



Society of Watercolor Artists

December Notes 2016

Message from the President

For SWA the year of 2016 is ending on a high note. The membership juried show promises to be excellent and is in a venue with good exposure for our members' work; the executive committee is functioning smoothly; and good plans for 2017 are in place.

I wish to give particular thanks to many: Nancy Maas for demonstrations, Jim Stewart for doing the exhibitions, Janet Southern for the workshops; Paula Johnson as membership chair; Heidi Russell as secretary; and Darla Bostick for communications.

I wish to thank each of you, as individual members, for your support during 2016.

Janet Southern is our incoming president. She will do an excellent job in this position. We still have committee responsibilities to fill. These are important to the full functioning of SWA. Please respond with a "yes" when asked to do some work for SWA during 2017.

Thank you again.

John A. Nickell Jr., M.D., SWA president for 2016



Treasury Report

July bank balances: Checking: \$14,252.52 Building Fund: \$15,365.57

SWA Holiday Party!

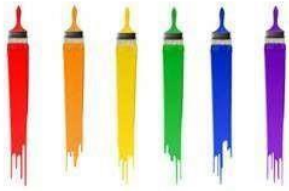
We have reservations at The Riata Restaurant on Sundance Square, 310 Houston St, Fort Worth, TX, for Sunday, 11 December at 1:30pm with parking on the street and across the street in a parking lot. Spouses are invited. Bring a painting to swap (optional) and **please RSVP to Darla Bostick** at 940.320.5660. Each of us will pay our own bill, with 20% gratuity automatically added. Our reserved room accommodates 24. If our number exceeds that size, we need to let the restaurant know in advance. We are presently at 22 people, so don't forget to RSVP.

For All of Your Holiday Shopping, don't forget AMAZON!



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ASEL ART AWARDS Artist of the Month Competition!



SWA members are invited to bring a completed piece to our monthly meeting. The artwork is shown anonymously with each member in attendance voting once for their favorite. After winning 1st place, that artist retires from the competition for the remainder of the calendar year. Those who win 2nd place may continue to compete with other pieces of work. Art work previously shown in a SWA juried exhibit is not allowed.

The first place winner goes home with a \$25 Asel gift certificate and 2nd place earns one for \$15. In November all first place pieces during 2016 will return for selection of "Artist of the Year." Many thanks to Mary T House who chairs this fun event for us each month! Be sure and thank Asel Art Supply when you shop at 825 Foch Street.

Painting of the Year 2016!



1st place/Painting of the Year goes to
Bill Dale and his painting "Sarlat"

2nd Place/Painting of the Year goes to
Court Bailey for his "Mirror, Mirror"

Congratulations to our winners!
Be sure to bring your work to the next SWA
meeting on January 23rd!



The 2016 Society of Watercolor Artists Juried Membership Exhibition

It will be held at the Fort Worth Community Art Center (FWCAC) located at 1300 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107 Phone: 817.738.1938 Our juror will be **Nancy Lamb** who is a local artist known for her talent to paint people un-posed and off-guard. She is highly regarded as a professional artist.



The SWA Juried Membership Show calendar of important dates:



Shipped pieces due: Monday, November 28
Delivered pieces due: Wednesday, November 30, 12 to 2 pm
Installation: Thursday, December 1
Reception: Friday December 2, 6 to 9 pm
Exhibition Dates: December 2 - 29, 2016
Take down and pickup: Thursday, December 29, 4-6pm
For more information refer to www.swawatercolor.com

In Memoriam

SWA will be honoring former member **George Grant** who passed this year. He was an active member for many years and produced the newsletter. The Best of Show Award will be named in his honor.



Welcome New and Returning Members!

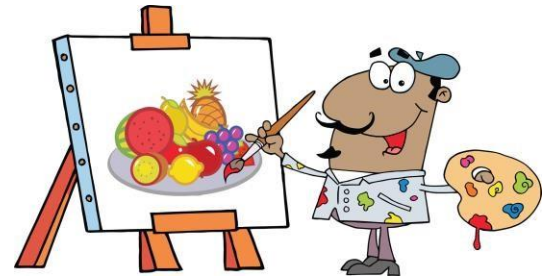
Radha Chatterjee, Plano, TX
Renewing member Lynne Buchanan

Members in the News



The VAST 2017 calendar features **Ray Sears** and there will be an exhibition of the calendar art at The Chestnut Tree on the Denton Square from mid-November through December.

SWA is sponsoring a high school art show at the Fort Worth ISD lobby in January. It will be advertised by their Communications and Industry and Education group and they will have the show on their website, social media, etc. John Nickell is the Exhibit Chair for the show. Contact John to see how you can help.



The work to the left is the finished piece that **Sharon Serrango** painted as our October demo artist. The name of this beautiful work is "*Fall Mystery*".

