
Lynda Robinson
Mary Ann White
Kay Wirz



SEPT 3rd - 27th
AT SHANLEY HOUSE GALLERY

224A North Travis Granbury, TX 76048
Thurs-Sat 10am-4pm | Sun 1-4pm

LAST SATURDAY GALLERY NIGHT RECEPTION SEPT 26TH 6-8PM
GRANBURYART.ORG

WOMEN OF WORTH

*You're invited to visit this
wonderful exhibition
featuring several
SWA members!*

&

**Don't miss seeing our annual
Membership & Small Works
Exhibition at the House of
Neville Gallery in Fort Worth**

WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

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

Gayle Bunch – Fort Worth, Texas

Amy Ferrell – Caldwell, Texas

Sid Ganguly – Plugerville, Texas

Caroline Johnson – Corinth, Texas

Sandra Parker – Tucson, Arizona

Wendy Ray – Poolville, Texas

Linda Taylor-Palmer – Arlington, Texas

Trish Wise – Benbrook, Texas

You're Invited!
Join us for the next show at
House of Neville Gallery & Gatherings!

**SOCIETY OF
WATERCOLOR
ARTISTS
2026**

**MEMBERSHIP &
SMALL WORKS
EXHIBITION**

*A national
exhibition
featuring
talented artists
from across
the country!*

Mark Your Calendar!

September 9 – September 26

Discover a stunning collection of original watercolor
paintings and small works, hosted by the
Society of Watercolor Artists.

Art • Inspiration • Connection

Art Opportunities!

Unleash your inner creativity!



CHECK OUT THE HOUSE OF NEVILLE WEBSITE
TO LEARN ABOUT ALL KINDS OF ART CLASSES!

[CLICK HERE](#)



Visit the SWA website to find open calls to
watercolor exhibitions around the country.

We love to see our members share their talent!

[Click Here](#)



WINCHESTER STUDIOS

**Ann
Winchester**

Watercolor Classes

FOR ALL SKILL
LEVELS

Join us to learn the art of watercolor. This is a weekly, fun watercolor class for all skill levels class where you can learn basic watercolor techniques, materials, color mixing theory and more!

DATES & TIMES	LOCATIONS	CLASS FEE
THURSDAY 1:30PM - 3:30PM	THURS & SAT 809 W MAIN ST ARLINGTON, TX 76010	\$30 PER PERSON
FRIDAY 1PM - 3:30PM	FRIDAY 425 GRANBURY ST CLEBURNE, TX 76033	
SATURDAY 11AM - 1PM		

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**DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WORLD-CLASS ART MUSEUMS
IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS**





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AMERICA Online 250 Watercolor Exhibition

Thank you to every artist that took the time to enter our
Summer Online Watercolor Exhibition
honoring the 250th birthday of the United States of America



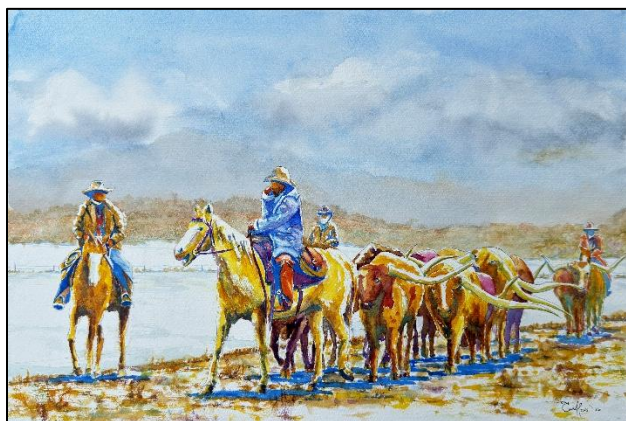
1st Place Award

Michael Holter
The Banner



2nd Place Award

Krystin-Youngju Smith
A 250th Birthday and Beyond



3rd Place Award

Tony Gerloff
Drovers' Morning



Honorable Mention Award
Rick Anderson
Roadside Pride



Honorable Mention Award
Alexandra Savelieva
I Love NY



MEMBER NEWS

PROUDLY SHARING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SWA MEMBERS

Monica Austin's painting *Marki* (right) won a Judge's Favorite Award in the Women in Watercolor 7th Annual International Competition.
Juror: Kathleen Giles

Well done!



