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A New Year, A New Reason to Give Thanks

- by Janice Tracy

Thank you, everyone, for guiding me through this year as your President and Spokesmodel [wink]. I appreciate and treasure all the words of advice and encouragement. I know you continue to come to meetings and shows, and pay your dues every year, because you believe in SWA's ability to help you grow as an artist and to cultivate lifelong bonds within the artistic community.

I am thankful to be able to have the time and energy to act as your President, and I am thankful for the time and energy spent (and to be spent) by our hardworking board: Katey Sandy, our leader through our new spring show venture, Christine DeBuse, our fall show director, Sue Tellock, our wise Secretary (thank God someone knows their Roberts Rules – I've long forgotten them), Jean Toepfer, our thankfully detail-oriented Treasurer, and our board members at-heart and at-large, Wanda Brewster, who keeps this organization running, and David Rosenstein, who keeps the meetings running. A huge thank you to all.

A New Year, A New Reason to Start Fresh

There are many reasons this organization has survived for 54 years. One of them is that its mission greatly resembles that of its 1962 origins. Another reason is that it probably doesn't much resemble the organization that it was in 1962. Great organizations change with the needs of the community and of itself. The members of the SWA today are probably a little more sophisticated than our forebears and we have improved both our art and our demonstrations and shows with the use of our experience and knowledge of art and the artistic community around us. I hope you are as excited about the future of SWA as I am. I think we are entering a new era of growth and partnership!

Join Us Now! We'll Show You How!

Would you like to learn from the master? Now is the time! I am looking for someone to shadow Katey Sandy as we put together the best spring show in the history of the SWA. We will learn a lot from this spring show, as we move to a bigger, brighter and more central location, and we need a second in command to learn alongside us. If you would like to shadow Katey during this spring show and learn at her knee, please give me or Katey a call. There is a lot to gain from learning to direct an art show. It looks great on a resume. You make great community contacts, both inside and outside the group. And you get several pats on the back!

Who is in for a gab session?

I'm toying with the idea of a monthly evening get-together, either at a jolly public house, or in my home. Maybe a Tuesday evening? Or would a weekend evening work better? I would like to invite folks who have a difficult time attending our Wednesday morning meetings to meet and talk art and art projects at a time that is more suitable to their workday schedules. Who's in?

Please email me at Janice.tracy@gmail.com with your preferred evening times.



Inside this issue:

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- Show your work at the Marriott in Fishers Landing

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Dave Rosenstein joins in “show-n-tell” at the Freemodel holiday party. Great turnout on New Year’s Day!

SWA President’s Member To-Do List:



- Start work on an item to include in the silent auction at the spring show. Let Wanda or Katey know as soon as you know what you will be offering.
- Email me if you are interested in attending an evening SWA-centered gab session.
- Email me ahead of time about your February First Friday shows. I want to make sure everyone knows where the good art is at!
- Apply to have your art shown at the Springhill Marriot in Vancouver. If you did not get an introduction and application in your email, contact Wanda Brewster or Earlene Holmstrom for a digital or physical copy.
- Ask about the SWA hospitality director position and/or the opening to shadow the spring show director. We’ve been waiting for you to call! If you would like to hear more about the position, call me at (503) 449-3580 or email me at janice.tracy@gmail.com.



Artist of the Month during the January 18th meeting will be award-winning artist Kathryn Delaney. Much of her current art is digital, created on an iPad Pro and Apple Pencil Stylus. She also does mixed media work incorporating collage, acrylic, and digital art... Her blog says "... by having a challenge to paint or draw every day, it builds up a bit of momentum in how my art brain works." Take her virtual art tour on this gorgeous website www.colorsplashes.com

Artist Demonstrator at the meeting will be Randall Vemer. He was Principal Viola of the Oregon Symphony in Portland for 20 years. Now, he takes the Old Master approach to contemporary subjects, painting in layers. Enjoy the luminosity:

<https://artavita.com/artists/3714-randall-vemer>



General Meeting Minutes – December 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Tracy. Treasurer, Jean Toepfer reported a balance of \$12,264.05 in all accounts. The Artists Market sale took in \$167 in booth fees. Expenses were: space rental \$150, printing \$9.00. It was announced that Don Monbrod had passed away.

