



SWA June Notes 2015

Our SWA International Exhibition

Congratulations to Lynne Buchanan for achieving her Signature Status with this show!

The most recent SWA International Juried Exhibition is 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. Selected as our juror for the 2015 SWA International Exhibition, Don Andrews chose the pieces included in the exhibition. However, due to health reasons, he was unable to attend for the final awards selections or do the May demo and workshop following. As an emergency situation developed, Carol Carter, well-known watercolorist from St Louis, MO was asked to judge the works in absentia. Although the process was not what we preferred it accomplished the final judging phase of the exhibition. Those who registered for the 3-day workshop with Don were refunded their payments. Both Lynne Buchanan as Workshop Chair and John James as Exhibition Chair are duly commended for their time and effort in a most difficult situation.

The winners of the Awards were:

BEST OF SHOW - Monika Pate - TX - Cannas II
2nd Place - J Anna Roberts - IN - Bee Dazzled
3rd Place - Soon Y. Warren - TX - Shadow

Juror Awards:

Jane Stoddard - NY - Work Force
Mindy Faubion - TX - Nap Time Together
Amy Lewandowski - OH - Guarded Window
James R. Stewart - TX - Springtime Blues

Honorable Mention Awards:

Eileen Mueller Neill - IL - That's A Dusey
Daniel Angeles - TX - Book of Life
John James Maria - PA - Ex Cathedra #2
Robert Cook - TX - Cullen's Ride

To see the winners and the accepted artists in this show, click on the link below:

<http://www.swawatercolor.com/#!/international/c1wyl>

SWA thanks everyone who entered this show. Please consider becoming a member of SWA and enter our Fall (Oct/Nov) Membership Show which will be held at the beautiful Fort Worth Community Arts gallery. The prospectus will be coming soon Tony Saladino as juror.



Best of Show

Monika Pate
"Cannas II"

Calendar

June 12, June 13, Saturday, 10am-Noon: Pick up hand delivered work BEFORE NOON. Pick up catalog.

June 23: Return of shipped work

Many thanks to our volunteers who made this show possible: John James, Exhibition Chair; Hanging Volunteers (mentioned last month), Lynne Buchanan, Workshop Chair; Bob Cook, Advertising; Rhonda Barefield, Merchandise; Marie Coerver, Hostess and Reception with numerous other contributors to reception foods. Thanks to all who brought refreshments to the reception. You made it special for all who came. Extra food was donated to feed the homeless. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped with this show. Their names are listed in the catalog. Thanks to Jim Stewart and Rhonda Barefield for performing the Awards Ceremony.

Treasurer's Report:

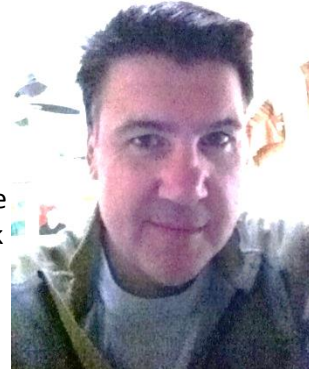


Current balance as of end of May:
Business Account: \$22,858.11
Building Fund: \$15,361.27



Volunteer of the Month: John James

Managing the production of any exhibition can be daunting. In a most difficult situation with the last minute cancellation by our juror of the International Exhibition, John is to be commended for going the extra distance. Some of you may not know he is a former president of SWA. We thank him for all his effort in the most recent exhibition.



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Soon Warren will be one of the 2015 National Watercolor Society jurors for selection and is offering a 3-day workshop 27-29 Sept at the NWS Gallery in San Pedro, CA.

Jo Williams won first place at the April Painting of the Month with Southwest Watercolor Society.

Rance Jones is featured in the June issue of *Watercolor Artist*.

Michael Holter is teaching an inclusive 4-day workshop 8-11 June with Wimberly Artists Workshops.

John James was awarded his signature status with the WaSH (Watercolor Society of Houston) in their most recent exhibition.

Sharon Giles won Honorable Mention at the Trinity Arts Guild Open Show Exhibition in the Works in Acrylic division and **Norma Lively** won the Terry Wood Watercolor Award for 3rd place. **Iok-Hou Pang** took 1st place in Watercolor, **Celeste McCall** following in 2nd place and **Lynne Buchanan** won Honorable Mention. **Kathleen Cunning** won Honorable Mention. TAG has named their officers for next year with **Sharon Giles** responsible for Publicity.

Dr. Robbie Fitzpatrick has works accepted into the Georgia Watercolor Society 2015 National Exhibit, the Southern Watercolor Society's 2015 Annual Juried Exhibition, the New Mexico 2015 Membership Exhibit, and the National Watercolor Society's 2015 Members Exhibition. Her painting accepted to the Texas Watercolor Society's 66th Annual National Exhibit won a Holbein Award. Robbie has also been accepted for membership in the prestigious Society of Animal Artists, an organization established "to promote excellence in the portrayal of domesticated and wild animals in art."

In the Mid Cities Fine Artists Annual Open Art Show **Iok-Hou Pang** won 1st place in the Works on Paper Division and in Mixed Media Dr. Diane Littlejohn won 3rd place and **Darlia Hobbs** took Honorable Mention and People's Choice.

In the Irving Arts Membership Show Mixed Media Division **Lynne Buchanan** took 2nd place and **Sharon Giles** got 3rd place. Lynne also won first place in the Water Media Division.

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



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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.

2015 Comprehensive list of 1st Place Winners:

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



1st Place: Lok-Hou Pang "Consonance"
 2nd Place: Rhonda Barefield "Morning Glory"

Recap of May Demo by Vern Johnson



Our appreciation goes to Vern for filling in as our May demo artist. He explained how to execute a painting using watercolor on stretched paper that had been primed with Gesso. The gesso creates a slick surface on the canvas which allows the watercolor paints to be lifted with a wet brush dipped in clean water.

Words of wisdom from Vern: "Technique is a means to get where you want to go. It is not the end result."

He suggests starting with the biggest shape in the painting and then work down to the smallest. It was compared to writing. One begins with the subject, then breaks it down into supporting parts: paragraphs, sentences, words & punctuations.



Our Monthly meetings are held at the UNTHSC, Everett Building. After you turn from Camp Bowie to Clinton St turn left into a sloping parking lot beyond the vacant kiosk. We are on the bottom floor of the building to the right corner. 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 **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



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](http://www.SWAwatercolor.com)

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.colorsofnature.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!

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Fitzwater, Shirley Nichols, Jim Stewart, Debbie Downing

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Japanese Gardens Festival: Marie Coerver

Fantastic Fans: Shirley Nichols

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