



SWA August Notes 2012

A Note From the President



Hello SWA Members and Friends!

I always think of summer as a fun time--the sound of sprinklers clicking, kids on bikes, magnificent sunsets and summer trips.

At our house we enjoy the show as we buy hundreds of pounds of black sunflower seeds and have a steady stream of birds to watch (the ones pictured are not among them!). We have taken note of a determined woodpecker that likes the fare. Maybe he is vegetarian--or just wants to be part of the party!

Many art associations close down for the summer months which allows a bit of extra time for other endeavors--like painting, taking a workshop or trying new how-to tips.

Your SWA leaders haven't missed a step and are quite active preparing for the SWA Membership Exhibition this month, clinching the details on the Judi Betts workshop next month, hosting a TWIGs software workshop follow-up, our summer board meeting and programs for 2013.

Because of the July 4th holiday we extended our Membership Exhibition deadline which allowed several extra artists time to enter last minute. As we continue to maintain excellent standards for our exhibitions we will be reviewing our entry requirements. Announcements are planned for the May, Sept & Oct meetings with a culminating vote by membership ballots at the October regular meeting in regard to presentation of our art work for exhibits. You are receiving this newsletter early to accommodate framing for the Membership Show.

Judi Betts sent a few images representing her passion for the Louisiana architecture and shore along with her western imagery. Lynne Buchanan is the lead chairperson for any registration/questions as Shubha has family concerns in India and will be out of the country for an undetermined length of time.

Lastly, we will have a bigger and better silent auction at our October meeting...begin collecting your contributions now! Mary House works hard on this, so let's really make it fun!

~~Darla Bostick, President (and newsletter editor)

Welcome to New Members

Our website is: www.swa-watercolor.com



Celene Terry from Enchanted Oaks TX <terry1119@nctv.com>
Karin Michele Anderson from Dallas <karinmanderson@gmail.com>
Mary Keller of Keller <marykeller_L@yahoo.com>

Welcome back to Pat Langewis of Arkansas <opasstuff@yahoo.com>

SWA 2012 Membership Exhibition

August begins our Membership Exhibition at UNTHSC Atrium Gallery. By now all notifications have been sent and shipped entries are coming in. Most of us hand-deliver our work. We will be looking for you Saturday, 4 August between 2 and 4 pm. If you are new to SWA and unsure of the location of the gallery, come into the parking lot as you would for a regular meeting. Instead of entering Everett Hall on the right, look to the left corner where the flag poles are and use that entrance. An elevator directory across will take you down one floor to the gallery. Our Exhibit Chair is Mary Stitt at <MsMaryPS@aol.com> (phone: 817.377.8709) and the juror is Darnell Jones of Fort Worth. Jo Williams is unable to lead our expert panel of hangers for the exhibition. We need 14 people to accept work, check entry requirements and hang. Please contact Mary to volunteer your assistance! We will need step-stools, measuring tape, etc.

Calendar

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

SWA Membership Exhibition and the Cultural Arts District Gallery Walk



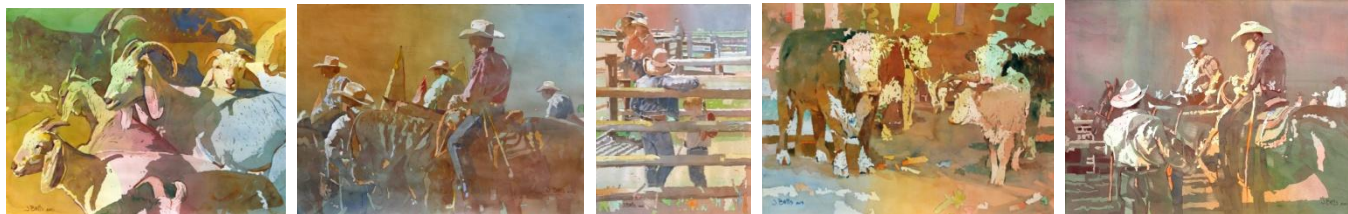
The reason our Membership Exhibition was moved ahead by one month was because we were invited to be part of the Fort Worth Cultural Arts District Gallery Walk. Our reception has been scheduled to sync with the event on Saturday, 8 September. Because of anticipation of the traffic to see our exhibition, we need to schedule some gallery sitters who can keep an eye on things, answer questions about SWA and generally present a smiling face to the public. We need gallery sitters from 1-3 and 4-7pm. If you can help in this important public venue by scheduling a time to help out, it is most appreciated. Please call Mary Stitt or email <msmaryps@aol.com>

We are happy to report the efforts of Michael Holter in securing sponsors for the Membership Show have resulted in more than \$1000 of merchandise and gift certificates! Many thanks to Michael for pitching in to volunteer. There are still many areas needing volunteers...and some only require a one-time effort of a couple of hours! Thanks to M Graham Watercolors, Liquitex, Loew-Cornell, Jack Richeson & Co, Inc., Amersand, Cheap Joe's and Faber-Castell!

