



VISUAL INTEREST

The Society of Watercolor Artists' Newsletter



The Presidents Message

As I write this I have very deliberately thrown out every last bit of leftover turkey, dressing, and cranberry sauce! One can only enjoy so many delicious turkey sandwiches.

Hard to believe the year has come to an end and we're planning our Holiday Gift Exchange Party again. Thanks to a suggestion by Gayle Bunch, we're meeting and eating early in the day so we'll be able to see and admire the paintings as they're exchanged by daylight rather in the private room of a dark restaurant. Hope to see all of you there at the Olive Garden at Hulen and I-20 (Northwest corner opposite Hulen Mall). There is construction all around the area, but you should be able to find it. Make sure you arrive on time, as we're hoping they'll find us a special place just for us. See you then! Call me or Gayle Bunch for directions. Oh, and Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year...and keep on painting those masterpieces.

Christmas Party



The 2010 Christmas Party will be at the Olive Garden located 4700 SW Loop 820 (near the Hulen Mall) 11:00 am, Saturday, December 18th. For the annual Chinese package exchange bring a matted or framed original painting (no prints) wrapped in holiday paper. Feel free to join the party even if you don't want to participate in the exchange. It's a real hoot!

Gayle Bunch can be contacted at 817-480-4863 or E-mail gbtxarts1@me.com

November Demonstration and Critique



Jo Williams



David Maxwell

Photos by Colleen Erickson

Congratulations Painting of the Month Winners



First Winner
Darla Bostick



Second Winner
Bettye Reece

Photos by Colleen Erickson

Members Show 2010 - Darla Bostick



As I begin to write this, I started to say "As usual..." but it wasn't a "usual" show. It was outstanding. As your President-elect, I have been learning the ropes with a great group of officers. In fact, I was supposed to head up the efforts on this show, but due to a previously scheduled workshop in NM, I wasn't in town for the hanging. Taking in the CD entries was a great experience and I thank all of you for following the guidelines on the prospectus--I didn't really experience any snags on that part of the process. Nel Dorn Byrd, our juror, could not have been more accommodating since we gave her such a small window for the decision-making process. As an association, we continue to refine the details to allow for a smoother process next year, all around.

Since I missed the hanging, the reception was my first glimpse of the pieces. What a great collection of art from truly talented artists! Even the images sent to my house in the entry process exceeded my expectations when viewed firsthand. There is no substitute for seeing "the real McCoy." Our opportunity to join forces with the Fort Worth Art Walk brought in a lot of folks to the reception and a big thank you goes out to our membership stepping up to the plate and brought a bounty of refreshments!

Saturday, the 30th, I arrived at the UNT facility for our strike. Arriving 45 minutes early, my heart skipped a beat to see some empty hangers on the wall. My first thought was, "Oh no! Some of the pieces have been stolen!" I walked around and took inventory and noted the ones missing. Mary Stitt, our President, arrived later and calmly said it was okay, some of the paintings had probably already been picked up. One artist did leave a note in the place of the painting, so that was one I didn't worry about. However, one of the missing pieces was one purchased at the reception...and it was gone. The security of a hanging show is always a consideration. Like every other art exhibit, we provide a disclaimer on our prospectus to cover lost or damaged work. Still, this is something we need to address. When the decision is made to enter a show, it is the responsibility of the artist to follow deadlines--entry date, hanging time and pick-up are the three main responsibilities of the artist. The rest of the work is done by kind volunteers. I would like to stress that our members be mindful of these 'appointments.' If you are unable personally to meet the timeline, once chosen to be included in the show, please make arrangements with someone to either bring your piece, or pick it up at the designated times. Realizing that last-minute changes in plans do happen, call another member to help you out or at least have the consideration to contact an officer and explain.

As the "New Kid" on the block, I am trying to put names to faces and help our organization grow to its potential. Let's all pitch in and do our part. Our membership show continues to be one of the best in the DFW area and that is due to the talent of our membership as well as the dedication of its volunteers.

Thank you all for making this a terrific Membership Show!

Darla Bostick



Let them eat Cake !

Well not cake exactly – but at the last SWA meeting, social, vote on the artist's painting of the month – we had a fabulous assortment of goodies. Crunchy orange ginger cookies, crispy dreamy butter cookies, a cream cheese presentation with a delicious secret sauce poured over it and crackers to put it on.

I talked to a few of you at the last meeting about bringing cookies or something homemade Monday January 17th.... I'll call to remind you.

I will bring an old fashioned, fresh lemon bar cake ...soft drinks and ice.
Cups and Napkins will be there.

Thanks again to all who brought something to share !

Robin

Fall Paint-out Near Aledo



Attendees of the November 7 Paint-out enjoyed some ideal weather (OK...it was a little windy) and some great prairie scenery. The occasional passing of trains added some measure of interest as did the passing of cyclists.

Tom Kellie and Carrol Richardson, two of our premiere "Plein Air" painters, are shown with their compact collection of painting gear.

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(except June, July, and August) at...*

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This month it's the

Christmas Party at the Olive Garden

4700 SW Loop 820, (near Hulen Mall)
Saturday, December 18, 11:00 am

• *Welcome New Member*

Bud Faulder of Fort Worth

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

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