



SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas



From the President...

Our 2025 Membership & Small Works exhibition was a really big success. We had more entries this year than we've had in many years. And the Small Works exhibition has grown year after year and has become a favorite of many. I hope even more of you will consider entering next year. Congratulations to all the award winners and to everyone that entered this wonderful show!



I wasn't able to attend the reception & awards ceremony this year as I was on a family vacation in Europe. It was my first time to take an extra-long vacation, and it was great! We started in London and spent the entire month of September visiting multiple cities in eight different countries. We hit all the obvious tourist hot spots, but what I really enjoyed was seeing so much amazing artwork. We started with Buckingham Palace & Westminster Abbey in London and then visited the Louvre Museum in Paris. I was absolutely overwhelmed with the number of amazing paintings, sculptures & archaeological finds. I can tell you a one-day visit to the Louvre isn't near enough. The sheer size of it is unbelievable.

We visited the Van Gogh & Rijks Museums in Amsterdam, and later in the trip the Vatican Museum & St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

I never believed I would see paintings from Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh or Michaelangelo in my lifetime. It sure opened my eyes and made me appreciate how art lives well past our own lifetime.

It also made me realize how much I love watercolor. While it was amazing to see such spectacular artwork around the world, I know now more than ever that I still prefer watercolor. There's a hypnotic beauty in watercolor that stands out to me. I know it can be difficult & frustrating at times, but the sense of accomplishment when it works makes it absolutely worthwhile. I feel I'm still in the early stages of learning this medium, and hope this renewed enthusiasm continues for a long, long time!

All my best,

Skeeter Murley

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Next Meeting...

Guest Demo Artist

Robert Kraszewski

**Monday, October 20th
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.

My art journey began at 12 with a parrot drawing for my cousin. My aunt, and teacher, recognized my talent and convinced my parents to enroll me in art high school. Fine Art Academy in Warsaw, Poland was a natural next step. Over the next 30 years, I worked in logo design, corporate identity, advertising, illustration, coin design and interior design, supporting major clients nationwide, and winning awards.

Now I'm back to painting, using classic techniques like watercolor or oil, letting the subject and desired effect guide my choice of media. Watercolor offers the challenge of limited time and uniqueness of blending colors, which are most suitable for capturing shadows and reflections of fleeting moments. Oil allows for detailed work over time, multiple re-touches and exactitude of details. Enjoy all of it and more in my gallery.



[Robert Kraszewski Website](#)



Coming next month...

November Demo Artist – Ron Crouch

November 17th, 2025



2025 SWA Membership & Small Works Exhibition

September 6th thru September 27th, 2025
The House of Neville Gallery & Gatherings – Fort Worth, Tx.



2409 Neville Street
Fort Worth, Texas

Juror

Tim Saternow
AWS, NWS

Exhibition Chair
Janet Southern

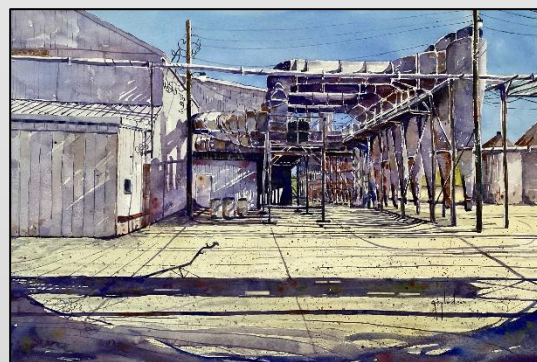


- Best of Show -

Jennifer Gillen

Plano, Texas

Rosa Munstead Wood



1st Place

Non-Signature Member Division

Gaylord O'Con

Dallas, Texas

Tahoka Shadows

SWA Membership Exhibition

Signature Members Awards

1st Place - Jennifer Gillen – Rosa Munsted Wood

2nd Place – Iok-Hou Pang – Golden Dusk

3rd Place – Cindy Baird – Rise Up

Juror's Award – Elaine Jary – Great Egret Couple

Honorable Mention – Pam Wilson – Ready to Order

Honorable Mention – Alonzo Clarke – Torrent to Gold

Non-Signature Member Awards

1st Place - Gaylord O'Con – Tahoka Shadows

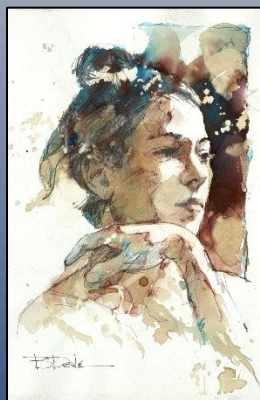
2nd Place – Larisa Anaya – Art in the Heart

