

PEN & PALETTE

The Newsletter of the Society of Washington Artists

January Meeting

Date: **January 17**, 2018

Time: 10:00am to 12:00 noon

Place: Vancouver Heights
United Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd
Vancouver, WA

Meeting in Brief

- Business Meeting
- Artist of the Month
Elaine Evans
- Short Break for
refreshments
- Artist Demonstrator
Wendy Armstrong

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On Partying.

We had a heck of a time last month at the SWA Holiday Party. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making it great. I loved seeing everyone's art "failures." We are so hard on ourselves, it helps to laugh sometimes.

On Persevering.

Speaking of laughing at our failures, I heard someone give a pep talk on a podcast once about persevering in your art when you feel disappointed in yourself, and I think he made a good point. (*Note: I remember the conversation clearly but I don't remember who said the words. If I could, I would give him credit.*) He said your ability to critique your own art always stays a step ahead of your ability to create it. You just have to remember that both abilities are growing as long as you keep practicing. It's not that your art never reaches that unmoving goal that you set for yourself; it's that your brain, as it continues to learn, keeps moving the goalposts. I know this to be true in my own work, and it helps me to remember it when I get frustrated.

On Picking Back Up Again.

This newsletter will hit your inboxes about a week later than I planned because the holidays hit us all hard this year. Your whole team of SWA leaders, from myself through the whole board has had to clear our foggy heads, clean out the holiday decorations, bring out



Wendy Armstrong

Sculptor Wendy Armstrong will be our Artist Demonstrator this month. You can see a sampling of her works on this page - some big and public and some small - all amazing. You can see more at <http://www.shortarcstudio.com>. You won't want to miss this one.

the calendars and get back to work. The fog in my particular head may have been the densest in memory, but it's clearing now and my schedule is full of the things that I should have done last fall. Bear with us!

On Painting.

Just a quick nudge: Registration for the Spring Show will be online only and will require that registrants upload photos of their artworks. The prospectus will include a link to the online registration site. This means that you can't drag your feet on painting or choosing your entries. It also means that some of us may need some tips from friends or relations about filling out online forms and/or uploading photos. Members will have a chance to register with the help of an assistant at the March meeting. Whether or not this is a hurdle for you, don't wait until the last minute to paint and decide what to enter.

On Pedestals.

We bought some! At the sad closing of Gallery 360, the SWA purchased a number of their black pedestals for displaying 3-D art. We hope that these new sturdy and sleek pedestals will add to the already fantastic look of our Spring Show.

If you are interested in getting a sneak peek at these beauties, you can come to the SWA Moving Day activities on January 22, when we will be moving all our Spring Show gear into a larger storage unit. If you are interested in giving us a hand, contact me. I will be glad to welcome you to the work party!

- Janice Tracy, President



SWA General Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Tracy, who explained the events of the day which included a pot luck lunch and an exchange of artwork "orphans." Members were reminded that an important rule of the day was that the art piece a person selected had to be carried out of the building.

Treasurer Jean Toepfer, reported a balance of \$13,871.59 in all accounts.

Kathryn DeLaney was nominated and elected as new SWA Treasurer. Kathryn brings a strong financial background to the position which will be important as the organization continues to grow and expand its activities.

Jean Toepfer, current Treasurer, was thanked for her many years of dedicated service and her attention to our financial details. Jean will not disappear from SWA; she plays an important part in hanging SWA shows and lending a hand wherever it is needed. It is also possible that she will now have more time to paint once all the treasurer details are transferred.

The meeting continued with the enjoyment of good food and many laughs as artwork was traded around the room.

Sue Tellock, Secretary



The December art supply drive headed by webmaster Arletta Riedler was a smashing success. Arletta reports that the artists at Infusion Gallery were thrilled when she came with her car packed to the roof with art supplies.

FYI, if you missed the chance to donate at the December meeting, Arletta will be making another trip, so bring your art supplies at the January meeting and they will get to these wonderful disabled artists.

Infusion Gallery artists welcome Arletta and her Santa's bag full of art supplies donated by SWA Members

Here are a few snapshots from the December holiday meeting. Gift giving, gabbing and good food.



Now Showing

SWA Website Member Gallery



Show your work on our member site. Email up to 5 photos in JPG format

with a file size of approximately 150 KB to webmaster Arletta Riedler at arlettak@comcast.net.

Save the Date!



SWA's Spring Show dates have been set so put them in your 2018 calendar now: Art check-in on Tuesday, April

24th. The show will run from Thursday, April 26th through Sunday, April 29th. The prospectus should be available for pick-up at the January meeting, and online pre-registration should be open soon after.

Call for Artists



Battle Ground Art Alliance is hosting its 17th Annual Show & Sale on March 17 & 18, 2018. The theme for this year's show is "Reflections." Entries will be accepted at the Battle Ground Community Center on Friday, March 16th between 9:00am and

1:00pm to be juried. Prospectus is available at <http://bgartalliance.com>.

Workshops & Classes

FreeModel Art Guild

Free drop-in **Saturdays** 12:30 - 3:00pm at the Atrium area at 201 W. Evergreen downtown. Draw from live models, short poses. Quick, casual sketches. **Wednesdays** at 1:00pm at the Marshall Center. Short and long poses. Small fee, drop in. All levels welcome.

For all other Freemodel activities, call Marianne Stokes at 360-574-2189.

The Artist Loft

In February The Artist Loft will have a show of Artist Loft members' work. Sounds like a good one so put it on your First Friday schedule.

The Artist Loft Community art studio and gallery is above Rosemary Cafe downtown. Contact member Lesley Faulds for information about studio space, classes, and gallery shows 360-419-5019 or info@artistloftvancouver.com.

Art's Desire Classes and Workshops

Contact Bev Birdwell at 360-693-0028 or visit bevelar.com for current class schedules.

Battle Ground Art Alliance

Next meeting is Saturday, January 20 at 11:00am at the Battle Ground Community Library. <http://bgartalliance.com>

Northwest Oil Painters' Guild

Meets every third Tuesday at 717 Grand Ave. Vancouver. Plein air painting encouraged. Bob Fleischmann 360-258-1102 or Jim Goal 360-263-2201 <http://www.oilpaintersguild.com>

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The "Winning" gift and its proud new owner at the SWA December Holiday Meeting

SWA on Facebook

Post your artwork, boost SWA activities, chat with friends.

Search for "Society of Washington Artists" and click on the link. "Like" our page and participate!

SWA Art Hanging Venues

The SWA has various art showing opportunities all through the year. The SWA requests a small donation from each sale to cover expenses.

H. H. Hall Building, 10000 NE 7th Ave. (Hazel Dell): SWA members can hang several pieces in the second-floor entryway. The exhibit is changed every other month.

Springhill Marriott, 1421 SE Tech Center Dr.: The Marriott chooses works from among those offered by our Venue Coordinators. They tend to choose contemporary pieces. The exhibit is changed every other month. Ask Wanda Brewster for more information.



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Membership Renewal

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

Membership dues are due every year before the end of June. Send a check to SWA at PO Box 2992, Vancouver, WA 98668 or pay at the next meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Email _____

I, _____ hereby apply for membership in the Society of Washington Artists for the _____ fiscal year which runs from July 1, _____ through June 30, _____.

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