

PEN & PALETTE

The Newsletter of the Society of Washington Artists

October Meeting

Date: November 15, 2017

Time: 10:00am - 12:00 noon

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

November Artist Demonstrator

Bea Garth

<https://bgarthart.com>.

November Artist of the Month

Carol Wood

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Thanksgiving

It's been a rough day and the last thing I want to think about is counting my blessings and turning my mind towards thankfulness, which is exactly why I am doing just that.

Jean Toepfer. Thank you Jean for all those years of keeping our SWA books straight. That involved lots of receipts, lots of trips to the post office box, and being there for us when we needed you. We are trying to find a new Treasurer, but there will never be another Jean Toepfer. Thank you.

Rae Del Brashier. Thank you to Rae Del for being our one-woman check-in committee (with some help from experts Katey Sandy and Jean Toepfer) for the Fall Show. It cost her a parking ticket, so tell her thanks (or buy her lunch) next time you see her.

Katey Sandy. Katey is already going strong building the Spring Show. She will need all our help to pull off a show like (or better than) the show last year, so ask her how you can help now or in April. You can thank her by stopping by her studio during Open Studios this weekend (November 11 and 12).

Sue Tellock. Sue not only keeps the minutes at both general and board meetings, she is our voice of reason at board meetings when we get a wild idea and go off on an artistic tangent. We're so lucky to have her.

Elaine Pawski. You might not see how much work Elaine does, trying to find the right workshop leader at the right price, while also designing our show flyers, postcards and other publications, but she



Thanks, Jean!

As I informed you earlier this month, we need to find a new SWA Treasurer. Our wonderful **Jean Toepfer** has taken us as far as she could and now she needs to lay down her pencil and relax. We are hoping that we can find someone who will not only pick up her pencil, but pick up a computer as well. The SWA laptop computer is available for use to a Treasurer who will move the SWA books to a digital form.

This is really a more exciting opportunity than it might seem at first glance. A new Treasurer has the opportunity to bring the SWA's finances into the 21st century. You can put your stamp on bookkeeping systems for years to come, at least until we get that treasurer robot.

Thanks, Pamela Suda!

Thanks for accepting the post of Publicity Chair! Welcome!

is a treasure.

Marianne Stokes. You don't know what a burden off my (and the board's) shoulders it is to know that all we have to do is ask, "Marianne, who is the artist demonstrator for next month?" and she will have the answer and it will be a brilliant one. Thank you, Marianne!

Arletta Riedler. Arletta is working behind the scenes keeping the website not only looking sharp but updated each and every month. Arletta is currently working with the Spring Show committee on ways to make the website work smarter for us in the run-up to the Spring Show.

David Rosenstein. We count on David to be there every month to set up the meeting room. He is always the first one there and one of the last to leave. It may look effortless, but that's just because it's all done before you start your car to come to the meeting!

Wanda Brewster. Wanda is the water in our dam, the steam in our engine, the coal in our furnace. She keeps us on time, in touch, and with the help of *Earlene Holmstrom*, keeps our art on display.

YOU. If I haven't called your name yet, please stand up and accept my applause. I see you there and I'm so glad you're here. Thank you for helping SWA be one of the most welcoming, helpful, and positive places in the Clark County art scene.

And remember: all the folks above are volunteers. They do the best they can with the time and energy left over after they do the essential parts of life, so give them a break and give them a hand. I'm sorry that thanks is all I have for them, but I give them (and you) a million of them.

We are welcoming Bea Garth as our artist demonstrator for the **November meeting**. Bea's work is figurative, narrative, symbolic, and surrealist. For a preview, go to <https://bgarthart.com>. Our Artist of the Month will be Carol Wood. She had a beautiful drawing in the Fall Show so I'm looking forward to seeing more of her work.

We also have some fun activities planned for the **December** meeting. More on that later, but for now, why don't you give your studio a real once-over. Remember that one painting you shoved into the back cupboard? That one for which you had the best of intentions, but came out kind of, well, odd looking? Take it out and dust it off. We have plans for it!

See you on November 15. **Don't forget to bring a treat!**

- Janice Tracy, President

SWA Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2017

President Janice Tracy brought the meeting to order and commented on her most enjoyable trip to Scotland.

Jean Toepfer followed with the treasurer's report.

Arletta Riedler lead a group discussion about Columbia River Mental Health Foundation, as well as a group she met through an art purchaser called ALSO, which is a nonprofit organization providing supported living, residential and employment services to people with developmental disabilities. They also run an art studio and gallery for their developmentally disabled clients. After a group discussion, it was suggested we ask members to donate art supplies to the ALSO studio and bring them to our Christmas meeting. Details will be worked out in further discussions.

Our fall show ends October 28th and members can pick up their art work on the afternoon of October 28, a Saturday, or before 3:00 on October 29. As of Oct 18, Ann Amies has sold her piece and David Collier has sold three pieces.

Janice announced that Pam Suda has agreed to take on the very important job of publicity chair.

Marianne Stokes reminded members of the life drawing class on Friday, October 20 for just \$6 per attendee. Call Marianne at [360-574-2189](tel:360-574-2189) for details on this and future life drawing groups.

Janice reminded members of the board meeting at 10:00 on Oct. 31 at the Hall Bldg.

Following the business meeting, members gathered for a group paint-in and sharing art techniques.

Jean Toepfer for Sue Tellock, Secretary



Congratulations

to **Vicki Pemberton**, who won the People's Choice Award at the 2017 SWA Members' Fall Show with her piece *Rhapsody*! Vicki has been invited to the November SWA Meeting to speak about how she created this piece.

Now Showing

Arts of Clark County Open Studios

November 11th and 12th. <http://www.copenstudios.org> Many SWA Members have opened their studios, including David Collier, Lesley Faulds, Alejandra Krogh-Winkler, Mary Jane Larson, Katey Sandy, and Gary Watson.

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.

The Artist Loft

The November gallery show is "Black and White," featuring black and white art of all forms and media. Several SWA members are participating so don't miss this one.

Call to Artists

Gallery 360 is hosting the show "Deck the Halls" in December. It is a non-juried, first-come first-served show open to the first 40 artworks submitted. Submission starts November 10th. \$25 entry. 35% commission. Learn more at <http://gallery360.org>.

Call to Artists

Check The Artist Loft's Facebook page for coming events.

Did you get your yearbook? If not, contact Janice Tracy at janice.tracy@gmail.com. Check it to make sure your contact information is current. If it isn't, contact Wanda Brewster at wabasawana@comcast.net

Workshops & Classes

Free Model 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.

The next nude model sketching gig is scheduled for December 1 at the home of Earlene Holmstrom. 12 to 4:00pm. \$6 fee covers model fee, snacks and wine. Reserve your spot ahead of time because these gigs fill up.

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

The Artist Loft

Community art studio and gallery 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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Wanda Painting by Elaine Pawski

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 keeps a small commission 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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