



SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
THE SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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President's Message



It's been so much fun looking at all the amazing artwork that has been submitted for our International Juried Exhibition. And now that the paintings have been delivered to the gallery and I get the opportunity to see them all hanging, I'm even more inspired.

I first want to thank every single artist that put forth the effort to enter this show!

When we enter our artwork into exhibitions, we all know not every artist is going to be accepted. Trust me, I'm very familiar with getting that *Thank You* email letting me know my painting did not get accepted into a show. And after working on this side of several exhibitions, I can tell you it's no fun sending out those messages to talented artists. We all want our artwork to be seen, and we want to feel that sense of accomplishment when we do get our artwork into a show.

I've learned there's no way to really know what a juror is thinking when choosing artwork for a show. Every juror has their own method or reasoning for choosing one piece of art over another. Jurors may want a specific number of portraits, florals, landscapes or abstracts in a show. And I've talked to jurors who review large numbers of images online to choose those entries. They've told me it's surprising how many poor-quality photos of the artwork are submitted. If the juror sees a low-quality photo of your artwork, there's less of a chance of it getting into a show. If you're going to go to all the work of producing a beautiful painting, take the time to photograph it well and properly crop it.

And I'd also like to encourage everyone to follow the rules & guidelines of the prospectus carefully. You'd be shocked to know how many entries we receive that are the wrong size or use the wrong medium or substrate. Some shows allow colored mats and others don't. Don't assume they will all accept your framed masterpiece if you don't follow the rules. Part of the job of the Exhibition Chair is to catch these issues, but it falls on the artist to make sure they read the prospectus carefully.

We are extremely excited to share all the beautiful artwork hanging in the House of Neville Gallery in Fort Worth. If you get the opportunity, we hope you'll visit and enjoy the show!

Skeeter Murley

Email: swawatercolorpresident@gmail.com



MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, April 20th, 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

[Ken Call Website](#)

Next Meeting... Monday, May 18th 7:00pm



Demo Artist

Ken Call



Ken Call was born and raised in Rochelle, Illinois. He went on to graduate from the American Academy of Art in 1980 with an Associate's Degree in Illustration and Watercolor. He has worked as a national freelance artist for many years and spent 1993 and 1994 studying and painting in Paris, France. He now lives in Northbrook Illinois with his wife and two children.

After beginning his career as a studio artist, Ken soon branched out on his own, beginning a successful freelance career, which to date has led to the creation of over 500 illustrations for books, magazines, art publishers, advertising agencies and corporations. In the last few years, he has made the transition to fine art and portraiture. Many of his originals are hanging in galleries and homes across the country. Several awards have led to Signature status in the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Missouri Watercolor Society, Montana Watercolor Society along with being a Master Signature member with the Transparent Watercolor Society of America and Illinois Watercolor Society.

Ken is not only the juror for our International Juried Exhibition, he is also conducting a sold-out 3 day workshop here in Fort Worth.



Next Member Meeting – September



2026 *International Juried Exhibition*

May 6th – 30th, 2026

HOUSE OF
NeVille
GALLERY & GATHERINGS

2409 Neville Street
Fort Worth, Texas
817-454-4107




SWA **SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS**

International Juried Exhibition

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

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Join us Saturday Evening, May 9th
from 7:00 to 9:00pm
for a Premiere Party

