



Society of Watercolor Artists April Notes 2013

Hello to Friends of SWA & Members!

April is our International Exhibition month and I am very excited about the direction this venue has taken us.

The world continues to get smaller in many ways. Since my husband has done international work for some time, we frequently have work friends from all over the world stay at the house. Our children grew up thinking nothing of this practice and have had the opportunity to exchange ideas, taste new foods and travel with us world wide.

Consequently, our daughter has worked all over the world and is currently at home for her yearly home visit from her work in Africa. Her boyfriend came home with her and he is from New Zealand. At the same time, a work friend from Hong Kong flew in as he now works in Phoenix.

Of course, the first thing I do with our visitors is drive them down the street to see the Texas Longhorns! We plan to spend a day in Fort Worth to drive through the Stock Yards and eat at my favorite restaurant (The Spiral Diner). We also want to do some country dancing along the way.



(This is me in the backyard with one of my mosaic columns)

Our International show this year brought in art entries from as far away as Hawaii, China, Malaysia and Italy. What a privilege it is for our organization to host a worldly international event. I believe this exhibit helps us explore and share something very personal and special to us all...our art.

Be sure to come early to the 15 April meeting to view all the entries submitted this year.

Of course, you will have to visit the exhibition to see the ones chosen by Joyce Hicks. If you love color (and who doesn't?) be sure your name is on the roster for the workshop by Joyce. I can't wait to learn some of her techniques in landscapes. With all our travels, I have plenty of reference photos. You won't want to miss it! See you then!

Darla Bostick

President (and newsletter editor)

Welcome to New Members

Our website is: www.swa-watercolor.com



Christy Henry from Livingston, TX cyhenry@aol.com

Jeanne Johnson of Mechanicsburg PA [No email address at this time]

Helen Beacham of Summerville, SC helenkbeacham@gmail.com

Anne -Turner Beletic of Dallas anne@atbfamilylaw.com

We like new members...invite your friends to a meeting!

InVision, Hulen Mall Exhibition Space Available to SWA Artists

Dr. Jan Dao (pronounced "Dow") has a beautiful office between Eye Masters and Dillards on the second level (ground level to parking lot) in the Hulen Mall. Her office is hosting a rotating exhibit of art by our members. Dr. Dao's office has gallery lighting and art work is visible from the mall walkway. Mary Stitt will be handling the rotation of SWA artists who wish to exhibit in the space. There is room for 6 paintings half sheet or larger. Jim Evans is installed and remains until mid May when our next artist will install for two months. If interested, contact Mary Stitt msmaryps@aol.com.



Our Volunteer of the Month: Rhonda Barefield

Isn't it great when a new member dives in and offers to help? Rhonda took the task of finding our sponsor and merchandise awards for the 2013 International. Many thanks for the donations. These donations make it possible to offer more honorable mention awards to the exhibition and to help defray our prize fund expense. Be sure to thank Rhonda when you see her. This is a valuable part of our exhibitions.

Asel Artist of the Month Contest



February 2013 Winners: 1st place, Charlene Baker with "Magic" and 2nd place, Debbie Ford with "Fall Water Lilies"

All SWA members are invited to bring a completed, framed piece to our monthly meeting. (Any work brought in that is incomplete or unframed will not be allowed to compete!) Any art work that has previously appeared in a SWA exhibit is not allowed. Your name and the title must be on the piece. Art is viewed anonymously and members vote once during the break for their favorite. After an artist wins 1st place, they retire from the competition with a \$25 gift certificate. In November all 1st placer art returns for the Artist of the Year vote. 2nd place winners get a \$15 certificate. They can return with new art in subsequent months to snag a 1st place, but if they win another 2nd place, their gift certificate passes to the 3rd place winner to insure circulation of the certificates. Be sure to thank Asel Art Supply any time you shop their store at 825 Foch Street, Fort Worth.

Monthly Critiques

Dave Maxwell has skillfully led our monthly critiques at 6pm before each general meeting for years. Due to health issues, Dave has requested a few months off. Jo Williams, SWA member from Denton and well-known art instructor is leading the monthly critique. Artists are invited to bring one or two paintings at 6pm for some friendly advice!