Membership Exhibition Reception Saturday, 8 Sept, 3-5pm

Everyone knows we have the best art receptions around! As we gather our friends and family to celebrate another exhibition of fine art, we encourage each of you to bring along a serving of finger foods or sweets. We anticipate a large crowd this year since we are part of the Gallery Walk. Robin Brown always does such a fine job of taking care of the details. Please contact her to let her know how you can help! Robin Brown: <robinredux@netzero.net>

“More Fun and Creativity with Watercolor” Judi Betts Workshop September 18-20 in Burleson



Our fall season begins with a workshop by Judi Betts of Baton Rouge, LA. The Workshop Chair is Lynne Buchanan. Scheduled for September 18-20, we have room for you at Russell Farm Art Center in Burleson. The workshop will cost members \$200 and non-members \$225. A \$75 non-refundable deposit will hold your place with the full amount due 30 days before the workshop begins (August 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 Art Center in Burleson

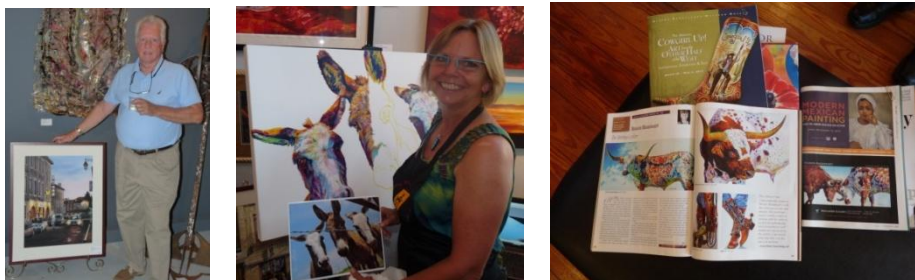
Cost: Members: \$200, Non-members: \$225 Payable by PayPal on our website

To Register: Contact Lynne Buchanan <jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com> 817.909.5366



Members in the News

You just never know who you might run into at galleries! On a recent visit to Granbury for the July Gallery Walk **Collette Jones** was gallery hopping while **Sharon Markwardt** and **Bob Cook** were found at the Your Private Collection Art Gallery on the square. Both are represented by the gallery, as is **Soon Warren**--all SWA members. Sharon was quite busy working her magic with a painting demo. Bob later traded his artist role for his position as host of awards at the Shanley House for the Lake Granbury Art Association Photography Exhibition.



Davilla Harding recently taught a watercolor portrait workshop in Star Harbor, TX.

Lynne Buchanan is teaching this summer at SE Tarrant County College for Kids.

Margie Whittington taught an all-day acrylic workshop Friday, 20 July.

Darla Bostick has work at Teirney's Tavern and Restaurant in Lewisville July-August and at the MCL Grand for the Visual Arts of Lewisville "Fresh Ideas" juried show. Teaching at Ghost Ranch is around the corner!

Sharon Giles is scheduled to demo Suminagashi marbling on 12 Sept for Mid Cities Fine Artists, based in Hurst. Sharon is teaching a mini-workshop on 22 Sept for Artcrafters with painting tips for yupo. Artcrafters meets at Eclectic Expressions Gallery in Arlington. Her painting "Evanescence", acrylic on yupo, was accepted into the 2012 Southwestern Watercolor Society Show. She will receive her signature status at the reception on 22 Sept.

Did you know **Sharon Giles** is the moderator and creator of *Art Groups DFW* and *Art News DFW*? She also manages *Art Spirit Daily* and *DFW Artists Voice*. If you do not already subscribe to these free internet news sources, you may be missing out on calls to artists, events, instruction, gallery openings, receptions and more! She is plugged into Pinterest, Flickr and Facebook. <http://ArtNewsDFW.com> has subscription sign-ups for all the free email newsletters and twitter feeds. Art News DFW offers local artists and art groups a venue to publicize their exhibits, workshops, and other art news. If you have an artist's blog, send moderator@artgroupsdfw.com a link to include it in DFW Artists Voice.

Darlia Hobbs won 1st place, mixed-media, in TAG April Members Juried Show with "Ancient Mysteries." <http://trinityartsguild.org/images/TAGNewsletterAPRIL2012ABCD.pdf> and 2nd place, mixed-media, in TAG May Open Juried Show with "Dead Sea Scrolls." "The Matrix Connection" painting won Darlia 1st place in mixed-media in Northwest Art Association June Juried Show. Darlia will show "Dead Sea Scrolls" and more at the Arlington Museum of Art HeARTbeat Invitational Exhibition <http://arlingtonmuseum.org/exhibitions/heartbeat-invitational-exhibition-of-art/>. The exhibit will show 15 Aug-21 Sept with the Artists' Reception on 17 August from 6-9 pm.

