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Society of Washington
ARTISTS

March 2017

Rain, Rain, Let Up a Little Already.

by SWA President Janice Tracy

We've made it through an epically precipitous (as in precipitation) January and February, and we are trudging through more March days with unending little raincloud icons stretching through our calendars. I hope you are holding up through all of this, and the roof on your studio space holds out.

Whether your studio is a legitimate business space, a converted spare room, or a kitchen table, I bet that when you step in to it, your mind shifts to a different gear. It may at times give you frustration or joy, but it should ultimately make you feel like you are doing what you were meant to do. Is it one of those ones where everything has a place and everything is snug away? Or is it a happy jumble?

My studio is a corner I've carved out of the small sunroom attached to our family room. It is hot in the summer and cold in the winter, but the light is hard to beat. So I try not to complain (I complain). Because it's a bit cramped, I am constantly rearranging (how better to procrastinate). Eventually I will find a way to fit all the paints, tools and books in the perfect place. Except as soon as I do, I will buy more.

I know as soon as the sun dries the mud a bit, I will head outdoors, spread some bark dust, tidy the garden, and sacrifice a few trees that lost their limbs in the snow. But there is more to do inside: paintings to get ready for spring shows, sponsors to call, new artwork-label-holders to cut out of black foam core (the old ones are looking a little worse for wear), and still more plans to make.

Ramping up for the Spring Show. The spring show board and their angels and elves have been busy designing flyers, signs, sponsorship handouts, and various other advertisements to get the word out for our upcoming show at the Water Resources Center. We have ordered extra panels to hold all the artworks we are expecting, bought new table cloths to make the place look spiffy, and made plans for the silent auction baskets.

(Remember, bring your silent auction donations as soon as you can!)

So many details, and the time is ticking away.

We want to make this show not only the best one the SWA has put on, but the best one in Southwest Washington.

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SWA SPRING SHOW

April 27-30 at

Water Resources Center

Non-Juried. Open to all!

For registration form

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Showing our art at Gallery 360. Thanks to everyone who replied to my awkward survey regarding our use of Gallery 360's Community Room at the Slocum House for a month this fall. The overwhelming response was to try something new, so our fall show activity will move to Gallery 360 this October. As you can imagine, there will be changes ahead, and once again, I am flying by the seat of my pants. We will talk and plan more about this in the days ahead.

Attention Horse Lovers and Watercolorists:

You will want to make a point of joining us for the SWA general meeting on March 15. We will have a demonstration by Elizabeth Zimmerman of Western Rose Studios. Elizabeth is a watercolorist who specializes in horses, although her paintings of other animals (including human ones) are breathtaking as well. You can preview her art at <http://westernrosetudios.com>

Please Join Us in March. Our own longtime member, Maury Arthurs, will be our March Artist of the Month, so don't miss this one. - Janice

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SWA Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Tracy.

Treasurer Jean Toepfer reported a balance of \$11,980.20 in all accounts.

Janice stated that Norm Jackson will be given a lifetime membership certificate for having served the organization for so many years.

Katey Sandy talked about the Spring Show which will be April 25-30 at the Water Resources Center. More entries are needed this year for the large, well-lit space. Opportunities will be available to help with taking in entries, help will be needed with the reception and help during the show.

Wes Fisk is in charge of the sponsor program. Several perks are available to sponsors. Those donating \$50 or more will be able to have a year-long display ad on our web site. Members are asked to contact three businesses with the sponsor brochure. Those businesses that are art related may be especially interested in donating.

Silent auction item donations are needed for the Spring Show. Items could include paintings, sculptures, gift baskets or some other very attractive item. Come prepared to tell us what your donation will be at the March 15 meeting.

There are opportunities to show your non-traditional paintings at the Marriott Hotel. Contact Wanda Brewster for more information.

Artist of the month, Kathryn Delany, talked about and displayed paintings created on her I-Pad Pro as well as her manipulated photographs. The digital process provides a vast number of art options to explore.

Demonstrator Randall Vemer from Portland explained his classical painting style and the methods he uses to obtain rich colors with a limited palette. He begins with a charcoal drawing to work out the details of his subject.

Sue Tellock, Recording Secretary



Demonstrator of the month is painter and outdoorsy photographer **Elizabeth Zimmerman**. Her sketch style focuses on accurate drawing skills with a loose method of brushing, puddling, splattering rich watercolor pigment. Start up a [conversation with Elizabeth](#).