Election of Next Treasurer

Laurie Davis will not be able to step in as our next treasurer due to health issues. Handling the financial affairs of SWA is a very important position. Janet Southern wanted to retire in December and is now serving in another capacity as House and Properties manager. Janet has continued as treasurer through the process of the International Exhibition and is willing to train her successor. Our addition of pay pal to the website has simplified the effort of handling checks for dues and exhibit entries. Janet now deserves a break. We need another treasurer. Can you help?

Members in the News

Lynne Buchanan was recently accepted as part of the Art in the City at the Haltom City Civic Center, 3201 Friendly Lane, March 23, 1-8pm. They are included as a Spring Gallery Night location.

James Tennison has a video to share! James' son, Justin, taped the demo and produced a video from it :

<http://ayearinfortworth.blogspot.com/>

Sharon Markwardt will be featured in Cowgirl Up! 2013 at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Wickenburg, AZ March 22-May 5. Closer to home, on 27 April she will be painting at The Gallery on the square in Granbury on their Wine Walk and Gallery Night from noon-8pm. (The "*Sip & Savor*" *VIP kick-off Event* is Thursday, 25 April 25, 7-10pm in close proximity to the Historic Square at a private estate overlooking Lake Granbury...and includes a keepsake wine glass!) Sharon's "Don't Blink!" will be included as an ad in the Santa Fe Essential Guide, available at most area galleries and hotels throughout the year. In February Sharon was Waxlander Gallery's featured artist at ArtFeast which resulted in her piece being auctioned for more than any other artist's, and made a significant contribution to art programs in the public schools!

Darlia Hobbs won 2nd place in the TAG members juried show. She also has some upcoming exhibitions: 5 pieces will be hanging at the Bob Duncan Center in Arlington with the "Wide Spectrum" Group from April 2nd through May 30. Beginning in May she will have 15 paintings with Mahto at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center with a reception May 3, 6 to 9pm. Darlia will also have 5 pieces hanging at FWAC with the "Pencil, Brush, and Scissors" Group at the same time there.

Margie Whittington will have work on display at Giddens Gallery of Fine Art (624 S Main St, Grapevine) & invites you to their Reception Saturday, 6 April, 6– 9 pm with Wine, Hors d'oeuvre, Games and Door Prizes

Darla Bostick, Carol Rowley and Jo Williams are three of 30 VAST (Visual Arts Society of Texas, Denton) members who are participating in the upcoming "Merging Visions" exhibition spread through all three Denton public libraries. The exhibition pairs poems by the Denton Poets Society with art work by the artists and runs from 27 Mar-18 May. The reception for poets, artists and general public will be held at South Branch Library, 23228 Teasley Lane, Denton from 3-5:00 pm, Saturday, 6 April. The catalog commemorating the 2013 exhibit, "Collections III" will be available at that time at \$15.00 each.

Darla Bostick has a solo show "It's Only Natural: Gardens Near and Far" at the Elm Street Gallery, 139 S Elm St, Keller beginning 29 April-30 June. The reception is Thursday, 20 June, 6-8pm.

Gaylord O'Con is exhibiting at the Artists' Showplace Spring Watermedia Invitational 2013, 5-27 April with a reception 12 April 6-9pm.

On a different note, we have 2 past members who gave greatly to SWA and have passed away:

Founding member, Barbara George Cain served in several capacities in the organization. Her greatest love was in painting people and she won many awards with her work. She earned signature status in several watercolor organizations. She enjoyed traveling and one of her last trips was to New York to accept her signature at the AWS meeting. After her husband, Pat, died, she moved to Tyler to be near her daughter where she died on the 8th of this month.

Betty L Dickens also recently died. She was President of SWA 1988-89 and had her funeral in Fort Worth.

