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Our 2020 Fall Show

October 15–December 15

The 2020 SWA Fall Show includes a virtual show with 170 works and a physical exhibition featuring 100 selected works at Art at the Cave (108 E Evergreen in Vancouver)

The show is professionally judged by Sharon Svec and includes a wide variety of art media and disciplines. Please continue to promote the show to your contacts, swavancouver.com.

Online Show

October 15–December 15

Live Exhibition at Art at the Cave

November 14–December 15

Awards Ceremony

November 21 at 1 p.m.

Watch a Facebook live event or view the recording later.

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From Our President

Rick Jones, President



November is one of those transitional months. In my book November is there to provide a rest stop before plunging into December and the new year. This year it's a road block as 2020 can't end soon enough. However 2020 has also seen some positive things and one has been this year's SWA Fall Show which is a new type of show, part virtual and part gallery. The virtual portion is a success with 772 unique (new site visitors since October 15th) and continues online at swavancouver.com. The majority of the new visitors were a result of our media staff and members sharing the event with friends and family and through Facebook and other social media sites. In addition to the west coast we expanded SWA's reach to the east coast and as far away as Europe and Australia. I don't think we could have had this type of exposure without having to step outside our usual area of comfort and trying something different. This year SWA met the challenge of holding a virtual art show in October followed with a gallery showing of 100 selected works hosted by Art at the Cave Gallery from November 14th to December 15th. This was a new concept to many of us and definitely out of our comfort zone, but it has opened new doors for SWA in how we present our shows in the future. Check out the page 3 story listing the winners from this years show.



"Never, ever, think outside the box."

CartoonCollections.com

Leo Collum (1942-2010) was a genius observer of human nature and one of his best New Yorker cartoons relates perfectly what this year has been about. We have been forced to think outside of the box and from our initial survey this past spring to now it has been challenging. The entire organization and many of the board positions have been rearranged, updated, or replaced as SWA moves into 2021. SWA has an extremely strong and deep Board with a great mix of veteran and new members and is a major force on the emerging (CAN) Columbia Arts Network organization. Kudos to all the hard work and long hours put in to making this a very productive nine months in the face of some trying events.

Next on the list is our December 6th virtual meeting which will be different from our usual gathering held at the Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church. Information on how to join the meeting and the time is noted in

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the article below. This virtual meeting in December will be a practice event in anticipation of our general meeting to be held in January of 2021. The January general meeting will include the election of SWA Board members plus information about possible shows in 2021.

For many, the idea of sitting in front of a computer screen and talking to it might seem foreign but it's not much different than conference calls. You will be sent a link and invited to join the meeting. Watch for that in your email a day or two prior to the meeting. Zoom conferencing was new to many of us on the board but we managed, and now the virtual meetings are second nature. No doubt all of us are anticipating getting back to our usual meet and greet settings as soon as possible, but times are what they are and we must think outside of the box every now and then and adapt when necessary.

Thank you for your SWA membership and your contributions in making SWA what it is today.

Rick Jones
President SWA

Are you getting our emails?

We are now using a different email system which enables us to efficiently send emails to large groups.

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

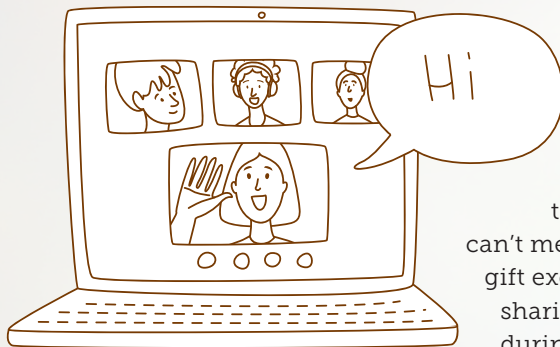
1. Check your spam folder
2. Check to see if you are blocking any key words in our email address. (info@swavancouver.com)
3. If you are still not finding anything, email us at info@swavancouver.com with "Email" in the subject line.

Virtual Holiday Meet and Greet: Sunday, December 6, 2 p.m.



