SWA April Notes 2015

hdzNJ SWA International Exhibition

The notifications will be going out any day now for the International. With $4000 in prizes, it promisises to be exciting. The International will again be held at the beautiful atrium gallery of the Fort Worth Central Library in downtown Fort Worth. Our juror, Don Andrews, is sure to choose another beautiful exhibition of watercolor works. In conjunction with the exhibition he is presenting a 4-day workshop.

Calendar

Notifications are sent already
April 28: Shipped paintings due
May 2 Saturday, noon-4pm: Hand delivered work due

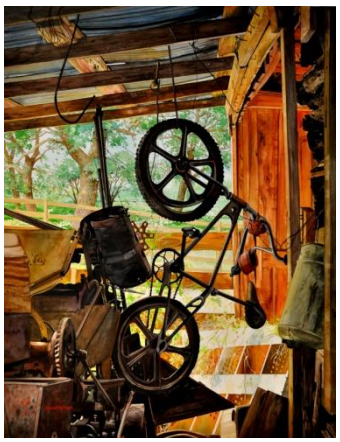
May 3: Sunday: Show opens
May 24 Sunday, 2-4pm: Reception & Awards

June 13 Saturday: TBA--pick up hand delivered work
June 23: Return of shipped work

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance as of end of February:
Business Account: $22, 951.11 Building Fund: $15,360.50

April 20th Demo with Robert (Bob) Cook



"Cullen's Ride" which is scheduled to appear in Saigon, Vietnam and "Nawlin's Girl" in the Fabriano Italy 2015 International Show

Texas Watercolor Artist Robert W. Cook creates realistic paintings that embrace a variety of subjects including urban landscapes, old buildings, classic cars, and serene get-away places. Bob is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the Society of Watercolor Artists. His original paintings are usually outdoor settings, old and new architecture, weathered structures, and images that keep us in the present or transport us back to a time long passed. Bob spent his early years in Leawood, KS where he attended the Kansas City Art Institute and Baker University, then moved to Clearwater Florida where he painted pictures of new structures being built during the building boom there. He has been a TX resident the last 30 years. After forty years and 13,000+ paintings as an architectural illustrator, Bob is now retired, and spends his time in his studio on Lake Granbury, Texas.
Bobs watercolors are part of the corporate collections of Champlain Oil Company, Texas Instruments, the National Corvette Museum, and the Texas Baptist Convention Center. He is represented by Your Private Collection Gallery, on the square, in Granbury TX. He is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and SWA.

20 April Meeting Brings the Spring FANtastic Fans Contest

Twice a year we have a bit of fun with the paddle bamboo fans that are sold at the Japanese Gardens in Fort Worth. The April meeting is the time to bring your painted fans and see whose fan gets the most votes! Of course, contribution of the fans is encouraged (as well as painted bookmarks). Marie Coerver graciously heads up this activity and has for many years. If anyone would like to join her or help in the set up at the Gardens on 25/26 April let Marie know!

SWA 1st Online "WOW!"Art Exhibit Results

Congratulations to our winners of the first online competition for SWA. Bob Cook took the top honors (his "Reflections is pictured above) followed by Suzanne McNeill Sparks with 2nd Place and James Stewart winning 3rd place. Four artists had their works selected for Honorable Mention: Davilla Harding, Nancy Maas, Norma Fitzwater and Les McDonald, Jr. The art works are posted on our website. Many thanks to Gaile Robinson for acting as the juror for the show.

Volunteer of the Month: Mary House

One of the highlights of each meeting is viewing what others have painted. The ASEL art competition each month gives us a window to share our art work and vote on our favorite piece. It is all made possible through the diligent work of Mary House who has been doing this for 2 years for SWA. She gets the certificate awards, counts the votes and announces our winners. Thanks Mary!

Daniel Angeles is one of our newer, younger members. He has exciting news about P Street Gallery in Washington, D. where they are featuring his works of "The Next Chapter." If you are in Washington DC 17 April join him at 3235 P Street NW from 6:30-8:30pm for a wine and cheese reception.

Dawn Kerbs is teaching at the Burleson Hobby Lobby beginning in April. Contact her at: dkerbsart@gmail.com

Bob Cook has a piece selected for inclusion in the 2015 International Watercolor Show in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Michael Holter's series of Texas Courthouses is featured in *Plein Air Magazine* online version, *Outdoor Painter*. He is scheduled to teach a workshop 1-3 April with the Star Harbor Watercolor Society (Athens, TX). He will be in Broken Arrow, OK with the Green Country Watercolor Association to teach a figure and landscape workshop 4-8 May.
Hugh Heaton had his "Girl with Ukulele" accepted in the 30th Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Competition in Irving.
Ann Winchester is scheduled 8 April to provide a demo for the Mid Cities Fine Arts from 9:45-noon at St. Phillip Presbyterian Church, 745 W. Pipeline Road, Hurst, Texas 76053.
John James, Bob Cook, Michael Holter and **Darla Bostick** were accepted to the Louisiana Watercolor Society's 45th International Exhibition at the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts in New Orleans 28 March-8 May with an encore through 23 May at the Atrium of Place St. Charles. **Michael** will earn his signature status with this show!
Toni Wengler is a new member to SWA. Her colored pencil painting on sand paper, "We are not Alone" won National First Place in the DAR American Heritage Committee Art and Sculpture (drawing category) Art Show. The painting will hang in the DAR Museum in Washington, D.C. during Continental Congress in June!
Darla Bostick will be showing in April at the Thomas Peyton Memorial Juried Show in Alexandria, LA. She is also one of three featured Visual Arts League of Lewisville artists at Tierney's Tavern and Restaurant in Lewisville through April. She has a piece accepted in the 18th Annual Rio Brazos Art Exhibition in Granbury April.
Karin Michele Anderson and **Darla Bostick** have works at the Richardson Public Library with the Richardson Civic Art Society 50+ Show this month on the 3rd floor.
Suzanne McNeill has her new book **Zentangle 11** out. She has also been invited back to teach in Santa Fe with Zentangle at Tangle U (for certified Zentangle teachers) and the Artisan store and then a Sketch Journaling class at Guadalupe Stamp Store. Contact her for details of dates and times.
Jo Williams will be presenting a demonstration for the Mount Pleasant Art Association in April. She will also give a program for the Denton chapter of AAUW in May.

