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JANUARY

From Our President, Rick Jones



Welcome to 2024 and a new year. Not being 2023 is a great way to start out this year. No doubt, we are all very happy about 2023 fading into history. Last year was very trying, to say the least.

SWA did have a full year, however. Our meetings and demos were well received. The two seasonal shows were very successful. We suffered a huge loss with the passing of Angela Swanson. It's hard to describe just how devastating the loss of Angela was to not only SWA, but to the greater arts community in Clark County. As a result, we took a hard look at our Elected Officers and Committee Members organization and made some much-needed consolidation and streamlining of the Committees.

On the plus side of 2023, SWA was part of the mix for the first ever Vancouver Arts and Music Festival, which was held in August. On very short notice, CAN met the challenge of putting together the visual arts portion of the festival and the call for volunteers through the member groups of CAN, resulting in volunteers stepping forward to fill out the ranks.

Volunteers from SWA made up a large portion of the field force needed to make the festival a success. The talented and dedicated members of SWA provide a deep well of experience and definitely the spirit to get things done.

We were also very pleased to be able to welcome Mosaic Arts Alliance when they decided to disband and join SWA. This was a no-brainer, as not only are the Boards of the two groups interchangeable, but so are many of the members. A huge bonus to SWA was the ability to coordinate the two venues curated by Ed Martin with the three curated by MAA through Gallery 360. Gallery 360 will be headed up by Janus Innes and Debbie Morales and will coordinate the five venues in which our members' art is displayed, namely Elements Restaurant, The Hilton Hotel, United Church of Christ foyer, The Hall Building foyer, and the Third Congressional District Offices on Officer Row (the Perez Office). This essentially gives our members five venues in which they may display and sell their artwork. Watch for announcements from the curators about the placing of artwork, as each venue display has its own schedule. We are also continuing the very successful Artisan Holiday Market held in December.

We have also scheduled the Veterans' Art Show for the month of November, to be held in the UCC venue. We will be reaching out to our veterans to lend a hand in organizing and setting up the venue, so be on the lookout for additional information about this event coming your way.

As we move into 2024, 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. *continued on page 2*

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 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 you visit the member gallery at: www.swavancouver.com/members-gallery. ***We're looking forward to an exciting and full 2024.***

Save the Date!
General Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 13th; 1:00 pm
Vancouver UCC Church
1220 NE 68th St.
Vancouver WA 98665

The Globally Awarded Film **MUSART** will be shown, followed by a talk by member Randall Vemer on how he made the movie and about his featured paintings.

***Afterwards, there will be a book signing.
All proceeds from the books go to SWA.***

SWA Calendar 2024

SWA Calendar Year Planning Calendar 2024			
Month	Date	Event	Notes
January	4	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom*
	5	UCC and Hall Building Venue Change	
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter Deadline	
	13	General Meeting and Board Elections	UCC Bradford Room
		3rd Congressional Dist. offices art venue change out	
February	1	Executive Board Meeting	
	10	SWA Spring Show Committee meeting	Volunteers & Committee
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter Deadline	
		Allen Oliver/Randal Vemer	film making, Haiku reading
		Hilton Hotel art venue change out	
March	7	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
	9	Spring Show Prospectus out	
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter Deadline	
		Elements Restaurant art venue change out	
April	1	UCC and Hall Building Venue Change	
	4	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
	6	General meeting	
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter Deadline	
	13	Spring Show Committee meeting	
May	2	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
	13-18	SWA Spring Show	United Church of Christ
June	6	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter Deadline	
July	1	UCC and Hall Building Venue Change	
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter Deadline	
	11	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
August	1,2,3,4	VFA&M	
	8	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
		Vancouver Arts and Music Festival	
September	5	SWA Executive Board meeting	
	10	August/September Pen & Palette newsletter Deadline	
	14	General meeting	

SWA Calendar 2024 continued

October	1	UCC and Hall Building Venue Change	
	3	Executive Board Meeting	
	10	Pen & Palette newsletter Deadline	
November	7	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
	2-23	Veteran's Show	UCC Venue
	10	Pen & Palette newsletter Deadline	
December	4-8	MAA Artisan Holiday Market	Valiant Ballroom
	14	General meeting	
		* All Executive Board meetings are Zoom unless otherwise noted	

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024!

