



SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
THE SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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2026



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SWA Membership
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President's Message

As we move through the final stretch of winter and look ahead to the promise of spring, I hope your brushes have been busy and your creative spirits are thriving. This is such a wonderful time of year to experiment, push boundaries, and prepare your best work to share with the world — and speaking of sharing, we have an exciting opportunity on the horizon!



I am pleased to remind our members that the **2026 International Juried Exhibition** entry deadline is fast approaching. All submissions must be entered by **March 27th**, so now is the time to review your recent work and select the pieces that best represent your artistic vision. This is a wonderful chance to gain recognition, connect with artists from around the world, and showcase the incredible talent within our watercolor society.

I encourage every member to consider entering. Whether you are a seasoned exhibitor or submitting for the first time, this kind of experience is invaluable for your growth as an artist. Don't let self-doubt hold you back — our community is full of exceptional talent, and your work deserves to be seen.

And if you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2026, now is the time to do so! Active members receive discounted entry fees into the exhibition, so renewing before you submit an entry will save you money. Members who have not renewed also risk missing out on future newsletters and important society updates, so please don't let your membership lapse.

As always, it is a privilege to serve as your president, and I look forward to seeing our members represented in this exciting exhibition. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about the entry process or membership renewal. Wishing you all inspired painting in the days ahead!

Skeeter Murley

Email: swawatercolorpresident@gmail.com

**ENTRY DEADLINE
APPROACHING QUICKLY!**
2026
International Juried Exhibition
ENTRY DEADLINE – MARCH 27th

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, March 16th, 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

[Ron Crouch Website](#)

Next Meeting... Monday, March 16th 7:00pm



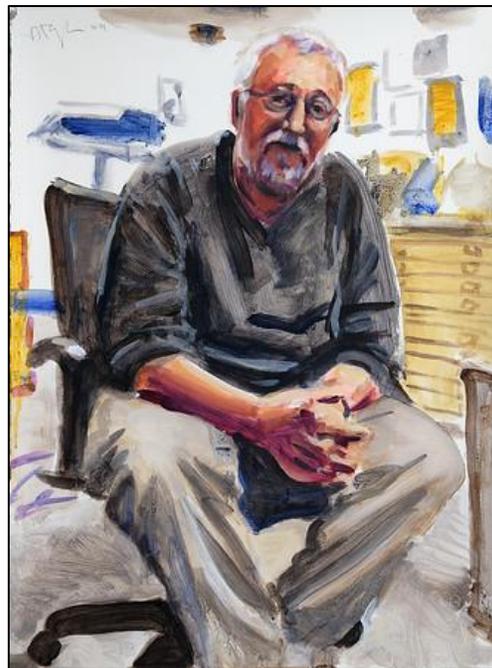
Demo Artist

Ron Crouch

Ron Crouch, born in Fort Worth, Texas, relocated to the Chicago suburbs with his family at nine years old. Upon returning to Fort Worth as a TCU freshman, he was awarded a Nordan Fine Arts scholarship and earned a BFA in painting. After graduating, he worked as an art director in St. Louis, Santa Barbara, and Fort Worth before pursuing graduate studies at North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas), where he obtained an MFA in 1987. Following success in Texas during the late

1980s and 1990s, including notable exhibitions with Dutch Phillips and the Fort Worth Gallery, Ron shifted gears to support his growing family. He embarked on an internet consulting business with a former co-worker, leading to employment at a Fortune 200 corporation in various IT roles, specifically focused on web activities. Throughout this period, Ron remained dedicated to his artistic endeavors, and in 2020, he returned to full-time painting. His outstanding work has been honored by numerous awards and inclusion in exhibitions throughout Texas.

Perhaps because of my early interest in comics, I've always been intrigued by narrative. I see my work as loose pages out of a book where the viewer finishes the story. I don't have a set way I want the story to be completed -- in fact if it has only one ending it hardly seems worth looking at a second time. As creator, I may be the first viewer, but I'm not the only viewer.



Coming Next Month – Monica Austin



2026 *International Juried Exhibition*

May 6th – 30th, 2026

ENTRIES NOW BEING ACCEPTED!



