



Society of Watercolor Artists

September Notes 2016

MEETINGS RESUME THIS MONTH!
SEPTEMBER MEETING, MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER



Don't miss the September meeting as we regroup after a summer hiatus! Jo Moncrief, of Dallas, is our guest demo artist. JO MONCRIEF is continually turning the natural world around her into abstract compositions. On walks near her home she follows the patterns of shadows on the ground, the sun's reflection on buildings and surroundings. Jo studies the intricate cracks and shading on the sidewalk and uses these patterns for many of her abstract designs. She studies the texture and pattern of people's faces and figures turning them into abstracted images. Many of Jo's paintings have a touch of humor or thoughtful message implied in the painting.

Jo began her artistic career as a ceramic artist. Gradually her ceramic artwork became less functional and more like paintings on clay. Her acrylic paintings reflect her clay background with lots of texture and the love of glazes and color. Jo paints or draws each day. Before she begins a painting, she prepares the canvas with texture. She then spatters, throws, lifts and/or moves paint around in a random manner to create an under painting. This under painting allows her to be more creative. Jo's artwork can be found in galleries and many of the top juried art festivals in the U.S. Her artwork has been featured in articles in the *Dallas Morning News*, *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, *Van Zandt County Line*, and more.

ASEL ART AWARDS Artist of the Month Competition!



September brings back our monthly meetings...and the Asel Art Awards! SWA members are invited to bring a completed 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 to compete with other pieces of work. Art work previously shown in a SWA juried exhibit is not allowed. The first place winner goes home with a \$25 Asel gift certificate and 2nd place earns one for \$15. In November all first place pieces during 2016 will return for selection of "Artist of the Year." Many thanks to Mary T House who chairs this fun event for us each month! Be sure to thank Asel Art Supply when you shop at 825 Foch Street.

Treasury Report



July bank balances: Checking: \$14,252.52 Building Fund: \$15,365.57

Soon Warren Workshop!

The Society of Watercolor Artists is proud to announce a workshop in October with Soon Warren. A long-time member of SWA, Soon is known for her remarkable still life paintings (and more!). Most recently she was the juror for the Texas and Neighbors Exhibition as well as the National Watercolor Society.

The dates for the workshop are Monday, October 17th through Wednesday October 19th in Fort Worth.

For details of the workshop and to sign up go to the SWA website: www.swawatercolor.com



Cost is \$250 for members and \$300 for non-members. A \$75 non-refundable deposit secures your place. Sign up and payment should be made on the SWA website. A supply list will be added to the website soon. If you have questions, please contact Janet Southern at swaworkshop@gmail.com. Come join us for what looks to be a great workshop!

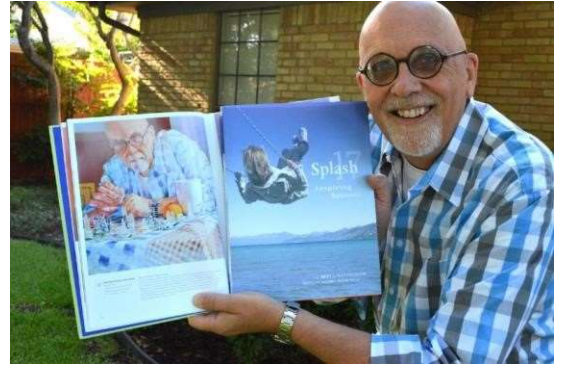
Fort Worth Library Card Design Contest!

Whether you're an award-winning artist or just an everyday doodler, you are invited to enter the Fort Worth Library Card Design Contest! Winning designs will be turned into official library cards and made available to the public. The contest will run from **August 31 – September 24, 2016**. Anyone can enter in either the Youth, Teen or Adult categories. Semi-finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges and put to a public vote on the Fort Worth Library's website. The winner in each age division will then be printed on Fort Worth Library cards available for distribution during the Library Card Sign-up Month, which will run from October 26 – November 25, 2016. Participants can download the entry form [here](#) and return their entries to any library location or electronically beginning August 31. If you have any questions, please [email](#) the library or call 817-392-7323.

Members in the News



Michael Holter's self portrait *Keeping Myself in Check* is not only being featured in Splash 17 but has been selected to be part of the 2016 Taiwan World Watercolor Competition. Of 200 artists selected worldwide, only thirteen are from the US. His painting has also received 2nd Honorable Mention in the



Portrait Society of American Members Show and a First Place Ribbon at the Texas & Neighbors Regional Show.

Carolyn Seely, Darla Bostick, Marilyn Bourbon, Colleen Erickson, Sharon Giles, Michael Holter, Norma Lively, Barbara Mason, Celeste McCall, Muriel Mimura, Kenji Nishikawa, Pamela Oldham, Jo Williams, John James and Celene Terry have pieces included in the Southwestern Watercolor Society's 53rd Annual Membership Exhibition at the Eisemann Center in Richardson from 31 August-24 September. **Celene** earned signature status in SWS with this acceptance.

"Through the Ages" exhibition at the Denton Senior Center will show during September and features husband and wife, **Eloise and Ray Sears**. They are also included at the Denton Patterson Center of Visual Arts 27th Membership Show for Visual Arts Society of Texas. Other SWA members are **Lola Newell, Darla Bostick, Jo Williams, Andrea Albright, Carol Rowley and Fran Shurtleff**.

Soon Warren and **Jane E. Stoddard** have been accepted to the 2016 NWS International Exhibition.

