



SWA July Notes 2012

A Note From the President



Our summer temps are making it easy to stay inside and paint!

As I went through the excel of the International Exhibit, I noticed we had 26 entries from non-members, which is close to one third. Of those, 4 live in the DFW area. This is great news for SWA. It serves as an indicator that those who participate in our shows and live close enough to attend meetings, are joining our association! At least 8 of the 26 are folks I personally contacted. The reason I bring this up is I feel every member of our group is responsible for keeping our SWA alive.

This means new memberships. I hope when we resume our meetings in September you will reach out to some of your creative friends. Invite them to a meeting. Our membership numbers are swelling (we went from 100 to 150+ members this year). Any organization that doesn't grow will fade away. Let's all do what we can to help SWA soar!

Many of you have submitted your artwork for the Membership Exhibition coming up in August at the UNTHSC Atrium Gallery. That deadline is this Sunday, July 1st. Go online and enter today if you haven't already.

Read on for some fun ideas and catch up on where your fellow SWA members have work for viewing. The Judi Betts workshop in September will fill quickly, so be sure to reserve your seat.

~~Darla Bostick, President (and newsletter editor)

TWIGs Software Workshop

The TWIGs workshop by Debbie and Vernon Downing had great reviews with 21 attending. Supporting our workshops and fellow artists is always a good thing. Only 2 in attendance were not SWA members.

Summer Fun

Margie Whittington sent a photo of a summer project she painted. Who says paint only belongs on paper or canvas????!



Welcome to Our Newest Member

Bonnie Dunn, 857 Shady Lake Dr, Bedford, TX 76021 <BonDunn2@gmail.com>

Members in the News

Marjorie Brannon's husband Dean passed away. This news comes late, as no one notified the editor but we send our regrets on both counts.

Darla Bostick was the featured artist in the Judson's Art Outfitter online newsletter for June. Check it out: Judsons Art Outfitters www.judsonsart.com. Her artwork can be seen July-August at Tieney's Tavern and Restaurant in Lewisville. She has a photograph accepted in the Lake Granbury Art Association Photography Show at the Shanley House.

Lynne Buchanan will have 3 pieces on display 12 July-12 Sept at the Ft Worth downtown library in the Trinity Arts Guild Exhibit.

Bob Cook took Watercolor, 1st place in the Lake Granbury Art Association Membership Show.

Joanne Durham's companion, H T Priddy passed away. They have been the "Punch Bowl Team" for years at the SWA receptions.

Davilla Harding, Shubha Mantri, Gaylord O'Con, Mary Emerson and Darla Bostick have been accepted for the 49th Southwestern Watercolor Society Membership Show.

Sharon Markwardt's "Locked and Loaded" is featured in the Waxlander's ad in the current ***Texas Monthly***. If you miss watching a demo during these summer hiatus months from our SWA demos, you can catch Sharon painting as the featured artist at Gallery Night June 30, 6-9 pm at the Your Private Collection Art Gallery on the Square of Granbury. Sharon is also invited to return to *Cowgirl Up!* It will be held March-May at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg, AZM (more details about that next year). This year was her first invitation to the event and she sold works to buyers as far away as SC!



"Locked and Loaded" 36" x 80"

SWA International Exhibition

The International Exhibition is officially behind us. The pick up of art work was scheduled 10am-noon on 23 June. Those who have not received your catalogs deserve an apology. Due to water damage at the Bostick house, Darla was unable to come to Fort Worth and distribute the remaining catalogs. Those were mailed and should be received soon. If you entered the show and have still not received your catalog, let Darla know. For those who did not enter the show but wish to have a catalog, they are \$10 each to cover printing. Many, many thanks to Mary Stitt and Shirley Nichols who remained at the library until 2pm taking down all the hanging apparatus, the wire from the clips holding the paintings and the name tags. Sharon Markwardt came to help Mary with the shipped images until 2pm. Box and Ship did an excellent job for us again. For SWA to continue with exhibitions, we are asking for more help. It is a lot of work to fall on so few. Our next exhibition is around the corner. Ask yourself how you plan to help. We have excellent participation for the reception, but need hands on for installation and strike. Mary Stitt will be the exhibit chair for the Membership Exhibition and would appreciate any help.

SWA 2012 Membership Exhibition Deadline THIS Sunday

The deadline for entries is this Sunday, 1 July. The prospectus is online. Entry can be accomplished through the website <www.swa-watercolor.com> or by email to the Exhibit Chair, Mary Stitt at <MsMaryPS@aol.com>. It is too late at this point to enter by mail. Our juror is Darnell Jones of Fort Worth. Michael Holter has taken on the responsibility of sponsorships and has done a terrific job finding merchandise awards.

Calendar

Sunday, 1 July: Entry deadline. All entry materials due to Mary Stitt. Entries arriving after midnight are ineligible.

