



SWA December Notes 2012

Hello to Friends of SWA & Members

We are about to fold another year of SWA programs, exhibitions, field trips, parties and demos. Our SWA continues to grow as we take in our 2013 dues. The most important question of the month is...Have you paid for your 2013 dues? The absolute deadline is Saturday, 15 of December. In fact, you can bring your dues (or pay online with pay pal) to our Christmas Bash at Macaroni Grill! If you are 65+ you have a special perk...a discount on your membership. Seniors are \$30, the rest of us pay \$40. AND...if you want a family membership it is only \$5 above your regular rate. What a great way to share some time with a special grandchild, niece or nephew. I cannot think of a better way to pass on your personal love of the arts.



We just initiated a new position to facilitate our non-juried exhibits and elected Mary Stitt to chair that position. This means she will be handling the SWA Invitational Exhibition that honors those who volunteer their time and talents to SWA during the year. She will also handle other public venues, like our new space at InFocus Vision in the Hulen Mall. New opportunities continue to present themselves to our membership! We urgently need a treasurer to replace Mary Stitt, since she is taking another position!

The workshop with Joyce Hicks is beginning to fill. I hope you have that on your 2013 calendar for April!

I hope to see you all at our January meeting with Michael Holter as the demo artist. He plans to use the paints of one of our recent sponsors, M Graham Watercolors on his painting. I'll have more about Michael in the next newsletter.

~~Darla Bostick, President (and newsletter editor)

(I'm the one with the antlers! Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Welcome to New Members

Our website is: www.swa-watercolor.com



Celeste McCall of Southlake <cst136@yahoo.com>
Martha Spurlock of Fort Worth <martha@mispurlock.com>
Mari Burlison-Gregg of Colleyville <mariburlison@yahoo.com>
Former member, Brenda Dill of Fort Worth <brendakdill@yahoo.com>

We like new members...invite your friends!

Asel Artist of the Year

November's meeting was our most special Asel competition of the year. All our previous first-place winners were invited to return their first place paintings from the past year and those present voted for the Artist of the Year. Congratulations go to Sarah Graham who won with her painting, "Manuella." Also congrats to Bob Cook who brought back his winning piece from February. He took second place with his "Texas White House." In January we start fresh with a new membership year!



FANtastic Fans Contest at November Meeting

Our Second Annual FANtastic Fans Contest brought in all kinds of designs by our creative membership. Three winners were selected by our demo artist, Soon Warren. We thank all those who contributed their fans which will be available for sale at the Japanese Gardens in Fort Worth. Proceeds go to SWA! 1st place: Shirley Nichols, 2nd place: Bob Cook, 3rd place: Mary Stitt. Congrats to all 3 for their beautiful fans!



Members in the News

Karin Anderson is included in the 2012 Citation Exhibit sponsored by Texas Visual Arts Association of Dallas.

Barbara Millican and **John James** were both included in the 2012 National Watercolor Society Exhibition. Congrats to both!

Margie Whittington is teaching Friday classes at the Upstairs Gallery in Arlington, 16 Nov & 14 Dec

Laurin McCracken has a signature watercolor set with Daniel Smith. www.danielsmith.com/Item--i-285-250-549?utm

He has been quite successful and sends us an update on his works. In the Mississippi Society Grand National he took Honorable Mention with "Grevy Zebra" which shows through 6 Jan. Lauren had two paintings in the Tennessee Watercolor Society 33rd Exhibition: "Tools of the Trade" received the Totally Transparent Award and "Acadia, Rocks and Waves" was recognized with the Region III Award. The exhibition was May/June in Memphis. In the Louisiana Watercolor Society's 42nd International Exhibition in May his painting "Grevy Zebra" received an Honorable Mention. In March and April Laurin's painting "Ride a Rocket" won Honorable Mention in the Watercolor Art Society of Houston 35th International Exhibition. His works won Second Prize in two Richeson 75 Exhibitions: "3 Standing Pears" in the Small Works Competition 2012, Watermedia and "Delta Cloud, Highway 61" in the Landscape, Seascape and Architectural Competition 2012. Adding to his Salis International Award for "San Marco" in the Southern Watercolor Society 35th Annual Exhibition (June/July), the Ohio Valley Art League and Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife's 2012 National Wildlife Art Exhibit recognized his "Mississippi Sandhill Crane" with Honorable Mention showing through 29 November in Henderson, KY. With the Daniel Smith 9th Annual Customer Art Contest he won the Grand Prize Award which included printing his painting "Blue, Green and Brown" on the back cover of the Daniel Smith Reference Catalog 2012-2013. His painting "Ride A Rocket" was selected to grace the cover of their Fall Sale Catalog 2012. His "Pure Sapphire" won Honorable Mention in The Cedars 2012 Juried Art Exhibition, Jackson, MS (Sept/Oct).

