

Society of Watercolor Artists September Notes 2013

Hello to Friends of SWA & Members!

Our Fall meetings resume this month. It's always fun to reconnect with our artsy friends after the summer season. The ASEL competition should bring proof that we have continued painting through the summer. The September meeting brings the 3rd Annual FANTastic Fans Contest! We get used to painting in a rectangular format, so it's always fun to see what is done with a bamboo fan! Many thanks to Shirley Nichols for stepping in as our demo artist for the upcoming meeting.

Our efforts to recruit volunteers have been productive in finding candidates for treasurer, exhibit chair, publicity and webmaster! Nominations will be announced in October for our November ballot. However, it has become necessary to expedite matters in the case of treasurer. Hugh Heaton has agreed to take the position. A vote will be called at the next meeting. Pending the audit of books it is hoped to pass them to Hugh. We also propose electing Exhibition Co-Chairs Mary Stitt and Bob Cook since our Membership Show is already in progress for December.



Another change we can look forward to is a facelift on our website. Celeste McCall is a new member who is jumping in to share her talents with SWA as our webmaster. We look forward to an exciting online presence.

I was in Fort Worth this week and had the opportunity to visit the Kimbell Art Museum's Wari Exhibition. If you love 1000-year old textiles, ceramic jars with heads and decorations of deities, silverwork, feathered banners and hats along with earrings from the Andes area of Peru, don't miss it!

Finally, our SWA 2nd Invitational Exhibition is in Irving! Details are on the next page! So, bring your fans, a prospective member, your enthusiasm, some food to contribute for the break and some art for the ASEL contest!

Darla Bostick, President
(and newsletter editor)

2nd Annual SWA 2013 Invitational Exhibition 14 September-13 October

Our 2nd Annual Invitational begins showing in the Focus Gallery of the beautiful Irving Arts Center this month. The show is designed to honor and show our appreciation of those who lead our programs each year. We have 19 SWA volunteers who have work hanging at the Focus Gallery through 13 October. **It is our hope SWA members will further support these artists by attending a private reception in their honor where the works can be viewed as a whole. Any refreshments donated will be appreciated. Reception is Sunday, 13 October 2:30-4pm at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75062. Phone: (972) 252-7558** (Artists may take work home directly from the reception, but not before 4pm) Also note to exhibiting artists, work must arrive at the Irving Arts Center office Thursday, 12 Sept before noon. *(This is a time change...we cannot deliver on Friday due to hanging schedules and the IAC is hanging for us)* The timing comes at a time when we are filling our 2014 positions. Some leadership positions are year-round, some are one-time projects. When you look at the last page of this newsletter you will see a listing of those SWA depends upon to keep it running. There are positions available for 2014. Let us know if you are interested in one...and next year you could find yourself participating in this prestigious exhibition. The following members will be showing work at the Focus Gallery.

We send a big thank you to the following artists for their dedication of time and talent given to SWA: (alphabetically)

Rhonda Barefield--exhibition sponsorship

Darla Bostick--president, prospectus, print materials,
newsletter, exhibition chair, etc

Lynne Buchanan—workshop chair

Gail Cooksey--publicity

Pam Fritz-- assistant to demo artist, greeter

Sharon Giles--website tech

Hugh Heaton—incoming treasurer pending vote

Mary T House--Japanese Gardens, ASEL awards

John James—Chair of Hanging Committee

Norma Lively--signatures

Shubha Mantri--workshop chair

Celeste McCall--website development and management

Kurt Meyer—hanging committee

Shirley Nichols--membership chair

John Nickell—hanging committee

Diane Petrushka--exhibition chair

Lynda Robinson-- assistant to demo artist, greeter

Janet Southern--treasurer, house & properties

Jo Williams--monthly critiques, hanging chair



Our Volunteer of the Month: Celeste McCall

A strong presence on the internet is vital to show the activities and personality of an organization. Although she is a new member, Celeste McCall has jumped into the mainstream of membership in SWA. She is in the process of revamping our website. Already she has taken the time to partially develop different looks with various providers as the leadership team adds input and encouragement. In the next month or two we should have some exciting news to announce in regards to member perks on the website!

