



SWA May Notes 2015

Our SWA International Exhibition

The most recent SWA International Juried Exhibition is almost available for viewing at the Fort Worth Central Library in the Atrium Gallery. With \$4000 in prizes, it always brings exhilarating artwork to our "neck of the woods." Entries were received from all over the US as well as Asia. Our juror, Don Andrews, is to be credited with the work selections. In conjunction with the exhibition he is presenting a 4-day workshop and our demo for the May meeting.

Many thanks to Exhibition Committee Members: John James - Chair, Hugh Heaton, Susan Henry, Bob Cook, Celeste McCall.

Calendar

May 2 Saturday, noon-4pm: Hand delivered work due

May 3, Sunday: Show opens

May 24 Sunday, 2-4pm: Reception & Awards

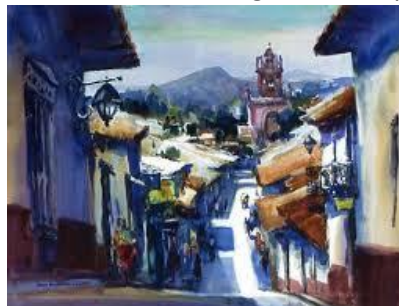
June 12, Friday 4-6:30 and June 13, Saturday, 10am-

Noon: Pick up hand delivered work

June 23: Return of shipped work

18 May Demo Provided by Our International 2104 Juror and Workshop Artist, Don Andrews

Selected as our juror for the 2015 SWA International Exhibition, Don Andrews will be teaching a workshop in May.



The workshop at last count had one available spot left to fill. Our website www.swawatercolor.com has a marvelous video of Don's approach to watercolor as well as registration/payment options. He will provide the demo for the regular monthly meeting on 18 May with SWA. The workshop begins the following day.

May 19-21, 2015

10 am - 4 pm with 1 hour for lunch

St. Johns Episcopal Church - Fort Worth, Texas

\$275 for Members / \$300 for Non-Members (a \$75 non-refundable deposit is required)

For more information contact Workshop Chair, Lynne Buchanan at 817-909-5366 or jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report:



Current balance as of end of April:

Business Account: \$22,826.36

Building Fund: \$15,360.50

Celeste McCall



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Marie James



Mindy Faubion



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Linda Akins



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SWA Spring FANTastic Fans Contest Results

Thanks to all artists who painted the fans as a donation to SWA.

To purchase one of the donated SWA fans for \$35 contact swawatercolor@gmail.com for availability.
Please let us know if you painted one of the 'unkown' fans so we can correct this page.

Thank you, Shirley Nichols, for all your work as the Chair of this event.

Janet Southern



Janet Southern



Nancy Maas



Shirley Nichols



Kathy Tidwell



Shirley Nichols?



1st Place - Celeste McCall

The \$25 prize for 1st Place was donated back to SWA to be added toward the Fall FANTastic Fans Contest.

Twice a year we have a bit of fun with the paddle bamboo fans that are sold at the Japanese Gardens in Fort Worth. The April meeting brought in several fans for this fun event. Thanks to our demo artist, Bob Cook, for selecting the winner. Another contest is scheduled for the Fall Japanese Garden Festival, if you missed the opportunity in April be sure to get some fans from Shirley Nichols at the May meeting so you can paint during the summer months when we do not have a monthly meeting. Of course, contribution of the fans is encouraged (as well as bookmarks). Marie Coerver graciously heads up this activity and has for many years. Thank you Marie.



Volunteer of the Month: Veronica Ritchey

Your newsletter has one writer and one photographer. About a year ago Veronica Ritchey took on the job of photography for SWA. When the ASEL winners are announced it is Veronica that makes a visual record and at April's meeting she took the photographs of the FANTastic Fans. She is a treasure for our organization! Thanks Veronica!



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The Trinity Art Guild Show featured several SWA members: **Hugh Heaton, Pam Oldham, John James, Lynne Buchanan, Sharon Giles** and **Celeste McCall**.

