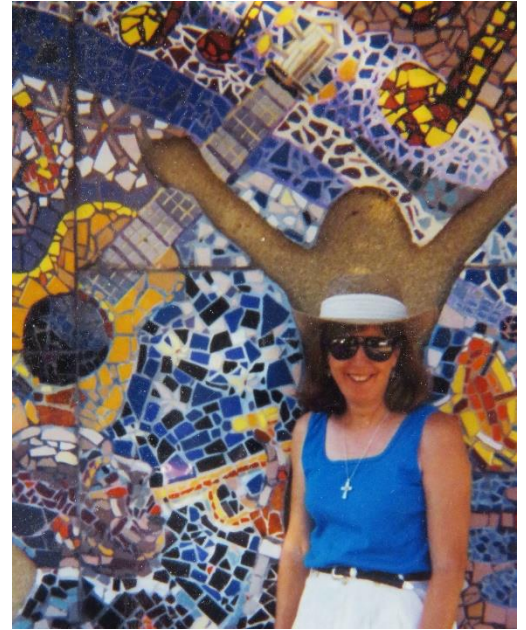


Hi to our SWA members!

I had time to clean my desk and found this old pic taken in Fort Collins, CO. Isn't it wonderful that art is simply everywhere?

I was thinking of how many of us have spouses, children, and parents that we are now, more than ever, carefully taking care of through this health crisis. As for me, we now have my 90-year old mother living with us. She is learning all about my life: we did an acrylic pour together (well, she watched some you-tubes then watched me do it), I grouted part of the sunroom floor, we potted plants outside, have lunch on the patio daily and happy hours in the gazebo. We are thankful for warm weather allowing walks to the stop sign and back (we are quite the parade with me, the dog and Mom on her walker), we are enjoying "Anne with an E" on Netflix in the afternoons followed by a rousing board game. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as we figure out this new style of living.



As I have watched other art associations follow our lead when we cancelled our March meeting it simply verified we did the right thing. Our March demo artist, Nel Dorn Byrd will be with us a few months later as we have scheduled a special meeting this summer. The UNTHSC has agreed to allow our use of the lecture hall for 17 August. The UNTHSC has also cancelled our meetings for April and May. Stay tuned, as are we all, to see what develops in the days/weeks/months ahead.

As a Board, our biggest decisions were those involving our International Juried Art Exhibition. As doors were shutting to public gathering places and people were instructed

to shelter at home, some decisions had to be made. As of this writing, the Fort Worth Central Library has closed its doors. After considerable discussion among your Board members, it was determined to have an online show this year. Brenda Swenson, our juror, judged the digital formats to determine our winning art work. Congratulations to all who are included. It goes without saying that awards and Signature Status will be awarded to those deserving those honors. Our beautiful exhibition will be available for viewing world-wide. We had entries accepted from India, 2 from China, 2 from Canada and 2 from Malaysia. Skeeter Murley will have the show on our website for viewing as soon as winners have been chosen by our juror. He also will be compiling a catalog. **Congratulations to Suzy Ware and Dianne Arnette who earned their Signature Status with this show!** We have our tax reports in order thanks to Pat Banell and Jane Barrett. So, business continues as expected.

Be positive and look for the bright side. I wasn't thrilled to cancel my yearly art trip, but was happy to not have been in Italy and been stuck there with record deaths. I have 57 works up (my largest exhibition) and no one will see it with a cancelled reception and viewing by appointment, but I feel blessed to have travelled where I have been to even create the show. So, I think we all need to remain optimistic.

Hoping to see you all soon. In the meantime, "Stay Calm and Carry On...(Inside!)"

