

PEN & PALETTE

The Newsletter of the Society of Washington Artists

Next Meeting

Wednesday, **January 16**, 2019

10:00am to 12:00 noon

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

Meeting in Brief

- Business Meeting
- Break for refreshments
- Artist Demonstrator
Don Gray

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Make a Resolution.

Here's a message from me to you on this early January day: I hope you make a resolution this year. You don't have to resolve to be thinner, stronger, or more accomplished. How about if you resolve to be a kinder person and/or a more passionate and empathetic artist? Resolve to treat everyone as you would have them treat yourself. Resolve that you will act according to the biblical principal that you reap what you sow (this is just as true for positive actions as it is for negative ones). Today I heard it put this way: what makes a person rich isn't how much they *have* but how much they *give*. I know you know and live by these principals already. But it's always good every once and awhile to stop and take stock of the blessings you already have and those you have to give away. Thanks for listening!

Make a Painting.

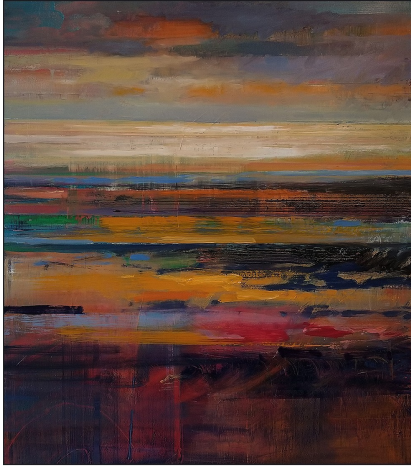
Don't forget: the 2019 SWA Spring Art Show and Sale art drop-off day is Tuesday, April 30th and the show opens Thursday, May 2nd. Get back into the studio and create art. We want new, fantastic, surprising entries!

Thank You For Coming!

Thanks for putting up with our little experiment in December, moving the meeting to the evening for those members who are not usually available in the middle of the day. We did attract a few of those members but we lost quite a few of our regulars. We learned later that many regulars were just under the weather. I certainly came down hard

Artist Demonstrator: Don Gray

Our Artist Demonstrator for the January meeting is Don Gray. Don's work is currently on display at The Cave Gallery downtown.



Seeking Level #25, currently on display at The Cave

Don's list of accomplishments is extensive: shows, books, museum acquisitions, articles and murals all over the country (see one example on page 5 below). His works are both realist and abstract.



Fly By, Don Gray

No matter which tradition he is working in, you can see the influence of the Oregon landscape in his art.

We are lucky that he has agreed to come talk to us and I am looking forward to the 3rd Wednesday of January!

with a cold that turned into bronchitis soon after the party. However, we happy few had a great time and held a rousing white elephant swap party of Christmas and winter crafts. Who knows what next Christmas will bring in terms of swap games? You can assume it will be earlier in the day though, because evening meetings are better suited for later in the year when the sun doesn't set at 4:30pm!

Healing Thoughts

Our meeting coordinator, David Rosenstein, who we were so recently praising because of all the work he does before and after each meeting, is recuperating from heart troubles which required an implantable defibrillator. He will be off his feet for a while, so that means we all need to pitch in, come a little early, set up chairs and tables and start the coffee. And meanwhile, please wish a speedy recovery to David. We will miss you in January and hope to see you up and around soon!

Happening in Town

Artist Trust is a Washington organization that supports artists by providing training, project grants and major lifetime achievement grants for Washington artists. As you might have guessed, Artist Trust is based in Seattle. However, they do put a lot of effort into serving artists throughout our state. As an example, Artist Trust will be holding their quarterly board meeting in Vancouver on January 26. While the board meeting is closed to the general public the Trust will separately be offering a free grant writing seminar at 12:00 followed by a happy hour reception at 3:00. Both activities sound like an excellent opportunity to meet the Artist Trust board members and find out how our community artists can get more involved with this organization. The happy hour is hosted by Art at the CAVE Gallery. If you are interested, you can visit their list of events here and scroll down to find the seminar and happy hour on January 26th: <https://artisttrust.org/index.php/events>

— Janice Tracy, President



The December holiday get-together included a winter crafts white elephant swap game. Photo by Kathryn Delany (thanks!)

Call to Artists

Angst Gallery

In honor of **Black History Month**, Angst Gallery seeks art which reflects all aspects of African-American life, culture, and history. All media are welcome. Submit up to three pieces for \$10. Art can be dropped off on January 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Wednesday, January 30 from noon to 6 p.m. The Black History Month exhibit at Angst Gallery is February 1 - 23.