James Haddock and **Lee Bowman** invite our membership to The Renegade Group Mixed Media & Experimental Art Exhibit at the Bob Duncan Center at Vandergriff Park, 15 Nov-2 Feb. His works are among the 82 pieces of art work by 8 artists.

Davilla Harding has her new Hawaii email: davillaharding@gmail.com

Jeanne Heartsill had "Green Thumb" accepted into Texas Visual Arts Association "CITATION 2012" show. The show is at the Pfamily Arts of Plano, 4017 Preston Rd. #544 Lakeside Market, Plano, Texas 75093. The show runs November 5 to December 15.

Sharon Markwardt participated with 7 other gallery artists in front of the Waxlander Gallery in Santa Fe for the Historic Canyon Road Paint Out in October, followed by moving into her vacation getaway/condo/studio in Aspen. She will be part of a group holiday show in Santa Fe at Waxlander in December.

Darla Bostick was a winner in the Daniel Smith online art contest.

InVision, Hulen Mall Exhibition Space Available to SWA Artists

Dr. Jan Dao (pronounced "Dow") has a beautiful office between Eye Masters and Dillard's on the second level (ground level to parking lot) in the Hulen Mall. Her office would like to have a rotating exhibit of art by our members. Dr. Dao's office has gallery lighting and art work is visible from the mall walkway. Mary Stitt will be handling the rotation of SWA artists who wish to exhibit in the space. There is room for 6 large paintings. Currently, Darla Bostick is installed and will remain until mid January at which time our next artist will be installed. If you are interested, please contact Mary Stitt at msmaryps@aol.com.

December Meeting is Our Holiday Party:



Rather than a regular demo meeting, in December we simply meet to socialize, have a meal together and invite our spouses to tag along. The highlight is the optional gift exchange which involves participants bringing a framed piece of art. We will be meeting at Macaroni Grill on I-35 W just south of Western Center Blvd. The address is 6300 North Freeway, (817) 306-9722. We will begin at noon in the private room.



Our 2 Volunteers of the Month: Janet Southern & Lucy Oppermann

We have two retiring valuable members! Sometimes artists struggle when using the logical side of the brain. We are all busy using our creative side! Janet Southern balances both quite well and has dutifully taken the position of treasurer for 3 ½ years, doing an excellent job of managing our membership dues and more. She has been diligent with yearly audits and expedites reimbursements quickly. When an organization has leadership like that of Janet Southern, it is easy to take for granted that everything gets done. We thank her for years of service. The problem facing us now is that we have no one to replace her. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring, let your officers know. We do not want to face 2013 with this important position vacant. The installation of Pay Pal has made this position much easier, but does require use of a computer/email. Janet is happy to provide training and support to the next treasurer.

Our second Volunteer of the Month is Lucy Oppermann, who has served for 3 years as our liaison to Asel Art Supply in Fort Worth. If your name has ever been called as a winner for the monthly Painting of the Month, you know how special this venue is for SWA. Lucy has been reliable in always having our certificates ready for the winners. The job requires someone who is a good attendee at the monthly meetings and one who can send Asel our meeting dates for the year and get the certificates from Asel. A record is kept of the winners for each year, since they return in November for our biggest monthly competition for Artist of the Year! Lucy is willing to guide her replacement, but one must be found before the January meeting! Interested in filling either of these positions? Let your officers know right away!

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance as of 19 November: \$11,573.16 Bank CD Total: \$15,252.17

November Demo by Soon Warren

Our November meeting was well attended as we watched Soon Warren paint one of her signature crystal still lifes. She shared tips using frisket (put a little in a spoon and dip in your tool—whether it is the tip of the brush handle or a stylus). Soon makes it look like her style is just “a bowl of cherries!”