Darla

## Staying Engaged with Art *by Darla Bostick*

As we have all hunkered down to see this virus through I have heard some great ideas from friends. Those who know me well know I am not a "phone" person. In fact, my outgoing phone message sends people to call my home phone if they really want me to hear the message. I have always been a huge fan of audio books, though, and my phone allows me to download through the public library. I can listen to a great novel while I lunch or work on the computer...even take it with me as I walk the dog. They are available for free through your library. (Although if your library card is not current, renewed each year, you may have some difficulty with this). It might be a great time to listen to a classic you were not required to read in school. (*Call of the Wild* is one of my new faves in that category.) Here are some ideas to keep you inspired with your art work:

Watercolor Society of Houston (WaSH) has put their show online: [IWE show online](#)

Did you know you can tour an art museum from home online? Crystal Bridges is a terrific art museum located in Bentonville, Arkansas. Simply click on the video arrow on each image [here](#). The Fort Worth Community Arts Center posted [this](#) about their exhibits. The Fort Worth Museum of Science is [virtual](#) too. Other Museums of Art that have gone virtual are: Museum of Modern Art, New York; Musée d'Orsay, Paris; The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles; National Museum, New Delhi; The Art Institute of Chicago; Georgia O'Keefe Museum, Santa Fe; Detroit Institute of Arts; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Museo Frida Kahlo, Mexico City; Tate Britain, London; La Galleria Nazionale, Rome; Rijks Museum, Amsterdam; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York.

If you are missing our monthly demo, how about some free tutorials? You Tube always has wonderful instructional videos, like this one covering basics: [Tutorial](#) or this one to inspire those who are intrigued with [portraits](#). The Dallas Museum of Art offers this online 3D viewing of their [Flores Mexicanis exhibit](#). Even though it isn't watercolor, you may find this [flipbook](#) truly charming and innovative. For laughs, check out [recreated art](#).

Just for fun, if you have created something during the "down" time, send it to Elaine Jary for the next newsletter...it doesn't have to be watercolors---it's not a contest!

Your officers shared some of their creations and hope you will do the same. Here is one of mine. I had my watercolor class choose an artist and we talked about



Matisse and the patterns with flattened perspective. I call it "Henri's Yellow Tulips on a Table." Heidi Russell, our secretary has had time to do some marvelous watercolors as well as gorgeous knitting. Below is "No. 23" Streetcar in Lisbon and some beautiful knitted creations.





## Musings by Elaine Jary

As I sit with my morning coffee, looking out my picture window and waiting for the raucous blue jays to appear for their daily breakfast of unshelled peanuts scattered on the patio, I feel a sense of gratitude. Through all the turmoil, sadness and



uncertainty, I still have my comfy bed to sleep in, a hot shower, freshly brewed coffee, the internet to keep up with the outside world, and a nice view of my back yard birds that are unfazed by COVID-19. The cardinal couple visits several times daily, and Mr. Cardinal always finds a tidbit to offer to the missus during their foraging. The Carolina wrens appear all over the place, flitting from tree to feeder to fence to bush, and sometimes one will perch on the fence and sing its heart out. Another diversion from all the turmoil is my native plant garden that I started in the fall of 2018. It's coming along nicely, and watching the plants grow and bloom gives me much pleasure. Not everything

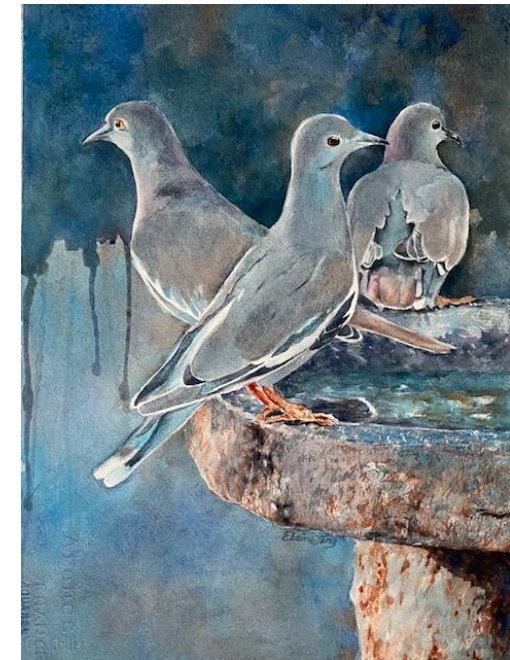


has survived, but most plants have, and I have learned a lot about native plants and gardening in general. I started the garden with the hope of luring butterflies and hummingbirds to my back



yard, and last fall I saw both for the first time. And of course, another diversion is painting. I have fashioned a studio in a corner of my bedroom, where I spend my time creating paintings. Below are a couple I painted recently. A friend of mine sent me an email that was a chain where you sent an uplifting message to the first person on the list, added your name, and then sent the email to twenty people. Here's one of the messages I received that I really liked:

*There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. So, love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down ...is a part of LIFE, getting back up is LIVING.*



How are you spending your time these days? What are you grateful for? Send me a note (any length) to [elainejary@gmail.com](mailto:elainejary@gmail.com), with any paintings you've done if you'd like to share. We will keep the newsletter going through the summer to stay in touch with one another. Please stay safe.