Larisa Anaya's paintings *Special Delivery* (above left) and *Drenched!* (above right) were finalists in the July PleinAir Salon Art Competition.
Juror: Bill Davidson

Larisa will be hosting a Paint-Out in Georgetown, Tx area. For more information, visit this [LINK](#) to be taken to their Facebook page.



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Laura Langston's painting *Gossiping in the 60's* (left) was accepted into the SWS Membership Exhibition. Juror: Stephen Zhang



Kathy Cuning's painting *The Orange Lock* (above right) won third place at the 34th Annual Breckinridge Fine Art Center Juried Art Show. Juror: Barbara Hack



Kathy was a selected artist for the Preservation is the Art of the City at Lena Pope Home in Fort Worth, Tx. Her painting *Vintage Police Car* is shown to the left.



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Annie Strack won a Merit Award for her painting *The Scream* (left) in the Red River Watercolor Society 33rd International Exhibition
Juror: Carrie Waller

Annie also had paintings juried into the North Star Watercolor Society 2026 National Exhibition, Northwest Watercolor Society's 86th Annual International Open Exhibition, and Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 46th International Exhibition.

Beautiful

Helen Stanley's painting *Blue-Laced Angels* (right) was selected the SWS Membership Exhibition.
Juror: Stephen Zhang



3rd Duo Exhibition : Watercolor & Botanical Art Exhibition
YUJI UCHIYAMA IWM 2026 MASTER ARTIST
KYOKO UCHIYAMA 2025 RHS Gold Medalist

 Watercolor Artist
 Botanical Artist

October 5 (Mon) - 11 (Sun), 2026 | Gallery Kubota Main Building, 2F | 10 : 00 - 18 : 30
(Opens at 13 : 00 on the first day ; closes at 15 : 00 on the last day)

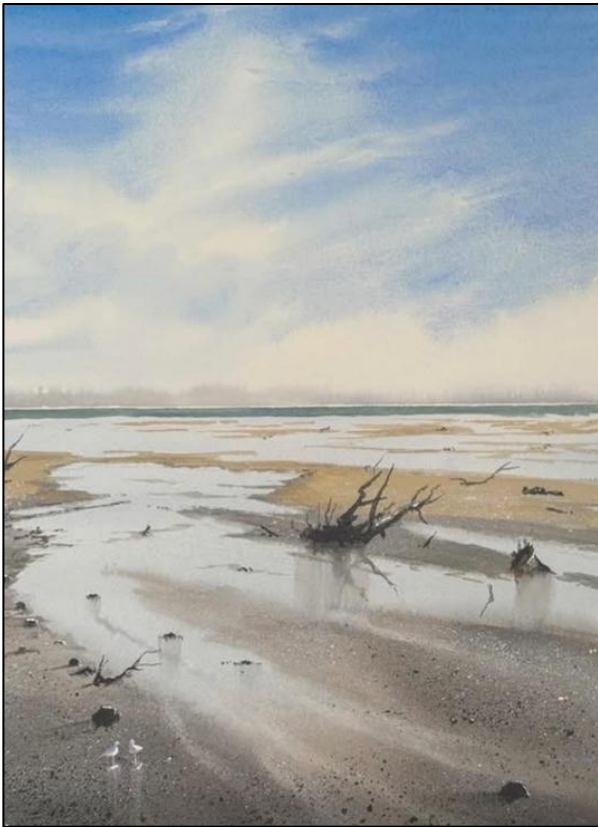
SWA Member **Yuji Uchiyama** and his wife will be holding an exhibition at Gallery Kubota in Japan from October 5th to 11th.

They invite anyone visiting or living in Japan to attend.



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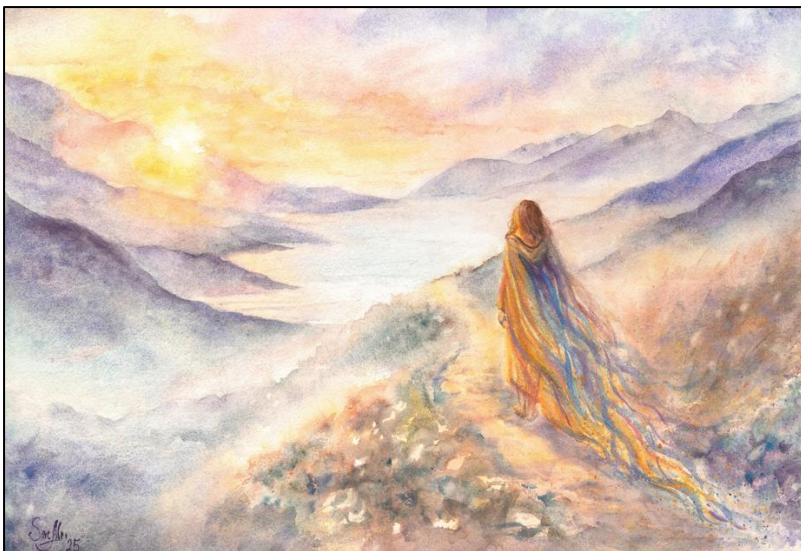
Jan Min's painting *Simplicity* (left) won the People's Choice Award at the 10th Annual Plein Air Show of the San Diego Watercolor Society.