**Artist Reception &
Awards Ceremony**
Saturday, May 23rd
5:00 – 7:00pm

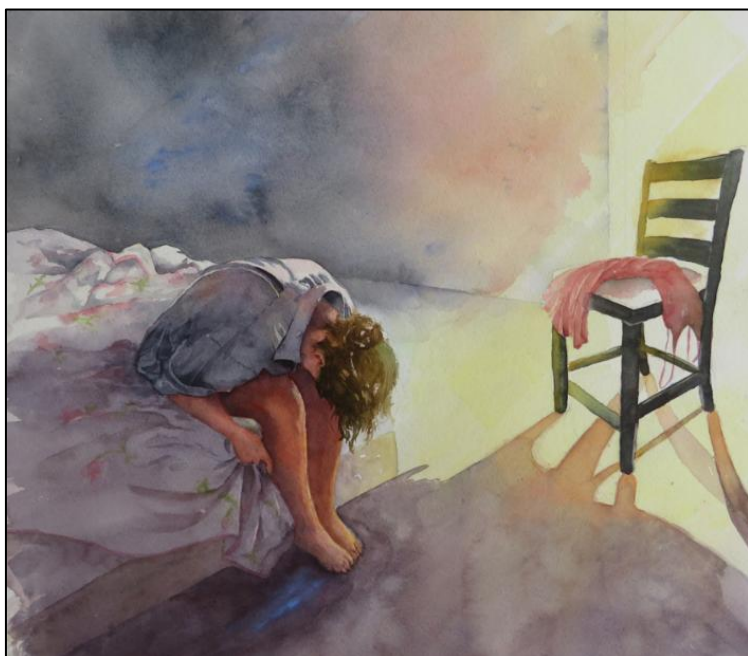
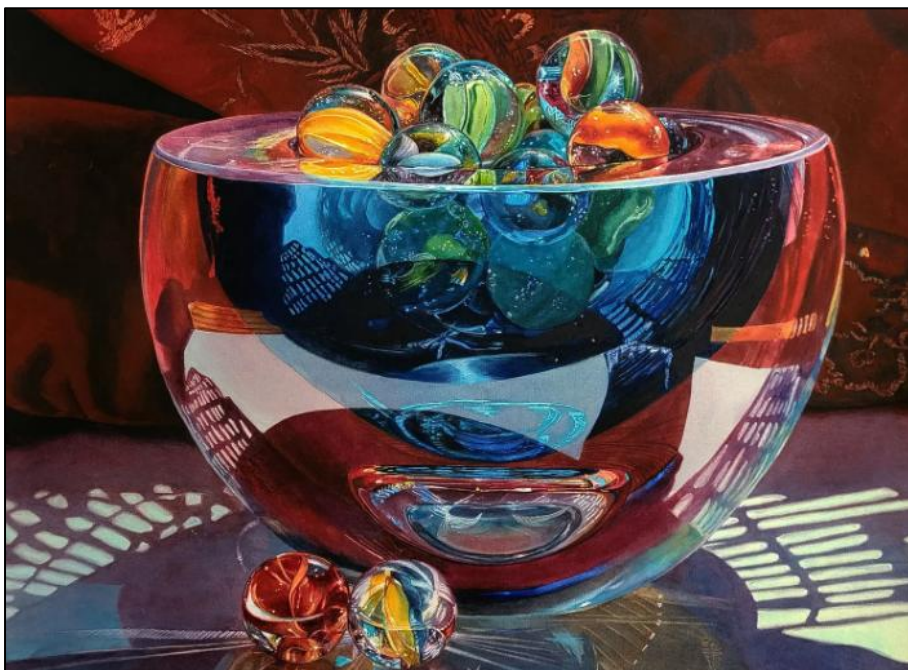


MEMBER NEWS

PROUDLY SHARING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SWA MEMBERS

Soon Warren's painting *Transparent Marbles* (right) has been accepted into the Transparent Watercolor Society of America 50th Annual Exhibition. Jurors: Carrie Waller & Stewart White

Beautiful



Cindy Baird's painting *Hanging On* (above left) has been accepted into the 39th Northern National Art Competition in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Juror: Darrell Taylor

And her painting *Working Man II* (above right) has been accepted into the Watercolor Society of Alabama 85th National Exhibition. Jurors: Andy Evansen & Matthew Bird



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Janine Helton's painting *That One Daddy* (left) was awarded 1st Place in the St. Louis Watercolor Society's 26th Annual Juried Exhibition.

Juror: Matthew Bird

And her painting *She Wears it Well* (right) received the Carol Christian Memorial Award at the Transparent Watercolor Society of America 50th Annual Exhibition

Jurors: Carrie Waller & Stewart White



Donna Twyford's painting *Lucky 7's* (left) was accepted into the the Transparent Watercolor Society of America 50th Annual Exhibition.

Jurors: Carrie Waller & Stewart White

Congratulations!



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Laurin McCracken's painting *Oranges and Clear Plastic Bags* (left) was awarded the Lehmann Memorial Award at the Transparent Watercolor Society of America 50th Annual Exhibition.

Jurors: Carrie Waller & Stewart



Yuji Uchiyama's painting *Time Keeps Turning* (right) will be exhibited at the 2026 International Watercolour Masters at Lilleshall Hall in Shropshire, England. Yuji has also been invited to be one of the featured artists in attendance.