## 2020 Demo Artists

January 27	Gaylord O'Con
February 17	Walt Davis
March 16	Mtg Cancelled
April 20	Mtg Cancelled
May 18	Mtg Cancelled
August 17	Nel Dorn Bryd
Sept 21	Bill Dale/Ann Winchester
October 19	Janet Rogers
Nov 16	Darla Bostick
December	Holiday Party

## New and Returning Members

### NEW MEMBERS

Judy Huebener	Fort Worth	TX
Shirley Schaub	Edmond	OK
Dorothy Hollander	Oklahoma City	OK
Manish Bhatia	Jacksonville	FL

### RETURNING MEMBERS

Christine Alfery	Lac du Flambeau	WI
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## SWA International Show *by Charlie Nieman*

What a crazy time to be the brand new (I've never done this before) Exhibition Chair!!!! Everyone has been very helpful and most understanding. We have sent notices out to all the entrants keeping them aware of our situation and decisions made by the Board of Directors regarding the exhibition.

Just a brief update here for all who may not know yet. The Ft Worth library is closed and we have not been able to get in touch with anyone regarding our opportunity to hang something in the atrium. Therefore the BOD has made the decision, like many other Watercolor organizations, to have a virtual exhibition.

Following Tarrant County orders to limit gatherings to a small size, we have also had to cancel Brenda Swenson's workshop. Brenda has been very understanding (and possibly thankful that we aren't asking her to get on an airplane during these times). Therefore, Brenda agreed to judge the Exhibition via the digital images she selected entries from. She did note that images look different on a computer screen verse in-person, and as a result her decisions might have been slightly different than if she could have seen the Exhibition in person, but this is what life has dealt us for now. The accepted artists for the 2020 International Exhibition are listed below and all the beautiful paintings, including the award winners, can be viewed on the SWA website [here](#):



Name	From
NeeluManish	Mannharasthra, India
Suz Chiang Tan	Johor, Malaysia
Joy Brinkley-Hill	Albuquerque, NM
Bill Dale	Arlington, TX
Cindy Baird	Arlington, TX
Janet Southern	Arlington, TX
Krystyna Dale	Arlington, TX
Kurt Meyer	Arlington, TX
Suzy Ware	Arlington, TX
Nel Dorm Byrd	Aubrey, TX
Luanne Dominix	Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, CA
Elaine Jary	Bedford, TX
Kay Smith	Big Spring, TX
Brittney Tough	Calgary AB, Canada
Tricia Poupard	Celina, TX
Bronwen Jones	Centennial, CO
Lawrence Raffanti	Chicago, IL
Sondra Carr	Chico, TX
Brenda Driggers	Cleburne, TX
Kenji Nishikawa	Colleyvillr, TX
Gaylord O'Con	Dallas, TX
Karin Anderson	Dallas, TX
Jane Stoddadd	East Amherst, NY
Tom Brown	Fairview, TX
Mollie Jones	Flint, TX
Dianne Arnette	Ft Worth, TX
Heidi Russell	Ft Worth, TX
Hugh Heaton	Ft Worth, TX
Laurin McCracken	Ft Worth, TX