GIVING BACK TO THE ARTS

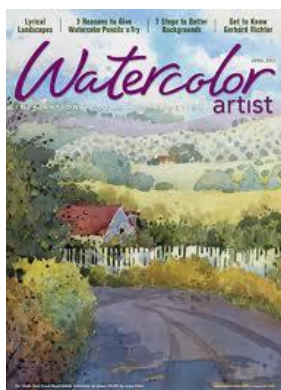


At the November meeting it was agreed by our membership to sponsor an art competition at one of the Fort Worth high schools and encourage the art students with art gift certificates as prizes. Jane Schneeberger is looking to put together a small committee of interested SWA members...perhaps former art teachers? That committee can work with the art teacher/coordinator at one of the more disadvantaged campuses and come up with some guidelines for a contest. The art work will be exhibited at the school and the committee will act as jurors. We hope to bring the winners to a SWA meeting to present their awards and view the winning pieces. It was voted to fund 3 prizes in the amounts of \$100, \$75 and \$50. It was also suggested any SWA members wishing to donate privately may do so. If you are interested in serving on the committee or sponsoring a prize, please contact Jane at 817.557.3239 or email at jlawberger@att.net.

Joyce Hicks Workshop Announced: *Transforming the Landscape in Watercolor*

Be sure to register for Joyce's workshop where the emphasis is on techniques and strategies for transforming ordinary scenes into extraordinary ones with watercolor; scenes that reach out and connect with viewers. "I teach simple easy to learn methods that appeal to beginners as well as seasoned artists looking for renewed inspiration and insights into new ways of thinking. You learn from clear explanations about the reasoning behind artistic decisions and visually from step by step demonstrations. You learn to distill and process scenes from inspiration to finished work of art becoming more comfortable with the medium in the process. Once technical aspects of watercolor have been mastered you too will begin to paint from that sacred place that resides within each of us."

Joyce Hicks recently earned her signature status with American Watercolor Society and is a local artist to SWA, living in Lantana. She is looking forward to presenting her SWA workshop 16-19 April in Fort Worth at St. John's Episcopal Church (where we had the Ric Deninger workshop). A list of interested participants has begun. Contact Workshop Co-Chairs Shubha Mantri <shubhangimantri@hotmail.com> or Lynne Buchanan jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com to pay your \$75 registration deposit, or go online with Pay Pal. The four-day workshop begins Tuesday, 16 April and runs through Friday, 19 April. Membership cost is \$300/non-members pay \$350 (non-refundable). Space is limited.



2013 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: (position open for 2013)

Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Judy Huebener

EDUCATION:

Monthly Programs: Darla Bostick

Workshop Co-Chairpersons: Shubha Mantri and Lynne Buchanan

Monthly Critiques: Jo Williams temping for Dave Maxwell

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Chair: Shirley Nichols

EXHIBITIONS:

Exhibition Chair: Diane Petrushka

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

Purchase Prize Coordinator: Diane Petrushka

Exhibit volunteers needed for notifications, processing, hanging, certificate printing, labels and strike--please contact Diane Petrushka

Non-Juried Exhibitions Chair: Mary Stitt

FUNDRAISING:

Japanese Gardens: Robin Brown and Marie Coerver

Silent Auction: Mary House

FANTastic Fans: Mary Stitt

FINANCE:

Treasurer: **OPEN**

Professional Standards: (Yearly Audit) Brenda Morgan

PUBLICITY:

Website: Mary Stitt

Website Technician: Sharon Giles

Newsletter: Darla Bostick

Photography: Lori Atwell

Local Resources & Advertising: Jane Schneeberger

MEETINGS:

Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Diana Littlejohn, Lynda Robinson, Dee

Casstevens, Jackie Stengle, Jane Schneeberger, Mary House

Hospitality: Robin Brown

House & Properties: **OPEN NOW**

Art of the Month Asel Competition: Lucy Oppermann

Assistants to Demonstration Artist: Collette Jones, Pam Fritz, Jackie Stengle, Marjorie Ross, Diana Littlejohn and Lynda Robinson

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

High School Liason: *open as new position!*

OUT AND ABOUT:

Field Trip Organizer (s): *open for FUTURE TRIPS!*

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!

Our Website: www.swa-watercolor.com