Juror: Ken Call
AWS / NWS

**ALL ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE
CaFE (Call for Entry) WEBSITE**

**ENTRY DEADLINE
FRIDAY, MARCH 27th**



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](#)



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

SWA SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

International Juried Exhibition

MAY 6th – 30th, 2026
House of NeVille Gallery
Fort Worth, Texas

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2409 Neville Street
Fort Worth, Texas



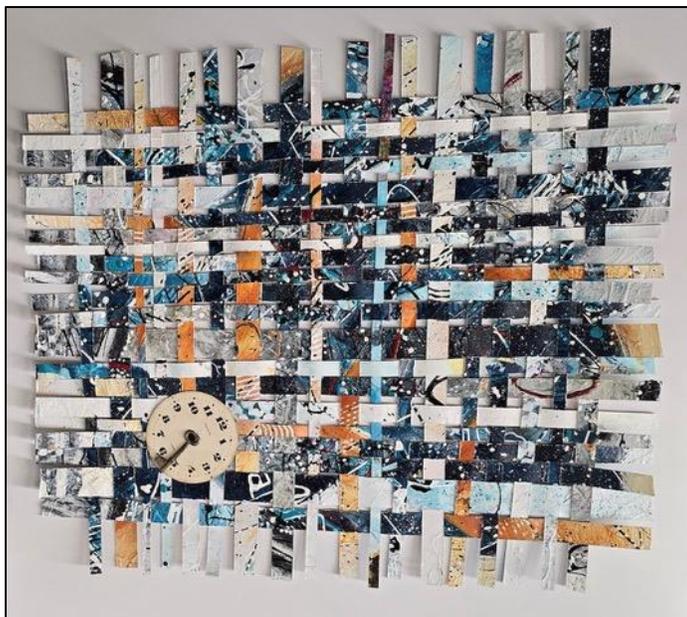
MEMBER NEWS

PROUDLY SHARING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SWA MEMBERS



Tony Gerloff's painting *Sunny Afternoon Galveston Strand* (left) has been invited into the Watercolor Art Society-Houston 49th International Watermedia Exhibition. Juror: Don Andrews

Christine Alfery's painting *Intersections* (right) has been accepted into the Georgia Watercolor Society's 2026 National Juried Exhibition. Juror: Carol Carter




Exciting LEMONS
WITH TRISH POUPARD

APRIL 11
9:30 AM - 4 PM

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HANDS-ON
WATERCOLOR
WORKSHOP

Location: Lewisville Grand Theater

VAL MEMBER RATE: \$110
NON-VAL MEMBER RATE: \$135

Trish Poupard will have a one-day workshop on April 11th with the Visual Art League of Lewisville. Trish grew up in California with lemon groves just a block away. She will be detailing her process to paint in transparent watercolor while demonstrating lemon subjects with a dynamic background. Exciting Lemons! Click [HERE](#) for more information



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SWA Members **Kathy Cunning, Linda Hidalgo & Colleen Erickson** will have works on display at the House of Neville Gallery March 11-28 as part of the Women of Worth Show. You are invited to attend the Artist Reception on March 21st from 7 to 9pm.



Annie Strack 's painting *Into Darkness* (above left) won an Honorable Mention award in the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society Online Members Show 2026.

Juror: Kim Johnson



And Annie's painting *The Scream* (above) has been selected for entry into the Western Federation of Watercolor Society's 51st Exhibition, hosted by the Colorado Watercolor Society.

Juror: Xi Guo

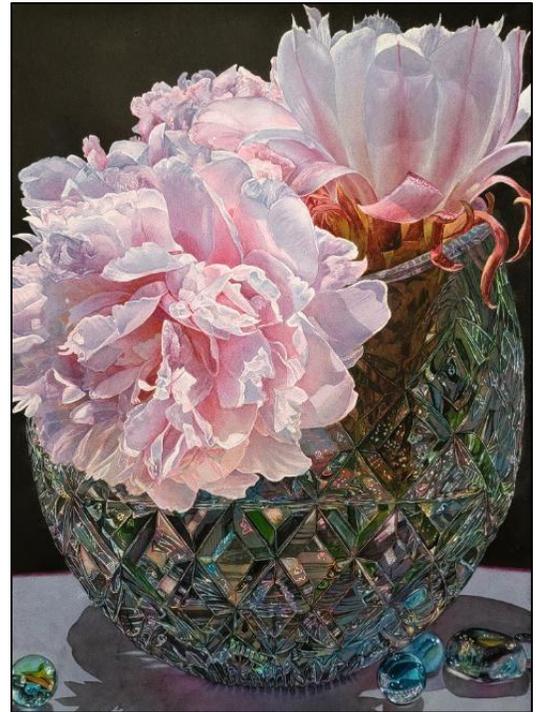
Congratulations!



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Soon Y Warren's painting *Pink Peony & Cactus in Crystal* (right) won the Odette Rubin Award at the the Watercolor Art Society – Houston 49th International Exhibition. Juror: Don Andrews



Wonderful



Alexandra Savelieva's painting *Roofs of Luxembourg* (left) will be exhibited in the International Watercolor Festival Córdoba 2026 (Spain).

And her painting *Flower Duo* (below) has been accepted into the IV FINeSS International Art Festival in Rybnik Poland.



