

SWA

Splash!

March 2023

NEWSLETTER

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas



CALL FOR ENTRIES

International Juried Exhibition

The deadline for entering our International Juried Exhibition is

Wednesday, March 15th

There are just a few days left to enter our biggest show of the year. We hope you're hard at work on your next masterpiece and you'll be able to enter them in by the deadline of March 15th.

If you've never tried to enter a show before, we know it can be a little intimidating to actually submit your artwork into an exhibition. We really want to encourage you to give it a try. We all have that anxiety at first, but it definitely gets easier each time you give it a try. Why not give it a try in one of our own events?

All entries will be submitted through the Call For Entries (CaFE) website. The deadline is at midnight on the 15th. If you need a link to enter the exhibition on the CaFE website, click [HERE](#).

And if you need any assistance entering your painting, please send us an e-mail at swaexhibitions@gmail.com

Just please don't wait until right before the deadline!

Artists will be notified by e-mail if one of their paintings was accepted into the exhibition on March 24th.

Z.L. Feng from Radford, Virginia is the juror for this show. He will juror the show once the paintings are installed at the Fort Worth Central Library's Atrium Gallery.

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From the President...



Iok-Hou Pang

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather of early spring with chirping birds, blooming flowers, allergenic pollens, and an occasional, scary storm. I am a beginner birder myself and have been taking advantage of this weather photographing the many kinds of birds in the neighborhood. I am learning to paint them also.

I just want to remind you that the deadline for submission to the 2023 International Juried Exhibition is March 15. Please do not miss this unique opportunity to participate in the high-profile show. If you have not done so, please follow the instructions in our SWA website to submit your opus magnum. Our Exhibition Chair, **Laura Hannah**, and the Board have gotten everything ready and eagerly awaits the artworks.

The juror of the exhibition will be **Z.L. Feng**, who is a Professor of Art at Radford University in Virginia ([Z.L. Feng - Radford University Website](#)) and an internationally renowned watercolor artist. Thanks to the capable and diligent arrangements by our Workshop Chair, **Shirley Nichols**, Mr. Feng will also be the demo artist at our April 17 meeting, and will conduct a workshop on April 18-19. Registration for the workshop is now opened. Seats are going fast. Please visit the SWA website if you are interested.

I am extremely grateful for **Christopher Stewart**, who volunteered to serve as the editor of the Newsletter. The Newsletter is such an important means for communication among us members. Chris' help will contribute significantly to the well-being of the Society. Thank you very much, **Chris!** I would also like to express my deep appreciation to **Skeeter Murley**, who, among his many other responsibilities at work and in SWA, has devotedly served as the editor and is helping to smoothly effect the transition of duties. Thank you very much, **Skeeter!**

In addition, if you have leadership experience or would like to develop/improve such experience, the President-Elect position, which will automatically become President in 2024, is waiting for you. The only obligation this year is to attend the monthly board meeting via Zoom. We are excited to hear from all of you who would like to serve SWA in however capacities you see fit.

I look forward to seeing you again in our next meeting! Happy painting!

Warm wishes,

Iok-Hou (Yoko)

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A wide banner at the bottom of the page features a colorful, abstract watercolor background with splashes of blue, purple, red, and yellow. Overlaid on this background is the text 'SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS' in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline.

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Next Meeting...

Monday, Mar. 20th

7:00pm

UNT Health Science Center

Guest Demo Artist
Sarah Graham



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

**Masks are not required
to attend one of our meetings.**

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.

Sarah currently lives with her young family in Duncanville, TX and is known for her sensitive touch with watercolors, especially her portraits. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Houghton College and also studied art and portraiture in Italy. Sarah has received international and regional recognition for her work in competitive art shows such as Texas and Neighbors Regional Exhibition and Society of Watercolor Artist's International Exhibition.

"As a mother of young children, I paint about the things that are in my own foreground - making much of the little things, taking refuge in pockets of calm. Translated into paintings, this becomes layers and layers of chaos that somehow find themselves coming together to make peace. It becomes ordinary subject matter treated with careful care that hopes to transform it into something more than ordinary. Quiet temperature shifts and color choices all support this theme. Textures formed through the watercolor ground substrate and generous pools of paint allowed to form hard edges add depth and maturity. In these small ways, I like to remind myself that most things in life, including people, are more than meets the eye."

Next Month's Demo Artist – Z. L. Feng

April 17, 2023



Painting of the Month

Don't forget to bring a painting to the next meeting to enter the **2023 Painting of the Month** contest.

Paintings that win 1st Place in the monthly contests throughout this year become eligible for the year ending Painting of the Year contest.

