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The Society of Watercolor Artists' Newsletter



The President's Message

Thank you to everyone who helped make our March meeting such a success, and especially to Maria T. House ("Trini") who chaired our Annual White Elephant Sale. Maria and volunteers Colleen Erickson, Sharon Markwardt, and Mary Jo Jung helped assemble, label, and clean up, and Janet Southern, our Treasurer, helped take payments. Also special thanks to Chiara Moerschel and her daughter Lynn Long who generously donated lots of supplies and books from Chiara's studio now that Chiara has downsized and moved from her home.

At our April meeting we will be discussing some proposed changes to our Officer positions to provide a more equitable distribution of labor and talents. We greatly appreciate all the time and energy all of our members have and do provide to keep us running smoothly, and look forward to an influx of new talent for next year!

I'm sure everyone is pleased that Robin Brown is now serving as "Refreshments" chair. It is so nice to have a tablecloth and an assortment of delicacies for our breaks. And thanks to all who donate snacks and drinks!

I am sad to announce that our Demonstration chairperson, Ann Winchester, has decided to step down from her position. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Ann for having done such a "bang-up" job of finding demo artists and of working with the UNTHSC Audio/Visual department to fine tune our system of displaying our demo artists' work now that we cannot use our mirror. Hope to see you at our meeting in April.

Ann Winchester - Demonstrator for April



Ann Winchester, our Vice President, doesn't need an introduction to the members of SWA. Her phenomenal portraits are always contenders for the top awards in our shows and many of our members are her students. Ann says her favorite painters are Charles Reid and Mary Whyte.

Ann worked in the printing industry doing what is now called image assembly. Then they were called strippers and she spent years looking at four color process negative. This is where an image is separated into yellow, magenta, cyan, and black. When she started painting "it was a pretty easy step" to paint water color in layers which has served her well because "you get a more luminous image that way". These days she does commissioned portraits in watercolor or oil and also teaches watercolor and oil classes.

For this demonstration she will be showing her shortcuts to designing a composition and working on top of a non-objective background using white ink.

March Demonstration and Critique



Chris Galvin



David Maxwell



Congratulations Painting of the Month Winners



First Winner
Muriel Mimura



Second Winner
John Weimer

Shirley Nichols - Featured Artist



Shirley's first exposure to art came at age 12 when she took oil painting lessons with her mother from a church member on Sunday afternoons. It was not however until after time spent in the military, graduating and practicing as a registered nurse for 31 years and raising a family that her interest in painting was rekindled.

In 1995 she made the now famous "bucket list" and at the top was to begin taking art classes. Though she had no particular medium in mind, after discovering watercolor she knew she had found something special. To that end she then began studying for a short time with Jo Williams of Denton who taught her a foundation in composition and color mixing; principles and skills she still references today. As her interest in art grew a fascination with Renoir's work in portraits inspired her to begin studying with Ann Winchester in 2005.

Shirley has been a member of SWA since 2005 and is the Membership Director. She also prints and distributes the newsletter to those that don't have access to the internet.

SWA 2011 International Juried Exhibition

June 4 - July 1, 2011

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Atrium Gallery

Ric Dentinger - Juror



**Saturday, April 16 is the
deadline for entries**

See "Prospectus" on our website
for details. swa-watercolor.com

Ric Dentinger Workshop

June 8 thru 10th, 2011

Workshop fee must be paid two months in advance. Contact Mary Stitt for details



"Little Wing"



"Iron Gates"



"Have a Seat"

Ric Dentinger, Watercolorist, is a contemporary realist who paints traditional subjects. Dentinger began his career as a professional illustrator and art director and has worked with such companies as Coca Cola, Michaels Arts and Crafts, Lone Star Beer, Lexus and Valero Energy. He learned to draw and paint at an early age and was primarily self-taught. Born in La Rochelle France, he traveled Europe and America with his military family eventually settling in San Antonio, Texas. Drawing from his German and Filipino roots he enjoys exploring and painting in Europe and learning new languages. Ric has exhibited in many states throughout the US including California, Texas, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Florida, Kentucky, and Washington. His work includes architecture, still life, portraits and traditional objects. Ric has been the recipient of many national awards and most recently was featured on the cover of Watercolor Artist Magazine. Ric paints with Schmincke Horadam watercolors and gouache and endorses their product nationally. He teaches workshops throughout the US.