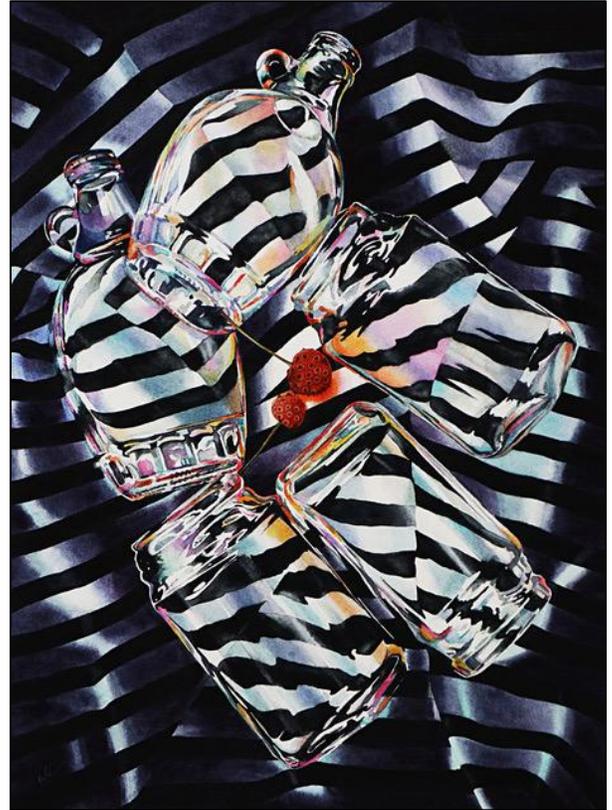


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Yuji Uchiyama's painting *Distortion* (right) was selected for the Watercolor Art Society – Houston 49th International Watermedia Exhibition.

Juror: Don Andrews



Gina Judy's painting *Monochromatic Crows* (above) is currently on exhibit at the Summit Gallery in Weirton, West Virginia show entitled *It's All About Birds*.

And her painting *Nora's Cadillac Mountain* (above right) won Best of Show at the Gallery 510 October National show in Decatur, Illinois. It also won a Gold Award in the Camelback International Online Gallery.



WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

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

Meherun Bashir – The Colony, Texas

Linda Bilotto – Crowley, Texas

Dot Brandt – Dallas, Texas

Robin Capps – Fort Worth, Texas

Ginny Hoppe – Wylie, Texas

Sarah Pick – McGregor, Texas

Anita Robbins – Double Oak, Texas

Marty Robbins – Double Oak, Texas

Helen Stanley – Houston, Texas

Sandra Tarno – Euless, Texas

Ella Wainwright – Benbrook, Texas



Painting of the Month

BRING IN A COMPLETED PAINTING AND SHOW OFF TO YOUR FRIENDS!

Monthly winners received gift certificates to Jerry's Artarama in Arlington.
1st place winners will then compete for the Painting of the Year in November!

Sponsored By

JERRY'S ARTARAMA

4802 Little Road in Arlington, Tx

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

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

[SWA 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.



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

Demo Artist **Ann Winchester**



February
2026

Art Opportunities!



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		



Darla Bostick

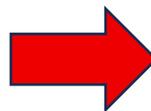
Art Adventure Abroad To Belgium & the Netherlands

2026 We will spend some time in Switzerland then board a river cruise to sail through Germany, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands...adding to our art travel journal all along the way!

[Check this LINK to visit Darla's Art Adventure page for more details](#)

She is still in the planning stages of the journal workshop BUT she could not resist the pricing for the cruise...for a limited time! Pricing for the cruise is locked in, but the rooms are not--until you make a \$250 deposit each through her for our incredible discount of \$1500 per person and gratuities included.

Linda Hidalgo has 10 extra-large sheets of **Arches Watercolor Paper** for sale. The sheets are 140# Cold Press, Natural White. These large sheets are 40" x 25", and she's asking \$15/sheet. If interested, contact Linda at 817-453-0184. She'll bring sheets to our next meeting on March 16th if they are still available.



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SWA Fundraiser Opportunities



Community
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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!**

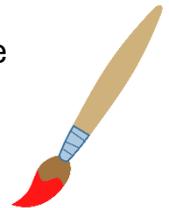


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Click the link below to be taken to a page to donate to SWA through PayPal.

[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 **MARCH** 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, March 16th 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 0 – 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 – TBD - Demo Artist

September 22, 23 & 24 – TBD Workshop

October 19 – Brenda Driggers - Demo Artist

November 16 – Cheryle Chapline - 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 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 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.

2026 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**

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CHAIR: Janet Southern

SWA Signatures: Iok-Hou Pang

Prize Sponsors: Skeeter Murley

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Skeeter Murley

Newsletter Editor: Skeeter Murley

Photography: **AVAILABLE**

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

Greeters: Linda Hidalgo

Editor of Online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley