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*Splash!***October 2026
Newsletter**

SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas

SWA



From the President...

I hope a lot of you had the chance to visit the House of Neville Gallery during our Membership & Small Works Exhibition. The gallery was absolutely filled with people during our awards presentation and also during Fort Worth Gallery Night. Your artwork was seen by so many people, and the comments about the quality of the paintings was just amazing! We had a total of 15 paintings sold during the exhibition, and that may have been a record for us. The gallery does such an excellent job of promoting our event, and they have special events bringing in lots of people. I really do want to thank everyone that entered a painting into this show.



We still have two more member meetings left this year, and a holiday party in December, so we are not done with 2026 year. Plus, we still have to name our Painting of the Year in November. That means you have one more chance to enter the Painting of the Month contest in October. In order to participate, you have to be a current member and bring a painting to our meeting. It doesn't have to be framed but should at the very least be in a mat so it can be presented properly. The winners of the monthly contests are eligible for Painting of the Year. We are also announcing our Holiday Card Exchange again for this year. Look further inside this newsletter on how to participate. It's a lot of fun and will get everyone into that holiday spirit!

At our October meeting we will be taking nominations for officers & committee positions. As you know, we are a complete volunteer group, and we can't function if we don't have volunteers. If you might be interested in helping out (even a little bit) feel free to raise that hand and let us know! We will be happy to show you the ropes and get you involved.

I have talked with several people who are already working on a painting for our next show in May 2027. That will be our International Exhibition with our juror Richie Vios. We will be releasing the prospectus for that even toward the end of the year. Even though we just finished one show, we are already looking toward next year. We hope you are too. Keep those paintbrushes moving, and **Happy Halloween!**

Skeeter MurleyEmail: swawatercolorpresident@gmail.com

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MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, October. 19th, 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

[Bill Dale](#)
[Website](#)

Next Meeting... Monday, October 19th 7:00pm



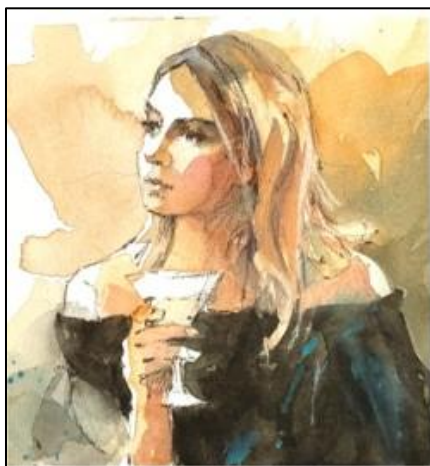
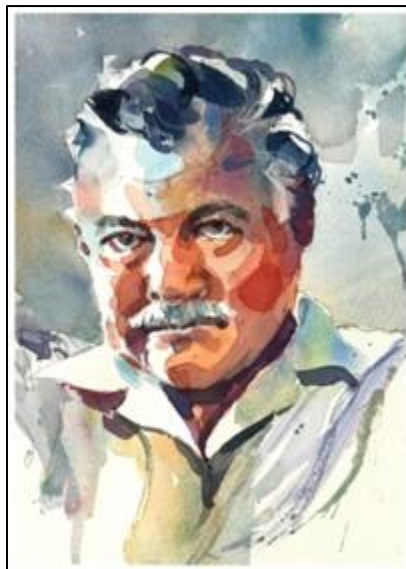
Demo Artist

Bill Dale

"Fast and Loose" Watercolor Portrait

Bill Dale has been involved in the art world since he was a kid. After receiving a BFA degree from The University of Kansas he pursued a long career as an industrial designer. As a designer he became fairly proficient in drawing, rendering, and illustration, which has benefited him in his current painting endeavors. His artwork includes oils, watercolors, pastels, digital and charcoal drawings. He is a signature member of number of watercolor groups and has received awards in many exhibitions.

Portraits are probably Bill's favorite watercolor subject. He prefers a quick and loose approach using bold brushwork and fun colors.



Next Member Meeting – November 16 – Demo Artist Cheryle Chapline

Interested in volunteering in 2027?