Katey Sandy, Spring Art Show chair, stated that the flyer and call to artist form will be ready in January. The show will be held at The Water Resources Center on April 25-30.

A silent auction will be a part of the art show and Wanda Brewster will be looking for donations from art groups and members. Small paintings with a size of not more than 11 x 14 would be an ideal donation. Other suggestions might be a basket of goodies, a bottle of fine wine, gift certificates, a tour in your private plane, painting lessons, a tour and lunch at your winery, or a ride in the country in your classic car. Just use your imagination. Please indicate your what donation will be at the January 18 meeting.

Artist's paintings are needed for display at the Hall Building and the Marriott.

The Hospitality Director position is still open. See Janice for the details.

Winners of the December meeting art display were: Diana Thewlis, Kathryn Delany and Renee Bryant.

The next general meeting is January 18 and the demonstrator will be a classical oil painter.

Sue Tellock, Secretary

Now Showing

BATTLE GROUND ART ALLIANCE

Spring Show and Art Sale is March 18th-19th at the Battleground Community Center. Bring art to be juried March 17. Prospectus is available on the web site, www.bgartalliance.com. Contact Cheryl Hazen, President of BGAA at 360-949-8873 or Dotty Yackle-Kay at (360) 666-6933.

The SWA Spring Show will be April 27-30 at a new location, the Vancouver Water Resource Center Community Room, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver. This is non-juried.

SWA Website Member Gallery Show your work on our member site. Email up to 5 photos in JPG file format, with a file size of approximately 150 KB. **Need help?** please contact Arletta Riedler, SWA Webmaster 360.574.9208 cell 503.250.2631

Nortbank Art Gallery events, talks 360-693-11840

First Friday To participate in art downtown, click <http://www.vdausa.org/first-friday-downtown/>

Vancouver Library Contact dgamble@fvrl.org

Barbara Van Nostern will be at Rand Jewelers and Gallery 112 E. Evergreen, for first Friday Art Walk for February with watercolors and acrylics. 9: to 5 Monday thru Friday and Half days on Saturday.

Katey Sandy's work can be seen at Camas Gallery, 408 NE 4th Ave.

Janice Tracy and Katey Sandy both have works in Gallery 360's "Spirit of the Northwest" Show, displayed through March.

Olympia Art League's [newsletter](#) is inspiring!

SWA Displays Artwork at Springhill Marriott

Look for guidelines and application forms at the SWA meeting. Please read the requirements, and feel free to contact us with your questions, suggestions.

You may print and send in an application to the address shown or you can scan the application and fill it in and send it along with your photos and artist statement to Wanda Brewster at wabasawana@comcast.net

Our committee reviews applications and schedules works to be shown in the hotel. We look forward to seeing our members' works at this great venue!

Workshops Classes Clubs

Digital Arts classes by Elaine Pawski Ongoing
1st and 3rd Mondays 1pm-4pm Try Digital Painting! Paint with your computer, using **Artrage**, an affordable, user friendly software package that emulates real materials.
Photoshop with Elaine Pawski - ongoing 2nd/4th Mondays
Learn the basics of processing digital photos, manipulating photos for painting references and how to manage photos of your work for online and print. At Arts Desire 360-693-0028.

Art's Desire has Classes and workshops with local artists, varied styles and media Mary Griffin painting on January 21st. Call Bev Birdwell at 360-693-0028

Battleground Art Alliance www.bgartalliance.com
First Wednesdays at Senior Center in Battleground
116 NE 3rd Avenue. Contact Linda Kliever 687-7414

Northwest Oil Painter's Guild meets 3rd Tuesdays monthly
717 Grand Ave. Vancouver. Plein aire painting encouraged!
Bob Fleischmann 360-258-1102
Or Jim Gola at 360-263-2201 jimgola@hotmail.com

Free Model Art Guild Free drop-in Saturdays 12:30 til 3pm
201 W. Evergreen, downtown. Draw from live models, short poses. Artists of all levels are welcome to sketch or paint in this relaxed, open environment. Bring your own materials. Free. Quick, casual sketches. Marianne Stokes 305-574-2189

Free Model Art Guild meets Wednesdays at Marshall Center near Clark College downtown 1pm Short & long poses. All levels welcome, drop in. First and second Wednesdays feature a live model, long pose \$5 Monthly critique session fourth Wednesday. Call Marianne Stokes for schedule 574-2189 www.freemodelartguild.com

Watercolor Classes by Will Ray. Thursdays 2-4pm at The Artist Loft in The Academy, downtown Vancouver. \$20 per class, \$120 for 8 weeks. Evening class start soon.
info@artistloftvancouver.com. 400 E. Evergreen Blvd, Suite 222 (North Entrance), Vancouver. 360-519- 4019.