Upcoming Calendar of Events



12 September: Works due 9-noon, Invitational Exhibition @ Irving Arts Center

16 September: Regular monthly meetings resume. Shirley Nichols demo artist 5:15—Board Meeting

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

7-9—Meeting and demo by Shirley Nichols

FANTASTIC Fans Contest during the break! (bring your painted bamboo fans)

13 October: Everyone invited! Reception 2:30-4 at Focus Gallery, Irving Arts Center for our Invitational Exhibition. Bring goodies to share!

21 October: Cecy Turner demo artist

18 November: Peter Andrew of Windsor-Newton

Silent Auction before the meeting and during break

December: Holiday party and painting exchange to be announced



SWA Members in the

Michael Holter and **Bob Cook** were both accepted to the National Watercolor Society Exhibition! Only 4 TX artists were accepted, and 2 are from SWA! 84 paintings from a field of 933 were chosen. Congrats to both!

Dave Maxwell and **Lauren McCracken** received good news from China. They are two of 250 chosen from a field of 2825 entries worldwide to pass through Stage 1 (131 Chinese artists were picked and 129 other nationals) for acceptance to the Shenzhen International Watercolor Biennial.

Carolyn Buchmann was mentioned winning 3rd place Pauline Morris Award in the last newsletter, but 3 other winners were left out (sorry!). Also winning awards at the VAST Membership Exhibition in Denton were: 3rd Place Austin Street Artists Award: **Jo Williams**, 4th Place to **Carol Rowley** and **Eloise Sears** won the VAST Merit Award IV.

Kathleen Bishop was not listed last month, but she also has work accepted in the SWS 50th Anniversary Juried Exhibit at the PFamily Arts Center, showing 7 Sept-19 Oct in Plano.

Norma Fitzwater took first place in the watercolor entries at the Henderson County Art Show.

Carolyn Seely, **Celene Terry** and **Norma Fitzwater** all have art hanging in the new Gallery211 in Athens, TX.

Sharon Giles, **Shirley Nichols**, **Randy Meador**, **Lauren McCracken** and **Darla Bostick** have art accepted in the 12th Annual Irving Art Association Animals Exhibition. The reception is at the Jaycee Park in Irving at the Arts Center Building on Sunday, 8 September, 2-4.

Anita Hale, **Jean P Cole**, **Darla Bostick**, **Connie Logan-Levsen** and **Marianna Alfaro** have art work accepted at the 6th Annual Art in the Garden at the Fort Worth Arboretum the weekend of 6-8 Sept in the Deborah Beggs Memorial Garden Center. All art work at the exhibit is for sale.

Sharon Giles is part of a Traveling Exhibition by the Irving Arts Association. See her work 27 July-28 September at the West Irving Library.

Nancy Maas has a solo show at Elm Street Studio, 119 Elm St in Keller 7 August-5 Oct with a reception Thursday, 26 Sept 6-8 pm.

Darla Bostick is now a regular exhibitor at the Midtown Art Gallery in Valley View Mall, Dallas. They have a gallery night every third Sat 6-10pm. In Richardson she has 5 pieces at the Richardson Public Library on Arapaho with the Richardson Civic Art Society, 17 Aug-14 Sept and at the Huffines Recreation Center on Plano Road there are 3 pieces hanging through late November.

Soon Warren invites all to her solo show, "Passion of Nature, 2013" at the UNTHSC Atrium Gallery, 12 August to 27 September with a reception Sat, 7 Sept, 1-7 pm.

Charlene Baker was accepted to the Mississippi Grande National Exhibition.

Suzanne McNeill-Sparks is hosting a celebration of the grand opening for her Sparks Studio of Creative Arts in Arlington at 509 W. Main Street. You are invited to join her Saturday, 7 Sept, 6-8pm.

