

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

November is typically the time of year we are reminded to be thankful for our blessings. It's easy to let this thought get brushed aside with the busy schedule of the upcoming holidays. So, throughout this last year I've been keeping a written list of things I have been thankful for. I felt it would open my eyes and remind me to be more grateful. As my list continues to grow, I realized that so many of the things I'm most thankful for involves family & friends. And then I realized I probably don't share how thankful I am to those people.

So, I want to thank my watercolor friends for letting me be part of a wonderful art community. I stepped into this art world about ten years ago, knowing nothing, and have been incredibly fortunate to meet a group of friends that are willing to share their knowledge and talents. In those ten years, my painting ability may have improved a little bit, but the friendships I've built mean so much more to me. Every time I get together with fellow artists, I leave inspired and more excited to get back into my home studio to paint.

At each SWA meeting I feel fortunate to learn something from the demo artists. I've taken a few watercolor workshops and am always amazed at the talents of the individuals willing to teach, and even from my fellow workshop participants. Each time we hang a show inside a gallery, I enjoy spending time studying each painting so I can learn something from the artists.

And one of my absolute favorite events I've been part of was the Fabriano in Watercolor event we held here in Fort Worth last year. To help hang 1,000+ watercolor paintings and see the different painting styles from all over the world was just unbelievable. And during that event, some of the best watercolor artists in the world were in attendance and shared their talents during live demonstrations. How can someone not be thankful for being fortunate to be part of that?!

I'm hoping each of you have a really wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and I look forward to an even better 2026 season with SWA!

All my best,

Skeeter Murley

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Next Meeting...

Guest Demo Artist

Monday, November 17th

7:00pm -9:00pm

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.

Court Bailey



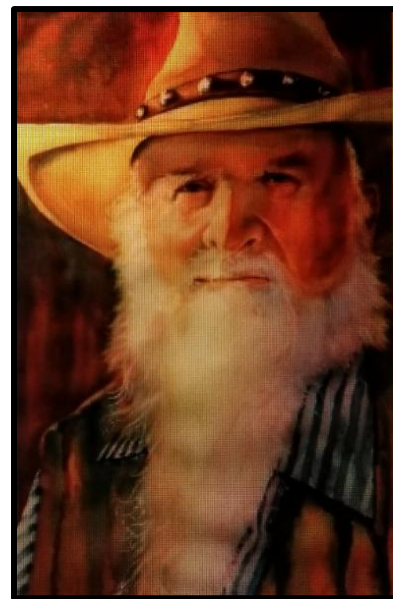
As I was standing in line, along with a few hundred anonymous grocery shoppers, it struck me how much our little world has changed, and how grateful I am that I live in the warm weather of Texas.

Generally I paint, draw, sculpt and carve what interests me. However, commissions interest me!

On my website, you'll find paintings of children and animals, boats and light houses, bas relief and half-hull carvings and more. As for mediums I prefer Oils, Watercolors, and more recently Gouache.

My artistic goal is to paint as much as possible without alienating those around me.

[Court Bailey Website](#)



Coming next month...



SWA Holiday Party!

December 6th, 2026





2026 *International Juried Exhibition*

Juror Announcement!



2025 Best of Show Award
Ken Call
Northbrook, Illinois
Charlotte in Waiting

***Ken Call of Northbrook, Illinois will be the juror of the
2026 SWA International Juried Exhibition!***

Ken Call will serve as our juror and also be conducting a 3-day watercolor workshop.
If you don't know Ken's award-winning work, we encourage you to visit his website.

[Ken Call Website](#)

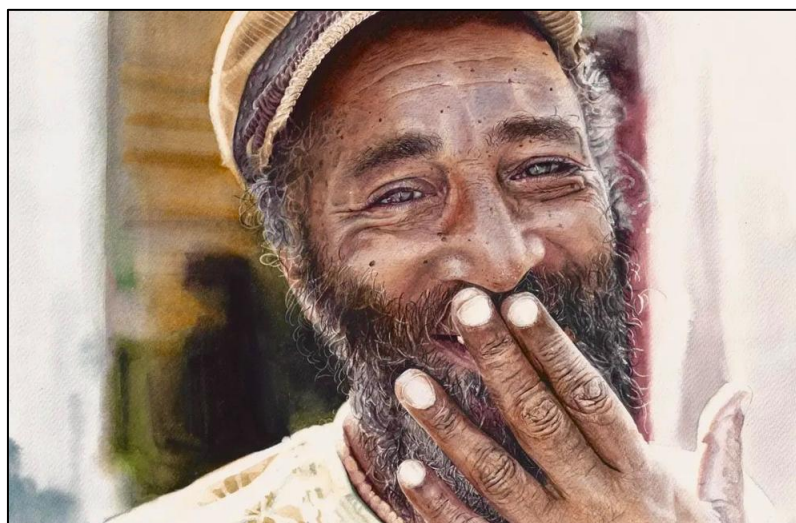
Ken is best known for his amazing portraits but paints a wide range of subjects.
His unique style has won him numerous awards, including at our International Exhibition last year.