In October of each year, we take nominations to serve on the SWA Board and Committees. At our meeting on October 19th, please let us know if you may be interested in serving. Those nominated will be voted on during the November meeting.

We simply can't function without volunteers.
We hope you'll consider volunteering.

Open Board Positions

- President
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Standing Committee Positions

- Exhibition Chair
- Program Chair
- Publicity & Communications Chair
- Membership Chair
- Education Chair



To Our Newest Member

Welcome to the newest member to our watercolor society.

Janice Haecker – Euless, Texas



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REMINDER!

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



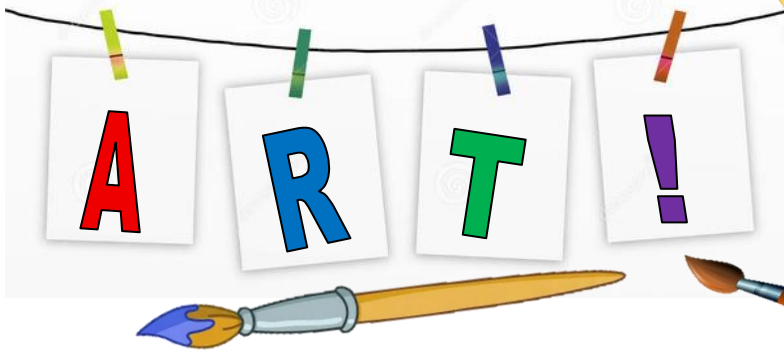
Our meeting room at the UNT Health building in Fort Worth is being renovated.

**WE ARE NOW MEETING
IN A NEW ROOM**

The room is located just off the atrium gallery where we used to host our exhibitions. Watch for signs in the parking lot to help guide you to our new room.



CLOTHESLINE ART



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.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



We will be having our annual holiday party on Saturday, December 5th from 5 to 7pm



More information will be coming soon.

If you're thinking of attending, we have a **white-elephant gift exchange**. Start looking for watercolor-inspired gifts you may want to bring. Last year was our largest gathering ever. We hope you'll join the fun this year!





Art Opportunities!



SPRIT OF THE WEST
AT THE DOSS HERITAGE & CULTURE CENTER
WEATHERFORD TEXAS

Call for Artists

Spirit of the West

Entry Deadline Extended
to November 7th

Click [HERE](#) for
more information.



Upcoming Exhibitions



Click the SWA logo below to visit our website
and see a list of upcoming watercolor
exhibitions around the country.



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		

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**DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WORLD-CLASS ART MUSEUMS
IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS**



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2026 HOLIDAY CARD EXCHANGE

Once again, let's share the holiday spirit by painting
your very own watercolor holiday card!

If you're interested in participating, let us know by November 30th.
Send an e-mail to us at

SWAHolidayCards@gmail.com

We will randomly draw names in early December, and send you the
name & address of another SWA member so you can mail your card.

You can then look forward to receiving a wonderful holiday card in the mail
from one of your watercolor friends.

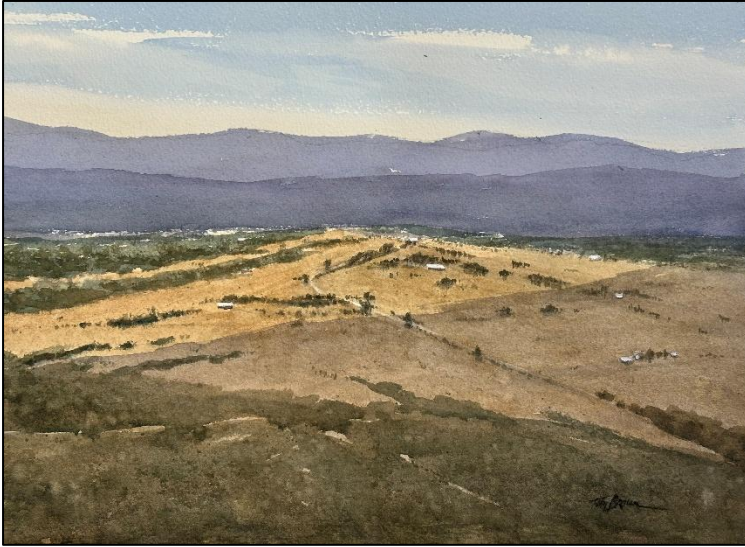
Join the fun & spread the cheer!