Mark your calendar and join other SWA members for a virtual Meet and Greet on Sunday afternoon, **December 6th at 2 pm!** You might win a gift basket! To register and to enter the drawing, send an email to info@swavancouver.com and type "**RSVP December meeting**" in the subject line.

Get your favorite holiday beverage and settle into a comfortable chair in front of your computer.



Open the **Zoom invite which will have been previously sent to you via email. (You do not have to download the Zoom app to be able to open the Zoom invite.)**

There you will see some familiar faces of SWA members you haven't seen in person in a long time plus some faces of our newer members. Since we can't meet in person and give each other hugs and play the gift exchange game, we will toast each other and take turns sharing about what we have done and how we are coping during these Covid times.

There will be a short program consisting of a couple of videos put together by Elaine Pawski and the drawing. One video will be of artwork you want to share...work you may have created during this Pandemic. Or maybe you have a holiday decoration you want to share. **To be included you need to send photos of anything you want to share to Elaine Pawski by December 3rd. (eeartist@gmail.com)** She will put the video together and you will be able to add any commentary you like during the presentation.

The other video will be a re-run of the Fall Show Awards presentation. Winners will have an opportunity to talk about their work if they attend our Zoom gathering.

We look forward to seeing your faces and catching up. If you have questions about how Zoom works, contact Elaine or Katey Sandy (ksandymaga@msn.com)

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.

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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 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.

WWW.SWAVANCOUVER.COM

Support Our Fall Show

Please take a minute and promote our fall show on your social media, or by emailing your friends and family.

www.swavancouver.com/2020fallshow



SWA Fall Show Now Open at Art at the Cave Gallery

Award winners selected

The 100 pieces of art selected from the SWA online show can now be seen in person at the Cave Gallery in downtown Vancouver, 108 E. Evergreen, Tues. through Sat. from 10 am to 4 pm. The show will remain up till December 15th.

The award winners have been selected and ribbons are up at the gallery. Juror and judge Sharon Sevc selected the following: (To learn more about Sharon go to the show info on the website.)

Best of Show

"Adrift" by Kelsey Birsa

1st Place — "Hopelessness" by Erick Martinez

2nd Place — "Tibetan Prayer Flags" by Doug Kabel

3rd Place — "Reclamation #5" by John Turley

People's Choice Award — "Here" by Kelsey Birsa

Bobbie Meyers Award — "Saquislli-Mercado Ecuador" by Carol Lytle

Honorable Mentions:

"Sunrise-Sunset" by Janus Innes

"Nightfall On The Farm" by Nathun Finkhouse

"Sauvie Island Fields" by Laura Pritchard

We cannot have a reception due to Covid, but there will be a small awards ceremony to present the winners their awards on Saturday November 21st, 1 pm at the gallery. It will be video taped and shown live on Facebook so please watch and tell your friends and families to watch.

Mask up and go to the Cave and see the show. It is a beautiful show. Spread the word to friends and families. Support the arts and artists, encourage art shopping for Christmas. Lots of reasonably priced work for sale at the gallery. The full show can still be seen online at swavancouver.com and purchases can also be made there.

Coalition Update ~ Columbia Arts Network ~ C.A.N.

Wanda Brewster

11/12/2020

The visual artists coalition that was inspired by our SWA Leadership team in the spring is moving forward in exciting ways. Earlene Holmstrom along with several other representatives from other visual art groups in our area have been working tirelessly to research and plan to bring this idea to fruition. We have established committees to work on all aspects of this new group.

There are Mission, Vision, Purpose and Value statements to guide the plans and they have wonderful teams working on each part of the process. There is a Governance Team, Strategic Planning, Marketing Publicity/Communications, Financial Management, Public Relations and Community Outreach. Members from these teams will form an Executive Council and they have representatives from participating visual art groups in our area.

We are fortunate to have several qualified individuals working on the Articles of Incorporation to establish us as a 501 (C)(3) Non-Profit. Attorney, Steve Baer has been helping guide us in this process and we are thankful for his expertise. We are hoping to finish by the beginning of December so that we can apply in January 2021.