Sun, 15 July: Notification sent

Wednesday, 1 August: Shipped entries are due

Saturday, 4 Aug: 2-4pm HAND DELIVERED WORK DUE

Monday, 6 Aug: SHOW OPENS

Sat, 8 Sept: 3-5pm RECEPTION and AWARDS

Saturday, 29 Sept: 2-4pm PICKUP WORK

Delivery, Reception and Pickup: University of North Texas Health Science Center, Atrium Gallery, 3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard at Montgomery Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Member Spotlight...Jo Williams



I first joined SWA in the late 80s or early 90s. I attended a few workshops and entered some shows and really enjoyed the opportunity for education and exhibition that the organization gave me. Then because of various other events in my life, I let my membership drop. I re-joined last year and have again enjoyed the programs and exhibition opportunities. I have greatly appreciated the leadership in the group.

Most recently I helped with installation of the 2011 Members Exhibition and with the 2012 International Exhibition.

My painting is representational, but my paint application is a combination of reactive, intuitive, and automatic brushwork combined with some attention to detail.

I don't have any exhibitions on the horizon other than the VAST Members Exhibition in which I won an award. I did participate in the Grapevine Art Project as a Signature member of Southwestern Watercolor Society.

I have a degree in art education from what is now UNT, but I have done many hours post-graduate work in painting including three years of graduate classes with master artist Rob Erdle at UNT. I have received a number of awards, but the most significant was a Best of Show in the Texas Neighbors Exhibition and also in the NTAAL (now VAST) Spring Exhibition.

I have lived in Denton for 38 years.

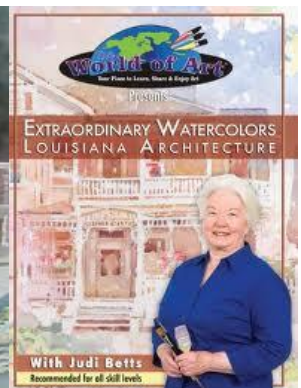
My goal is to remain an active painter and teacher, and I hope to do as much traveling as I can.

My painting will be featured on the cover of the book "Passion Art Community," a book of art and poetry published by the City of Denton available in August.

I was invited to represent the 26th Congressional District and painted a Christmas ornament for the 2008 White House Christmas tree.

Judi Betts Workshop...reserve your place now

We are kicking off our fall season with a workshop by Judi Betts. Your new Workshop Chairs, Lynne Buchanan and Shubha Mantri are working out the details and pricing will be announced soon. Scheduled for September 18-20, we have room for you at Russell Farm in Burleson. In a May press release the following was shared: "Russell Farms is an historic farm on the south side of Burleson that was donated to the City by the Boren family for historical, art and agricultural/natural uses. The 30-acre property is located at 405 W. County Road 714. The City envisions Russell Farm to be a 'Center for Life, History and Art.' ...Art programs have been conducted on the property for a number of years. These programs are provided through the Russell Farm Art Center, a Texas chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization... The Historical and Art programs will be conducted in the public areas which comprise about 11 acres. "



The workshop requires a \$75 non-refundable deposit with the full amount due 30 days before the workshop begins (Aug 17). Tell your friends and let's fill it up! We have room for 20 painters.

DETAILS:

Date: September 18-20 (Tues-Thurs)

Place: Russell Farms in Burleson

Cost: to be determined and announced on the website as well as the August newsletter.

To register for the workshop, contact Lynne Buchanan <jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com>

2012 SWA Officers and Members Extraordinaire

These dedicated members give their talent and time to keep SWA alive! We need YOUR name on the list!

President: Darla Bostick

President Elect: *open*

Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Kristine Becker

EDUCATION:

Programs: Darla Bostick ***the programs for 2013 should be lined up now--need a new Program Chair***

Workshop Chairpersons: Shubha Mantri and Lynne Buchanan

Purchase Prize Coordinator: Diane Petrushka

Monthly Critiques: Dave Maxwell

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Chair: Shirley Nichols

Website Mailing List: *open*

EXHIBITIONS:

Exhibition Chair: Mary Stitt

Sponsorship: Michael Holter

Hanging: Jo Williams

Entry Requirements: Judith Huebener

Certificates: Mary Stitt

SWA Signatures: Norma Lively

Catalog/Postcard: Eloise and Ray Sears

Catalog Mailing: Judith Huebener

Volunteers needed for notifications, publicity, sponsors, processing, hanging, labels and strike.

To continue or head up a group, please notify Mary Stitt.

FINANCE:

Treasurer: Janet Southern (***position open for 2013***)

Professional Standards: (Yearly Audit) Brenda Morgan

PUBLICITY:

Website: Mary Stitt

Website Technician: Sharon Giles

Newsletter: Darla Bostick

Photography: Lori Atwell

Local Resources: Jane Schneeberger

MEETINGS:

Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Diana Littlejohn, Lynda Robinson, Dee Casstevens, Jackie Stengle, Jane Schneeberger, Mary House

Hospitality: Robin Brown

House & Properties: *open*

Art of the Month Asel Competition: Lucy Oppermann

Assistants to Demonstration Artist: Collette Jones, Pam Fritz,

Marjorie Ross and Lynda Robinson

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: Mary House

OUT AND ABOUT:

Japanese Gardens: Robin Brown and Marie Coerver

Field Trip Organizer (s): *open for Dallas Arboretum in Fall*

Do you have a great idea for a program or event?

***Do you have a great friend in SWA to team up with you?
Let us know how you want to plug into YOUR organization!***