Member Spotlight...Carolyn Jehring



"I joined SWA 2006-2007. As a member of the board of Eastside Creative Arts Club (founded in 1970), I was curious as how a larger organization functioned. My volunteer services consist of: donation of snacks, assistant to Margo Tomlinson on the workshop committee, workshop committee director, a temporary sub for the Painting of the Month position and at ECAC I was secretary, programs, vice-president, president and exhibits.

My painting style is Cafeteria. My painting style in general is realistic with cool colors. It's cafeteria because I like painting in watercolor, acrylic for now. I have painted in other media: oil, soft and oil pastel, collage. I like trying new things: experimental, abstract and mixed media. My new direction is the use of bold bright color!



My art instruction began in 2000. My instructors were Loretta Schapanski Phillips, Martha Spurlock, Vern Johnson and Margie Whittington. I have won ribbons in watercolor, soft pastel and oil media.

Upcoming shows I plan to enter are Fall Arts Goggle-2012, Art on Paper FWCAC in November, SWA 2013 membership show, Lake Granbury 2013 membership show, spring Arts Goggle 2013, 7th Annual Art show at the Vantage at City View and the 2nd Annual Art show at Water Crest in Mansfield. TBA: Group show at the Doss Heritage in Weatherford.



My favorite watercolor artists are Charles Reid, Judi Betts, Steve and Janet Rogers, Ann Pember and Frank Webb. I've attended workshops by Jan Kunz, Joe Fettingus, Judi Betts, Nancy Standlee, Carol Nelson, Doug Walton, Sterling Edwards, Tony Saladino, Pat Dews, Bob Burridge, Albert Handell, Laurin McCracken, Carolyn Riegelman, and Ann Winchester.

I have lived in Fort Worth since my arrival in 1980. Our home is in the Wedgwood area of South West Fort Worth for 18 years. Joe and I have been married for 23 years and are both university graduates. My degree is from East Texas State University, BS MS in Speech, Language, Hearing Pathology. I am extremely proud of my two sons. Sam is a student at UTA of Arlington and Jake is bound for Full Sail University in Florida."

In her life outside of art, Carolyn is a Speech Language Hearing Pathologist and worked with the FWISD twenty years, with 7 of those years teaching kindergarten. She has trained in Taekwando for 7 years and in 2002, won the Eagle Award for Beginner/Intermediate Executive Women at the Traditional Karate League Competition. Carolyn has exhibited her art at "Jazz by the Blvd" for 4 years, done promotion of art shows at the Vantage of City View for 6 years and one at Water Crest in Mansfield. She has taught art in several kinds of media to children age 7-11 years as well to adult beginners and senior citizens in varied media for the past 8 years.

She shares, "There are several things on my bucket list: I would love to participate in the art show in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Travel to the Mediterranean coastline and to Yosemite National Park. I have yet to meet or attend a workshop with Bob Rohm, Ramon Kelly, Daniel Green and Harley Brown. I'd like to have a website! I would, of course, love to have my art represented by a gallery. We want to travel all over Texas!"

October Field Trip to Dallas Arboretum for Dale Chihuly's Glassworks

You'll want to bring your spouse for this one! Target date is Thursday, 18 October--departure from Fort Worth late afternoon/early evening, picnic dinner with music, then view the glass works when lighted after dark! We will charter a small bus unless folks RSVP early enough to determine the need for a larger vehicle. We have the bus company and the bus meeting place...just need someone to be the liason with the Cowtown Bus group and take care of garden ticket arrangements plus handle the RSVP names/payments. Any takers? Arboretum group tickets are \$20/seniors are \$15.



Bus fares will be determined by participation/bus size-and announced later. The music on the 18th features *Signed, Sealed, Delivered!* The Arboretum has a costume contest scheduled that night to find the Best Movie Star Look Alike.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance as of 15 July: \$11,800.24 Bank CD Total: \$15,086.18

October Ballot Vote for Future SWA Exhibits

We had a lively discussion concerning matting, color liners and floating for our prospectus standards. Since this remains undecided, colored liners and floating will be allowed for the upcoming exhibit. Below are options for voting in October. Basically we have two things to decide...do we want to allow color liners and do we want to allow pieces mounted on a solid backing with a visible deckle edge of the paper.

Plan A: Allow a narrow liner in color (no larger than 1/2")

Plan B: Allow floated piece solidly mounted to show deckle edge of paper

Plan C: Do not allow color liner or floating of any kind

Per national standards, the white/off-white mat (single or double) is not optional--it will be required. The variations above are in addition to that mat. Exact wording of the ballot is yet to be completed. You can let your officers know if you have questions or comments before the final vote.

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

Exhibit volunteers needed for notifications, processing, hanging, labels and strike--please contact Mary Stitt.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: Mary House

FINANCE:

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

Professional Standards: (Yearly Audit) Brenda Morgan

PUBLICITY:

Website: Mary Stitt open

Website Technician: open

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

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 friend in SWA to team up with you?

Let us know how you want to plug into YOUR organization!