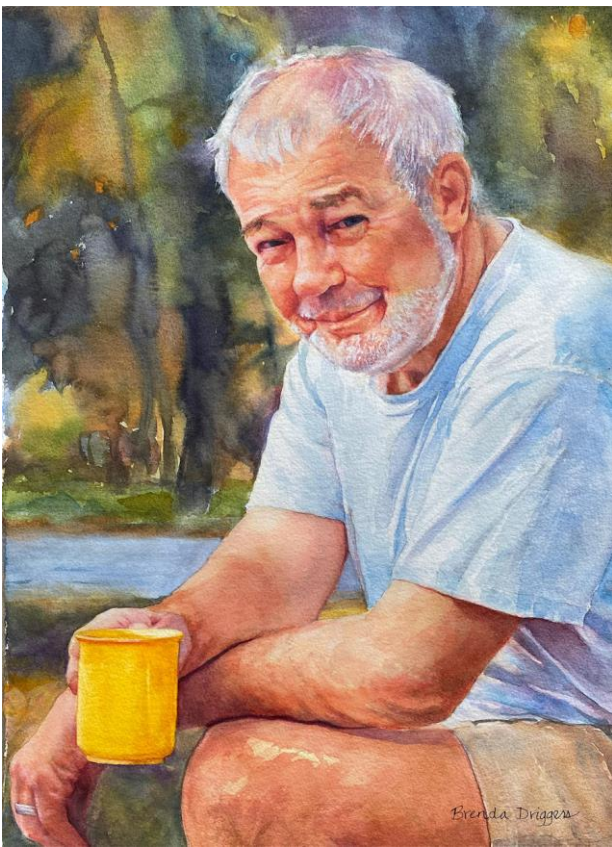
Name	From
Mary McCampbell Bell	Ft Worth, TX
Shirley Nichols	Ft Worth, TX
Soon Warren	Ft Worth, TX
Kathy Albright	Gainesville, TX
Rebecca Latham	Hastings, MN
Carla Gauthier	Houston, TX
Debbie Parmley	Houston, TX
Kerk Hwang Lok	Johor, Malaysia
Lisa Tennant	Kileen, TX
Jane Fritz	Las Vegas, NM
Kelli Trimble	Lewisville, TX
Elaine Daily-Birnbaum	Madison, WI
Eileen Sudzina	McKeesport, PA
Jeannine Swartz	Mechanicsburg, PA
Susan Keith	Murrieta, CA
Kay Cross	N Richland Hills, TX
Suzy 'Pal' Powell	Plains, TX
Michael Holter	Plano, TX
Zheng Lu	Plano, TX
Eileen Neill	Riverwoods, IL
Xiaochang Zhang	San Ramon, CA
Yun Zhang	Shanghai, PR China
Yoshiko Murdick	Tallahassee, FL
John James	Va Beach, VA
Sharon Way-Howard	Vero Beach, FL
Connie Clutter	Washington, PA
Kathleen Cuning	Weatherford, TX
Teresa Cromwell	West Sayville, NY
Chaolei Liang	Yangjiang City, China



**Charlene Baker  
Memorial Best of Show**

**Kurt Meyer**  
Arlington, TX

*Cinco De Mayo*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Brenda Driggers**  
Cleburne, TX

*Camp Coffee*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Soon Warren**  
Fort Worth, TX

*Quaree*

## Charlene Baker Obituary –SWA Signature Member

FORT WORTH - Charlene Jernigan Baker, 93, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, after complications from a fall. Charlene was a long-time signature member of the Society of Watercolor Artists, the Woman's Club of Fort Worth, the Euterpean and Harmony Music Clubs, as well as a member and past president of the Music Study Club. Charlene will be missed by her beloved family and friends, but her legacy of love, faith and passion for life as well as the arts is best described in her own words:



"I am truly a daughter of the Fine Arts. There is a common thread that binds musicians and artists. I have artists and musicians on both sides of my family and am grateful that a little of the joy of music and the love of using the brush is in my being. I still enjoy performing music, but find painting is now an important part of my life. I could not do what I am doing today without the loving support of my husband, Bill. I do enjoy entering art shows and think that everyone should pick up a brush and feel the thrill of splashing color on a canvas."



## Member News



**Court Bailey's** painting "Chandor Gardens" and pen and ink "Starlifter Over Warhawk" were both accepted into Richardson Civic Art Society's 54<sup>th</sup> Regional Juried Art Competition. Also, "Autumn Along the Trinity" was accepted into the Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Exhibit.





