

From Our President



In July's Pen and Palette newsletter we noted the challenges brought about by 2020 and some of the interesting things that have come about due to those challenges. I would like to take a moment and bring all our members up to date on what the SWA Leadership Team and Steering Committee have been doing during these past months. As you might recall this past spring SWA sent out a survey to the general membership and from the answers we received back the Leadership team made some decisions as to the future of SWA. SWA will continue to be a viable and active group of artists centered in southwest Washington with the purpose of furthering the interests of fine visual

arts within the community. SWA also assists its members and the community in achieving their artistic goals by providing a number of activities such as workshops, demonstrations and display venues. It was also recognized that SWA has challenges namely, an aging membership and the need to attract younger members. Also there was a general consensus of the Leadership Team for a permanent brick and mortar facility, the updating of the web site and an update of the SWA's by-laws. The Leadership Team tasked the Steering Committee to come up with ideas and suggestions to address these challenges.

August will be a very important month as the nominating committee will be presenting, in a separate email to all SWA members, a final list of candidates for Board member along with the new by-laws to all SWA members for approval. We need one additional candidate for Member-at-large on the Board. The Search continues so please step forward if interested. Watch your email for information on these two important ballots.

The Fall Show Committee is busy at work putting together SWA's first totally virtual show. Information on this event, scheduled for October 15 to December 15th, will be coming your way shortly as well. Now's the time to start thinking

Watch Your Email For Your SWA Ballot

Since we were unable to meet in person in June to elect officers for next year, we will be voting this year by email. In the next few days you will receive your ballot. In addition to electing officers, we will be voting on changes to the by-laws to reflect some of the changes being made.

Please return your ballot promptly!

about your painting or paintings and to what you will want to enter especially, if like the rest of us you haven't picked up a brush in a few months.

This year has definitely brought challenges to everyone but it has also opened doors to possibilities we may not have previously considered. SWA is a resource rich group loaded with talent and expertise and is more than up to any challenges this year may throw our way. Thank you for making SWA the wonderful organization it is.

It's Almost time for the

FALL SHOW - OCT 15- DEC 15, 2020

This year's fall show will be a virtual show online! It is open to all artists.

Members-\$20, 1st Entry - 10 each additional piece up to 3
Non-Members-\$20, 1st Entry - 10 each additional piece up to 3
Great Prizes! \$750 for Best in Show, plus \$1000 in additional prizes.

Entry starts Aug. 20

Watch Your Email for The Prospectus and Call To Artists

visit us online: www.swavancouver.com

Leadership Team Report

Wanda Brewster - Leadership Team Chair

One of the things that we as a team have been looking at is how we can collaborate with other art groups to achieve an art culture in Clark County that would support the needs of the artist community including but not limited to a space dedicated to the visual arts. Working together as a team to promote our ideas for the greater good and to have a voice with the city and county when these decisions are being made.

We met with some representatives of art groups from Clark County on Monday the 27th for a round table discussion about how we might begin to achieve this goal. These groups are ~ Artstra, Mosaic Arts Alliance, Pam Curtis representing Felida Artists, SW Washington WaterColor Society, NW Oil Painters Guild, Washougal Arts and Culture Alliance, Alicia Nilo from SW Washington Center for the Arts. We have also been in touch with Battleground Arts Alliance and Ridgefield Art Association, and Columbia Arts Association who were not able to

attend this get acquainted meeting.

We had a very enlightening conversation with a lot of interest in this idea. Several of our guests had some good ideas and some had already been working on some aspects of this for a while with their own constituents.

We plan to meet again in a couple of weeks and bring concrete ideas for how we might move forward and to decide what this coalition would look like.

Leadership Team

New Membership Coordinator

I am very excited to have one of our newer members, Roz Waugh, volunteer to help us with membership coordination. Roz has tackled organizing the membership list and our database contact list and is putting us in great shape for future marketing. Roz has a lengthy career in marketing and graphic design and learned of SWA during a Clark College continuing education art class. She enjoys painting acrylic abstract art, and you can see one of her works on our new member list page. Thanks Roz!! Linda Whittingham, Treasurer.

Got News for the Newsletter?

