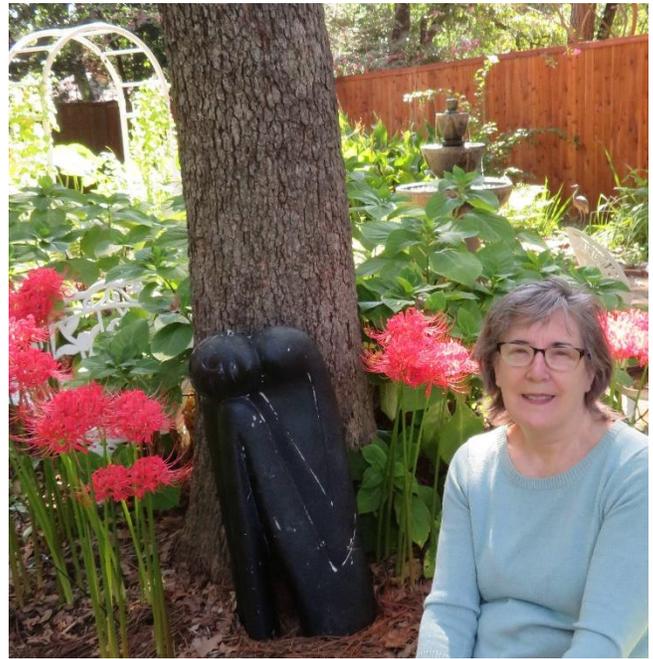


October always brings a lot of activity with SWA! Our Annual Juried Membership Show is a joy to view, albeit with an online version. Janet Rogers did a beautiful job of selecting the best of our best. As I mentioned last month, we had several international members who participated and it widened more the scope of our organization. We truly thank all who entered the show.

This is the time when we are taking in our memberships for next year. Janet Southern, our Membership Chair, reports our 2020 membership at 132. We hope to see you all return next year! It is even more important to support SWA at this time of uncertainty. Not having the support of exhibition workshops for both the international in April and now the Membership show has impacted our finances. We do have a surprise in store for our members, however. We have plans to present a zoom format demo by our juror, Janet Rogers. Read about the details in this newsletter!



We found our way to increase the prize fund for our membership show. Your membership dues allows us to do so much! To be included in the membership directory, be sure to renew your membership this month. It can be done easily with pay pal on our website.

Finally, it is time to consider our leadership for 2021. This year has been unusual in so many ways. Your current leadership is offering to serve another year with the exception of Bill Dale, workshop coordinator. This means the proposed slate of offices is as follows:

President: Darla Bostick

Treasurer: Pat Banell

Secretary: Heidi Russell

Membership: Janet Southern

Exhibitions: Charlie Nieman

Communications: Skeeter Murley

Are you interested in coming forward to serve? There are many positions that help SWA work and many do not require attendance at the monthly board meeting. There are 2 Board positions, however, we need to fill. Presently we have the President Elect post and Iok-Hou Pang has agreed to throw in his hat for consideration as has Shirley Nichols for the Education Director. These are considered as nominations and certainly other names are welcome per our bylaws! Any interested members need to contact Darla Bostick (darlabostickart@gmail.com) right away so a full slate of officers can be presented for the November newsletter.

For those who serve SWA in so many other ways, please let us know if you are willing to continue at your position. The Asel Awards coordinator is an open spot for 2021. We all enjoy the monthly competition.

Darla Bostick, President



Welcome to new members
Liang Chaolei, China
Robyn Jorde, Dallas

Congratulations

Congrats to SWA Members achieving
Signature Status at the fall member show:

Denis Benjamin
Barbara Doberenz
Georgia Downes
Deborah Ford
Gemma Haas
Susan Keith
Ann Patton
Veronica Ritchey

October Paintings of the Month



1st Place:
Gemma Haas, "Green Leaves"



Second Place:
Tom Brown, "Morning Chores"

Rules: After winning 1st place, an 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 wins a \$25 Asel gift certificate and 2nd place wins a \$15 gift card.

Correction: In last month's newsletter feature on Kurt Meyer, we stated he was originally from Kentucky; he is from Connecticut.

The 2020 Members' Exhibition show is posted on the website [here](#), including the award winning paintings. We had more entries than in recent years and the quality of the work is beyond belief. I feel so blessed to be associated with a group of such talented artists.