The prospectus will be released in the coming weeks.
More information on his workshop will be released soon.



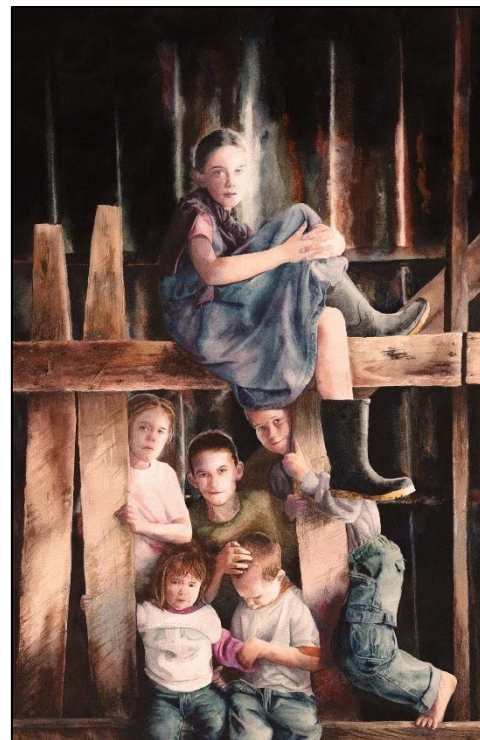
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Fort Worth, Texas



Monica Austin's painting *Marki* (above left) was invited into "The Invitation" show at the House of Neville Gallery in Fort Worth.

And her painting *One Time Back When* (above right) won the best of show award at the Nocona Nights Art of the Song show.



Congratulations!

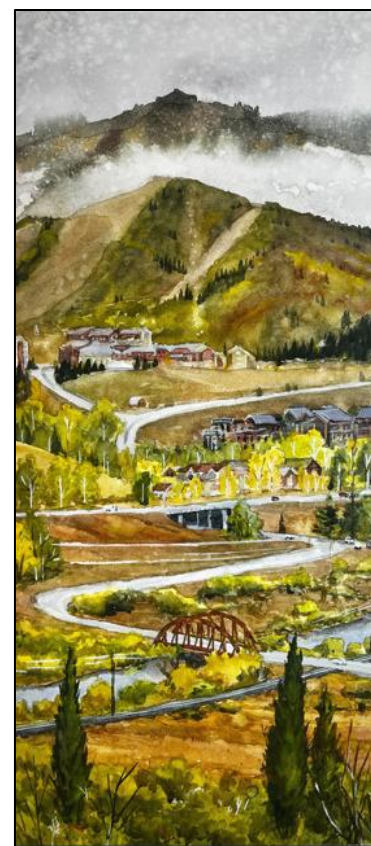


Annie Strack was an invited Master Artist in the 7th Watercolor International Exhibition in Greece. She also Juried into the Silk Road 11th Biennial International Exhibition in China.

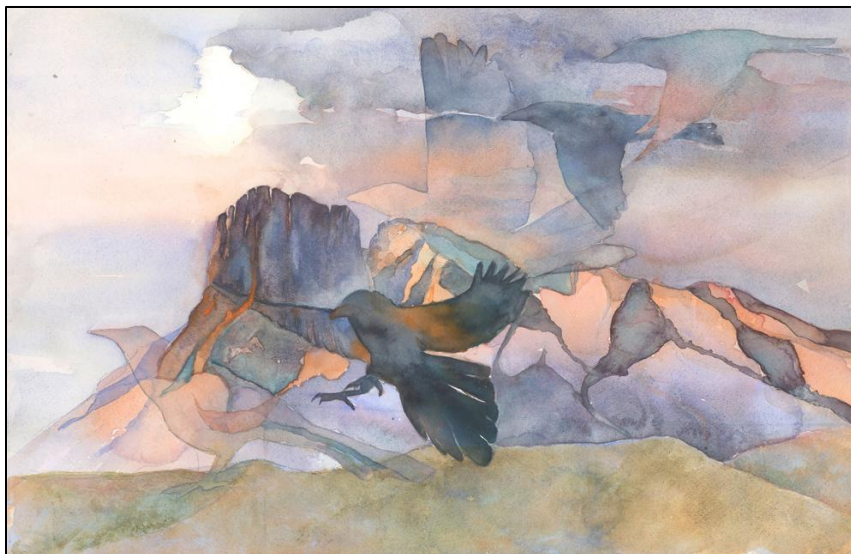


Yuji Uchiyama has been invited to serve as a Master in the 2026 International Watercolour Masters in Lilleshall, Shropshire, England.

He will be exhibiting his painting *Time Keeps Turning* (above right).



Gregory Effinger's painting *Co-Workers* (above) won the 2nd Place award at the CACE Western Art Show in Brush, Colorado. And his painting *Chasing Clouds* (right) won the Steamboat Ski Area Award at the 2025 Steamboat Art Museum Plein Air Annual Juried Exhibition.