MEMBER NEWS

PROUDLY SHARING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SWA MEMBERS



Tom Brown's painting *Mountain Shadows* (left) received the Artist Member Award of Excellence in the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico 18th National Juried Members Exhibition. Jurors: Richie Vios, Sarah Blumenschein, Tom Conner & Steve Atkinson

Linda Hidalgo's painting *Seasons of Grief* (right) has been accepted into the House of Neville's The Perspective "An Artists Point of View" show.



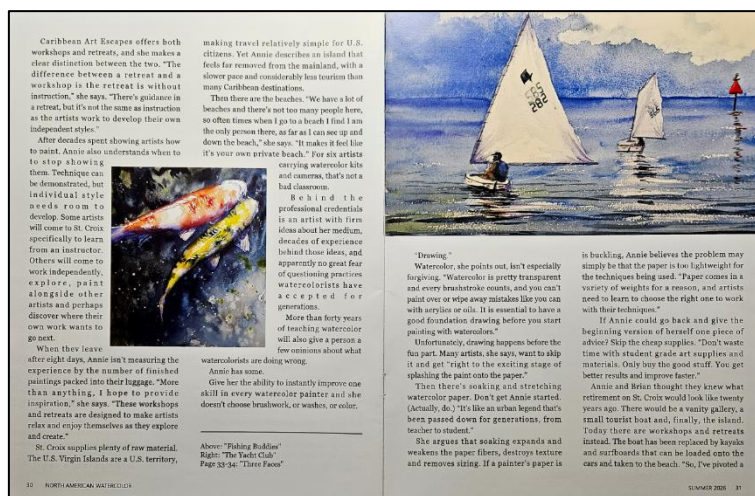
Janet Southern's painting *The Old Aztec Theater* (left) has been accepted into the House of Neville's The Perspective "An Artists Point of View" show.



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Annie Strack was featured on the cover of the 2026 summer edition of North American Watercolor Magazine. She has a wonderful 10-page article in the issue.



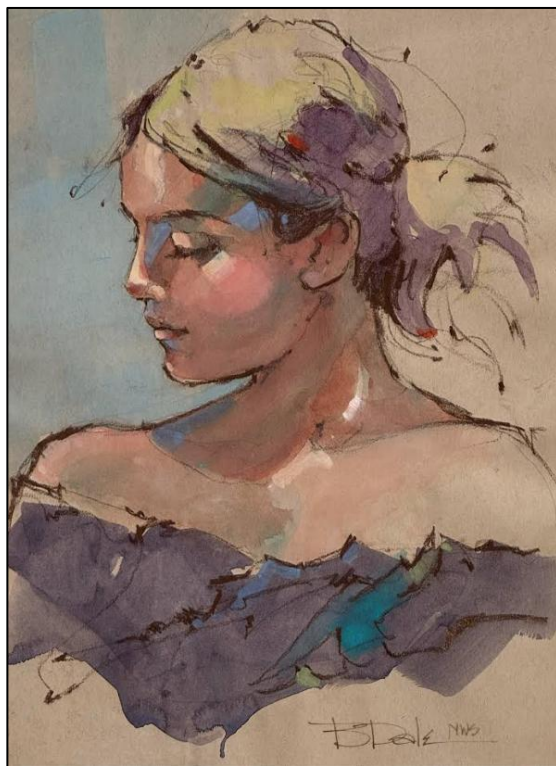
Cindy Baird's painting *Turning Tides* (left) won 2nd Place in the West Texas Watercolor Society Signature Show. Cindy received her WTWS Signature status. Juror: Janet Rogers



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Bill Dale's painting *Carleigh* (right) won the President's Award at the Southwestern Watercolor Society's Membership Show.
Juror: Stephen Zhang



Marilyn Ivy had two paintings in the Inside/Out Women of Worth Art Show at the Shanley House Gallery in Granbury, Texas.
Peggy's Gift (left) and *Suburban Night* (below).