Please send us news about galleries and art shows or any upcoming events you may be involved in, or that might be of interest to our membership.

email: epawski@comcast.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

NEWSLETTER: If you are interested in helping with content, or taking a larger role with planning and developing the newsletter, please let me know. I'd be happy to help you get started! contact epawski@comcast.net

CAN YOU CHECK EMAIL? We are looking for someone to check the SWA email and redirect inquiries. Contact President Rick Jones: president@swavancouver.com

BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL! All members are welcome to attend and ask questions and give suggestions! Board meetings are online via Zoom, the next day and time has not yet been decided. Please email Katey Sandy @ ksandymaga@msn.com, if you'd like to be notified of the next board meeting.e

Yes, SWA is on Facebook! Check out all the interesting art related posts by members by clicking on this button →



SWA WEBSITE

PREVIEW THE PAGE HERE:

<https://www.swavancouver.com/members-gallery>

Have you sent in your info for the SWA Member Page? By now, you should have received an email requesting the following info for our new members page. We hope every member will take advantage of this great opportunity.

If you have questions or need help with feel free to email the Web committee, Linda Whittingham:
lwizen@gmail.com or
Elaine Pawski:
epawski@comcast.net

To the right of this column, is an example of what the page will look like. when you click on your box, you will see your artwork in it's entirety, as well as a link to your website, facebook page, or whatever link you have provided.

COMING SOON!

One of the goals of the Website Committee is to provide a member artists web page where the artist will have their artist statement, and up to ten pieces of their art work showcased. The web page can be used as the artist's personal online portfolio with links to their social media sites or any time the artist is asked for a portfolio of their work. If the artist choses to participate there would be an additional fee added to usual annual membership dues.

Please let us know if you are interested in this great web page opportunity!

email:

info@swavancouver.com

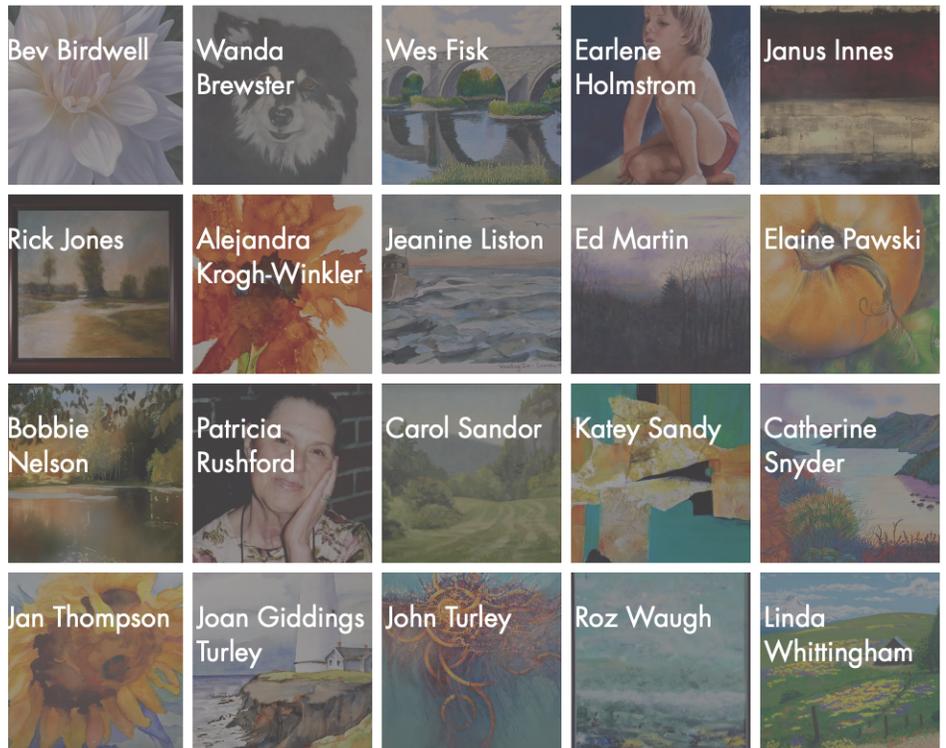
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SWA Member Artists

To learn more about becoming a member, click [here](#).