Cindy Baird's painting *Cow Dreams* (left) was accepted into the 2025 West Texas Watercolor Society Annual Signature Show.

Juror: Kathleen Conover

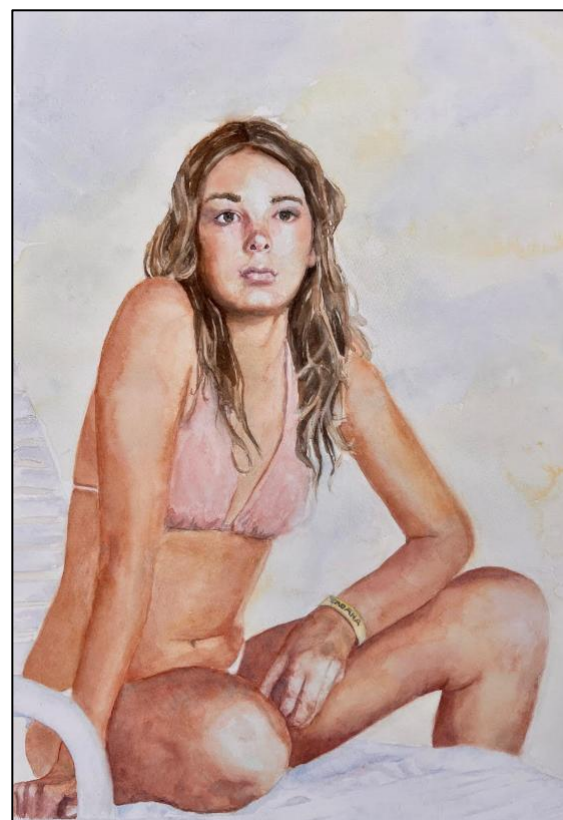
Trish Poupard's painting *Cabana Queen* (right) was juried into the Watercolor Art Society – Houston's 56th Annual Members Exhibition.
Juror – Laurie Goldstein-Warren

Congratulations



Suzy "Pal" Powell's painting *Springtime Hide-a-way* was accepted into the West Texas Watercolor Society's Annual Members Show.

Also, Suzy will be teaching sketching using ink watercolor and gouache at Cloudcroft Art in Cloudcroft, New Mexico.



WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

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

Hannah Dunn – Glen Rose, Texas



*Painting
of the
Month*

Sponsored By
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The winners of the October
Painting of the Month were:

Signature Member – Bill Dale

"White Kimono"

Non-Signature Member – Linda Hidalgo

"Biscuit Time"



Voting is ongoing thru November 14th for the SWA Painting of the Year.
The winner will be announced during the member meeting on November 17th.

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS



CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6th

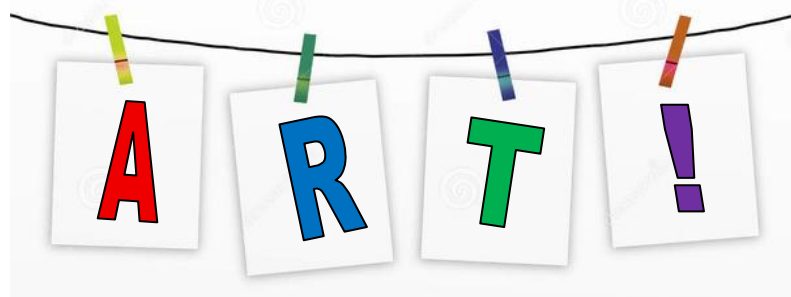
6:00-8:00 pm



6391 Camp Bowie Blvd
Fort Worth, Texas

Join your watercolor friends for our annual Christmas party! We'll gather at El Fenix Restaurant in Fort Worth, enjoy some yummy food and have fun with a white-elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped art-inspired gift and enjoy taking part in "stealing" from one another. It's a lot of fun, and people really enjoy it.

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.

Last Meeting

Artist **Robert Kraszewsk**



Art Opportunities!



Watercolor Workshop

Joel Popadics

AWS / ASMA

November 11 - 13, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Marsh Lane Baptist Church
Dallas, TX 75229
USA

Members: \$395/ Nonmembers: \$425



Constance Corbett will be the coordinator for this workshop.
You may contact Constance at
workshops@SWSWatercolor.org

Art Show 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.

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

[SWA Exhibition Listings](#)



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



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!**

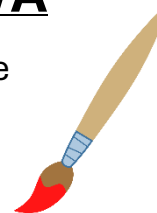


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Click the link below to be taken to a page to donate to SWA through PayPal.

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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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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



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The winner of the **Painting of the Year** will be announced at the November Meeting. Your next chance to enter a painting will begin again at our January 2026 meeting.

Thank you to every artist that entered a painting this year. We want to ramp this up even larger next year, so get started on that next masterpiece!

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
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Website & Social Media Manager: Skeeter Murley

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CHAIR and Director of Membership: Iok-Hou Pang / Skeeter Murley
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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 – Court Bailey - 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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