Dues are payable online using the link below

[MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

Individual Membership - \$40 Family Membership \$45
(includes 2 people from the same household)

Optional Portfolio Page additional \$40

DID YOU KNOW?

SWA offers artists the opportunity to display images of their artwork on the website. This "Portfolio" consists of 12 images of your art, an artist bio and a picture of the artist. The cost is \$40 for one year, with the option of changing out images once during the year.

If you are interested, please click this link:

[PORTFOLIO PAGE SIGNUP](#)



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Globally Awarded

FILM MUSART

Hosted by Randall Vemer

SATURDAY
JANUARY

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SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON ARTISTS
DOORS OPEN AT 1:00PM

The Event

TICKET \$0
Per Person
MEETING - FILM SHOWING
HOW I MADE A MOVIE
BOOK SIGNING
ALL PROCEEDS TO SWA

For more information: www.swavancouver.com

Randall will also be selling his Painting/Poetry book for \$20.
All proceeds go to SWA!

SWA Officers & Committee Members 2024

Elected Officers

President:..... Rick Jones
Vice President:.....Ed Martin
Treasurer:.....Debbie Morales
Secretary:.....Sue Tellock
Member-at-Large:.....Katey Sandy
Member-at-Large:.....Janus Innes
Member-at-Large:.....Jackie Wood
Member-at-Large:.....Richard Britschgi
Member-at-Large:.....Peggy Patton

Appointed Officers and Committee Members

Membership/Volunteers:

Julie Drier, Janus Innes

Donors, Grants, Sponsors:

Linda Whittingham, Debbie Morales

Show Committee:

Peggy Patton, Janus Innes, Richard Britschgi

Social Media, Marketing & Communication

*Sue Tellock, Elaine Pawski, Jackie Wood,
Debbie Tracy*

Website

Juliet Parks, Janus Innes

Venue/Gallery 360 Coordinator: Janus Innes

Curators:

*Ed Martin, Janus Innes, Allen Oliver,
Nathan Finkhouse, Jackie Wood*

*Please note the board
has appointed*

Richard Britschgi
President Protem
during Rick's recovery
campfire@tds.net
360-702-9007

SWA Supporters

SWA is supported in part by
a grant from the Washington
State Arts Commission (Arts
WA) and from the
National Endowment for the
Arts (NEA)



Volunteers for various committees are always needed and
members are welcome to attend board meetings.

Please Contact
info@swavancouver.com

Member Shows and SWA Venues

Elements Restaurant, Works by varied member artists

907 Main St., Vancouver

HH Hall Building, Works by Juliet Parks

10000 NE 7th Avenue | Vancouver, WA

The Hilton, works by Marshall Miller, Mehrdad Shojaei, John Mangan, and Jennifer Hart

301 W 6th St, Vancouver

3rd Congressional District Offices, Various Artists

1053 Officers Row, Vancouver



Elements Restaurant

Other Shows Including Our Members

Oregon Society of Artists, Oregon School of Arts' Student, Instructor and Volunteer Show, Elaine Pawski
2185 SW Park Pl, Portland, OR 97205

Members, let us know about shows and galleries that you are in so we can list it here in the newsletter. Email your info to:

info@swavancouver.com



Elements Restaurant

A Little Grey Bird Studio

ART CLASSES

Art classes here are rooted in classical technique, fundamental skill development, and art theory with an eye ever toward developing a personal artistic voice and quality portfolio of work as student's skills progress.

Students will be learning skills and process directly from a professional artist with real-world, proven experience in teaching fine art techniques, gallery exhibitions, and both public and private artwork commissions.

**“LEARN THE RULES LIKE A PRO,
SO YOU CAN BREAK THEM LIKE
AN ARTIST.”** **-PICASSO**

- Classes are structured academy-style and are focused on skill building; all students will start in Drawing Foundations and advance to dry color media and paint media as student's skills progress
- Class size is limited to a maximum of 8 students per class
- Enrollment is ongoing and tuition is due every 4 weeks
- Conveniently located in west Vancouver

Tuesdays / Thursdays
10am-12pm & 6-8pm

\$150 for 4 weeks of classes [8 hrs total]

Ages 11+ thru Adult



Email to Register
sarahhunter39@gmail.com



More Information
alittlegreybird.com/classes



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