Checkout his website at www.ricdentinger.com

Japanese Garden Festival

FORT WORTH BOTANICAL GARDENS

**Saturday April 16th 10am to 5pm
& Sunday April 17th 11am to 5pm
Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00**

Come and visit your fellow SWA artists showing and selling their beautiful watercolors – our new location – up in one of the pavilions. (over the Koi ponds)



*Check out our basket of your hand painted bookmarks -
you did a fabulous job. Thank You !*

Spring Paint-out at Lake Weatherford

Colleen has volunteered to host our spring "Plein Air" gathering at her lake house May 1. There is a flyer in the paint-out section of our website with a map. It will be handed out at our April meeting to those who don't have access to the internet. This is an opportunity to visit a unique place, and share an afternoon with your associates. The residence is on the west shore of the lake with several docks, boats, and plenty of wildlife. Fair weather would be a good thing, but otherwise there are some sheltered options. The trip is about a 20 minute drive from the west side of Fort Worth...I think you'll agree that it's a pleasant drive. There will be a variety of beverages in a convenient location. The Ericksons are planning to put their smoker to use and provide the meat...this is a "Pot Luck" dinner so please bring a dish. The plan is to eat about 4:00. It would be a good thing to bring your lawn chair. This is a great place to sketch, paint, photograph, take a hike or just relax and enjoy the spring. A call or e-mail to Colleen or me if you plan to attend would be appreciated.

We hope to see you there...

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Popcorn, hotdogs (mini), cookies & ice cold drinks

will be on hand for the 8pm break Monday April 18th...see you then

*Thanks again...to those of you who brought cookies etc. to the March 21st break...
and to those I called and got a commitment...don't forget your cookies 4/18.*

Robin

SWA Notables

- Colleen is sending electronic messages pertaining to vital SWA matters. If you are a paid SWA member and are not getting the emails notify her at...
cmerick@uwmail.com or cmerick@swa-watercolor.com
- The American Watercolor Society Exhibition will be in Waco, Texas this summer:
144th Traveling Exhibition Schedule **July 5 – August 13, 2011**
Martin Museum of Art, Dept. of Art - Baylor University
One Bear Place #97263
Waco, Texas 76798-7263
- Looking for a different type of art workshop? Why sit in a window-less workshop room for days on end when our activity room has floor to ceiling vistas of unbelievable beauty. You are invited to Darla Bostick's 4th Annual multi-media art workshop/retreat at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. Several rooms have been reserved 31 August- 6 Sept (includes Labor Day weekend) for the event which includes digital photography, watercolors/acrylics, pencil, incorporating text and more. There is opportunity for plein air painting as well as the comfort of a group activity room. For 7 days / 6 nights you have permission to simply relax, enjoy and create. Lodging and daily meals are included with your registration. The Georgia O'Keeffe Landscape Tour takes you to the very places where she painted from the magnificent scenery offered by the area or perhaps you'll wish to tour her home/studio in nearby Abiquiu. Spaces are very limited and filling. Bring your favorite media (or try something new) and join us! Unreserved rooms will be released 31 July. Since this event overlaps Labor Day Weekend, it may be difficult to reclaim rooms after this date. Come and see for yourself why Georgia O'Keeffe loved Ghost Ranch!

Darla Bostick 940.320.5660 Email: darlabostickart@yahoo.com

DARLA'S 2011 GHOST RANCH ART WORKSHOP/RETREAT 31 Aug-6 Sept
Reservations have begun. www.darlabostick.com

Be the change you wish to see in the world~~ Ghandi

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN PAINTING OF THE MONTH



- Painting of the month starts in September and ends in April with May as end of year.
- Paintings must be hand delivered to the monthly meetings.
- You agree to let the winning painting be shown at Asel Art Supply in Fort Worth until the next meeting.
- You are responsible for delivery and pick-up at Asel's, located at 825 Foch St., Ft Worth.
- You are responsible for your own insurance. SWA or Asel will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- All work must be original, and water media, No prints.
- Winners are chosen by the members at the meeting.
- Winners will be featured in the SWA Newsletter.
- A gift certificate will be awarded to the winners who will be ineligible to compete again until May when "Painting of the Year" is determined. This is an Asel Art Supply rule.

SWA meets the third Monday of every month (except June, July & August) at...

UNT HEALTH & SCIENCE CENTER

EVERETT HALL

Research and Education Bld., First Floor
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76108

Monday, April 18th

Board Meeting: 5:15
Critique Group: 6:00
General Meeting: 7:00
Demo: 7:15 – 9:00
Refreshment Break 8:00

- Bring your paintings to critique before the meeting or to enter "Painting of the Month".

SWA DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2011

\$40 Single Membership ~ \$30 Seniors (65+)

\$5 Extra Family Member

(Dues are delinquent as of March 1, 2011)

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Directors

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Education: Ann Winchester
Marketing: TBD
Membership: Shirley Nichols

International Show: Darla Bostick
Membership Show: Darla Bostick, Mary Stitt
Painting of the Month: Lucy Oppermann, June Chavern
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Cultural Activities: Robin Brown, Marie Coerver
Critiques: David Maxwell
Plein Air: George Grant
Workshops: Carolyn Jehring
Catalog: Colleen Erickson
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White Elephant Sale: Maria T. House
Greeters: June Chavern
Hospitality: Marie Coerver
Historian: TBD

Please consider volunteering for one of our "Open" positions

To submit information for this newsletter, contact...

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