If you have news to share, notify Darla Bostick before the last week of the month <darlabostickart@gmail.com>

Asel Artist of the Month Resumes in September

Regular meetings resume this month and we all know what that means! 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. We had considered allowing an artist only one 2nd place certificate during the calendar year, but that creates too much record-keeping for our ASEL volunteer. So, we are returning to the original plan: After winning 1st place, the 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 (and if they win 2nd place more than once, they win another 2nd place certificate). Art work previously in a SWA exhibit is not allowed. Thank Asel Art Supply when you shop at 825 Foch Street, Fort Worth. The first place winner goes home with a \$25 Asel gift certificate, 2nd place earns one for \$15. October is the last chance for SWA members to participate for 2013. In November all first place pieces return for selection of "Artist of the Year." Many thanks to Mary T House who chairs this fun event for us each month!



Treasurer's Report: Current Balance as of 20 July is \$16,392.23

Bank CD Total: \$15,252.17

New balances will be reported in next month's newsletter.

InVision, Hulen Mall Exhibition Space Available to SWA Artists

Have you taken the opportunity to exhibit at Hulen Mall? If not, you can contact Mary Stitt to be placed on the rotating schedule! Dr. Jan Dao (pronounced "Dow") has a beautiful office between Eye Masters and Dillards on the second level (ground level to parking lot) in the Hulen Mall. Dr. Dao's office has gallery lighting and art work is visible from the mall walkway. There is room for 6 paintings half sheet or larger. Shubha Mantri has her work up and will be followed by Ann Winchester for two months. If interested, contact Mary Stitt msmaryps@aol.com. This is a great opportunity to show and possibly sell your work to the Fort Worth community.

Asian FANTastic Fans Contest This Month & Demo by Shirley Nichols

September brings us back together after a long summer break. To kick things off in style, we have a wonderful demo for you scheduled and our 3rd Annual SWA FANTastic Fans Contest will be part of the break activities. If you have not purchased your bamboo paddle fan from Mary Stitt, she still has some available for sale at \$1.50 each. Design one for our FANTastic Fans friendly competition, then donate back to SWA for sale at our Japanese Gardens SWA booth! Due to some serious vision problems, our scheduled artist, San Cheang, is unable to participate at our meeting as the demo artist. However, in keeping with our FANTastic Fans Theme of the evening, another has agreed to share with us some watercolor magic. SWA member since 2005 and Membership Director since 2009, Shirley Nichols is going to provide a demo for us and will also judge the FANTastic Fans contest! Bring your friends and let's have some fun! Pictured are some of Shirley's paddle fans.



SWA 2013 Membership Exhibition

Pending election, Exhibit Chairs will be Mary Stitt at <MsMaryPS@aol.com> (phone: 817.377.8709) and Bob Cook <prelim@sbcglobal.net> (phone: 817.579.5550) Our juror will be announced soon.

The entire prospectus is available on the website: www-swa-watercolor.com

NOTE: The timing may be a bit confusing. This exhibition is for those with an active 2013 SWA membership. In October we are taking payments for 2014 dues. New members for 2014 do not qualify for this particular exhibition.

John James will be our new Hanging Chairperson and is putting together a committee of members who can help with the hanging and strike of shows. He can be contacted at john-drew@prodigy.net. Let's get an official committee going!

Membership Exhibit Calendar

Saturday, Nov 2: Entry deadline. All entry materials due to Mary Stitt. Any entries arriving after midnight are ineligible/disqualified (without refund).

Saturday, Nov 16: Notifications sent

Wednesday, 27 November: Shipped entries due

Sunday, 1 December, 2-4pm: HAND DELIVERED WORK DUE FOR HANGING

Monday, 2 December: Show opens

TBA (January): Reception & Awards

Saturday, 25 January, noon-2: Pickup Work & pieces shipped

Both events will be held at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Atrium Gallery, 3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard at Montgomery Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

October Nominations and November Election for 2014 SWA Officers

How can you steer the direction of *your* organization? Being an officer is one way to meet other members in SWA as well as an opportunity to share your vision for SWA. We meet at 5:15 for our monthly board meeting just prior to the regular meeting and once in the summer to touch base. We handle a great deal of decisions through emails. Nominations from the floor are always welcome!

Treasurer: Janet Southern's term is up as treasurer and she is vacating this position after many years of service. Hugh Heaton has stepped up to be our next treasurer, pending election.

Membership Chair: Shirley Nichols has exceeded her 3-year term but can continue if no one comes forth.

President: Darla Bostick is willing to continue a third term but urgently needs a President Elect for 2014.