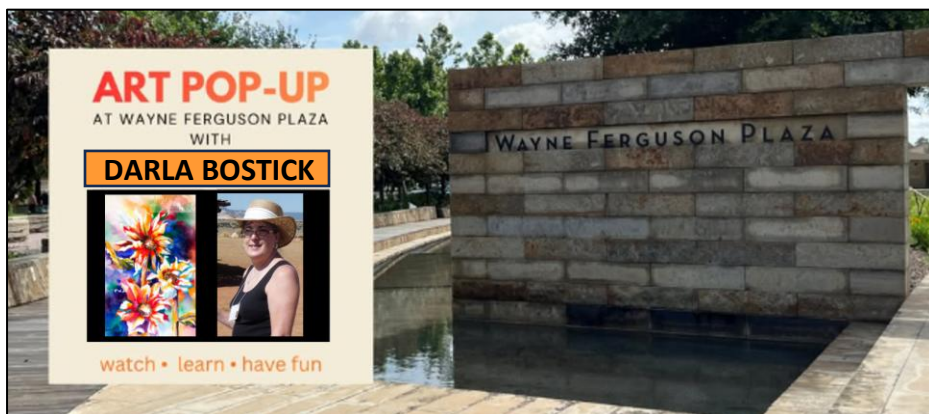




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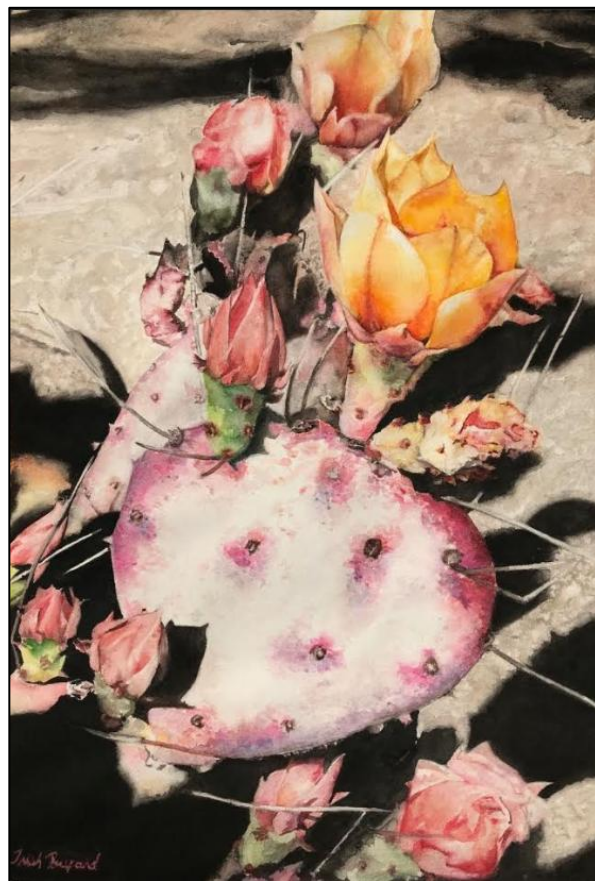
PROUDLY SHARING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SWA MEMBERS

Join **Darla Bostick** on Halloween Day
at an Art Pop-Up at Wayne Ferguson
Plaza in Lewisville, Texas



Trish Poupard's painting *California Cactus* (below left) received the Ruth Rosenau Memorial Award at the 45th Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors. Juror: Sarah Yeoman

And Trish's painting *Huntington Cactus* (below right) received an Honorable Mention award at the Mark Arts National Watercolor Exhibition. Juror: Richard Sneary