Juror: Ken Goldman

And his painting *Beach Walk* (below) has been selected for the Annual Royal Society of Marine Artists Exhibition in the Mall Galleries in London.



Congratulations!



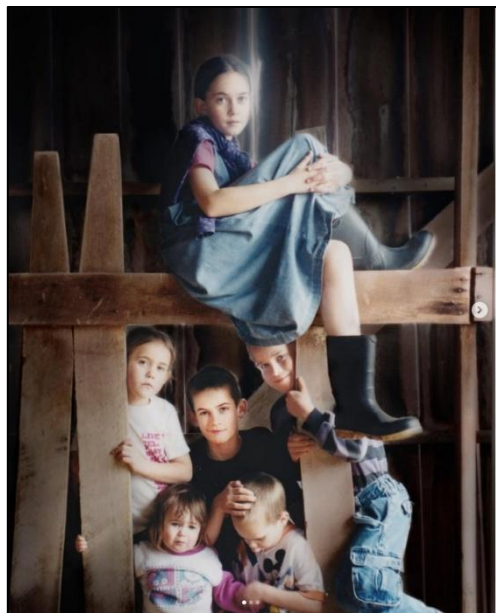
Alexandra Savelieva's painting *An Artists Journey* (left) has been accepted into UTOPIA, an International Watercolor Exhibition in Bali, Indonesia



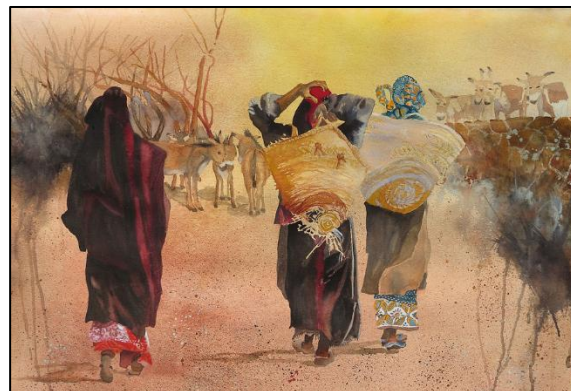
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Several SWA artists had their works accepted into the 2026 North American Watercolor Society International Online Exhibition. Juror of Awards: Lana Privitera



