

Pen & Palette



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From Our President.....

.....Wanda Brewster

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Hello, Everyone,

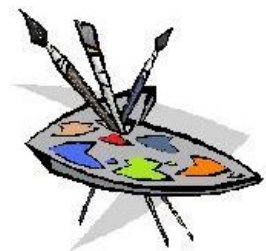
We are all looking forward to spring and summer weather after our long spell of rainy, rainy days! It is good to see the sun poke out and give us the promise of brighter days. Spring brings the opportunity for visiting lots of art shows and art related events, including our own next month at the Hall Building the 11th through the 14th of May. I hope you are all planning on entering the show and will tell your friends to put it on their calendars. I've heard there is great interest so make sure that you are part of the fun.

Thanks to the hard work of Jean Toepfer we have a revision of the by-laws for the yearbook. Those changes were printed in last month's newsletter so please review them so that you will be ready to vote on them at the meeting on April 20th. These are not major changes but more house-keeping details to make the by-laws reflect the way our club has been running over the past few years. We also updated the committee duties since we needed to include the jobs of newspaper editor and webmaster.

We will be asking each of you to fill out a new membership form to be turned in with your dues by June 15th. These forms will allow us to keep our non-profit status with the postal service for our mailings. I know that most of us belong to other organizations and it is hard to keep track of when we are supposed to update our dues. Some have fall deadlines and others have spring and summer renewals. Our renewal is in June for our new fiscal year. When you sign up for our Spring Art Show we may ask if you would like to fill out your renewal for next year. This is a convenience for you. If you would like to pay your dues at that time Tammy Turner will take care of it for you right then; or, you can take your form with you and send it in, or turn it in at our June meeting. It is such a big help to her if we all take care of this process in a timely manner. As always, if this becomes a hardship for you please don't hesitate to speak to me, or any member of the board so that we might help you work something out. We value all of our members and we want everyone to have the opportunity to be a part of the SWA.

Every year at this time we vote on officers for the board. We have been fortunate that we have volunteers who readily agree to lead this wonderful organization each year. We all feel intimidated when asked to take on these responsibilities and everyone has busy lives. It is hard to consider adding one more thing to our agenda. We will be formulating a nominating committee to find candidates for a couple of positions that will come up this spring. I want you all to consider very carefully if you might be able to help if asked to consider one of these positions. Jean Toepfer has been the Recording Secretary for several years and has asked to step down from the board this year. She has graciously agreed to mentor anyone who would step in to take her place. We also need a First Vice President. Earlene has also agreed to help mentor a candidate for this job. Our board has a wonderful support system so if you agree to help us with these jobs we will

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Hang 'Em High

Dulin's Village Café: 1708 Main St., Vancouver. This Restaurant has a space for about 24 paintings. Pictures hang for Two months. Call **Jeanine Liston** at 887-4579.

United Methodist Church: 33rd & Main Street, Vancouver. Call **Willa Curtis** at 573-1335.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver: Located at 4505 E. 18th Street in Vancouver, has a beautiful gallery-like space. They take a 15% commission. Call Elizabeth Waters at 666-1593.

Vancouver Pizza: 1650 SE 15th St. #B-100, Vancouver, Washington, 98683. Off 162nd and 15th in Fisher Landing area. Call **Pam** at (360)-772-3994. Can hang artwork for 2 months. Discuss with **Pam** the owner.

Kojis Chiropractic: 107 E. Mill Plain, Vancouver. Would like to hang paintings in his office. Call **Lorna** at (360) 254-8866 to discuss arrangements.

Minutes of the March Meeting

President Wanda Brewster called the meeting to order followed by the approval of the minutes of the February 16th meeting as printed in the Pen & Palette. In order to allow extra time for our demonstrator Craig Srebnik, we had a short business meeting.

First Vice President Earlene Holmstrom, reporting on our upcoming Spring Show, said that we could not be guaranteed the availability of the downtown locations we had been considering. Therefore, the Spring Show will again be held at the Hall Building with emphasis on advertising to increase foot traffic. Cards are being printed for members to send to friends. Millie Schofield has sent letters to retailers requesting contributions to the show and had gotten a very good response. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the show was passed around.