You never know what may come of it!
<http://www.westernrosestudios.com>

Both artists will show works at this month's SWA meeting March 15th. Meeting begins at 10am. New members and visitors are always welcome to attend.

Maury Arthurs is the SWA Artist of the Month for March. At right is one of Maury's sketches from Freemodel Art Guild, where he is a long-time member.

His very technical career background shows in the crisp angles and structure of his portrait sketches.



Janice's Members To-Do List:

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. It's not too early to bring your silent auction donation to the meeting. If you have it ready, bring it to the March 15 meeting. The April meeting will be less than a week away from the spring show! You are welcome to bring your donations then, but it would be nice to have them earlier. Contact Wanda Brewster or Earlene Holmstrom for more information.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS. As you know, the spring show will be more expensive than before, so we will need all your artist friends to enter, enter, enter. As always, the Call to Artists/Prospectus and registration form can be found on the website.

BREAK-OUT SESSION. The First Friday get-together went well! Let's do more of the same! Email me if you are interested in attending or hosting an evening SWA-centered gab session.

CALL YOUR FAVORITE BUSINESS and ask them if they would like to sponsor an award at the spring show. You will learn more and get some nifty new handouts at the March meeting.

SHOW YOUR ART. Apply to have your art shown at the Springhill Marriot in Vancouver. There is a new manager at the Springhill and they are looking for more lively, contemporary stuff. Ask Wanda Brewster if your art might match their new aesthetic.

LEND A HAND. Contact Katey Sandy about helping at the Spring Show. We will need all-hands-on-deck, and we sure do need what you have to offer! Come ask us.

Now Showing

SWA Spring Show is BIG

April 27-30 at the Vancouver Water Resource Center Community Room, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver. Members and non-members. Non-juried. Prospectus at www.societyofwashingtonartists.com

BATTLE GROUND ART ALLIANCE

Spring Show and Art Sale is March 18th-19th at the Battleground Community Center. Art will 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.

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? Contact Arletta Riedler. She's our SWA Webmaster 360.574.9208 cell 503.250.2631

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

Vancouver Library Contact dgamble@fvrl.org

Katey Sandy's work is showing at Camas Gallery

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

Gallery 360 will present "Northwest Bounty". Runs from April 5 to July 1. Celebrating the Vancouver Farmers Market and the riches of the Northwest, the gallery will show artwork that depicts the abundance of our region's foods, flowers, wildlife, industry, recreation, and entrepreneurs.

Show Your Contemporary Art at Springhill Marriott

Ask for guidelines and application forms at the SWA meeting. Print and send in an application or scan the application and send it with your photos and artist statement. Send to Wanda Brewster wabasawana@comcast.net

Our committee reviews applications and schedules works to be shown in this excellent hotel in the Tech Center area of Fishers Landing. Marriott is changing their style, and looking for fresh, contemporary, local works from SWA artists.

Workshops Classes Clubs

Art's Desire has Classes and workshops with local artists, varied styles and media in a unique setting. Including **Wanda Mumm** oils workshop starting March 30 <http://www.wandamumm.com/>
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. Quick, casual sketches.

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. **Free Model** also holds a 3-hour nude model session monthly. Call Marianne Stokes for schedule 574-2189 www.freemodelartguild.com

Northbank Gallery has studios spaces, guest artists, and educational outreach. 1005 Main St, downtown Vancouver WA

Southwest Washington Watercolor Society
presents a 3-day workshop April 5-7 with Linda Aman.
www.amanarts.com

Work with color, fix paintings, and try Yupo.
At Vancouver Heights Methodist, 5701 MacArthur Blvd. in Vancouver. Email workshop coordinator
Jean Hauge jhauge47@gmail.com 509-280-4584

Portland Fine Arts Guild has spring classes in acrylics. Check out <http://www.portlandfineartsguild.org/>

Will Ray and others are teaching at Clark County Community College this spring. Continuing Ed art classes
<http://www.ecd.clark.edu>

Our Interactive Facebook Page

Put your artwork, comments and critiques out there!
Chat with other artists on our SWA Facebook page.
Click below. Take a peek inside Facebook, or interact and advertise!

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

Post your art news on Facebook.

**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

March 15, 2017

Vancouver Heights Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd. Vancouver WA
10 am

Don't miss this meeting!
Featuring Artist of the Month:

Maury Arthurs

&

Artist Demonstrator:

Elizabeth Zimmerman

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will be greatly appreciated by our readers.*