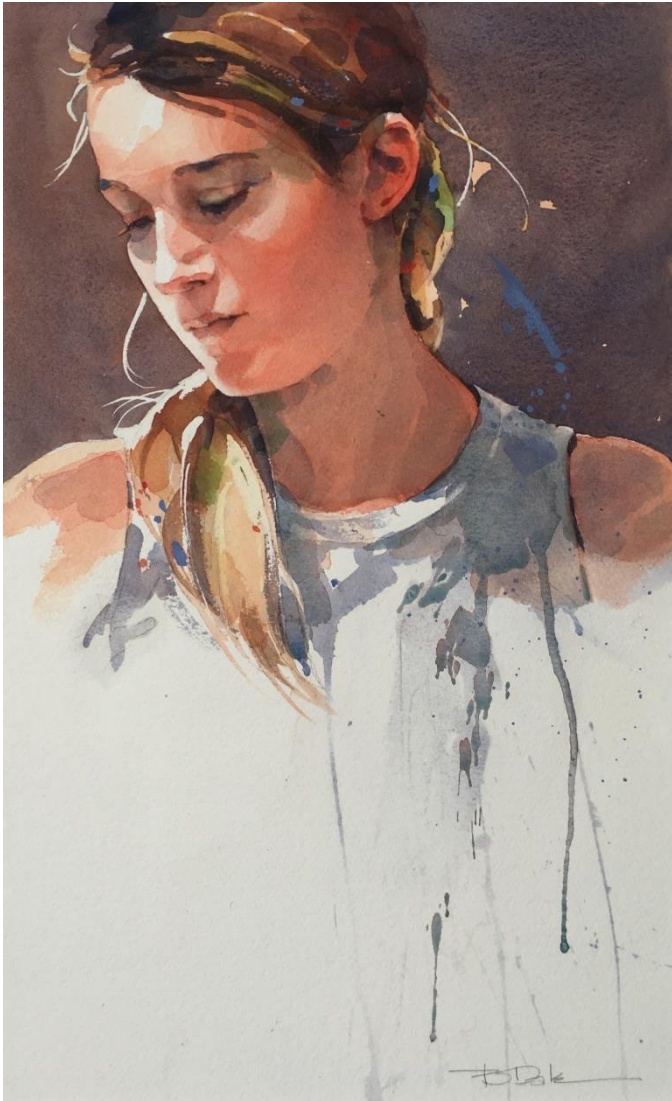


**Laurin McCracken's** painting "Jars on Quilt" garnered an Award of Merit in the Philadelphia Watercolor Society 2020 Members Exhibition and "Still Life with Silver" was awarded Best Still Life in the 2020 International Guild of Realism (IGOR) Annual Exhibition.





**Bill Dale's** "Kimee was accepted into the Watercolor USA show and "Fort Worth Angel" was accepted into the Texas and Neighbors Regional Art Exhibit.



**Suzy Powell** is teaching sketching/drawing with ink, watercolor and gouache in Cloudcroft NM June 8-11 and also taking a group to Tuscany Sept 5-15. Contact her for more information at [suzy\\_pal2000@yahoo.com](mailto:suzy_pal2000@yahoo.com).



From **Shirley Nichols**: Color Concepts is a series of 6 skill-building classes which will begin April 13-June 15, 2020 at the Hobby Lobby In Arlington. There is a morning or afternoon class. Registration required. Contact me at [senichols@flash.net](mailto:senichols@flash.net) or 817-247-9091.

**Ann Winchester** teaches watercolor classes for all skill levels on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Hobby Lobby in Arlington, 4628 S Cooper Street. Classes are ongoing and the cost is \$20 per class. For more information or to sign up, call or text Ann at 817-308-1889. She also teaches a Friday class in Cleburne.

## 2020 Calendar

The SWA Board Meeting is each month at 5:45pm the evening of the monthly meeting.

The Fort Worth Central Library (downtown) is reserved for our next two international juried exhibitions. This year the install is 18 April with a reception and take down May 31.