Michael Holter and **Laurin McCracken** are included in the *Splash 17 Best of Watercolor*.

In the Richardson Civic Art Society 50+ Juried Art Show SWA members made a good mark. In Collage/Mixed Media **Karin Michele Anderson** took 2nd place and **Darla Bostick** won a merchandise award, then in the Oils/Acrylics division **Darla** won 1st place.

Jo Williams, Carol Rowley, Eloise Sears, Andrea Albright and **Darla Bostick** have a piece in the Visual Arts Society of Texas "Merging Visions" Show with the Denton Poet's Assembly at the Meadow's Gallery in Denton through 29 May.

Michael Holter is presenting a Watercolor Impressionism—Figure and Landscape Workshop for the Green Country Watercolor Association in Broken Arrow, OK 4-8 May. He also won 1st Place at the Texas & Neighbors Exhibition in Irving!

John James is the only TX artist accepted to the 75th Annual International Northwest Watercolor Society Exhibition in Washington.

SWA was well represented in the Irving Arts Association Texas and Neighbors Juried Exhibition. Winners in the Water Media Category were **Michael Holter** (First Place), **Soon Warren** (Second Place) and **Laurie Henry** taking Third.

Bob Cook won Best of Show in the Rio Brazos 18th Juried Art Exhibition and **Jim Stewart** won Honorable Mention. Other SWA People in the show were **Jackie Stengle, Pam Fritz, Diana Littlejohn** and **Darla Bostick**.

Connie Logan Levson is the featured artist at Elm Street Gallery in Keller through 30 May.

There are several SWA members invited to show in Fabriano Aquarelle, Italy Show: **Laurin McCracken** is to represent the 18 US Artists in the show among whom are **Michael Holter, Soon Warren** and **Bob Cook**. The show began in April.

Pam Fritz and **Jackie Stengle** have works up at Doralee Langdon Cultural and Educational Center in Granbury through 25 May.

Randy Meador is the demo artist for the Trinity Art Guild meeting 4 May, 7pm.

Membership news is welcome! Contact: darlabostickart@gmail.com!

May Meeting Refreshments



Marie Coerver is known to us all for her outstanding volunteerism for SWA as our Hospitality Chairperson. For many years she had provided SWA with a unique presence at the Fort Worth Japanese Gardens as she sells our original watercolor bookmarks and our painted paddle fans. Because she is usually seated at the snack table during our monthly meeting breaks, many may not know that Marie is assisted with the use of a cane. At the March meeting we began a new snack schedule so that Marie's only responsibility now will be to organize snacks brought by members. It's also nice when one or two members can bring a 2-litre bottle of pop or tea with ice.

May Refreshments: If you last name begins with H, I, J, K, L, M please bring snacks to the next meeting.



Our website address is: www.swawatercolor.com
SWA membership runs on a calendar basis, Jan-Dec

We like new members...invite your friends! First visit is free.

Membership includes these benefits:

- Fellowship with like-minded creative folks
- Free monthly SWA newsletter
- Entry discount for any SWA show
- Eligibility for the Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- Jo William's free critique session before our monthly meetings
- 20% discount at Asel Art Supply
- Fun competitions (FANTastic Asian Fan Contest)
- Participation in Art of the Month Contest
- January "New Members" Pizza Party in January
- Post your art work on our Facebook
[Http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor](http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor)
- Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
Submit to <cst136@yahoo.com>
- Buy space on the SWA Premium Gallery for \$20
- When you maintain your SWA membership you can earn SWA Signature Membership after you are selected to 5 of our juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- December Holiday Party with a painting swap

ASEL ART AWARDS: YOU COULD BE OUR ARTIST OF THE MONTH!



SWA members are invited to bring a completed, framed 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 in the competition with other pieces of work. Art work previously shown in a SWA juried exhibit is not allowed. The first place winner receives a \$25 Asel gift certificate and 2nd place wins a \$15 certificate. In November all first place pieces return for a final selection of "Artist of the Year." Many thanks to Mary T House who chairs this fun event each month! Thank Asel Art Supply when you shop at 825 Foch Street, Fort Worth.