***Best of Show:** "Three Magnolias and Silver"
by Laurin McCracken*

While it may seem a little premature, it is time to start planning for our spring International Exhibition. When I took the job of Exhibition Chair, I really did not know what I was getting into and if truth be known, I spent most of this past year learning the job and trying to catch up. 2021 will be my last year to do this job (yes two years is all I can handle) and it strikes me that whomever will be the Exhibition Chair in 2022 would be best served to assist with the job for 2021 to allow them to "hit the ground running" at the beginning of 2022. I promise assisting during 2021 will not be a hard task, it will mostly be learning what happens and how to share the load. I urge anyone that might consider taking this wonderful position to reach out to me and let's discuss how you can be involved during 2021.

I am also looking for a few interested people to assist in the operation of the International Exhibition. There are just a few tasks that need to be planned for and organization set up.

- We need a couple people to volunteer to contact some of our sponsors for merchandise awards
- We need a few people to volunteer to serve as art receiving committee at the time of the show
- We need a couple people to volunteer to organize our reception for the show.

Each of these tasks are fairly low involvement and can be accomplished pretty easily if we have just a few people helping together. The Exhibitions are one of our primary activities and our best advertisement to the art world that we exist. Without your involvement, we cannot do these Exhibitions. Please consider joining with me to make 2021 a successful Exhibition Season for SWA!

Janet Rogers Virtual Demo by Bill Dale

Since we had to cancel Janet's workshop scheduled for this October, we thought it would be a nice treat for our members to have her do a "virtual demo" for us. She and her husband Steve Rogers have invested in new cameras and video equipment anticipating this Covid thing might be with us for a while. Although Janet has done many video demos this will be her first "live" production so bear with us if there are any hiccups. Her subject matter will be a portrait and possibly a floral. She is extremely talented and can paint very fast.

This free event is being held exclusively for SWA Members. There's no need to register. You will receive an e-mail, with instructions on how to join.



Honorary Lifetime Membership Awarded to Janet Southern

Congratulations to Janet Southern who has been awarded a special place in the history of SWA. Because of outstanding and continuous service she is one of a few who has been given an Honorary Lifetime Membership. Very rarely do we have the kind of leadership that merits Honorary Membership in SWA. This is not a temporary honor, but probably the highest we can give to recognize incredible leadership to SWA.



It is so rare to give this honor that until 2011 we had given only five of these lifetime membership awards. At that time three additional members were selected to join this elite group. The key note here is service. It is not enough to tout credentials of signature status with other groups, or standings in juried shows, etc--it is the belief and dedication to our organization in extraordinary measure that causes us to reflect upon and recognize this gift to SWA.

Briefly, here is a list of the talents Janet has shared with SWA:

- 2010-2012: Treasurer
- 2013: House and Properties and Entry requirements for exhibitions
- 2016: Education Co-Chair
- 2017-19: President
- 2020: Past President and Membership

Janet also unofficially helped with hospitality and probably many other things not listed here. We sincerely thank Janet for service extraordinaire!



Dyan Newton's "The Back 40" received 3rd Place in the West Texas Watercolor Society Fall Show.



Robbie Fitzpatrick's watercolor "Daddy's Shoes" was accepted into the Women Artists of the West 51st Annual Juried Exhibition for 2021.



From **Rebecca Krutsinger**: “Kind Heart” was selected for Mark Arts Kansas Watercolor Society National Exhibition. “Always” has been accepted into the Northwest Watercolor Society’s 80th Annual International Open Exhibition. “Matthew 22:39” has won juror’s choice award in the Central New York Watercolor Society Juried Member show.





Trish Poupard's "Busy" won an Honorable Mention Award at the Waterloo Watercolor Group (virtual) Fall Show; juror Barbara Nechis.



From **Darla Bostick**: A double-page spread from my Indian watercolor art journal was displayed in the Visual Arts League of Lewisville "Melodies of the Soul" in the MCL Grand Art Gallery. My "Spirit of the Soul," a watermedia collage won 3rd place. The journal is filled with quotes by artists. Inside the envelope on the page is a quote from Claude Monet , "I want to paint the way a bird sings." Visual Arts Society of Texas in Denton is hosting their annual membership show the month of October. My "Live Today", a collage, is included.

Ann Winchester teaches watercolor classes for all skill levels on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Hobby Lobby in Arlington, 4628 S Cooper Street. Classes are ongoing and the cost is \$20 per class. For more information or to sign up, call or text Ann at 817-308-1889. She also teaches a Friday class in Cleburne.

2020 Calendar

The SWA Board Meeting is each month at 5:45pm the evening of the monthly meeting.
The UNTHSC is closed to group meetings for the remainder of 2020.