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

Our website address is: www.swawatercolor.com
New Members are:
Toni Wengler of Dallas, TX twengler@sbcglobal.net
Mollie Jones of Flint, TX mjones7992@sbcglobal.net
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
- 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.

Comprehensive list for 2015:
January Winner: Debbie Downing
February Winner: Lynne Buchanan
March Winner: Hugh Heaton

1st Place: Hugh Heaton "Singer at Saw Dusk"

2nd Place: Darla Bostick "Zen Lily"

April Meeting Refreshments

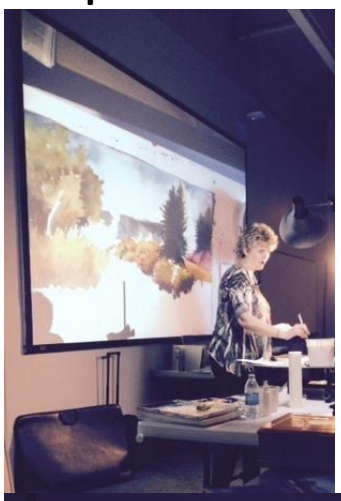
Marie Coerver is known to us all for her outstanding volunteerism for SWA as our Hospitality Chairperson. For many years she had provided SWA with a unique presence at the Fort Worth Japanese Gardens as she sells our original watercolor bookmarks and our painted paddle fans. Because she is usually seated at the snack table during our monthly meeting breaks, many may not know that Marie is assisted with the use of a cane. At the March meeting we began a new snack schedule so that Marie's only responsibility now will be to organize snacks brought by members. It's also nice when one or two members can bring a 2-litre bottle of pop or tea with ice.

April Refreshments: If you last name begins with D, E, F, G please bring snacks to the next meeting.

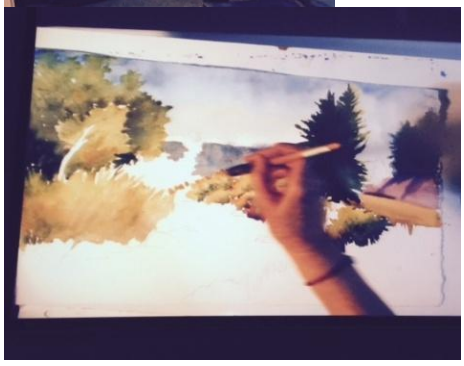
It's Never Too Late to Join SWA for 2015

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

Recap of March Demo by Jo Williams



By the end of the meeting Jo's painting from Cimarron Creek, NM was pretty much completed! Her "go-to" brush is a squirrel mop #8 and she did the final brushstrokes with a Lowe Cornell synthetic round brush. Her preferred paper is 300-pound Arches cold press. Jo paints from the top of the paper down and holds her brush vertically as she paints. Though she didn't use it on the demo piece, she explained that a frayed rope end is perfect for dipping in frisket or masque and then stoking the paper to save the white tips of grass in a landscape. Many of her paintings use the Japanese Masa paper which is wadded up and placed in water. After unforlding the Masa it is then pressed to watercolor paper with either soho glue or matt medium.



SWA Workshop: Don Andrews is Coming to Fort Worth 19-21 May!

Selected as our juror for the 2015 SWA International Exhibition, Don Andrews will be teaching a workshop in May. SWA is offering a special workshop opportunity for those who have been in SWA for the past 3 years (2012, 2013, 2014). When those members pay their 2015 SWA dues before December 2014 their name will automatically go into a drawing to win a place at the Don Andrews workshop. The winner will be announced at the January meeting. Like they say, "Membership has its perks!" and SWA is pleased to offer this first-time complementary workshop drawing.

The workshop is filling, so don't delay in placing your deposit of $75 to hold your place (non-refundable should you cancel). Our website www.swawatercolor.com has a marvelous video of Don's approach to watercolor as well as registration/payment options. He will provide the demo for the regular monthly meeting on 18 May with SWA. The workshop begins the following day.

May 19-21, 2015
10 am - 4 pm with 1 hour for lunch
St. Johns Episcopal Church - Fort Worth, Texas
$275 for Members / $300 for Non-Members (a $75 non-refundable deposit is required)
For more information contact Workshop Chair, Lynne Buchanan at 817-909-5366 or **jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com**

Congratulations to Rhonda Barefield who won a free seat at the workshop as a reward for continued SWA membership.

Ongoing SWA Fundraisers

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. 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!

Mark Your Calendar

Our Monthly meetings are held at the UNTHSC, Everett Building. 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

Monday, 20 April: SWA meeting/Bob Cook demo
FANtastic Fans Spring Contest
18 May: Regular meeting/Don Andrews demo
19-21 May: Don Andrews Workshop

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

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