More members...

AMIESAnn	KENWORTHYMalee	RUSHFORDPatricia
ANDERSONShirley Ann	KIDD PLAMONDONKathy	SALTERMarilyn
BARCOKathleen	KIPPSusan Marmolejo	SANDORCarol
BIRDWELLBev	KOCHJulie	SANDYKatey
BRASHIERRoe Del	KOEGLERGerda	SAVANNAHTerri
BRFWSTFRWanda	KROGH-WINKIFRAleianra	SHEINFTamra

For the group members page, please send these two (2) items to info@swavancouver.com
One (1) image that is representative of your work. If you do not wish to have an image of your art, you are welcome to submit a profile picture in its place.

Image requirements: jpg/jpeg, 500px long on the shortest side, max 500kb,

Here is a link to an online file resizing tool. <https://resizeimage.net> To resize your image:

- 1) Upload your image
- 2) In section 4 replace the smallest number with 500, making sure the "keep aspect ratio) is checked.
- 3) Click "resize image" at the bottom
- 4) Select "download image" and attach the file in your email.

If you have questions on how to resize your images, contact Elaine at eartist@gmail.com

or Linda Whittingham: lwizen@gmail.com

Art Show and Competition News!



Katy Sandy,
Everything is Coming Up
Masks, Honorable Mention

OSA Current Exhibits

38th Annual Rose Festival Art Show Aug 6-26. Online and In The OSA Gallery
Two SWA Members, Linda Whittingham, and Katey Sandy won Honorable Mention for their paintings!



Linda Whittingham,
Love and Peace Rose, Honorable Mention

Call to Artists

**WASHOUGAL
2020 ART FESTIVAL**

Visit our festival artists
online at:
WashougalArts.org

Washougal WA -- Washougal Arts and Culture Alliance will host an online art festival as an alternative to its annual August event cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic public gathering restrictions. "We are very excited that our virtual 2020 Washougal Art Festival will last not just one day, but the entire month of August," said WACA president, Kelli Rule. "Our

website will be the hub, and from there people will be able to access the festival through our Facebook and Instagram pages."

The goal of WACA's art festivals is to create exposure and drive sales for local and regional artists. According to Rule, artists have pushed themselves to create exclusive videos, new and refreshed websites and more to help promote their art in a new way online. "We hope our community will support these local artisans, hard hit by the cancellation of so many opportunities to sell their art," Rule said. "We'll do our best through social media to give the artists the attention they deserve. When you purchase original artwork, you are not only buying that object, but you're investing in that person."

Join the festival at the WACA website <http://washougalarts.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/WashougalArts/>, https://www.instagram.com/washougal_arts/

Oregon Society of Artists

Upcoming shows:

Annual Fall Juried Show, Sept 3, -25, 2020 OSA is excited to host the 2020 Fall Juried Show, an exhibition celebrating PNW artists and photographers. This year will be juried by artist Scott Gellatly.

Photography Exhibit: Please join OSA, the PPF, and the OPPA in a show dedicated to the art of photography in October. The theme of the show is Oregon in Extraordinary Times. All genres of photography are encouraged. This show will be juried by Mark Fitzgerald.

200 Under \$200 Show- Buy your cradles now for our 200 for Under \$200 Show opening in December. Your 12" x 12" American Easel panel is available at OSA. Please call 503-228-0706 to purchase your easel(s) and enter the show. More details, Prospectus, and framing guidelines here: <https://www.osartists.org/gallery/current-upcoming-exhibits>

Art at the Cave-

“Art of the Quarantine” is in the gallery now, and online in their virtual gallery. This show has submissions by many of our members, too many to name here. Here are a couple of samples : an evocative painting by Wes Fisk entitled “Fruits of Life”, larger than life “Mother Earth” by Malee Kenworthy, and engagingly whimsical “The Pasture” by Leslie Faulds



Malee Kenworthy, “Mother Earth:



Wes Fisk, “Fruits of Life”

www.artatthecave.com



Leslie Faulds, “The Pasture”

*Do you have your own artist website? Please create a link on your page to SWA.
It helps your search engine optimization as well as ours!
Don't have a website? Please see page 3!*