Check Out Upcoming SWA Show Information!

At UNTHSC Atrium Gallery in October those who volunteer time to our organization will be honored with an **Invitational Exhibition**. Our President, John Nickell, will be sending more information later. Saturday, October 1st will be installation and the exhibit will hang through Saturday Oct 29th. At that time there will be a brief reception and then take-down. This exemplary exhibition is in its 4th year! It is never too late to volunteer your time for SWA. Look on the last page of the newsletter for openings! This show is not juried and there are no prizes.

The 2016 Society of Watercolor Artists Juried Membership Exhibition Prospectus is now available online at:

www.swawatercolor.com It will be held at the Fort Worth Community Art Center (FWCAC) located at 1300 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107 Phone: 817.738.1938 Our juror will be **Nancy Lamb** who is a local artist known for her talent to paint people un-posed and off-guard and is highly regarded as a professional artist.

Calendar of important dates:

Entry deadline:	Monday, November 7. All entry images must be sent via email before midnight
Notification date:	Thursday, November 17 via email
Shipped pieces due:	Thursday, December 1
Delivered pieces due:	Friday, December 2, 12 to 2 pm
Installation date:	Thursday and Friday, December 1-2
Reception date:	Friday December 9, 6 to 9 pm
Exhibition dates:	December 9 - 29, 2016
Take down and pickup:	Thursday, December 29, 4-6pm

To find out more information please go to www.swawatercolor.com WE NEED FULL PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS!

SWA membership runs on a calendar year January through December.

You can join SWA anytime during the year. Our official membership campaign is in October as our regular year runs with the calendar: January through December. Those who join mid-year do not receive a discounted membership fee, but they are eligible for the membership juried show in December which is for the 2016 members only. We will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume again in September.

We like new members...invite your friends! The first visit is free.

Membership includes these benefits:

- ✚ Fellowship with like-minded creative folks
- ✚ Post your art work on our Facebook page
- ✚ Free monthly SWA newsletter
[Http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor](http://www.facebook.com/SWAwatercolor)
- ✚ Entry discount for any SWA show Jo William's free
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery Asel Art Supply
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition Fun competitions
- ✚ Buy space on the SWA Premium Gallery for \$20
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition ASEL Art of the Month Contest
- ✚ While maintaining SWA membership earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 juried exhibitions our juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ critique session
- ✚ 20% discount
- ✚ December Holiday Party and painting swap

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)

- 5:45pm Board Meeting
- 6:00pm Critique with Jo Williams (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)
- 7:00pm Brief business notices
- 7:15-9pm Art demo, snack and art of the month

Upcoming meetings will feature the following demo artists:

June, July and August: no monthly meetings

September 19th: Jo Moncrief

October 17th: Sharon Serrago

November 21st:

December:

Jim Stewart

Holiday party TBA

Ongoing SWA Fundraisers (They help you to help us!)



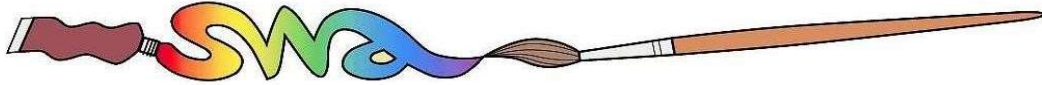
Kroger makes quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping! Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. If you already have a Kroger's Plus card, create your account and input your card number. In 7 to 10 days after shopping you will notice at the bottom of your receipt a donation was recorded for SWA.



Colors of Nature offers SWA members a 20% discount on their watercolors and customized brushes that are 100% vegan and cruelty-free. The savings given members 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>.



Amazon Smile donates .05% of your online purchase back to SWA. Choose Society of Watercolor Artists as your nonprofit organization. It is listed as Denton, TX as its location...just ignore that!



2016 SWA Officers and Members Extraordinaire

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: John Nickell
Exhibits: James Stewart
Membership: Paula Johnson

President-Elect: Darla Bostick
Education/Workshop: Nancy Maas/ Janet Southern

Communications: Darla Bostick
Secretary: Heidi Russell
Treasurer: Hugh Heaton

STANDING COMMITTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRS: Nancy Maas/Janet Southern
Members:
ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: Mary T House
House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**
Monthly Critique: Jo Williams
Programs: Nancy Maas
Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **AVAILABLE**
Workshop Chair: Janet Southern

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Jim Stewart
Members:
Hanging Volunteers: **AVAILABLE**
Membership for Exhibitions: Paula Johnson
Monetary Entries for Exhibitions: Hugh Heaton
SWA Signatures: Debbie Downing
Website Entries & Submissions: **AVAILABLE**
Prize Sponsors: Debbie Ford

MEETING VOLUNTEERS

(Not a committee):
House & Properties: **AVAILABLE**
Hospitality: **AVAILABLE**
Painting of the Month: Mary T House
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: Nancy Maas

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Darla Bostick
Members:
Newsletter: Valeri Cranston
Photography: Veronica Ritchey
Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley
Publicity: **AVAILABLE**
Website Manager: **AVAILABLE**
Website Consultant: Sharon Giles
Facebook & Twitter: Skeeter Murley

FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Hugh Heaton
Members:
Director of Finance & Budget: Hugh Heaton
Fantastic Fans: Shirley Nichols
Grants: Watson Arnold
Japanese Gardens Festival: **AVAILABLE**
Professional Standards (yearly audit): Brenda Morgan

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Paula Johnson
Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Linda Taylor, Suzy Ware, Mary Bell