If you have news to share, send to Darla Bostick before the last week of the month <darlabostickart@gmail.com>

Fort Worth Music and Arts Festival

The 3rd annual Fort Worth Music Festival will be May 17th & 18th at Panther Island Pavilion. We cordially invite you to apply to participate in this two-day music and arts event. In 2012, an eclectic group of over 30 artists participated in the event and 22 bands performed on two stages for nonstop music. Over 7,500 art and music fans came out for the event, and an even larger turn out is projected for 2013. April 12th is the Application Deadline. The application is online at <http://www.fwfest.com/visual-artist-application/> More information about the festival can be found at www.fwfest.com

A New Leadership Position Created

Your current leadership group has been working on several goals:

1. Involve more of the membership as leaders
2. Break down some of the current responsibilities into more manageable commitments for volunteers
3. Provide good continuity from the previous position Chair to the next leader.

There are two critical positions we are currently working on to improve. This newsletter will present one position and next month we will explore another important facet of SWA.

Membership Director: Shirley Nichols has held this position since 2009...that's a LOT of members who had Shirley as their first contact. We certainly could not expect more from her and she has been consistently diligent in her duties. Shirley is presenting a plan to split the duties in half (and she will continue with one part!). The Membership Director would maintain the roll of membership. Specifically this person would be available at meetings to accept membership applications, add them to the Membership Roll and send the secretary and president names on a regular basis so new members can be properly welcomed and added to the email list. At times of exhibitions, the Membership Director also checks to see that those claiming membership are up to date. The second position would be the Membership Directory Editor. This position involves compiling, printing and distribution of the yearly Membership Directory. Shirley would like someone to come forward now so she can provide training. Our new Membership Director could sit with Shirley at the meetings and learn the ropes--then take over in October 2013 as our members renew for the next year. Contact Shirley if you are interested: 817.247.9091. Shirley has generously offered to continue as Membership Directory Editor through 2014. At that time she hopes to train her successor to take the position for 2015. Since this will require a change in our bylaws the membership will need to vote on this proposal. Next month we will look at the Exhibit Chair duties! Speaking of membership, we have 52 delinquent memberships out there but 152 of you who are paid for the year. At the board meeting we discussed memberships and how to make it easier for members to pay. Did you know you can pay ahead...for as many years as you wish. Just go to the webpage www.swa-watercolor.com and each time you hit the pay pal button to pay for dues, you are paid for one year.

Upcoming 2013 SWA Meetings, Events & Demos:



6 April: hand-deliver work for International
15 April: Joyce Hicks
16-19 April: Joyce Hicks workshop

23 April: Brainstorming Lunch in Fort Worth
20 May: Barbara Millican
9 June: SWA International Reception 2-4
15 June: pick up work from International

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance as of 18 March is \$18,792.14 Bank CD Total: \$15,086.18

Brainstorming Bash to Eat, Laugh and Share Ideas

It's hard to find time to really get some solid ideas bantered about and come up with solutions when we spend only 15 minutes on business at our monthly meetings! We have some great ideas and want to hear your suggestions. Get your calendar and make a note to join us for some planning on Saturday, 27 April for lunch. We are looking for some ideas to toss around for future events, exhibitions, and more. Are you interested in a gallery belonging (and run) by SWA? It would allow us to feature and promote sales for members. We are going to explore that possibility along with other ideas in a brain-storming meeting. We may talk about fundraising to make this happen. Put on your thinking cap and join us. We want to hear what *you want* from your organization. ALL members are invited to join us. Bring your enthusiasm, ideas and other interested folks. Since we are still in the "looking process" for a great, quiet restaurant, we will put exact location details in the email you get to remind you of the April meeting (the week before the meeting). In the meantime, we would like to have a headcount for those interested in meeting Saturday, 27 April at 11:30 in central Fort Worth area. Please ping Darla an email or call so we know how many to prepare for in the reservation (940.320.5660 or darlabostickart@gmail.com). (You'll have to pay for your meal!) Also, if you know a good place you can recommend for our gathering, include it in the message!

SWA 2013 Juried International Exhibition

Many thanks to Diane Petrushka as Exhibition Chairperson! The juror's decisions are in and 50 pieces have been selected to hang at the Fort Worth Central Library. If you come early to the April meeting you can view all the art work submitted in a slide show. We hope some of you can help with the intake of work, the verification of framing requirements, and the hanging. Hearty congratulations to several SWA members who have now attained Signature Status with this show:

Robert Cook
Davilla Harding

Michael Holter
Connie Levson-Logan

Muriel Mimura
Iok-Hou Pang

Please make plans to join us at the reception to celebrate their accomplishment and view the beautiful art work. If you can contribute to the reception with special items please contact Marie Coerver 817.377.4211. Thank you to members who are able to bring appetizers and dessert finger foods!