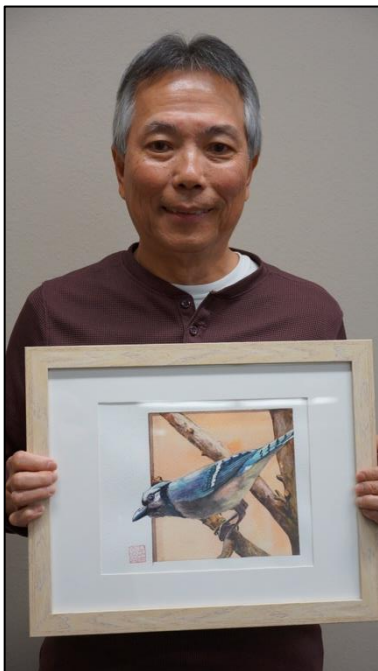
Next Meeting:

Monday, March 20th at 7pm

(Artwork Critique starting at 6:30pm.)

UNT Health Science Center - Fort Worth, Tx.

February Winners!



1st Place
Iok-Hou Pang
"Bluejay"

2nd Place
Lori Williamson
"Morning Hibiscus"



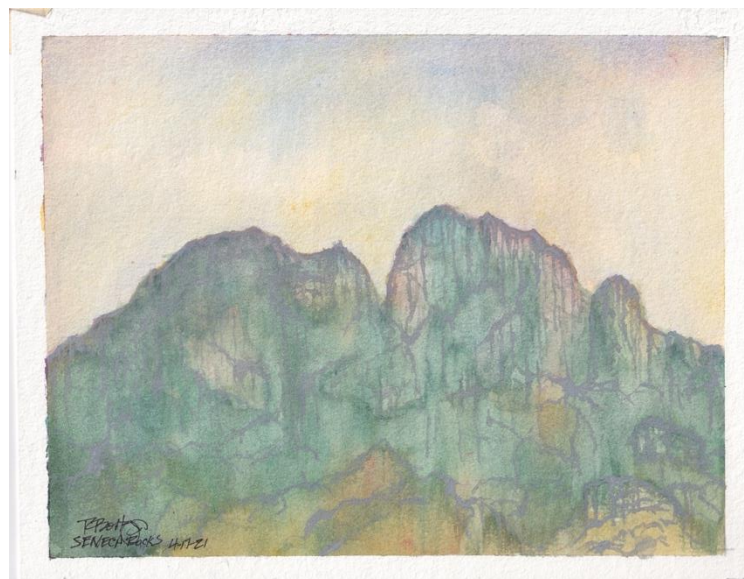
Congratulations!



Les McDonald, Jr. has been accepted in the 2023 Splash 24 publication with his watercolor painting "Great Blue at Rest".

It's an 18"x 24" all watercolor on 140# Arches Cold Press. It will be published in the June issue of **The Best of Watercolor** presented by Artist Magazine and American Artist. This is the 4th time that Les has been accepted in Splash.

Robert Borter painting Seneca Rocks received a merit award at the Central Texas Watercolor Society 2023 Spring Membership Exhibit at the McLennan Community College. Judging and a critique was done by Winter Rusiloski professor of art at Baylor University.



Come live in Italy...even if only 10 days!

Darla Bostick's Art Adventure Abroad
3-13 May 2023

Learn how to make your visit of the Umbrian region of Italy memorable with a fun art journal
(no art experience necessary!)

Darla Bostick darlabostickart@gmail.com
www.darlabostick.com

Darla Bostick has five works showing at the Main St. Cafe, and one at the Thrive Recreation Center, both in Lewisville.

Welcome

New Members

We like to welcome new members to our association, along with others that have been members in the past.

Beverly Fitzgerald – Arcadia, California

Maureen Lewis – Houston, Texas

Eric Miner – Fort Worth, Texas

DeEtta Silverado – Clarence, New York

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SWA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023?

If you're not sure, visit our online Membership Directory by clicking [HERE](#). Check to see if your name has a "X" under the 2023 column.

If you still need to renew your membership, you can click on this [LINK](#) to be taken directly to our website.

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2023 CALENDAR

Our meetings are held at the UNT Health Science Center
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. in Fort Worth, Tx.

January 23 – Bev Boren, Demo Artist

February 20 – Randy Meador, Demo Artist

March 20 – Sarah Graham, Demo Artist

April 17 – Z.L. Feng, Demo

April 18 – 19 – Z.L. Feng Workshop

May 15 – Paula White, Demo Artist

July 18-21 – Possible Summer Workshop

September 18 – Laurin McCracken, Demo Artist

October 16 – Tim Oliver, Demo Artist

October 17 & 19 – Tim Oliver Workshop

November 20 – Manal Fashi, Demo Artist

December – SWA Holiday Party

Masks are not required to attend the meetings.
There is a lot of room 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 lok-Hou Pang at
ipang@sbcglobal.net



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
- ✚ Links to Members' Websites
- ✚ While maintaining active SWA membership, earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 SWA juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Advance notification & entry into Workshops
- ✚ Fun Competitions!
- ✚ 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 few brief business notices .

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Shirley Nichols
Painting of the Month/Year: Rebecca Joos
Monthly Critique: Ann Winchester
Programs: Marilyn Ivy
Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **AVAILABLE**
Workshop Chair: Shirley Nichols
House & Properties: Shirley Nichols

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Laura Hannah
Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**
SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey
Prize Sponsors: Laura Hannah

MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**

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