The artwork has been selected for the SWA Juried Membership Show. Congratulations to: **Karin Anderson, Court Bailey, Charlene Baker, Rhonda Barefield, Denis Benjamin, Darla Bostick, Karen Brown, Lynne Buchanan, Radha Chatterjee, Bob Cook, Valeri Cranston, Bill Dale, Krystina Dale, Georgia Downes, Debbie Downing, Toni Elkins, Colleen Erickson, Robbie Fitzpatrick, Norma Fitzwater, Debbie Ford, Sharon Giles, Gemma Haas, Hugh Heaton, Michael Holter, Elaine Jary, Mollie Jones, Mary Jo Jung, Dawn Kostenko Kerbs, Connie Levson, Norma Lively, Nancy Maas, Judy Mason, Les McDonald, Jr, Suzanne McNeill, Sue Ann Mika, Muriel Mimura, Lynn Morgan, Skeeter Murley, Mike R Nichols, Shirley Nichols, John Nickell, Charles Nieman, Kenji Nishikawa, Iok-Hou Pang, Suzi Powell, Veronica Ritchey, Carolyn Seely, Barry Selman, Jim Stewart, Hazel Stone, Celene Terry, Madeline Timm, Suzi Ware, Mary Ann White and Margie Whittington.**

Darla Bostick has a collection of paintings in a solo showing at Swirl Bakery, 3634 Long Prairie, Flower Mound (at the southeast corner section of Cross Timbers and Long Prairie). The show, "*It's a Dog's Life*", features 10 paintings and prints on paper and canvas. Her 2017 Calendar will also be available for sale and features one of the dogs. The show runs through the end of December.

In Denton the VAST Fest is scheduled Thursday, December 1st from 6:30 pm to 9pm at the Visual Arts Center. Several artist-members of Visual Arts of Texas Society will have tables showing their art for sale including **Darla Bostick and Jo Williams.**

Lucky Puppy by Darla Bostick



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 December which is for the 2016 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

While maintaining SWA membership earn SWA

Signature Status!

Post your art work on our Facebook page

[Http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor](http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor)

Fun competitions

Free monthly SWA newsletter

Entry discount for any SWA show

Monthly pre-meeting free critique session at 6pm

Free image on the SWA Website Gallery

Asel Art Supply 20% discount

Participation in the Asel Art of the Month/Year Contest

Annual Juried Membership Exhibition

Annual Juried International Exhibition

Option to buy space on the SWA Premium Gallery (\$20)

December Holiday Party and painting swap

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 banner on the parking lot with directions to our room (or check the map on the website)

5:45pm Board Meeting

6:00pm Critique with Jo Williams (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)

7:00pm Brief business notices

7:15-9pm Art demo, snack and art of the month

2017 meetings will feature the following demo artists:

January 23rd: **Marla Morrison Fucich**

February 20th: **Bev Boren**

March 20th: **Kim Collins**

April 17th: **Laurie Golstein-Warren,
International Juror and Workshop Leader**

May 15th: **Sarah Graham Harmon**

June through August: no monthly meetings

September 18th: **David Tripp**

October 16th: **Cheryl Meggs**

November 20th: **Sharon Giles**

December: **Holiday party TBA**



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



Kroger makes quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping! Go to

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 given members are matched and

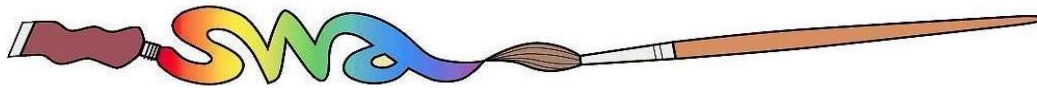
donated back to SWA. The company will post member's art work created with their paints on their website, blog and direct people to a site of the artist's choice. SWA discount code: Members-20-SWA <http://shop.colorsofnature.com>.



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2016 SWA Officers and Members Extraordinaire ***2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

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|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| President: | John Nickell | Exhibits: | James Stewart | Membership: | Paula Johnson |
| President-Elect: | VACANT | Education/Workshop: | Nancy Maas/ Janet Southern | Communications: | Darla Bostick |
| Secretary: | Heidi Russell | Treasurer: | Hugh Heaton | | |

STANDING COMMITTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRS: Nancy Maas/Janet Southern

Members are:

ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: Mary T House

House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**

Monthly Critique: Jo Williams

Programs: Nancy Maas

Workshop Chair: Janet Southern

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Jim Stewart

Members are:

Hanging Volunteers: **ALWAYS APPRECIATED**

Membership for Exhibitions: Paula Johnson

Monetary Entries for Exhibitions: Hugh Heaton

SWA Signatures: Debbie Downing

Website Entries & Submissions: **AVAILABLE**

Prize Sponsors: Debbie Ford

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Darla Bostick

Members are:

MEETING VOLUNTEERS

(Not a committee):

House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**

Newsletter: Valeri Cranston

Photography: Veronica Ritchey

Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley

Publicity: Darla Bostick

Website Manager: Skeeter Murley

Website Consultant: Sharon Giles

Facebook & Twitter: Skeeter Murley

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Hugh Heaton

Members are:

Director of Finance & Budget: Hugh Heaton

Grants: Watson Arnold

Professional Standards (yearly audit): Brenda

Morgan

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Paula Johnson

Members are:

Director of Membership: Paula Johnson

Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Linda Taylor, Suzy Ware and Mary Bell

Hospitality: Rhonda Barefield

Fantastic Fans: Shirley Nichols

Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: Nancy Maas

THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO OFFICE FOR 2017:

President: Janet Southern

Communications: Skeeter Murley & Veronica Ritchey

Membership: Mary Bell

NOT ELECTED BUT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT JANUARY MEETING:

Workshops: Bill Dale

Secretary: Dawn Krebs

STILL OPEN:

Treasurer, President-Elect, Exhibitions Chair, Programs (the calendar of demo artists is in place but we need someone to remind artists of upcoming demo and help the artists set up, take-down)