The Goal to establish an Art Center in our community is within reach as we work to bring this dream to fruition. Watch for ways that you might help. The Historic Trust has been working to repurpose space in Vancouver and we hope to be a part of that plan. You may have received a survey through Artstra or other art groups looking to find out your interest in an art space such as this. Please take the time to fill this out. We are fortunate to have Alicia Nilo on our team who is on the Arts HQ planning committee. I have included her letter to C.A.N. members in this update.

Thanks guys we "C.A.N." do this!!

Wanda



Friends and Artists,

We are gaining some momentum on the Arts HQ front! For those who are unfamiliar with the project, the City has assigned a small task force to repurpose the current Vancouver Police Headquarters building into a community arts center that would offer studio space, classrooms, a gallery, and maker's space. Here is the City's [webpage](#) for a little more background information on Arts HQ.

The City and Historic Trust, with support from Artstra, are working to gather community feedback to get an idea of what kind of programming would be most in demand, as well as info from artists looking for rentable studio spaces. Artists, makers and interested community members are all welcome to complete one or both surveys [here](#).

This is a great opportunity for members of CAN to share their input, with the idea in mind that we could utilize this space for community meetings, exhibitions, and other organizational events! Alicia, who sits on Arts HQ's planning committee, has kept CAN's needs under regular consideration at their meetings, and now is our chance to help shape this proposed arts center directly!

Here's how you can help...

1. Please take a moment to fill out the surveys!
2. Like, share, and repost the survey announcement from [Artstra's Facebook page](#) and other social media channels
3. For those not on Facebook, you can forward today's newsletter via email or share the [story](#) from Artstra's website.

These surveys are only open for a month, so it is critical that we spread these surveys far and wide to maximize artist participation. The more responses we get, the more data the Arts HQ team can present to City Council demonstrating our need to make this a reality.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach Alicia, alicianilo0@gmail.com. Onwards and upwards!

Membership Renewal January 2021!



Due to the pandemic, and all of the reorganizing that SWA has undergone, the board voted in the spring to put off membership renewal until the end of this year. Membership will now run January–January, beginning January 2021.

An updated form will be posted in December, please renew your membership in January on our website here:

www.swavancouver.com/join

- **Annual membership dues:**
Individual \$40.00.
Family \$45.00.
- **Dues are for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st.** Mid-year memberships are prorated at \$20.00 for those joining between July 1st and December 31st. Payments can be made online with your credit card or through Pay Pal. Contact treasurer@swavancouver.com if you need an accommodation on payment method.

As a member, you have the choice of placing one photo of your work or of yourself on our member gallery page, with a link of your choice to your website or Facebook page. This is no extra charge to you.

See the member gallery here:
www.swavancouver.com/members-gallery

If you would like a full member page of your own, for \$40 / year you can have your own page with your art and artist statement, which can be updated quarterly. See examples on our website here:
www.swavancouver.com/linda-whittingham

Contact Kelsey Birsa at info@swavancouver.com for instructions if either of those opportunities interest you.

Art Shows and More!

Call to artists

Mosaic Arts Alliance gift shop call to artists

Gallery 360 Virtual Gift Shop

Gallery 360 is looking to broaden their virtual presence with members' handmade gift items. Electronic Entry Form is online. They're looking for items that do not fit into their regular shows, they may be, but are not required to be, of lesser value.

www.mosaicartsalliance.org

Oregon Society of Artists show schedule

December | 200 for UNDER \$200

December | Pop up Holiday Shopping

January | Monotypes

February | Portraits, Figures & Selfies

March | Spring Juried Show

April | OSA Student, Instructors and Volunteers' Art Show

Details and dates for submitting work not yet posted, check www.osartists.org for more information.



You can find SWA on Facebook and Instagram!

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



Placing a link to the SWA website on your webpage, or online portfolio will help drive traffic to our site and our fall show! It will also benefit your site in Search Engine Optimization!

www.swavancouver.com

Online classes

Oregon Society of Artists online demos, classes and workshops

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

Wednesdays, through Dec. 16, and starting up again January 6 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 a free weekly Art Talk

For information and schedules, visit winslowartcenter.com

Virtual learning through Sedona Arts Center

sedonaartscenter.org

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.