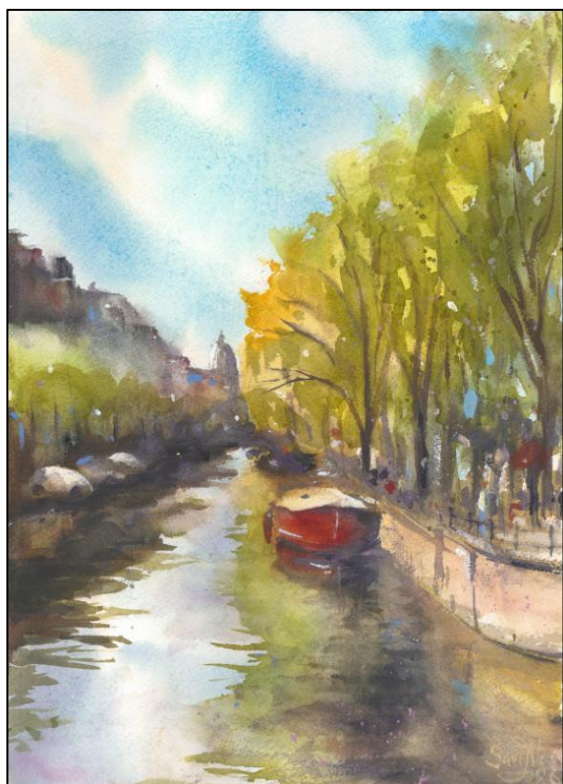


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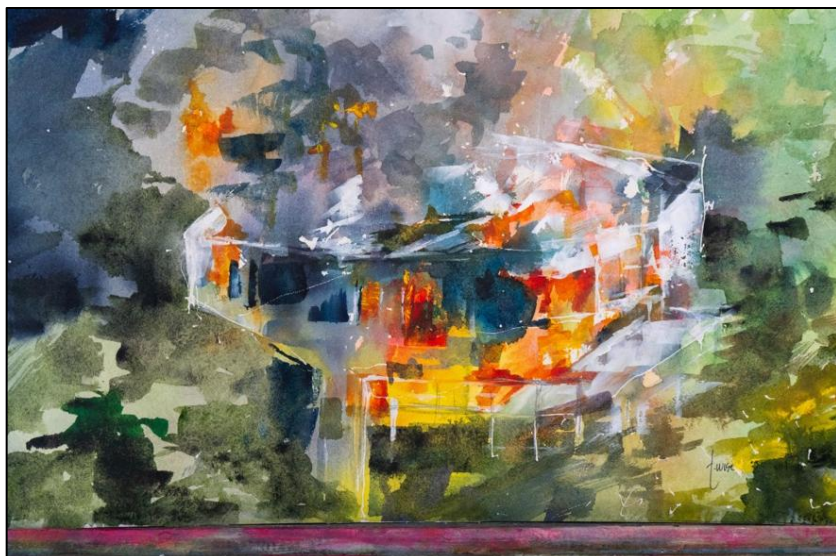
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Alexandra Savelieva (right) is shown next to her painting *Cheers to Armenia* at the IV International Watercolor Festival “Colors of Armenia” in Yerevan and Gyumri, Armenia.

And her painting *Amsterdam Reflections* (below) has been selected to entry into the Amsterdam in Summer Light International Watercolor & Sketch Exhibition in Amsterdam, Netherlands.



Trish Wise has a moving story in the Fort Worth Report about how her father’s house burned during the recent Ross Fire in Palo Pinto County this summer. Click [this link](#) to read more and learn how her painting (below) has helped her through the loss.





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Krystin-Youngju Smith's painting *Nature's Song* (left) is on display at the Visual Art Guild of Frisco's 2026 Crème de la Crème Exhibition at the Frisco Discovery Center.



John James's painting *Letters to Remember – Weathered* won Best of Show at the Southwestern Watercolor Society Members Juried Exhibition.
Juror: Stephen Zhang



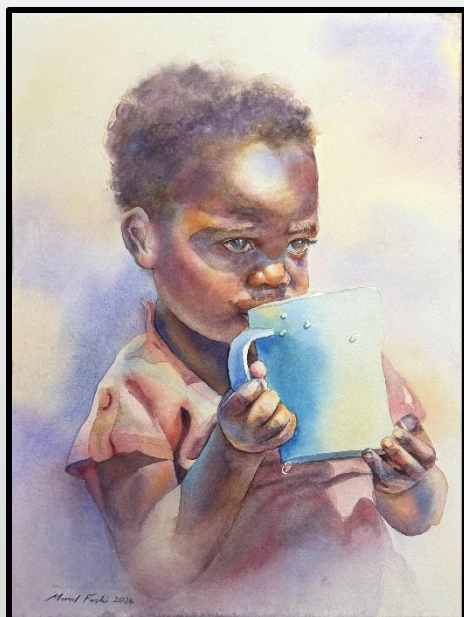
And John's painting *Stringing a Thought* (left) won the Silver Award in the Southern Watercolor Society 49th Annual Juried Exhibition.
Juror: Iain Stewart