Calendar: Society of Watercolor Artists 2013 International Juried Exhibition

Atrium Gallery, Fort Worth Central Library downtown~~Joyce Hicks, Juror

PAINTINGS DUE: April 1-5: Shipped paintings due/April 6, Saturday: Hand-delivered work due 10 am-noon

SHOW OPENS: April 7, Sunday

JOYCE HICKS DEMO: April 15, Monday, SWA meeting 7-9pm

JOYCE HICKS WORKSHOP: April 16, Tuesday-April 19, Friday

RECEPTION: 9 June, Sunday, 2-4pm

STRIKE: 15 June, Saturday, 10 am-noon

For those coming in from I-30: Use the Henderson St. exit, turn North, then turn at W. 3rd Street (it's one way - west to east). All metered parking is free, but there is construction in the area. We are using the library's Main Entrance. There is a parking garage on the opposite corner from the library. Validation at the front library desk will insure free parking.

April Meeting Demo and Workshop by Juror, Joyce Hicks

Transforming the Landscape in Watercolor by Joyce Hicks



Our juror, Joyce Hicks, is presenting a workshop Tuesday, 16 April-Friday, 19 April at the St John's Episcopal Church, 2401 College St, Fort Worth, TX. We have participants registered from as far away as Canada and Corpus Christi. Arrangements have been made for group lodging in Fort Worth. Workshop Chairpersons are Shubha Mantri 214.774.4484 shubhangimantri@hotmail.com and Lynne Buchanan 817.909.5366 jenny.buchanan8@gmail.com. The four-day workshop fee is \$300 for members/\$350 for non-members. (View Joyce's work on this gorgeous youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7UuG-29oh8> with music by Enya.) All workshop payments should be complete. At the time of producing the newsletter we still had some spots available. Bring a friend!



Scholarship Offer to SWA Workshop Participants

SWA is offering a new workshop scholarship program! All fully-registered and paid participants (members as well as non-members) for the Joyce Hicks workshop will be eligible for a full tuition reimbursement. Joyce Hicks will draw the winner's name at the April meeting.

Your Membership in SWA

Do you know we sent out 52 notices to members with delinquent 2013 dues? Several have work chosen to be included in the International Exhibition, but without current membership this exhibit cannot count towards signature with SWA. Here is a payment tip: go online to the website and use pay pal for dues. Each time you do, it pays another year. It is possible this way to pay 2 or 3 years ahead of time! Our Membership Chair, Shirley Nichols, keeps track of those things. Let's make it easier for her and pay on time (in October) or pay multiple now. Several of our long-time members are not included in the membership directory because of their tardiness in paying dues. In December the information goes to the printer for the directory.

Member Spotlight...Lynne Buchanan



Lynne Buchanan is a relatively new member to SWA joining in January 2012 and has lived in Arlington for 23 years. She explains, "Because I retired from 22 years of public school art teaching, elementary through high school and I wanted to become part a watercolor organization to learn and meet other artists."

She has helped with the workshops in SWA as our Workshop Co-Chair (with Shubha Mantri). The upcoming Joyce Hicks will be the first they have teamed up to present.

"I am emerging and finding my distinctiveness - I am fairly bold but impressionistic also. I have always been heavily influenced by Abstract Impressionism. I am an acrylic painter who has a goal of mastering watercolor!"

Lynne currently has her artwork at The Oxide Gallery in Denton, the Plano 125 Juried Exhibition, and has displayed at The Upstairs Gallery in Arlington, The Hotel Gallery in Dallas and won awards in The Trinity Arts Guild shows. She also displayed work at The Haltom City "Art in the City" venue for Spring Gallery night.



In addition to serving on the board of Trinity Arts Guild and teaching a children's class at TAG, Lynne is a member of Irving Arts Association. She teaches a childrens' class at The Upstairs Gallery and in the summer Lynne teaches art in The College for Kids program at Tarrant Community College southeast campus. She has a BFA in Drawing and Painting from UNT and an all-level art certificate. Aside from teaching, she has been a student in workshops with Doug Walton, Robert Burrige, classes with Naomi Brotherton, Margie Whittington and Bennie Wood.