Darla Bostick
Ladies of Lamu, Kenya



Monica Austin
One Time Back When



Alonzo Clarke
One Last Look



Merri Chester
Emergence



Amy Ferrell
Tides of Red



Ann Hightower-Patterson
While the Fish Sang



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Tony Gerloff

Sunny Afternoon Galveston Stand



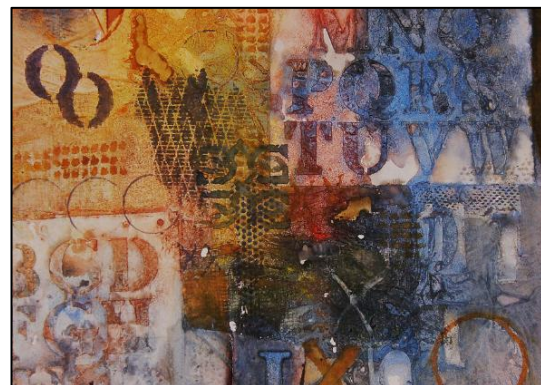
Susan Keith

Bathed in Light



Gina Judy

*Foreshortened and
in Colorful Light*



John James

Letters to Remember – 4 Corners



Laurin McCracken

Silver, Lace & Peonies



Trish Poupard

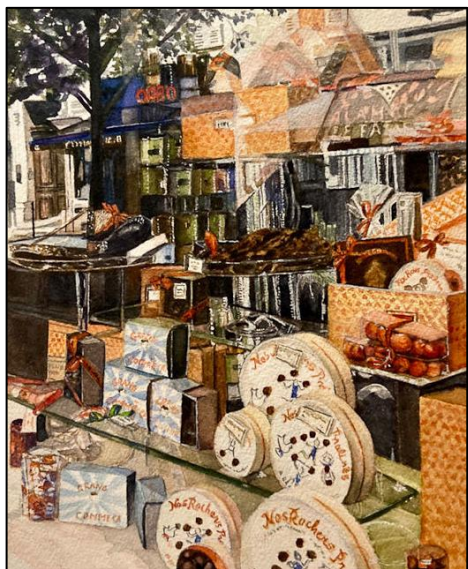
Lipgloss



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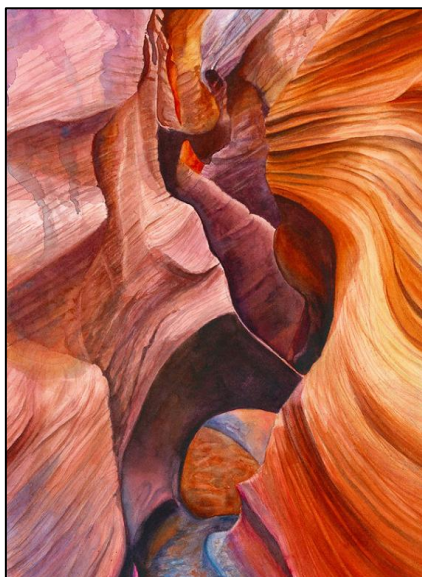
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Karen Romani

Confections and Reflections



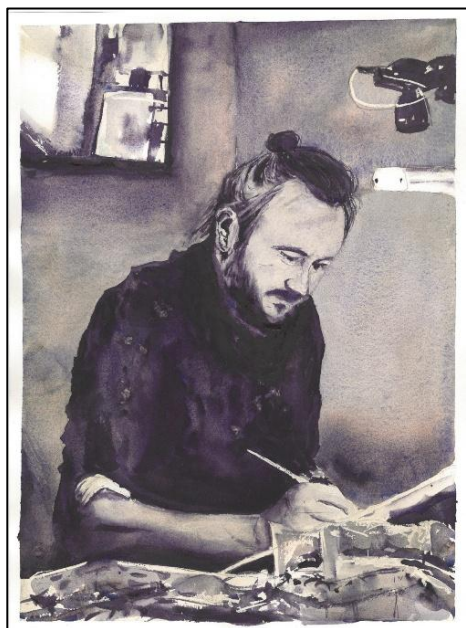
Victoria Steed

Only in Dreams



Sujit Sudhi

Abandoned?



Alexandra Savelieva

Inwards



Annie Strack

The Teacher



Donna Twyford
Cookie Conundrum

SWA Fundraiser Opportunities



Have You
Signed Up?

**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!**



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

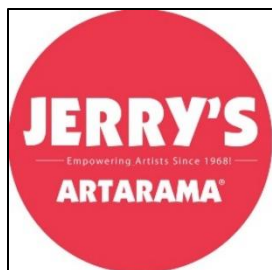
We want to thank you in advance for considering a donation to the Society of Watercolor Artists.

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



4802 Little Road
ARLINGTON, TX

Don't forget to bring a painting to the **SEPTEMBER** meeting to enter the **2026 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, September 21st at 7:00pm



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2026

2026 CALENDAR

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

January 26 – Bev Boren - Demo Artist

February 16 – Ann Winchester - Demo Artist

March 16 – Ron Crouch - Demo Artist

April 20 – Monica Austin - Demo Artist

May 18 – Ken Call - Demo Artist

May 19, 20 & 21 – Ken Call Workshop

June, July & August – No Meetings, Summer Break

September 21 – David Tripp - Demo Artist



October 19 – Bill Dale - Demo Artist

November 16 – Cheryle Chapline - Demo Artist

December – Holiday Party

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



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 an 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 discounts into SWA shows
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership 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 building in Fort Worth. After you turn from Camp Bowie to Clinton St turn left into a sloping parking lot beyond the security building. **We will temporarily be meeting in a new room right off the atrium gallery. Park at the top of the hill near all the flagpoles and looks for signs directing you to our new room.**

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.

2026 Committees & Volunteer Opportunities

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

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 Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley
 Publicity: **AVAILABLE**
 Website & Social Media Manager: Skeeter Murley

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR and Director of Membership: Skeeter Murley
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