Exhibit Chair: Mary Stitt and Bob Cook have volunteered as co-chairs for position.

Secretary: Judy Huebener is willing to continue for a second term.

President Elect: Darla MUST have a President-Elect to observe one year, attend board meetings and have some input on decisions. This person would be eligible as president in 2015.

Workshop Chair: Lynne Buchanan will continue another term

The following do not have to be elected per bylaws but we want to recognize them anyway!

Programs Director: Volunteer needed! (Secure our demo artist for Jan, Feb, March, May, Sept, Oct, Nov)

The above renewals of terms do carry a condition...we simply need help. An effort has been made to whittle down the work and spread it out among additional volunteers.

Website Technician: Celeste McCall is working on a new website

PR & Publicity: Gail Cooksey is going to handle our visibility as an organization for exhibitions, workshops

Newsletter Editor: Darla Bostick

House & Properties: Janet Southern

****The Exhibit Chair** needs several exhibition assistants for notifications, etc. This is a critical position. We are working hard to make a committee that will meet the demands each exhibition requires. Can you help in some aspect?

A slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting. Let us know if we can add your name to the ballot!

A New Leadership Position Created

Shirley Nichols has held this position since 2009 and proposes a Co-Chair for Membership. She will remain as the Membership Directory Editor, her co-chair will maintain the roll of membership. This involves accepting membership applications at meetings and adding them to the roll plus notifying the secretary and president of new members. Twice a year for exhibitions the Membership Director checks to verify those claiming membership are up to date. The new Membership Director can sit with Shirley at a meeting and learn the ropes--then take over in October 2013 as our members renew for the next year. Contact Shirley if you are interested: 817.247.9091. The long term plan is to train a successor to take Shirley's editor position for 2015. Since this requires a change in our bylaws we will need to approve this proposal when we find a volunteer.

Dues News and a NEW Option!

Did you know you can pay dues on the website? SWA runs on a calendar year. In October our 2014 membership dues is due (so you can be included in the printing of the membership directory). Just go to our web page www.swa-watercolor.com and each time you hit the pay pal button to pay dues, you are paid for one year.



SWA is pleased to announce a new option for dues payment! You may become a Lifetime Member with one simple payment. Imagine no more worries about dues deadlines, no fretting to remember if you paid before you were accepted to the International Exhibition! For a one-time payment of \$400 you will become a Lifetime Member and never pay dues again! The perks of this membership equal those when paying one time at a year. Make life simple...and enjoy the monthly programs and demos, our annual exhibits, parties, workshops and field trips. This membership option should be available by October when our 2014 dues are...well, due. The \$400 is payable by check to Shirley Nichols, 2525 Ryan Place Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76110. This option will be available with Pay Pal on the website soon, but a convenience fee will be added (the percentage we pay to Pay Pal for transactions). Note: This Lifetime Membership is not the same as the Honorary Lifetime Membership SWA has bestowed on precious few members.

Critique is Back!

Are you stuck in your tracks with a painting? Just don't know where to go...or where you went wrong? Jo Williams has offered to continue to offer the critique session immediately before each regular meeting. Those who are interested in bringing art work may bring 2 pieces (but if time allows, Jo will try to allow more). The group meets at the back of our lecture hall to avoid the distractions of setting up our demo artist. Even if you don't bring a piece, it's easy to learn from Jo's critiques. Come at 6 and bring your artwork (it doesn't have to be a finished piece).

Exhibition Duties:



Our Membership Exhibition is scheduled for December. This gives us time to organize a reliable group of volunteers who together will see our exhibitions run smoothly and effectively. Many hands make light work. Can you lend a hand? Many of the jobs can be done from the convenience of your home computer. We need 15-20 volunteers to better organize this process. The future of SWA exhibitions is at stake. We still need:

Admissions— 1 person make an excel chart of each entry, notify each person that their entry was received. Ideally the admissions and notifications should be done by the same person.

Notifications —1 or 2 persons maintain an email list of those entering, send a general notification email of those chosen to enter, a reminder of hanging date, a reminder of pick up date. See that our secretary has the list of emails to add to the SWA contact list and notify the signatures volunteer of those chosen for the show.