3rd Place – Lisa Tennant – Gung Ho

Juror's Award – Rick Anderson – Layered Landscape

Honorable Mention – Sujit Sudhi - Sunlit

Honorable Mention – Terri Hennessy – Up Over the Ridge



1st Place

Small Works Exhibition

Bill Dale

Arlington, Texas

Penny

Small Works Exhibition

1st Place – Bill Dale - Penny

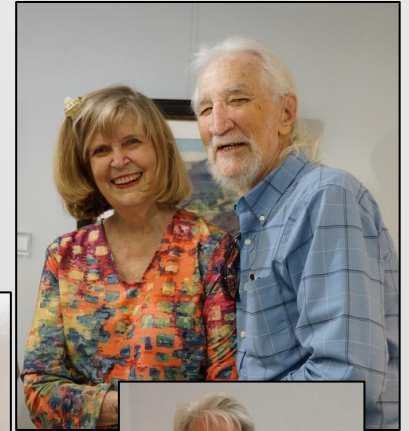
2nd Place – Sujit Sudhi – Old Pots, New Pots

3rd Place – Vicki Rowley – Abstract Violet



2025 SWA Membership & Small Works Exhibition

Photos from Artist Reception & Awards Ceremony



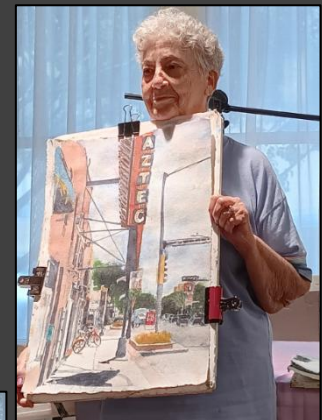
Tim Saternow

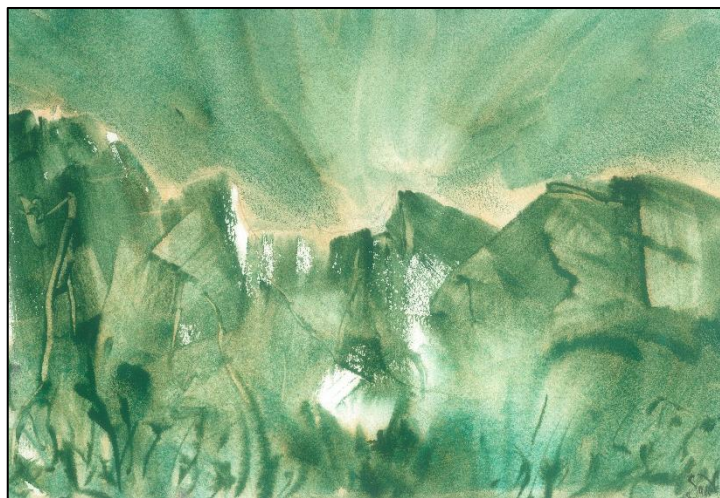
WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Splash Dynamic – Bold Watercolor Painting