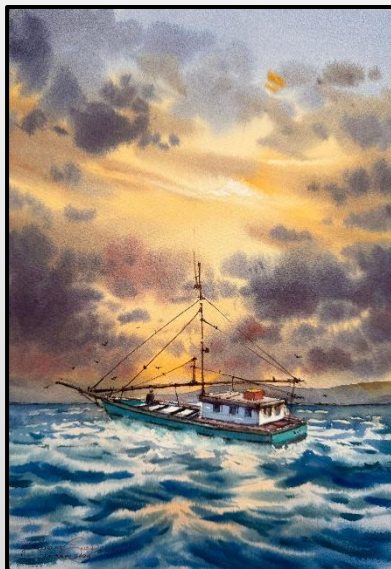
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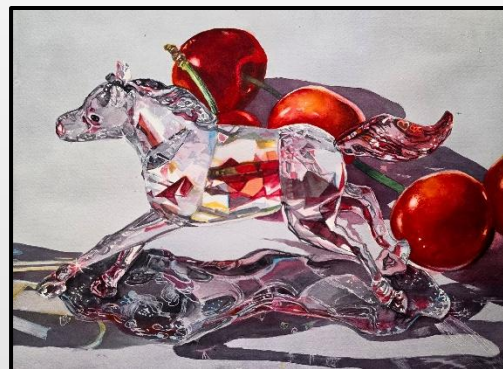
Juror – David Tripp



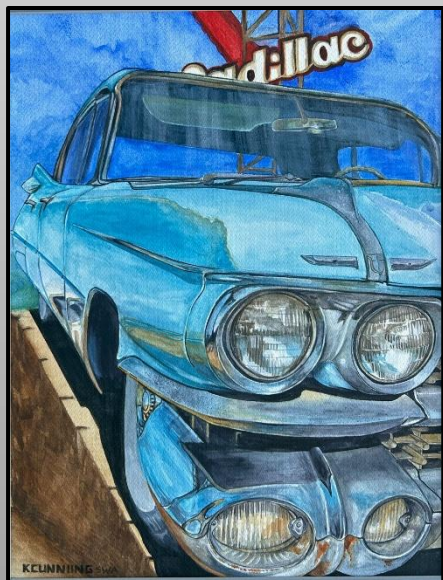
- Best of Show -
Manal Fashi
Hope, Angola



1st Place Award
Signature Member Division
Sujit Sudhi
Heading Home



2nd Place Award
Signature Member Division
Soon Warren
I Am Running



Juror's Award
Signature Member Division
Kathy Cunning
Cadillac Ranch



Honorable Mention Award
Signature Member Division
Jo Williams
Blanket Symphony



3rd Place Award
Signature Member Division
Elaine Jary
Great Egret Preening



Honorable Mention Award
Signature Member Division
Cindy Baird
Crow Dreams



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2026 Membership & Small Works Exhibition

Juror – David Tripp



2nd Place Award

Non- Signature Member Division

Larisa Anaya

Port of Dinan



3rd Place Award

Non-Signature Member Division

Robert Kraszewski

Between Here and Elsewhere



Juror's Award

Non-Signature Member Division

Lil Clinard

Gliding By



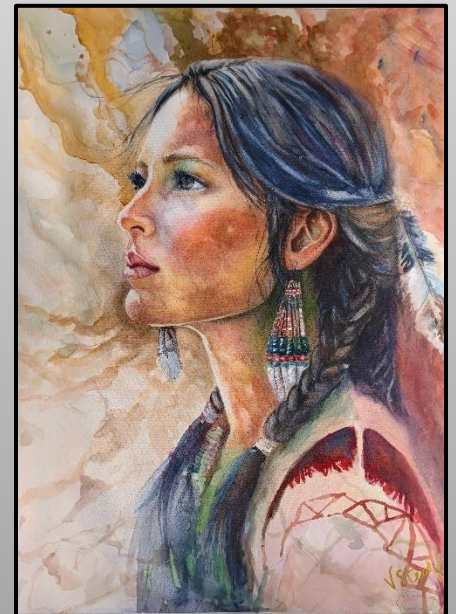
Honorable Mention Award

Non-Signature Member Division

Bernie Stein

Along the

"Curry Creek Trail"