Ceramics Classes by Megan Sedita. Mondays 4-6pm (all ages), 6:30-8:30pm at The Artist Loft in The Academy, downtown Vancouver. \$30 per class, \$200 for 8 weeks. Pinch pots, coil and slab building techniques as well as beginning wheel methods. All levels welcome. Kiln firing included and basic tools will be available. 400 E. Evergreen Blvd, Suite 222 (North Entrance), Vancouver. 360-519- 4019
info@artistloftvancouver.com.

Our Interactive Facebook Page

Post your artwork, write comments and critiques, and chat with other artists on our SWA Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Society-of-Washington-Artists-1355182591174139/>

Anytime you have art news, post it here!

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CALL TO ARTISTS/PERSPECTUS ART SHOW AND SALE APRIL 27-30

**VANCOUVER WATER RESOURCE CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM
4600 SE COLUMBIA WAY, VANCOUVER, WA 98661**

Open to all artists, 18 year or older

The Society of Washington Artists Spring Show is a professionally judged, non juried show and sale representing a wide variety of art media and disciplines. It features cash prizes in all judged categories, many sponsor selected awards, and People's Choice award.

Eligibility

- Open to artists 18 & older
- Original work only. No copies, classwork or collaborations. No reproductions of originals.
- Art must not have been previously entered in a SWA show.
- Art must be appropriate for public spaces.
- Show committee reserves the right to determine whether art meets the show or category requirements.

Entry

- Artists may enter up to 3 works of art.
- Art must be ready to hang with wire that is not visible above the top of the picture. No saw tooth hangers or clips
- Maximum width is 28" and a maximum height is 36" for hanging art. Larger pieces must be accompanied by a display easel. (No working easels) Each artist may enter one large entry.
- **Members \$15 first entry & \$10 each additional entry**
- **Non-members \$25 first entry, \$10 each additional entry**

Categories

- Oil and acrylic, on canvas or board not under glass
- All water media under glass including acrylic
- Color entries done in pastel, pencil or crayons
- Black & white: pen & ink, charcoal, graphite, conte and black & white pulled prints
- Mixed Media including collage, encaustic, digitally painted and other works with combined mediums
- 3 D work including small sculpture, woodwork and glass
- No photography, jewelry or furniture

Delivery & Pickup

- Deliver to the Water Resource Center Community Room Tuesday, April 25, 5-7pm
- Pickup work on Sunday, April 30, 4-5 pm

SWA cannot guarantee the safety of art not picked up during the allotted time.

Viewing Dates and Hours

Thursday, April 27, 12-5pm
Friday, April 28, 12-8pm
Saturday, April 29, 12-8pm
Sunday, April 30, 12-3pm

Reception

Saturday, April 29 from 4-6:30pm
Presentation of awards at 5:30pm

Hilarie Couture
Glow on 15th Street
Best in Show, 2016 Spring Show



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Membership Renewal

Membership dues are \$35 per person, \$45 family

_____ membership dues are now due and payable.
They should be paid before the end of June. Send check or
money order to SWA at Box 2992, Vancouver, WA 98668
or pay at next meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

E-mail _____

I, _____,

hereby apply for membership in the

Society of Washington Artists for the _____ fiscal year

Which runs from July 1, _____ through June 30, _____

MEETING Wednesday

January 18, 2016

Vancouver Heights Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd. Vancouver WA
10 am Meeting, 11 am Demonstration

Don't miss this meeting!
Featuring Artist of the Month:
Kathryn Delaney
&
Artist Demonstrator:
Randall Vemer

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To submit, contact Susan Koenig at 360-931-8907
isolani1@gmail.com Your art news and photos
will be greatly appreciated by our readers.*