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The Society of Watercolor Artists' Newsletter



The President's Message

I don't think I've ever stated what a huge honor it is to be the President of this wonderful watercolor society. I am very proud that you put your trust in me, and I am extremely grateful for the support everyone has given me, from our hard-working board members and other volunteers, to our entire membership. As you know, Darla Bostick will assume her duties as President next September, and she is working diligently right now on our national show this year. As part of this change of command, I have volunteered to take on the job of workshop chair. This is somewhat of an adjustment for me, but I should soon be functioning fully in this position.

As you may know, we have cancelled the Janet Walsh workshop for this April, but we are definitely preparing for Ric Dentinger from June 8-10 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Details will be shown on a separate page in this newsletter. Call me if you have questions.

Chris Galvin- Demonstrator for March



Chris is a caricature artist from Arlington, Texas. He has been working as a caricaturist since 1989, starting in the theme park industry for Fasen Arts, Inc. He was lucky to get hands on training from two of the finest artists in the business, Mr. Steve Fasen and MAD artist, Tom Richmond while he was getting his feet wet in Atlanta, GA. at Six Flags Over Georgia and at Underground Atlanta. He came to the Dallas area in 1991, where for 11 years he managed the Six Flags Over Texas caricature concession for Fasen Arts. From November of 2001 until the summer of 2007, he operated his own retail caricature location at Grapevine Mills Mall, in Grapevine, Texas. He currently draws at private parties, festivals, & state fairs in North Central Texas. He is happy to be doing what he always wanted to do, to make his living by drawing and painting, and is proud to boast being one of most reputable caricaturists in the Dallas area, known for his friendly and professional service, as well as his unique style of humorous and honest caricaturing.

Chris Galvin: chris@galvinart.com Phone 817-657-9938

February Demonstration and Critique



Cecy Turner



David Maxwell

Congratulations Painting of the Month Winners



First Winner
Iok-Hou Pang



Second Winner
Tom Kellie

Mary Leffler- Featured Artist



Clockwise: *"The Seashore"*, *"An Arrangement"*, *"The Figurine"*, *"Old Mason Jar"*, *"Peaceful Place"*, *"Hibiscus Flower"*

Mary is blessed with a love of art and a desire to draw and paint. She earned her degree at San Diego State University with a major in Education; however, her artistic capabilities are primarily self-taught.

San Diego was her home for many years and the area gave her the opportunity to observe some of the most spectacular scenery the West has to offer and the climate was ideal for excursions to explore.

Her first attempts at selling her work were in the outdoor marts of the parks of San Diego sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation. This resulted in invitations to exhibit in 4 different galleries of the area; Coronado, La Jolla, Old Town, and Seaport Village. Part of her offerings was aquatint etchings depicting several sites in the area that were great souvenirs for those who wanted to have a remembrance of the city. She displayed her work in these places for 20 years, beginning in 1972.

Mary moved to Fort Worth 10 years ago to be near her family. She says it has been a unique experience and that being a member of SWA has been one of the highlights. She no longer maintains the gallery connections and that has allowed time to paint at her leisure.

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



**Wednesday, March 30 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



SWA White Elephant Sale

Please consider bringing any art related supplies, books, tools or whatever to our March meeting for sale. This is a fund raising event for SWA.



Evening ... "High Tea" & Cookies...

That little 8pm SWA meeting night soiree get together to vote on the "Painting of the Month" - chat about art and the higher callings of Watercolors. Always so enjoyable to have a few delicious goodies to go along with it !

To the lovely ladies who made it a colorful and tasty refreshment break at the February meeting... and to the SWA members I just called to bring cookies for the March 21st meeting break...

Merci beaucoup..! Robin

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

Pink Cherry Blossoms and the magnificent White Magnolia Blossoms are all in full bloom and scents. Paths winding around the gardens are trimmed and green. The Koi families bobbing and darting around their ponds - will be happy to see you.



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 your SWA basket of colorful hand painted bookmarks!

Spring Paintout at Lake Weatherford

Colleen has volunteered to host our spring "Plein Air" gathering at her lake house May 1. More details will be included in the April newsletter and as usual a flyer with map will soon be on our website. This is one you shouldn't miss...there will be a lot of good food, an ideal setting and a great time to spend with your associates.

Welcome New Member

Beverly Stringer - Fort Worth

SWA Notables

- **Winter News from Laurin McCracken.** www.lauringallery.com
Laurin had a one man show at the Roger D. Malkin Gallery in Greenville, Miss.
The show ran from January 7 thru February 18th, 2011.
There were feature articles about his work in the following publications (Dec. 2010 –Feb. 2011)
Catching the Light, Southwest Art, Real Life Reflections, Delta Magazine, When Art Imitates Life
and Delta Democrat Times.
Special recognition was awarded to four of five of his paintings that are included in the 12th
Annual Realism Juried Online International Art Exhibition in the Upstream People gallery,
www.upstreampeoplegallery.com . This online exhibition will run from February 1, 2011 to
January 2012. (See SWA Notables Gallery for two of these paintings)
- James Haddock won "Best of Show" at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center in February.
(See SWA Notables Gallery for his winning painting)
- Carol Ramsey, Rod Lawyer and Suzanne McNeil-Sparks have been accepted into the Arlington
Visual Arts (AVAA) Regional Juried Show, February 8 thru March 25, 2011 at the Bob Duncan
Center at Vandergriff Park in Arlington.
- Midnight March 31 is the deadline to enter the Gallery 76102 Juried Competition.
See gallery76102.slideroom.com for details.
- 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

*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, March 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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SWA Notables Gallery

Laurin McCracken

"Yellow Pears in Foil" "Red Pears in Foil"



James Haddock

"Freedom"

