

Pen & Palette

Society of Washington ARTISTS

MARCH 2010

From Our President.....

.....Carol Wood

Spring is right around the corner, so to speak. Many SWA artists are getting ready to capture the elusive beauty of spring flowers with paint, pastels, pencils or whatever medium turns them on. Color everywhere! We need to capture it while we can.

Speaking of color, our featured artist this month uses it with great joy. With bold brush strokes, Kellee Beaudry uses acrylics to portray animals in vivid colors. She seems to catch the animal's personalities and playfulness in a personal way. She gladly takes commissions to paint peoples pets, be they dog, cat, fish, or fowl and her love of animals shines through. Kellee lives in Lake Oswego with her husband and their two dogs, Zoey and Marley. I think this will be a fun presentation and I look forward to seeing Kellee's work at our meeting on March 17th.

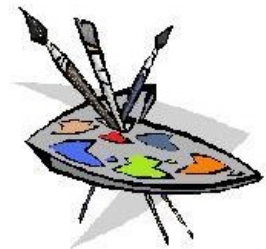
This month is also a Show & Tell month, so bring one or two pieces of your work to share. Also bring your ideas for our fundraising efforts. We have a small committee willing to work on the ideas presented.

Jan Thompson has reminded me that it is also time to think of a cover design for next years "yearbook". Put your designing thinking caps on so you can be ready, with a fresh new design, for our cover contest at the April meeting.

Several SWA members are teaching classes and if you want to try a new medium or style, check out the classes listed elsewhere in this newsletter. I am always looking to improve my work and taking a class with a respected artist helps me to become better at what I do artistically. Besides, the presence of other creative types is an enjoyable experience. See you at the March meeting!

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Some of Louise Beckman's cloth art; some very entertaining dolls.



Hang 'Em High

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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.

Chapeaux, with a collection of novel hats.

February Meeting Minutes

Earlene Holmstrom, 2nd Vice President, called the meeting to order and asked for the introduction of guests and new members. The minutes of the January 20th meeting as printed in the Pen and Palette were approved.

Following John Stephenson's treasurer's report, there was a discussion of ideas for fund raising. Earlene announced that the SWA board had voted to raise the annual dues to \$35 for individual and \$45 for family membership. Members offered numerous ideas to increase our cash flow. Becky Leventis volunteered to be part of a fundraising committee. Becky asked that members E-mail or mail her with written ideas so we can preview a broad range of suggestions to focus on specific proposals.

Earlene, who heads our spring art show, asked that members contact her to offer to help with the show. More details of our show will appear in our newsletter and will be discussed at future meetings.

Bobbie Myers urged everyone to take advantage of displaying their artwork on our website. Bobbie will gladly work with members to format photos or prints of their work for inclusion on our redesigned website.

A special thank you was extended to Dave Rosenstein for always arriving early to our meetings in order to start the coffee and help set up the kitchen. David Phelps then presented Marianne Stokes, who is noted for her assemblage of unique

It was her early love of sculpture that led our Artist of the Month **Louise Beckman** into cloth art and sculpting with fabric. Sonja Donnelly shared a variety of her acrylic artwork. She encouraged artists to keep a sketch book at hand for recording new ideas and for refining previous pieces. Sonja's website is www.sonjakeyart.com.

Submitted by Jean Toepfer, Recording Secretary.



An acrylic painting by Sonja Donnelly.

“The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection.”

- Rumi

“Believe it or not, I can actually draw.” - Michelangelo

<http://societyofwashingtonartists.com>

Portrait Drawing Class

Diana Thewlis will be teaching a course in portrait drawing at the Town Plaza Center on Mill Plain. All levels of experience, from beginners on up are welcome. Register online at www.clark.edu/mycce, and the course is **Drawing: Portraits**. Or, call Clark College Mature Learning at (360) 992-2939. If you need to reach Diana, her e-mail is at dthewlis@comcast.net, or www.dianathewlis.com.

The March Meeting

As Carol mentioned March is a Show and Tell month, and the demonstrator will be Kellee Beaudry, who paints amazing animal portraits, mostly in acrylic. "I work with you to create a personal and expressive portrait," she writes on her website (www.4muddypawsart.com/site/About_The_Art.html). Below is an example of her work.



Below: another one of Sonja Donnelly's acrylic paintings of women.



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 Friday. 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.

Sixth Street Gallery: Classes offered; call (360) 693-7340. E-mail info@sixthstreetgallery.com.

Mistakes Beginners Make Drawing Portraits

By Helen South, <http://drawsketch.about.com/cs/tipsandideas/a/drawingmistakes.htm?p=1>

Pet drawings from human eye level - when you take a photograph standing up, you are looking down at your pet. They have to look up, and you end up with their head seeming much bigger than their body, and a rather odd expression on their face. Have someone distract them so they aren't staring down the lens, and squat down so the camera is at their head level, and you'll get a much better reference photo.

Being afraid of black - often when shading the shadows don't go past dark gray. If your value range is restricted in some cases half of what it ought to be, you are limiting the modeling and depth of your drawing. Put a black piece of paper at the corner of your drawing and don't be afraid to go dark. Really dark.

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Membership Renewal

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

The 2010– 2011 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 _____

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in the Society of Washington Artists for the 2010– 2011 fiscal year which runs from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. I understand that \$10.00 of the enclosed dues will go toward the subscription of the Pen & Palette Newsletter which I will receive monthly for this fiscal year.

Next Meeting

Wednesday

March 17th, 2010

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
426 E. 4th Plain Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98663

9 AM Setup
10 AM General Meeting

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