September 16, 17 & 18, 2025

Fort Worth, Texas



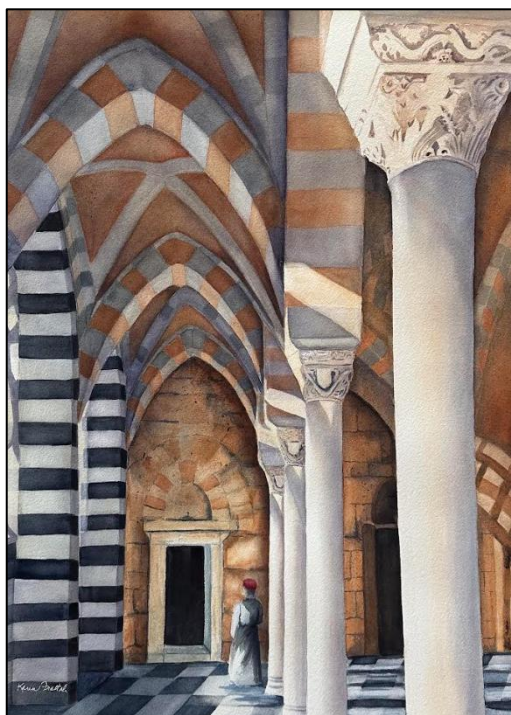


Alexandra Savelieva's painting *Fugue in Green* (above left), has been accepted into the 3rd Le Venezie International Watercolor Festival. It is a Top 200 Winner at the 2026 International Watercolour Masters in Shropshire, England. And her painting *Northern Skies* (above right) was displayed at the 2025 International Watercolor Festival in Bratislava, Slovakia.



Eliane Jary's painting "*Tending the Nest*" received the Dixon Ticonderoga / Blick Venor Award at the 2025 SWS Membership Exhibition in Dallas.

Congratulations!



Karen Frattali has two paintings currently hanging in exhibitions. *“Amalfi Memory”* (above left) is in the Philadelphia Watercolor Society’s 125th International Exhibition of Works on Paper. Jurors – Dorri Rifkin and Z.L. Feng
And *“Pears for Thee and One for Me”* (above right) is in the Kentucky Watercolor Society’s Aqueous 2025 National Exhibition. Juror – Tim Oliver

Darla Bostick will have two paintings in the Richardson Civic Art Society Membership Show at the Plano Art Gallery in Willowbend Mall.
“White River Memories” (right)





Kathy Cunning won the Mayor's Award at the Granbury Art Show with "*'58 Buick Supreme*" (above left). She also won 1st Place in Watercolor at the Parker County Sheriff Posse Art Show with her painting "Blue Cowboy" (above right).



Annie Strack's painting "*Three faces of Annie*" (above left) won the Frank Nofer Memorial Award for Transparent Watercolor at the Philadelphia Watercolor Society's 125 International Exhibition of Works on Paper. Jurors – Dorri Rifkin & Z.L. Feng
And her painting "*Out of the Darkness*" (above right) has been accepted into the Northeast Watercolor Society's Juried International Exhibition. – Juror – Soon Y. Warren

WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

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

Rita Bodiford – Weatherford, Texas

Ann Feriend – Weatherford, Texas



Painting of the Month

Sponsored By

JERRY'S ARTARAMA

The winners of the September
Painting of the Month were:

Non- Signature Member – Shahrzad Afshinpour

"Illusion of Truth"

Signature Member – Kathy Cuning

"Eastern Pennsylvania State Prison Cell"



Bring a completed painting to the **October** meeting to enter the Painting of the Month Contest.
It's your last chance to get into running for Painting of the Year.

Art Opportunities!



**Ann
Winchester**

Watercolor Classes

FOR ALL SKILL
LEVELS

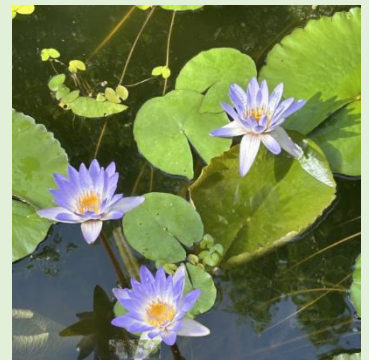
Join us to learn the art of watercolor. This is a weekly, fun watercolor class for all skill levels class where you can learn basic watercolor techniques, materials, color mixing theory and more!

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		

[Click to visit Ann Winchester's Facebook Page](#)

Marilyn Ivy Watercolor Instruction

Marilyn Ivy will teach a series of four watercolor classes beginning with "Special Effects" October 9, 1-3:30 pm in the studio at the **House of Neville Gallery & Gatherings** 2409 Neville St., Fort Worth, 76109. "Sunset Skies" is the subject for Oct. 16, "Gateway to Fall Color" Oct. 23, and "Waterlily Pond" Oct. 30.



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PAINTING OF THE MONTH

Prizes donated by Jerry's Artarama
Arlington / Fort Worth

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**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!**

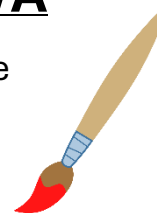


DONATE DIRECTLY TO SWA



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 October 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, October 20th 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



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
- ✚ 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

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):

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Greeters: Linda Hidalgo

Editor of Online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley