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SWA Mission/ Vision Statement Revision

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Mission:

SWA seeks to provide networking, mentorship, education, and advocacy of the visual arts in our diverse community, inclusive of all levels of accomplishment and background.

Vision:

Through collaboration of the skills of SWA's varied membership and our diverse community, SWA seeks to provide networking, mentorship, education and advocacy, for the visual arts.

Our goal is to support and strengthen our neighborhoods, artistic partners and economy through inclusion in our visual arts community. This is achieved through the engagement of volunteers with annual shows, community inclusive art events, art instructive workshops, creating opportunities for artists, through mentorship, advocacy, and web presence.

Updates to the Mission and Vision were approved at our January 17 General Meeting.

From Our President

Rick Jones, President



Welcome to 2021 and a new year. Not being 2020 is a great way to start out this year and no doubt we are all very happy about it fading into history. As trying as last year was, SWA accomplished a great deal of administrative housekeeping. New members were added to our growing roster, and our fast pivot last fall to utilizing a virtual show coupled with a physical show at The Cave Gallery provided a road map of how we can handle our shows in the future. The talented and dedicated members of SWA provide a deep well of experience and definitely the spirit to get things done. As a bonus we all discovered how to navigate (more or less) Zoom. Regardless of how we feel about Zoom it allows us the means to gather and meet and to confront the challenges of last year.

As we move into 2021 we would like to reach out to members, especially those new to SWA, to ask if you would lend your expertise and talents in areas where they are much needed. Specifically we would like to add you to our Show Planning and Program Planning committees. We are thinking outside of the box again and have been in touch with several potential venue sites. As it was last year until further notice everything is up in the air for large gatherings in or out of doors, as a result we are putting together a Spring online show similar to the 2020 Fall show. Watch for the details.

SWA is also on the lookout for a member who is familiar with social media and the various platforms. An IT background/experience would be great. As SWA grows it is relying more and more on various platforms for our virtual shows, our website and coordination with our members' websites and social media pages. Our website and social media site are SWA's face to the world and critical to our future. If you are interested contact either Katey Sandy or me (and no, it's not full time by any stretch of the imagination).

And don't forget about the January deadline for membership renewal. If you have not already done so please take a moment and visit the website: www.swavancouver.com/membership

Annual membership dues are \$40 for an individual and \$45 for a family. Dues are for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st. The Member Gallery and the Individual Member page are great for highlighting your artwork. Check out the details in this newsletter and sign up. And, if you haven't done so lately we'd like to suggest a visit the member gallery at: www.swavancouver.com/members-gallery.

We're looking forward to an exciting and innovative year.

Rick Jones
President, SWA

Save
the date!

The next general
meeting will be
Thursday, Feb. 4
at 6 p.m.

Help Needed

For many years, SWA member Ann Amies coordinated the art exhibit at the Clark County Fair. But this year, due to Ann's serious health challenges, she and her husband Tom are unable to do this. At this time, we do not know if the fair will be scheduled but it seems necessary to proceed with plans in the event that it does happen. What is needed is a chair person and a committee to take charge. Training and past records are available for assistance. The art exhibit has been a popular feature of the fair and it is important that it be continued with new leadership. Contact Sue Tellock for information.

info@swavancouver.com.



To make it easier for our members and friends, please email

info@swavancouver.com

whenever you have a question or concern. Please put in the subject line what it is referring to or whom you would like it forwarded to: for example; website, President, newsletter, etc.

SWA members, it's that time of year! January is membership renewal time.

As a result of 2020 and part of the reorganizing and updating of our membership renewal we felt it would be wise to remind our members that the membership renewal was put off until January 2021 – which is where we are now!

If you have not already done so please take a moment and renew online at: www.swavancouver.com/membership

Annual membership dues are \$40 for an individual and \$45 for a family. Dues are for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st. Mid-year memberships are prorated at \$20 for those joining between July 1st and December 31st. Payment can be made online either with credit card or Pay Pal. Other payment accommodations can be handled by contacting: treasurer@swavancouver.com.

It's important to fill out the form completely. At the bottom of the page you should select 2021 Individual or Family Membership.

Member Gallery

As a member you have the choice of placing one photo of your work or of yourself on our member gallery page along with a link to your website or social media page. There is no extra charge for this and it does allow visitors to the SWA site to review individual artists in the gallery. If you're curious, the member gallery can be accessed by going to: www.swavancouver.com/members-gallery.

Individual Member Page

If you would like to really showcase your work you can have an individual member page of your own. For \$40 a year in addition to the membership fee of \$40 (\$45 for family) you can have your own page that includes your artist statement and images of your art. Content on this page may be updated quarterly.

Rick Jones
President SWA

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Elaine Pawski and Laura Pritchard

Committee Chairs and other volunteer roles are under review.

Watch for more details in the near future.

All members are welcome to attend and ask questions and give suggestions! Board meetings are online via Zoom, the next board meeting will be February 4.

Please email Katey Sandy at ksandymaga@msn.com, if you'd like to be notified of the next board meeting.

