

PEN & PALETTE

The Newsletter of the Society of Washington Artists

Next Meeting

Wednesday, **December 18,**
2018

10:00am to noon

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

Meeting in Brief

- Business Meeting
- Potluck Break
- Holiday Party

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It's a Hassle until It's a Joy

I hope your Christmas shopping, decorating, baking and making is not harshing your mellow. All the extra errands and work we assign ourselves this time of year can start to feel like a real drag. And then the day comes, or the party comes, or your out-of-town family comes, and all that work is appreciated, or makes the day go more smoothly, or makes you glad you took the time.

[Note of interest to English lovers: it appears that Apple doesn't believe "harshing" is a word. Any hippy-era boomer out there worth their Birkenstocks knows that the gerund "harshing" as it relates to the noun and state of "mellow" is a very real word.]

Speaking of hassles that become joys, please consider getting involved in the talented and brilliant group that lead this organization. As you know, I will be stepping down soon. However, I know there is latent talent out there and one of you is thinking about stepping forward. Come on in! This group is so fun and knowledgeable. You will learn about the art community, make a difference for your friends, and meet new artists and art world luminaries. There are tons of perks of having "President of SWA" listed under your name. Try it out, kind of like writing "Mrs. Brad Pitt" on your school Pee-Chee. It suits you!

Make Your Thing!

It is not my role or wish to give you homework. Here's your homework:

Find or make something crafty for the December meeting. We are going to have a fun gift swap and the more participants the more fun (and the better chance I will go home with something pretty or delicious). Some

Gift swap rules: How do they go again?

1. A responsible non-player will be appointed the title of Swap Wizard. The Swap Wizard will act as All Powerful Referee and keep track of swap turns and when popular gifts reach three swaps, thus fall out of play.
2. Each player brings a wrapped gift.
3. Players draw numbers to determine what order they will go.
4. Players sit in a circle or line where they can see the gift pile.
5. The first player selects a gift from the pool and opens it.
6. The following players can choose to either pick an unwrapped gift from the pool or steal a previous player's gift. Anyone who gets their gift stolen in this way can do the same - choose a new gift or steal from someone else.
 - A present can only be stolen once per turn, which means players who have a gift stolen from them have to wait to get it back.
 - After three swaps, the gift is out of play. (If a present gets *stolen* three times, it's out of the game and the person who holds it gets to walk away with it.)
7. After all players have had a turn, the first player gets a chance to swap the gift he or she is holding for any other opened gift. Anyone whose gift is stolen may steal from someone else (as long as the gift is still in play). When someone declines to steal a gift, the game comes to an end.

ideas are: a hand made ornament, a pretty candle, cookies in a tin; your own winter themed artwork; a poinsettia with a pot wrapped in pretty fabric or foil; or your own hot chocolate mix in a mason jar.

Help The Kids!

Our new tradition of gathering our small offerings to make a large difference for a worthy cause continues this year. The Learning Avenues Preschool located at Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church (where we hold our meetings) provides preschool education to area children no matter what their family incomes, a noble goal that we are enthusiastic in supporting. Please put a little something extra in your shopping cart next time you are out and about (or maybe you can clean out your craft closet) and bring it in so that we can present a great big Merry Christmas to them. See the list in the box below of items that they will be most happy to receive.

Make your Specialty!

As usual, December's meeting will be an opportunity to share your favorite recipes with your friends potluck style. I look forward to sampling your delicious treats!

Same Bat Time, Same Bat Channel

The Christmas meeting will be on the regular day (Wednesday) and at the regular time (10:00am).

Different Bat Time, Different Bat Channel

Please see the red box on page 3 with the dates and times for the first three meetings of the new year. PLEASE NOTE that the January and March meetings will be on SATURDAY. We are hoping that the introduction of a few Saturday meeting dates will allow our working members to enjoy the friendship and the fantastic demonstrations that we have enjoyed recently. I hope you will all be able to join us.

See you at the refreshment table.

— Janice Tracy, President

Items for Learning Avenues Preschool:

- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Glue bottles
- ✓ Washable markers
- ✓ Masking tape
- ✓ Scotch tape
- ✓ Clear packaging tape
- ✓ Watercolor paints
- ✓ Construction paper
- ✓ White drawing paper
- ✓ Dry erase pens
- ✓ Craft paper
- ✓ Play dough
- ✓ Sidewalk chalk
- ✓ Sequins (no glitter)
- ✓ Wiggly eyes
- ✓ Pom-poms
- ✓ Pipe cleaners
- ✓ Foam shapes and letters

Call to Artists

SWA Venues

Venue director Wanda Brewster is looking for SWA Member art works to exhibit at the H. H. Hall Building in January. (Word to the Wise Artist: the last three Hall Building exhibitors sold paintings!)

In addition, SWA can fit one more artist on the Big Wall at the UCC Church in February.

Contact Wanda at wabasawana@comcast.net for more information.