Becky Leventis, Publicity Chair, passed out flyers to members who could post them in public a public area. She asked that you let her know where flyers are posted so she'll not need to call again on that particular location.

Internationally known artist Craig Srebnick, using earth tone oil, demonstrated how the planes of the face can be expressed through light, shadow and atmosphere. More of his work and techniques can be seen on his website www.scfineart.com.

Submitted by: Jean Toepfer, Recording Secretary

Left: the model next to the painting by Craig Srebnick as far as it progressed.

be there for you every step of the way.

Our meeting next month will have a demonstration from Michael Orwick who does landscapes in oil. You can find out more about Michael at our website. We will also have Show and Tell this month. If you have work that you would like to share please bring it to the meeting.

Don't forget our new meeting place is at Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church on MacArthur at Devine. You can find the directions on our website. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Mark the date April 20th at 10:00 AM.

Smiles,
Wanda



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A Couple of Announcements

Experience has shown that our annual SWA picnic works out better if held at somebody's home. Last year we had it at Becky Leventis' beautiful house, and we all had a wonderful time. We are hoping that somebody would not mind hosting our picnic at their house this year. We would be grateful if someone could volunteer their home.

Also, the board is considering whether or not to have a garage sale this year. We need art supplies that are not being used, or supplies that are in usable condition, but no longer of interest to the current owner. If we think we do not have enough for a garage sale, we may use what items we have for an auction at a meeting or event. (Last year's garage sale netted over \$300 for the SWA, so think about it.) If you have any questions about this, call Wanda Brewster at 326-3957.



A Couple of Tips From a Master

If you have been taking one of Craig Srebnick's courses, you might be doing a couple of things with your oil paint that you perhaps were not doing before. One is to keep an eyedropper of safflower oil handy to keep your paints from getting dry if they have been on the palette for some time. Another is to clean your brushes with kerosene, because you don't have to use soap and water afterwards. Of course, you have also been getting his philosophy and technique, but that is more than can be explained here!

That is Srebnick above demonstrating at the March SWA meeting.

Art Events and Workshops

The Old Masters painting group meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of the Columbia Presbyterian Church located at 805 Columbia Ridge Dr. (2 blocks east of Lieser Rd) Come and enjoy the company of other artists. A great group!!

Free Model Guild For anyone who loves drawing, the Free Model Guild meets at 12:00 noon on Saturdays at the Marketplace Mall on the corner of Evergreen and Columbia in downtown Vancouver. Bring pencil and paper for sketching novices. Please call Marianne Stokes at 574-2189. No Fee! Also call about the free model guild meeting in Jantzen Beach on Wednesdays at noon.

Marianne Stokes Classes: Marianne Stokes now has classes in Mixed Media Fundamentals meeting weekly at 10:30 at Jantzen Beach every Tuesday. Fundamentals and technical ideas are covered as well as subjects such as perspective, fabrics, glass, portraiture, and more. For information call Marianne at (360) 574-2189.

The Battleground Art Alliance (BGAA): Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center in Battleground, 116 NE 3rd Avenue. For more information, call Linda Kliever at 687-7414. E-mail: www.bgartalliance.com

The Northwest Oil Painter's Guild: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Geneological Society Center, 717 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver. Plein aire painting encouraged. For more information call Bob Fleischmann at (360) 258-1102 (bobandpetey@comcast.net) or Jim Gola at (360) 263-2201 (jimgola@hotmail.com).

Northbank Art Gallery: Classes of all types offered in their downstairs studios. Call (360) 693-1840 for information.



Craig Srebnick shows the basic structure of his model next to a picture of the man dressed in a civil war uniform he is painting.

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Membership Renewal

Membership dues are \$35.00 per person, \$45.00 family.

The 2011-2012 membership dues are now due and payable. They should be paid before the end of June. Send check or money order to SWA at P. O. Box 2992, Vancouver, WA 98668 or pay at next meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

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I, _____, hereby apply for membership in the Society of Washington Artists for the 2011-2012 fiscal year which runs from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Next Meeting

Wednesday

April 20th, 2011

Vancouver Heights United
Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd
Vancouver, WA

9 AM Setup

10 AM General Meeting

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