Honorable Mention Award

Non- Signature Member Division

Victoria Steed

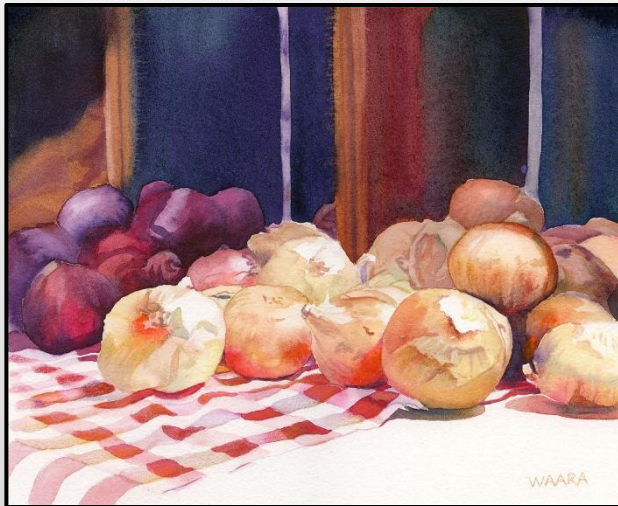
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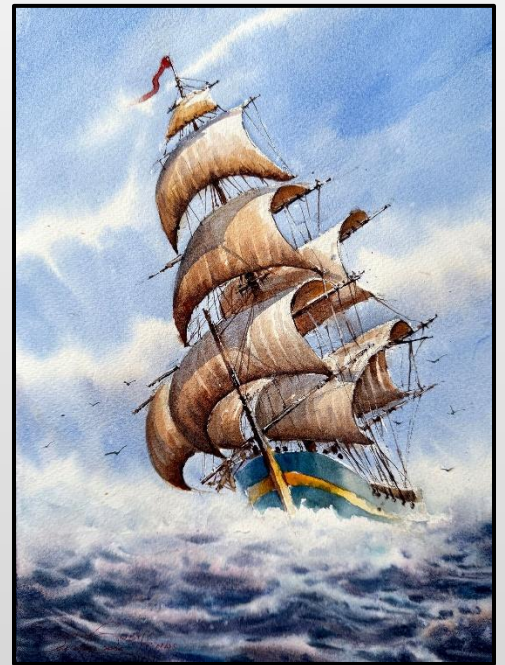


1st Place Award

Small Works

Christine Waara

Maui Sweet



2nd Place Award

Small Works

Sujit Sudhi

Catching the Wind



3rd Place Award

Small Works

Cindy Baird

One Nut



President's Award

Susan Keith

Flights of Fancy



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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 – David Tripp - Demo Artist

October 19 – Bill Dale - Demo Artist



November 16 – Cheryle Chapline - Demo Artist

December – Holiday Party

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.

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SWA Fundraiser Opportunities



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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!**

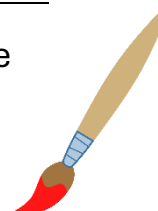


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You can also donate by writing a check payable to Society of Watercolor Artists and sending it to:

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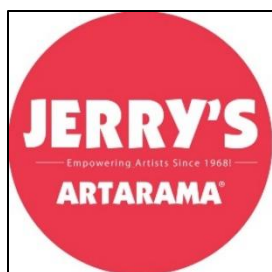
We want to thank you in advance for considering a donation to the Society of Watercolor Artists.

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 **OCTOBER** 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, October 19th at 7:00pm

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 discounts into SWA shows
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership 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 building in Fort Worth. After you turn from Camp Bowie to Clinton St turn left into a sloping parking lot beyond the security building. **We will temporarily be meeting in a new room right off the atrium gallery. Park at the top of the hill near all the flagpoles and looks for signs directing you to our new room.**

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: Janet Southern
 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
 SWA Signatures: Iok-Hou Pang
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