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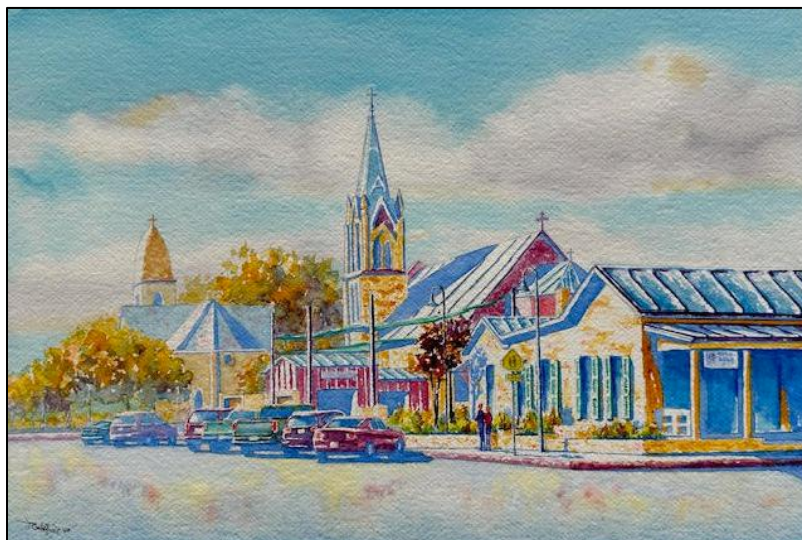
Jan Min has two pieces accepted into the National Maritime Historical Society 2026 Art of the Sea Exhibition in Peekskill, New York. *DayDream* (left) and *Evening Silence* (below). The event is sponsored by the American Society of Marine Artists.



Elaine Jary will be participating in the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center Art Show in Cedar Hill, Texas on May 8th & 9th.
[Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center](#)

Awesome

Tony Gerloff's painting "Fredericksburg Merger" (right) has been invited into the Texas Watercolor Society's 77th Annual National Exhibition.
Juror: Michael Holter





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Robert Kraszewski's painting *Up Close and Personal* (right) was accepted into the Texas Watercolor Association's 77th Annual Exhibition
Juror: Michael Holter



Larisa Anaya's painting *DRENCHED!* (left) won 1st Place at the Paint the Town painting competition in Marble Falls, Tx.
And her painting *Sandbound* (below) was accepted into the Texas Watercolor Society 77th Annual Exhibition. Juror: Michael Holter



Well done!



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Krystin-Youngju Smith had two paintings in the recent 4th Annual En Plein Air Frisco. Her painting *The Grove at Frisco* (above left) received an Honorable Mention Award and *Joy Within Storm* (above) won the Art That Speaks to Me Award.

Darla Bostick's painting *Southwest Images* (right) has been accepted into the Visual Arts Society of Texas in Denton. Juror: Amie Adelman

And her painting *Lily Grid* (below) has been accepted into the Richardson Civic Art Society's 60th Regional Exhibition.



Also, Darla will be presenting a program of "Making a Travel Art Journal...As You Travel" to the Spokane Washington Watercolor Society. This is also the focus of her art trip to Switzerland in July. There is still one spot available.

WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

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

Cheryle Chapline – Waco, Texas



Painting of the Month WINNERS



March 2026

Liz Austin

Sunshine

(Non-Signature Division)



March 2026

Suzanne McNeill

Birds of Paradise

(Signature Division)



April 2026

Mary Wainwright

Am I Lost?

(Non-Signature Division)

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

April 2026

Demo Artist - Monica Austin



Art Opportunities!



Parker County Peach Festival 2026 Art Show

[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		



The Visual Arts Society of Texas is now accepting entries for the 19th Annual VAST 175-Mile Exhibition. Click the link below to be taken to their website to learn more, and to find the prospectus.

[CLICK HERE](#)



**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!**

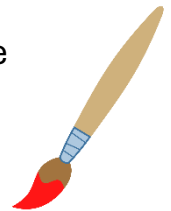


DONATE DIRECTLY TO SWA



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

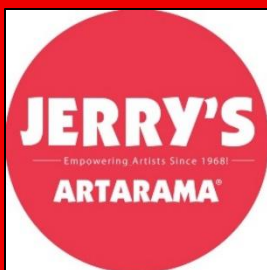
We want to thank you in advance for considering a donation to the Society of Watercolor Artists.

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



4802 Little Road
ARLINGTON, TX

Don't forget to bring a painting to the **MAY** 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, May 18th 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 – 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
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Publicity: **AVAILABLE**
Website & Social Media Manager: Skeeter Murley

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

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