CD Preparation for the Juror—1 person burn a CD with every entry (labeled properly) and send to juror. Burn a second CD of accepted work and send to catalog editor. Give the SWA board a copy of each.

Certificates— 1 person to print certificates to each artist in the show, award winner, new Signature Members

SWA Signatures: 1 person add new names to excel chart of previous exhibits (Norma Lively has been doing this for years. Would be nice to have an assistant to learn the ropes and assist. She states if someone will take it over she would be willing to step down.) This position also prints/adds stamp to certificates

People's Choice: 2 people to count votes at the reception and present the winner with their award

Catalog Mailing: our secretary does this but if we have a volunteer...

Let's Help our Exhibit Chairs!!! Even if you have done the job before and plan to help again, we need to hear from you for an accurate volunteer list! Respond to: <darlabostickart@gmail.com>

New Awards Expected at Next Exhibition

Your board has voted to re-evaluate our exhibition awards system. Rather than have a "Best of Show" followed by First, Second, Third, 5 Jurors Awards, 5 Honorable Mentions and Peoples' Choice we plan to initiate awards for the top three winners as "Best of Show", Second and Third Place. We plan to get creative with naming the remaining awards. Perhaps there will be a President's Award, Signature Members' Award or Bluebonnet Award, etc. This poses an opportunity for our members to send in suggestions, and even consider sponsoring an award in their name (or the name of a loved one). Certainly a group of contributors could pool resources and sponsor an award with the name they choose. Anyone could contribute funding towards awards and if anyone wants to simply make a general donation as a Show Sponsor that is appreciated. Any and all sponsors will be named in the exhibit catalog. The prize fund will remain the same unless, of course, resources exceed our present allowance. Perhaps we will see an increase in the awards allowance for the Membership Exhibit. Another idea worth considering is the donation of a painting from a member that could be raffled. The amount raised could be given as an award by the name of the artist who donated it. There are plenty of ideas for awards and sponsorships. If you have one, please let your board members know. It would be nice to initiate our new awards in the upcoming Membership Exhibition in December as well as the International in April.

2013 SWA Officers and Members Extraordinaire

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

President: Darla Bostick *OPEN FOR 2014*

President Elect: *(OPEN for 2013, to serve in 2014 as president)*

Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Judy Huebener

EDUCATION:

Monthly Programs: Darla Bostick—open for 2014

Workshop Chairperson: Lynne Buchanan

Monthly Critiques: Jo Williams

MEMBERSHIP:

Publication of Membership Directory: Shirley Nichols

Processing and Maintenance of Membership rolls: OPEN

EXHIBITIONS:

Exhibition Chair: *Mary Stitt and Bob Cook pending election*

Prospectus: Darla Bostick

Sponsorship: Rhonda Barefield

Hanging: John James

Entry Requirements: Janet Southern

Certificates: Mary Stitt

SWA Signatures: Norma Lively *ready to retire*

Catalog/Postcard: Eloise and Ray Sears/Darla Bostick

Catalog Mailing: Judith Huebener

Non-Juried Exhibitions Chair: Mary Stitt

FUNDRAISING:

Japanese Gardens: Marie Coerver

FANTastic Fans: Mary Stitt

FINANCE:

Treasurer: *Hugh Heaton pending election*

Professional Standards: (Yearly Audit) Brenda Morgan

PUBLICITY:

Website: Celeste McCall

Website Technician: Sharon Giles

Newsletter: Darla Bostick

Magnets: Darla Bostick

Photography: Lori Atwell

Local Resources & Advertising: Gail Cooksey

MEETINGS:

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

Hospitality: Marie Coerver

House & Properties: Janet Southern

Painting of the Month Asel Competition: Mary T House

Assistants to Demonstration Artist: Collette Jones, Pam Fritz,

Jackie Stengle, Marjorie Ross, Diana Littlejohn and Lynda Robinson

OUT AND ABOUT:

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

Exhibit volunteers needed for notifications, processing, hanging, certificate printing, labels and strike--please contact Mary Stitt or Bob Cook

Do you have a program or event idea?

How do YOU contribute to YOUR SWA

www.swa-watercolor.com