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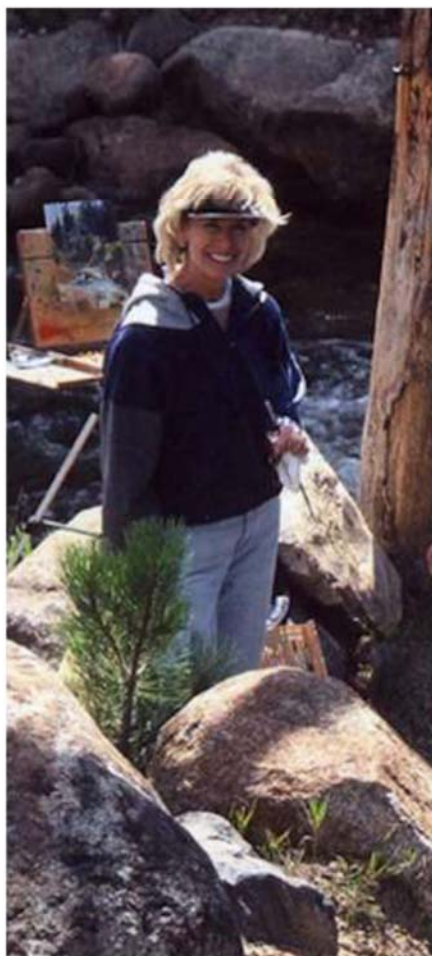
The Society of Watercolor Artists' Newsletter



The Presidents Message

Storms, Groundhog Day, Mardi Gras, and Valentine's - February is a fairly exciting month, even in the middle of winter. President Elect Darla Bostick and Workshops Chairperson Carolyn Jehring and I have been juggling dates, times, jurors, workshop artists and locations, and we think we have February to June all set. Items of note: April's Janet Walsh workshop will be held in the conference room of the Fort Worth Central Library. (Library hours have changed so this workshop will be held from noon to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10:00 - 4:00 on Wednesday. Special note: We have cancelled the May Nita Leland workshop, but have added a workshop in June with Ric Dentinger, who was very popular during last month's demo, who has also agreed to serve as juror for the International Show. This workshop will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily) Please contact me to sign up for either or both workshops. As I'm winding down my duties as President, I'm taking over as Workshop Chairperson.

Cecy Turner - Demonstrator for February



*Clockwise: "Edge of the Rim", "Ospedale",
"Looking thru Aspens", "Trailside Beauty"*

For more about Cecy, see page 4

January Demonstration and Critique



Ric Dentinger



David Maxwell



Congratulations Painting of the Month Winners

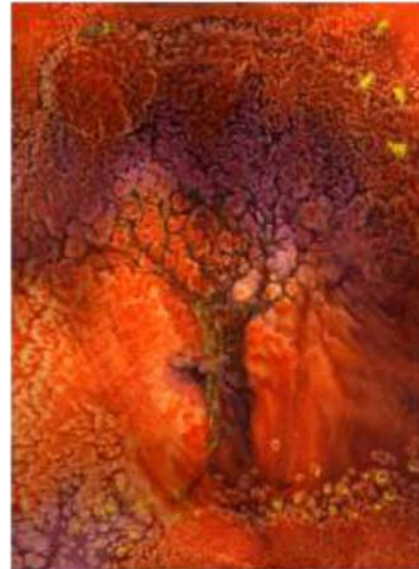
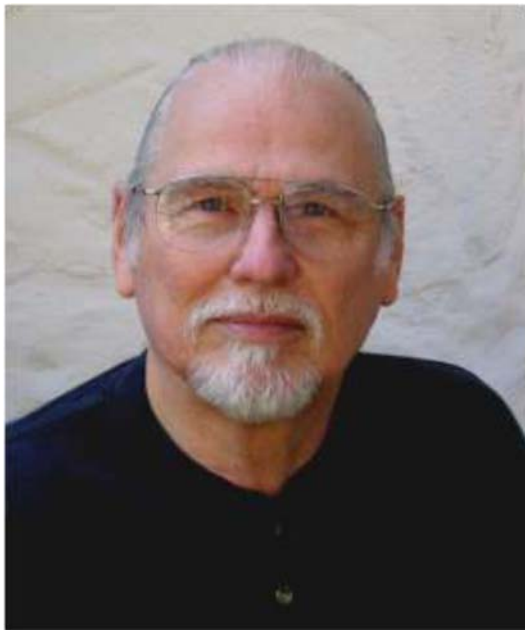


First Winner
Diane Petrushka



Second Winner
Mary Leffler

Lee Bowman - Featured Artist



Clockwise... "Guardian Angel", "Autumn Storm", "Family Circles", "Phoenix Rising".