JANUARY

27 Jan: Gaylord O'Con demo at meeting

FEBRUARY

17 Feb: Walt Davis demo at meeting

MARCH

16 March: Meeting Cancelled

APRIL

20 April: Meeting Cancelled

Brenda Swenson judges virtual International Exhibition

MAY

18 May: Meeting Cancelled

JUNE

Presidential Invitational Exhibition, Keller postponed

JULY

Deanna Thibault Workshop postponed

AUGUST

Meeting Cancelled

SEPTEMBER

Meeting Cancelled

Sept 15 Deadline to enter Members' Exhibit

OCTOBER

15 October: Janet Rogers judges Membership Exhibition

Meeting Cancelled

NOVEMBER

Meeting Cancelled

16 November: ASEL Artist of the Year voted

DECEMBER

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 the fall, which is for the 2020 members only. We don't normally meet 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
- ✚ Free image on the SWA Members Gallery
- ✚ Annual Juried Membership Exhibition
- ✚ Buy space on the SWA Premium Gallery for \$20
- ✚ Annual Juried International Exhibition
- ✚ While maintaining SWA membership earn SWA Signature Membership after selection to 5 juried exhibitions our juried exhibitions (without disqualification)
- ✚ Asel Art Supply 20% discount
- ✚ Fun competitions
- ✚ December Holiday Party and painting swap
- ✚ ASEL Art of the Month Contest

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 sign on the parking lot with directions to our room (or check the map on the website)

- 5:45pm Board Meeting
- 6:00pm Critique (bring in 1 or 2 works for some friendly advice)
- 7:00pm Brief business notices

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



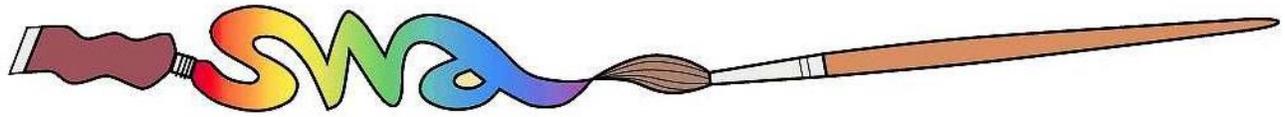
Kroger makes quarterly donations to SWA through your shopping! Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. If you already have a Kroger's Plus card, create your account and input your card number. In 7 to 10 days after shopping you will notice at the bottom of your receipt a donation was recorded for SWA.



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



2020 SWA Officers and Standing Committee Members 2020 Board of Directors

President: *Darla Bostick*
President Elect: **OPEN**
Secretary: *Heidi Russell*

Exhibits: *Charlie Nieman*
Education/Workshop: *Bill Dale*
Treasurer: *Pat Banell*

Membership: *Janet Southern*
Communications: *Skeeter Murley*
Past President: *Janet Southern*

2020 Standing Committees

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Bill Dale
ASEL Painting of the Month/Year: Sondra Carr/Mary House
Monthly Critique: Bob Cook
Programs: Shirley Nichols
Social Chairman (Refreshments/Receptions): **OPEN**
Workshop Chair: Bill Dale

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Skeeter Murley
Newsletter Editor: Elaine Jary
Photography: Veronica Ritchey
Print Editor for Catalogs: Skeeter Murley
Publicity: **OPEN**
Website Manager: Skeeter Murley
Facebook & Twitter: Skeeter Murley
Demo/Asel Art Winner Photographer: Veronica Ritchey

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Charley Nieman
Hanging Volunteers: Mary Bell, Alan McGrew (open to more)
Membership for Exhibitions: Rhonda Barefield
Monetary Entries for Exhibitions: Treasurer
SWA Signatures: Veronica Ritchey
Website Entries & Submissions: Skeeter Murley
Prize Sponsors: Court Bailey
President's Volunteer Exhibition: Darla Bostick, Shirley Nichols (assistant)

FINANCE AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Pat Banell
Director of Finance & Budget: Pat Banell
Professional Standards (yearly audit): Jane Barrett

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Janet Southern
Director of Membership: **OPEN**
Greeters: **OPEN**
Editor of online Membership Directory: Skeeter Murley

MEETING VOLUNTEERS (Not a committee)

House & Properties: Shirley Nichols
Hospitality: **OPEN**
Painting of the Month: Sondra Carr/Mary House
Programs/Assistant to Demo Artist: Shirley Nichols