### JANUARY

27 Jan: Gaylord O'Con demo at meeting

### FEBRUARY

17 Feb: Walt Davis demo at meeting

### MARCH

8 March Deadline for entry SWA International

16 March: Meeting Cancelled

18 March: Notification SWA International

### APRIL

Brenda Swenson judges virtual International Exhibition



### MAY

18 May: Shirley Nichols demo at meeting

31 May, Sunday: reception and strike International Juried. Times to be announced.

### SUMMER BREAK June, July, August

### JUNE

14 June, 11am-1pm drop off works for Presidential Invitational Exhibition, Elm Street Gallery/Studio, Keller

17 June-11 July dates for Presidential Invitational Exhibition, Keller

### JULY

6 July set up at St John's Church

7-9 July, 9:30am-4pm daily

11 July, Saturday, 2-4 Reception and Closing, President's Invitational Exhibition, Elm Street Gallery/Studio, Keller

### AUGUST

17 August: Nel Dorn Byrd demo at meeting

### SEPTEMBER

21 September: Bill Dale & Ann Winchester demo at meeting

No firm date: entry to Juried Membership Exhibition

### OCTOBER

No firm date: Oct/Nov is Membership Exhibition at UNTHSC Atrium Gallery

Contact: Shea Patterson [Shea.PattersonYoung@unthsc.edu](mailto:Shea.PattersonYoung@unthsc.edu)

19 October: Janet Rogers judges Membership Exhibition

19 October: Janet Rogers demo meeting

20-22 October: Janet Rogers workshop

### NOVEMBER

16 November: Darla Bostick demo at meeting

16 November: ASEL Artist of the Year voted

### DECEMBER

## ***SWA membership runs on a calendar year January through December***

You can join SWA anytime during the year. Our official membership campaign is 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 the 2020 members only. We will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume again in September.

## ***We like new members...invite your friends! The first visit is free.***

Membership includes these benefits:

- ✚ Fellowship with like-minded creative folks
- ✚ Post your art work on our Facebook page
- ✚ Free monthly SWA newsletter  
[Http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor](http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor)
- ✚ Entry discount for any SWA show
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Buy space on the SWA Premium Gallery for \$20
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ While maintaining SWA membership earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 juried exhibitions our juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Asel Art Supply 20% discount
- ✚ Fun competitions
- ✚ December Holiday Party and painting swap
- ✚ ASEL Art of the Month Contest

Our Monthly meetings are held at the UNTHSC, Everett Building. 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)

5:45pm Board Meeting  
6:00pm Critique (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)  
7:00pm Brief business notices

## ***Ongoing SWA Fundraisers (They help you to help us!)***



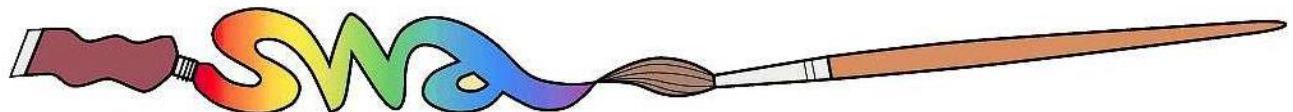
Kroger makes quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping! Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). If you already have a Kroger's Plus card, create your account and input your card number. In 7 to 10 days after shopping you will notice at the bottom of your receipt a donation was recorded for SWA.



Colors of Nature offers SWA members a 20% discount on their watercolors and customized brushes that are 100% vegan and cruelty-free. The savings are matched and donated back to SWA. The company will post member's art work created with their paints on their website, blog and direct people to a site of the artist's choice. SWA discount code: Members-20-SWA <http://shop.colorsofnature.com>.



Amazon Smile donates .05% of your online purchase back to SWA. Choose Society of Watercolor Artists as your nonprofit organization.



***2020 SWA Officers and Standing Committee Members***



## 2020 Board of Directors

**President:** *Darla Bostick*  
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### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Bill Dale  
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Monthly Critique: Bob Cook  
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Workshop Chair: Bill Dale

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Demo/Asel Art Winner Photographer: Veronica Ritchey

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Monetary Entries for Exhibitions: Treasurer  
SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey  
Website Entries & Submissions: Skeeter Murley  
Prize Sponsors: Court Bailey  
President's Volunteer Exhibition: Darla Bostick, Shirley Nichols (assistant)

### FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

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Director of Finance & Budget: Pat Banell  
Professional Standards (yearly audit): Jane Barrett

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CHAIR: Janet Southern (Interim)  
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Greeters: **OPEN**  
Editor of online Membership Directory: **OPEN**

### MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

House & Properties: Shirley Nichols  
Hospitality: **OPEN**  
Painting of the Month: Sondra Carr/Mary House  
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: Shirley Nichols