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NEWSLETTER



SOCIETY OF WATERCOLOR ARTISTS



Fort Worth, Texas



From the President...

Dear Friends,

Wishing you a very prosperous and happy New Year! I trust that you had a wonderful Christmas/winter holiday, hopefully restful and rejuvenating. My wife and I took a cruise, originally scheduled to visit the Amazon River.



However, because of local drought, the river was too shallow for our ship, so we ended up spending two weeks on the West Indies islands. Crystal clear turquoise water and white sand beaches are almost spiritual.

With the arrival of the new year, the SWA Board is working diligently to finalize the prospectus for our annual International Exhibition in April. It will be posted as soon as available. Since the Central Library of Fort Worth is no longer available for exhibitions, we will have a new venue for this show. Please see the prospectus for details.

After the winter break, our monthly meetings are starting again. Please be mindful that the January meeting will be on the evening of Jan 22nd (the 4th Monday), not the usual 3rd Monday, because the 3rd Monday is the MLK Day and the Health Science Center will be closed. **Soon Warren**, an internationally famous watercolor artist, will be our demo artist. Please don't miss this magnificent opportunity to learn from and interact with her.

Just a reminder: During the 2023 November monthly meeting, members have voted to modify the procedures for our "Painting-of-the-Month" competition. Starting January, the competition will be divided into two separate divisions: "Signature Members", and "Non-Signature Members". A monthly winner (Painting of the Month) from each division will be chosen by members' votes. From these monthly winners, a "Painting-of-the-Year" of each division will be chosen by members in the November meeting. The purpose of this modification is to encourage members of different levels to join in the fun.

I look forward to seeing you again! Happy painting!

Kind regards,

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Next Meeting...

Monday, Jan 22nd

7:00pm

UNT Health Science Center

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, Tx.

**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.

Guest Demo Artist **Soon Y. Warren**



Fort Worth resident **Soon Y. Warren** is a full-time artist and teacher. She was born in South Korea and immigrated to the United States in 1987. She has an associate degree in commercial art from Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia, and is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society (NWS), American Watercolor Society (AWS), Southern Watercolor Society (SW), Texas Watercolor Society (TWS), and Society of Watercolor Artists (SWA).

Soon paints in both oil and watercolor. She is also a talented teacher in her mediums. Her favorite subjects are those found in nature: people, an animal, trees, a tangerine, pear, Oriental poppy, iris or something of intrigue at the moment. Flowers from her gardens often become models for paintings. She says, "I'm inspired by the beauty and complexity of nature and our surroundings. I try to paint the essence of subjects and my sincere feeling for nature." Soon has won numerous awards and honors including NWS Purchase Award with Silver Star (top award); SWA Best of Show and People's Choice Awards; and NSW Juried Merchandise Award and Exhibition and national traveling show. In 2014, her recognition went international with her Best of Show award in SWA's International Exhibition.

NEXT MONTH...

February Demo Artist – Kay Byfield

February 19, 2024



Darla Bostwick - The Visual Arts Society of Texas has its 175-mile juried exhibition in Denton at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center. "Green with Envy".



Darla Bostwick - Also, at their monthly Art of the Month my "Pink Hollyhocks" won first place.

Christine Alfery Achieves Nautilus Fellowship Membership!

I am absolutely thrilled to announce that I have achieved a milestone in my artistic journey. The membership committee of the International Society of Experimental Artists (ISEA) has recently bestowed upon me the esteemed Nautilus Fellowship membership level.

My work, "Turquoise Jacket," being accepted into the "Utterly Profound" exhibition has brought me to this prestigious honor, placing me at the next level of membership above the signature level.

I am deeply honored and humbled to have been granted this status.



Turquoise Jacket

WELCOME!

To Our Newest Members

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

Evette Dister – Arlington, Texas

Gaylord O'Con – Dallas, Texas

DeEtta Silverstro – Clarence, New York

Don Whitson – Waynesboro, Virginia

2024 SWA Membership

 **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SWA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024?** 

SWA Memberships run from January through December.

We started taking 2024 memberships in October for the 2024 art season.

If you aren't sure if you've already renewed, just send us a note, and we'll look it up for you.

watercolorcommunications@gmail.com

Renew your membership online at www.swawatercolor.com/joinswa

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Painting of the Month

Don't forget about our Painting of the Month competition!

SWA members are encouraged to bring a painting to the monthly meetings. Paintings aren't required to be framed but should at least include a mat so it is presented properly.

(Most artists do bring their paintings framed.)

Starting in 2024, we will have two divisions.

One for signature members & another for non-signature members.

We will award a 1st Place prize in each division every month.

All winning painting will be invited back in November to complete for Painting of the Year.

We're hoping this will encourage even more of you to bring in a painting and join the fun!





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2024 CALENDAR

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

January 22 – Soon Y Warren - Demo Artist, "Patterns"

February 19 – Kay Byfield - Demo Artist, "Water Reflections"

March 18 – Kathy Cunning - Demo Artist, "Reflection or Rust"

April 15 – Carrie Waller - Demo Artist, "Still Life"

April 16, 17 & 18 – Carrie Waller Workshop

May 20 – Linda Kingsley - Demo Artist, "Floral Batik on Rice Paper"

June, July & August – No Meetings, Summer Break

September 16 – Scott Bodell - Demo Artist, "Animals"

October 17 – Demo Artist TBD

October 18, 19 & 20 – Juror's Workshop

November 21 – Lu Zheng - Demo Artist, "Seascape"

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 Iok-Hou Pang at
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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
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ ASEL Art of the Month Contest
- ✚ While maintaining active SWA membership, earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 SWA juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ ASEL Art Supply 20% discount
- ✚ 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: Shirley Nichols
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: 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: Skeeter Murley

MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**

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