Lunaria Gallery - Silverton

Oregon and SW Washington artists are invited to apply to the 2nd annual juried show presented by Lunaria Gallery in Silverton, Oregon. **"Home is Where the Heart Is"** is open to all media. Artists are asked to address the idea of 'HOME.' The theme is open to broad interpretation, can be emotionally evocative and visually resonant. Apply at <http://lunariagallery.com/apply-2/home-is-where-the-heart-is/>

Art In The Pearl - Portland

Art In The Pearl®, Portland Oregon's annual Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, occurs every year on Labor Day weekend. The 23rd annual festival will occur Labor Day Weekend, 2019 in the Pearl District's North Park Blocks -August 31, September 1 and September 2, 2019. Deadline for entry is February 15, 2019. For more info, go to <https://www.artinthepearl.com>

Battle Ground Art Alliance



18th Annual Spring Show, A Juried Exhibition of Fine Art and Fine Craft. Battle Ground Community Center, 912 East Main Street, Battle Ground, WA 98604, March 16-17, 2019. For more information, go to <http://bgartalliance.com/show-prospectus>

Now Showing

The Artist Loft

The Artist Loft presents *Reflections*. January and February are all about Artist Loft Members. Reflections is a members only show featuring 30 artists varying from sculptors, painters, jewelers, and textile makers. See SWA Members' works. Through February. 1001 Main Street, Suite C, Vancouver.

Art At The Cave

Art At the CAVE is pleased to present Erin Dengerink, Don Gray and Jason Mayer in January's exhibit, The Nature of Things. Each artist explores landscape, objects, and figures in a poetic and thoughtful ways; seeking beauty and hope in a complicated world. The show will include Gray's painting, monotypes by Mayer, and Dengerink's paintings, sculptures, and an installation that incorporates a soundtrack by artist/drummer Melissa Gueiros. A limited edition book with images from each artist and an essay by Renee Marino will also be available.

Angst Gallery

Eighth Annual Celebration of the Male Form. Angst Gallery's annual attempt to balance the preponderance of female subjects in art. Through January.



See this piece by Jane Scott and much more at Angst this month.

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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.

Workshop Opportunity - Pastel and Charcoal

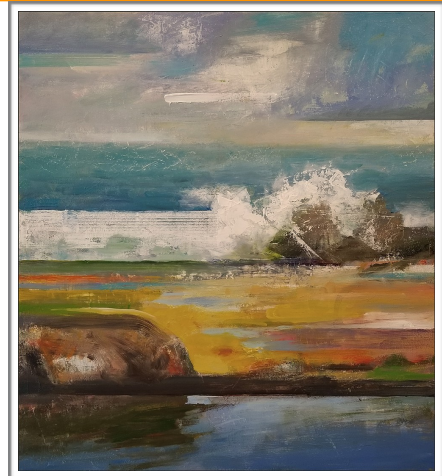
Hilarie Couture is planning a pastel and charcoal workshop at her studio Jan. 24-26th. First day is a familiarity and overview with materials, mark making and values etc., working from a photo of any subject that you supply. The next day is the charcoal portrait from life and day 3 is pastel portrait from life. You will have demo and lecture in the morning and working on your paintings in the afternoon. The time is 10-4 with a 45 min lunch break. you can take the 3 days for \$225 or drop in per day for \$80. On the last 2 days there is an additional model fee of 25\$ or \$15.00 per day . Please email Hilarie for more info or if you want to join. You will also need to provide a \$50 deposit and a materials list will be sent to you upon receipt. hilariecouture@gmail.com

FreeModel Art Guild

Draw or learn to draw with live models!

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

Check with Marianne Stokes at 360-574-2189 or Diana Thewlis (dthewlis@comcast.net) for more information or when the next nude model drawing gig is scheduled. At the nude model gigs, \$6 covers model fee, wine, and potluck refreshments.



Seeking Level #20 by Don Gray

SWA General Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2018

The meeting was held on the second Wednesday of the month due to the third Wednesday falling close to Christmas and at 5:30 in the evening as an experiment in attracting working members. It was called to order by President Janice Tracy.

Treasurer Kathryn Delaney reported a balance of \$13,246.52 in all accounts.

Janice talked about the Spring Show saying that a better web site has been developed to help promote our organization. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January meeting and that the Prospectus may be finished by late January. On-line registration will begin in February.

While attendance at the December meeting was small, one member who is usually not able to attend meeting came and one prospective member attended. Food provided for the meeting was fantastic and items for the gift exchange were unique and spectacular. Gifts included prints, paintings, a hand-blown ornament and some beautiful holiday cookies. A good time was had by all.

The next general meeting will be January 16. The next board meeting will be January 10.

Sue Tellock, Secretary

A Word from our Spring Show Director (Thanks, Sue Tellock!)

The Spring Art Show Is Coming! There's no time to hide...the show will be here before you know it.

So, what can YOU do? Completing a few pieces to enter in the show would be a good idea. Attending the February general meeting to learn about on-line registration is important. *Putting your name on more than one sign-up sheet is essential.* **What is needed?** The silent auction team is looking for donations for the auction and baskets to put them in. People are needed to help put out signs for the weekend of the auction and also to check signs to make sure they are in good condition. *Volunteers distributing flyers are critical to your show.* Hosts are needed for every day of the show to welcome visitors and assist with show sales. Wouldn't you like to be there when your painting sells and meet the buyer?

This is YOUR Spring Show...help make it great!



Harvest Cook Shack, one of several Alva, Oklahoma murals painted by Don Gray, our January Artist Demonstrator

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

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