One item she mentioned on her bucket list is a trip to Spain. Her website is under construction.

Recap of March Demo by Nancy Standlee



Nancy brought several of her collages and described her journey leading to collage. She uses a photo shop program to find the values. Sometimes she uses words and images from high quality magazine paper, other times she paints acrylic on deli paper for use in collage work. One unique idea she shared was to sprinkle citrasol on sheets from a National Geographic page, wait 15 minutes and the result is blended colors in an interesting image.



She chooses her color scheme first, may paint a bird or animal on the top of the collage background, then adds collage pieces on top of the subject. She finds words that relate to the subject matter. For instance her collage of an apple had a background composed of apple recipe titles. She uses Minwax acrylic to top coat the finished piece with the recommendation to thoroughly gently stir before use to prevent air bubbles. She brushes this from the top of the piece towards the bottom in 3" wide areas, then begins another 'column' 3" wide. Next day Nancy adds another finishing coat, but turns the piece sideways before beginning the process. She cleans her brushes with Murphy's Soap.

Giving Back to the Arts



SWA voted to sponsor an art competition at one of the Fort Worth high schools and encourage art students with art gift certificates as prizes. Jane Schneeberger is willing to form a small committee of interested SWA members (perhaps former art teachers?) who will work with the art teacher/coordinator and design contest guidelines. We hope to present awards to the winners at a SWA meeting so and view the winning pieces. It was voted to fund 3 prizes in the amounts of \$100, \$75 and \$50.

SWA members wishing to donate privately may do so. If you are interested in serving on the committee or sponsoring a prize, contact Jane at 817.557.3239 or email at jlawberger@att.net. Because this project is slow off the ground, Jane suggested we implement it in the fall but details need to be worked out before school begins next fall.

2013 SWA Officers and Members Extraordinaire

These dedicated members give their talent and time to keep SWA alive! We need YOUR name on the list!

President: Darla Bostick

President Elect: (position open for 2013, to serve in 2014 as president)

Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Judy Huebener

EDUCATION:

Monthly Programs: Darla Bostick

Workshop Chairpersons: Shubha Mantri & Lynne Buchanan

Monthly Critiques: Jo Williams for Dave Maxwell

MEMBERSHIP: Shirley Nichols

Looking to split this between 2 people. Contact Shirley for details

EXHIBITIONS:

Exhibition Chair: Diane Petrushka

Sponsorship: Rhonda Barefield

Hanging: Jo Williams

Entry Requirements: Judith Huebener

Certificates: Mary Stitt

SWA Signatures: Norma Lively

Catalog/Postcard: Eloise and Ray Sears/Darla Bostick

Catalog Mailing: Judith Huebener

Exhibit volunteers needed for notifications, processing, hanging, certificate printing, labels and strike--please contact Diane Petrushka

Non-Juried Exhibitions Chair: Mary Stitt

FUNDRAISING:

Japanese Gardens: Marie Coerver

FANTastic Fans: Mary Stitt

FINANCE:

Treasurer: *OPEN*

Professional Standards: (Yearly Audit) Brenda Morgan

PUBLICITY:

Website: Mary Stitt until May, then Celeste McCall

Website Technician: Sharon Giles

Newsletter: Darla Bostick

Photography: Lori Atwell

Local Resources & Advertising: Jane Schneeberger

MEETINGS:

Greeters: Shirley Nichols, Diana Littlejohn, Lynda Robinson, Dee Casstevens, Jane Schneeberger

Hospitality: Marie Coerver

House & Properties: Janet Southern

Painting of the Month Asel Competition: Mary T House

Assistants to Demonstration Artist: Collette Jones, Pam Fritz, Jackie Stengle,

Marjorie Ross, Diana Littlejohn and Lynda Robinson

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

High School Liason: open as new position!

OUT AND ABOUT:

Field Trip Organizer (s): open for FUTURE TRIPS!

Do you have a program or event idea?

How do YOU contribute to YOUR SWA?