Lee has a Masters Degree in Art from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and William Jewel College. He has been an instructor for the Art Department at Dallas Baptist University for the past 16 years teaching Art Design, Painting, Mixed Media, and Visual Faith Art. He is on the Board of Directors and Exhibit Curator for the Arlington Museum of Art and also on the Board of Directors and Web Master for the Arlington Visual Arts Association.

Lee is an eclectic artist who works in a variety of media including watercolor, acrylic, oils, sculpture and collage. His primary focus in recent years has been in mixed water media and in experimental work that combines an assortment of 2D and 3D elements in his work. He maintains a web site which includes both his personal work and that of his students at Dallas Baptist University. Lee is a signature member of SWA.

Check out his website at www.clearstreamstudio.com

...more about Cecy Turner



A native Dallasite, Cecy Turner received her formal art training at Vanderbilt University and the University of North Texas, followed by workshops by over 50 professional artists from across the nation. She is a Signature Member of the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, National Watercolor Society, Southwestern Watercolor Society, Women Artists of the West, Outdoor Painters Society, Plein Air Artists Colorado, Associated Creative Artists, Texas and Neighbors and a Fellow of the American Artists Professional League. She has been a popular lecturer, teacher, juror and demonstrator since 1976. Versatile in both watercolor and oils, she has designed cards and calendars for numerous national greeting card companies.

Cecy's work has appeared in articles in American Artist Magazine, Watercolor Magic Magazine, North Light Magazine, Southwest Art Magazine (Artist to Watch), Art of the West, Watercolor Artist Magazine (cover artist 2010) and the book, The Best of Flower Painting. During the past several years she has received the Award of Excellence in the Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, the Best Realistic Landscape Award in the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society Exhibition, as well as awards in the 80th Annual National Watercolor Society Exhibition, Southwestern Watercolor Society, Plano Art Association, Richardson Civic Art Society Regional Exhibition and the Associated Creative Artists Juried Exhibition.

She has also received the Frank Wright Memorial Award in the American Artists Professional League Grand National Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club in New York City and has been designated as a "Fellow" in this organization. Cecy has also been a Top 100 Finalist in the Arts for the Parks National Competition twice and in the Paint the Parks National Competition twice. She was chosen by Southwest Art Magazine as an "Artist to Watch" in their July, 2006, issue.

Artist's Statement: Texture and the effects of light and shadow have become important elements in my paintings. I am fascinated with the glow of reflected light on various surfaces. Painting on location on a regular basis has opened many doors for me. I cannot improve nature, but I can rearrange and simplify it to correspond to what I feel. Traveling abroad has opened up new vistas of color and texture for me. I paint to convey the enjoyment and excitement of what I see.

Check out her website at www.cecycyturner.com

Scent of Cherry BlossomsApril in the Botanical GardensIt's Japanese Festival time.... Saturday April 16th & Sunday April 17th

Should be beautiful – as it always is. Come and say hello to your fellow SWA artists at our new space up in one of the Pavilion's-(on a deck overlooking the Koi Ponds). We have extra chairs - see why we do this every year (twice a year). Wonderful, interesting people- the whole family stops by - circle our tables – children asking questions -getting inspired with the flow and magic of Watercolors. You just might decide to join us at the next Japanese Festival in April. We hand out the SWA Brochure – answer many art questions and urge people to join us at one of the meetings.

Details on the Japanese Garden Festival times and ticket prices will be in the March newsletter.

Marie Coever, a very talented SWA member who also chairs the Cultural Activities Committee / Japanese Garden Festivals with Robin – has come up with a brilliant idea to help with a SWA Fund Raiser. Marie is bringing some blank 300 lb Watercolor paper cut to bookmark size that she will hand out to each member at the next SWA meeting February 21st. These will be for a lovely little Watercolor bookmark (embellished with a tassel and beads) we will sell at the April festival. Marie will give you more details at our next meeting.

This will be our first 2011 Fund Raiser - Thank you for your participation !

Welcome New Members

Evelyn Fish - Fort Worth

Frank Fosdahl - Fort Worth

Muriel Mimura - Dallas

SWA Notables



RING A DING DING..... that's Robin

calling you to see what *refreshments* you can bring to the February meeting. We ask you only one time during the year of SWA meetings. One package of cookies from the store- or show us how good your home baked is. Thanks again to all who brought cookies and treats for us to enjoy at the last January meeting.

- 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. Your 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

For some who have not been to our meetings lately...

When you drive into the parking lot of UNTHSC, the Research and Education Building to the right houses Everett Hall. When you are facing the building, located left of the center of the building is a handicapped entrance. Take this entrance and when you enter turn right. Everett Hall's entrance is the first room on your left.

*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, February 21st

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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Please consider volunteering for one of
our "Open" positions

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