Comprehensive list for 2015:

January Winner: Debbie Downing
February Winner: Lynne Buchanan
March Winner: Hugh Heaton
April: Suzy Ware



1st Place: Suzy Ware "Bright Eyes"



2nd Place: Bonnie Dunn "Japanese Garden"

Recap of April Demo by Bob Cook

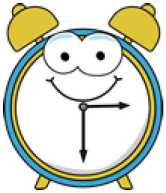


It's hard to view Bob Cook's work and not wonder where he finds time to eat and sleep. His detailed images of everyday life transport the viewer...and continue to garner awards. It is always nice to have SWA member provide the monthly demo and we were all treated to one of the best with Bob's demo at the April meeting. It was a very informative demo for our members as Bob gave information concerning drawing in perspective and utilizing shade and shadows effectively. He also used his own version of a Liquid Frisket film and showed how to paint trees realistically.



"The one thing I said I would like for the audience to take away from my demo is the "3" Rules! There are three major values to any painting- Light /Shade/ and Shadow. Most artists don't understand the "shade" part, lumping all the darker tones into the "Shadow" value. (Shade=all areas facing away from the sun direction-see the building painting illustrating the three separate values clearly.) There are also three major parts to any landscape painting- Background /Middleground/and Foreground. The different combinations of these 6 elements gives you unlimited ability to stage a painting anyway you want. Using these combinations I painted this landscape demo. I didn't get it totally finished until I returned to my studio. Here's the final painting. Finally there's the old "Rule of Thirds! Where your center of interest occurs around the intersection of your drawing divided into thirds, vertically and horizontally."

~ RW Cook



It's Never Too Late to Join SWA for 2015

Our membership in SWA runs on a calendar year. It is never too late to pay dues for 2015, as it will be accepted year round. You can mail your payment or pay online with pay pal through our website. <http://www.SWAwatercolor.com>

Bennie Wood Contributes 127 VHS Art Tapes to SWA!

This summer this generous gift will be transferred to DVD format and become available for our use. Thank You Bennie!

The Fort Worth Botanical Society and Fort Worth Garden Club invite regional artists to submit work for the 8th Annual Art in the Garden Exhibition. As a part of Fort Worth's popular Fall Gallery Night, the juried exhibition/ sale showcases artwork at the historic Fort Worth Botanic Garden in the heart of the Cultural District. Net proceeds support improvements and maintenance of the Garden. The exhibition is open from 1:00 pm Friday, 11 Sept to 4pm Sunday, 13 Sept. Gallery Night Artist's Reception is Saturday, 4-6pm. Deadline for entries: Monday, June 15.

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



will make quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping. KROGER customers 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, when you shop at Kroger's, you will notice at the bottom of your receipt a donation was recorded for SWA. ALBERTSONS customers: Cards were available at the March meeting. Watch again in April.



offers SWA members a 20% discount on their watercolors. They recently announced they now carry customized brushes that are 100% vegan and cruelty-free. Monthly those savings 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.colors-of-nature.com>



donates .05% of your online purchase back to SWA. Choose Society of Watercolor Artists as your nonprofit organization. It is listed as Denton, TX for its location...we are working to clear that up. Tell your friends!

Mark Your Calendar



Our Monthly meetings are held at the UNTHSC, Everett Building. Watch for a banner on the parking lot with directions to our room (or check the map on the website)

5:45—Board Meeting

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

7pm—brief business notices

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

18 May: Regular meeting/Don Andrews demo

19-21 May: Don Andrews Workshop

June, July, August: no regular meetings

Monday, 21 September: SWA meeting/Janet Southern demo

Monday, 19 October: Regular meeting/demo TBA
FANtastic Fans Fall Contest

Monday, 16 November: Regular meeting/Mary Ann White

December Party replaces regular meeting:
TBA

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Norma Fitzwater,

Shirley Nichols, Jim Stewart, Debbie Downing

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For newsletter items contact Darla Bostick at:

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