Angst Gallery

2020 Celebration of the Male Form

The grand opening of the Mosaic Arts Alliance at Angst Gallery invites you to submit work for the 9th annual celebration of the male form. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the gender imbalance in the art world and appreciate the male body as natural, beautiful, and worthy of aesthetic examination. The show will include representations and interpretations of the male form clothed, nude, realistic, and abstract.

Artists may submit up to 3 pieces with a sliding scale entry fee of \$10-20. Show dates: January 3-31. Artist Reception: Friday, January 10, 5-8pm. Art Drop-off: December 29, 2pm. Art Pick-up: February 2, 1 pm.

Columbia Center for the Arts

Columbia Center for the Arts in Hood River, Oregon, is seeking artists for the Rhythm Exhibition in February, 2020.

<https://www.columbiaarts.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Feb-SubForm-2020.pdf>

Shoreline Arts Festival

Juried Marketplace (booth style)

This year's Marketplace will feature 70+ juried artists. The organizers strive for a well-balanced mix of art types and price points, with emphasis always on quality of craftsmanship. Work must be handmade. No commercially produced work, kits, or imported goods.

Date: June 27 & 28, 2020. Application Deadline: February, 29, 2020. Apply at callforentry.org

Our Artists At Work

The Artist Loft

December and January are all about the wonderfully diverse Artist Loft Members.

Come see your favorite artists and discover new ones. The Artist Loft currently has over 30 artists varying from sculptors, painters, jewelers, and textile makers. 1001 Main Street, Suite C, Vancouver.

The Artist Loft

Mosaic Arts Alliance



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!

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Show Your Art with SWA

Please contact Wanda Brewster at wabasawana@comcast.net if you are interested in displaying your work at one of these SWA venues:

- H. H. Hall Building in Hazel Dell ~ One artist, 6-9 pieces depending on size.
- The Vancouver UCC Church ~ The space will accommodate three artists with 5-7 paintings each depending on size. We could also host a single artist if you have large pieces.

Mark Your Calendar for these SATURDAY MEETINGS

The SWA 2020 schedule now includes two Saturday meetings. We hope this will help working SWA members take part in some of the demonstrations and activities that they would otherwise miss. The Saturday meetings will be held in Room 103 of the Frost Arts Center on the main Clark College Campus. Here is the schedule for the first three months of 2020 so you can mark your calendars now:

Month	Date	Location	Demonstrator
January	Saturday, January 18th, 10:00 am to noon	Room 103, Frost Center, Clark College	Karen Madsen of Artstra
February	Wednesday, February 19th, 10:00am to noon	Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church	TBD
March	Saturday, March 21st, 10:00am to 1:00pm	Room 103, Frost Center, Clark College	Barbara De Pirro of Golden Paints

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. Nude model gigs monthly. \$8 covers model fee, wine, and potluck refreshments.

Check with Marianne Stokes at 360-574-2189 or Diana Thewlis (dthewlis@comcast.net) for info.

SWA General Meeting Minutes for November 20th, 2019

The meeting was called to order by president Janice Tracy. Guest Margaret Wolf was introduced. Treasurer Linda Whittingham reported a balance of \$13,112.80 in all accounts. She stated that \$800 was made at the bazaar that was a part of the Fall Show but that final results are not yet available. Janice thanked everyone who helped or participated in the “really great Fall Show.” Russell Cupp was selected as the “People’s Choice” winner at the Fall Show. Janice talked about the member suggestion of having SWA business cards to hand out but pointed out that we have developed post cards that have membership information for people interested in SWA. Katey Sandy announced that the Spring Show will be held April 30 - May 3 at the Water Resources Center. Up to three paintings may be entered with a limit of 200 paintings accepted for the show. The show will include a silent auction and it will soon be time to gather items for the auction. The December SWA meeting will be held in the usual place at 10 am on December 18. A gift exchange with a \$10 limit will be the program for the day. Please bring goodies to share and items to donate to the Learning Avenues Pre-School. Welcome items include washable markers, construction paper, sidewalk chalk as well as many other items enjoyed by preschoolers. The board is exploring options for a Saturday meeting in January, February or March so that working members or those interested in learning about our organization may attend. Ann Amies was selected as the recipient of the Sharon Whyte award at the Fall Show. Ann has donated many hours to furthering an interest in art in the community, particularly through her volunteer work at the Clark County Fair art display. Joan Giddings Turley, artist of the month, explained her art journey and displayed a number of her paintings. Leslie Dorcus of Artists and Craftsman Supply demonstrated paper making by using scraps of various kinds of paper with a papermaking kit available at their store. Sue Tellock, Secretary



Leslie Dorcus from Artists and Craftsman Supply assists Becky Leventis as she soaks excess water from her sheet of newly created paper.



Wanda Brewster puts the finishing touches on her new sheet of hand-made paper.

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Membership Renewal

Membership dues are \$35 per person, \$45 family (late renewals are \$40 individual/\$50 family). New memberships are prorated after January 1st. You can join or renew at <https://www.swavancouver.com/join>

Membership renewals are due every year before the end of June. Send a check to SWA at PO Box 2992, Vancouver, WA 98668, renew online, 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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