Update from Columbia Arts Network ~

Hello Fellow SWA Artists,

I would like to give you an update on the Columbia Arts Network progress. We are in the process of defining our role in the SW Washington Artists Community.

We have elected a slate of officers and established an executive committee so that we can better serve you, our fellow artists, and to become a conduit and liaison for groups and events within our community. We have begun the process of becoming a 501 (c)(3) non-profit.

We have continued to support an arts center for the visual artists in our area. We have a logo and will continue to flesh out our website. One of our goals is to list a calendar of art events for all of our groups so we can take advantage of other opportunities. We hope to begin to work more closely with ARTSRA to take advantage of their expertise as well as offer our help with some of their ongoing projects.

The executive council has met to draft our 6 month, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year goals. We have several committees that will be tasked with working toward fulfilling these goals. If you would like to be a part of one of these committees please let me know. We will be working with our member groups to define their needs and find out how C.A.N. could help them.

One of our first tasks is to identify those artists and groups that we could partner with. The larger our network and the more artists that we can serve will allow us more influence with those stakeholders who will support the arts in our area. Word of mouth is still one of the best communicators, so if you know of someone or a group that might benefit from our coalition please give them our information so that we can touch base with them.

As the newest member of the SW Washington Artist community our focus will be to collaborate not to duplicate. Our goals will be to live up to our value statement ~ "We will strive to create equitable opportunities for everyone" and the mission of "...unifying local arts groups in SW Washington.

Smiles,

Wanda Brewster,
President C.A.N.
wabasawana@comcast.net



Started in 2020, CAN is a growing community of visual arts organizations and their members throughout the Clark County, WA area. After years of conversations, cross-pollination and shared struggles we had the novel idea to work together instead of apart.



Interested in joining, learning more or partnering? We're just getting started (website coming soon!) but we'd love to collaborate with you.

<https://columbiaartsnetwork.org>



Join us Feb. 4

The next SWA general meeting will be Thursday, February 4 at 6 p.m.

Come as you are, wherever you are!

We will meet again on Zoom on February 4. A day or two before the meeting you will receive an email with the meeting link. Click on that link at the time of the meeting and you will soon see everyone! And the best thing is, you can join us from anywhere – your couch, your office, even while on vacation as one of our members did last month. You do not have to have zoom loaded on your computer, you do not have to have an account, just click on the link. You can join us on any desktop, laptop, tablet or smart phone that has a camera. If you don't have any of the above, there is a phone number that you can call and receive audio only.

Some items we'll be discussing

- Spring Show planning
- Any questions that you might have
- Smiles! when we see friends we haven't been able to see in person!

If you need help with Zoom, NO WORRIES, we all did the first time! Contact: Katey Sandy at ksandymaga@msn.com or Elaine Pawski at epawski@icloud.com

Art Shows and More!

Call to artists

Oregon Society of Artists show schedule

February | Portraits, Figures and Selfies

March | Spring Juried Show: Watermedia

April | OSA Student, Teacher and Volunteer Showcase

May | IdeAL PDX (non-juried show) and PAM Docents and OSA Group Show (non-juried show)

For details and dates for submitting work visit www.osartists.org.

Spokane Watercolor Society 2021 National Juried Show

April 2–25, 2021, Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 W 1st Ave., Spokane. Prospectus [here](#).

Art at the Cave — All About Love

Art At The Cave is seeking submissions for “All About Love”

Show: Feb. 3–27, this exhibit will feature community works on the topic of love. Entry deadline: Jan. 23, 2021

For more information: <https://artatthecave.com/open-calls-1>

Competition Strokes of Genius: The Best of Drawing

Artists Magazine wants to honor the best drawings from artists around the world in the 13th annual Strokes of Genius art competition. Submit your best artwork for a chance to win prizes and publication. This year, Cuong Nguyen, joins us as awards juror!

Learn more [HERE](#)

Online classes

Oregon Society of Artists online demos, classes and workshops

Including **Painting and Drawing on the iPad in Procreate** Elaine Pawski, Instructor and SWA member.

January 6–April 7. Classes are project based, so you can drop in as time permits or take the entire Spring session. 6:30–9 p.m. Online

Go to www.osartists.org for all class and workshop schedules and to register.

Winslow Art Center online courses, Technique Takeaways and free weekly Art Talks

For information and schedules, visit winslowartcenter.com

Virtual learning through Sedona Arts Center

sedonaartscenter.org



You can find SWA on Facebook and Instagram!



Click on the logos at left or search Society of Washington Artists or @SocietyofWashingtonArtists



Are you getting our emails?

We have a new email system which enables us to efficiently send emails to large groups.

If you are not receiving emails there are three things to do:

1. Check your spam folder
2. Check to see if you have blocked any key words in our email address, info@swavancouver.com
3. If you still don't see emails from us, send an email to us at info@swavancouver.com with “Email” in the subject line.

Are there events you'd like to share?

Do you know of opportunities or classes for artists? Let us add it to the newsletter. Send that information to info@swavancouver.com and put “Newsletter events” in the subject line.



Did you know?

Placing a link to the SWA website on your webpage or online portfolio will help drive traffic to our site! It will also benefit your site's Search Engine Optimization!

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