

Pen & Palette



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From Our President.....

.....Carol Wood

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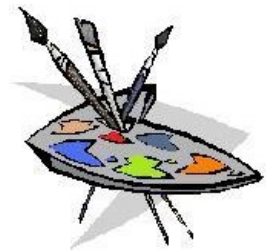
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Tis art show season! April and May are popular months for annual spring art shows. Columbia Art Association in Longview, the Battle Ground Art Alliance, Watercolor Society show at the Mall. To name a few recent shows in the area, and now the SWA show in Hazel Dell opening on the 13th. SWA members have been winning awards at these various shows and I am sure there will be more SWA member awards at the show. What a talented bunch we are! I'm looking forward to seeing the newest works by our members and awards or not, won't it be fun to see what we have been doing?

Not every artist wins awards, but the actual doing and completing one's art is an award in itself. Sometimes we struggle to finish a piece as we see it in our minds eye. We don't always accomplish as much as we thought we would, but in the trying, we learn and grow as artists. I am never as good an artist as I think I should be, but with each effort, I am slowly improving. So the lesson is "Be hard on yourself, but not too hard".

It is time to start thinking about next year's SWA board. I have been gratified to be your president these past two years and have enjoyed working with all of you. Now it is time for me to step down and give someone else the opportunity to serve the SWA. Some board members may be willing to stay on and that helps with the continuity needed to have a smooth transition. Elections will be in June so please consider doing your part to keep the SWA active and viable. Our by-laws state that every member *must assume a position (board member, committee member, staff, etc.) within the Society once every 24 months, as part of the membership.* I am aware that for a few individuals, that would be a hardship, but only a few. We all enjoy the special presentations by guest artists, the opportunities to share our work and the wonderful social outlet with other member artists. The SWA has been around for a long time but without aid and cooperation from our members, we could just be history. So I implore you to consider serving on the board so we can all continue to enjoy the riches that the SWA gives us.

See you at the Spring Show and bring your art pieces to our meeting on the 19th for Show & Tell.



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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.

Minutes of the April Meeting

After calling the meeting to order, President Carol Wood introduced several guests. The minutes of the March 17th meeting were approved as printed in our newsletter. John Stephenson followed with the treasurer's report. Carol asked that members sign up to bring cookies for one meeting. By vote of the members, the design submitted by Ruth Smith was selected for next yearbook cover.

During a discussion of our club's finances, it was voted by a show of hands not to have a "white elephant" sale. We will continue our plans for a "garage sale" this summer focusing on art supplies, donated art work and good, sellable items. At the meeting, we sold tickets to raffle off an art book and some home made jelly.

Carol announced several rewards received by our members. Diana Thewlis won Best of Show at the Watercolor Society show at Vancouver Mall for her piece, "Ian in Italy." Katey Sandy won 2nd place in the watercolor division at the Columbia Art Association Show in Longview for her piece, "Old Spain Feel." Louise Beckman, who shared her cloth art at our February meeting, won an award for her quilted piece. Marianne Stokes was voted most valuable member of the Fine Arts Guild. Bobbie Myers, a member of SWA for 25 years, joins the roll of life members.

Second Vice President Earlene Holmstrom showed the postcards and flyers designed by Bobbie Myers for our spring art show. Earlene asked that members distribute the postcards to family and friends and post flyers wherever possible.

The sign-up sheet for volunteers at the show was passed around. Members can contact Earlene to offer their time and talents. Marianne Stokes asked for the donation of a vegetable or fruit tray for the Sunday afternoon reception. Carol reminded members that we will have a general meeting May 19th after the art show.

Artist of the Month **Cathy Cameron**, who taught school classes from kindergarten through college, shared a selection of her watercolor pieces. Cathy started concentrating on her artwork about eight years ago, focusing primarily on flowers for subject matter and recently began working on animals and birds.

Scott Gellatly, product manager of Gamblin Artists Color Company, gave a very informative demonstration of colors and pigments. He discussed how art was influenced by the changing types of pigments which were available to artists from the classical era through the impressionist and the 20th century. More information about the Gamblin Artists Color Company is available at www.gamblincolors.com.

Submitted by Jean Toepfer, Recording Secretary

Ann Caywood Moving

Longtime member of the SWA Ann Caywood is moving to Hawaii. She will be back for visits, but she would like me to share her new address with the club so we may keep in touch with her:

Ann Caywood 1407 16th Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Email: heartsong902@yahoo.com

We wish Ann all the best in the new course her life is taking, and yes, we will miss you, Ann. She will miss the next meeting.

<http://societyofwashingtonartists.com>



Above: One of Cathy Cameron's floral paintings.

A Reminder

Members of the SWA might want to be reminded that we have a relationship with the American Frame Corporation. When members of the SWA use the frames and supplies of the AFC, 5% of your order is donated back to the SWA. You also might get a good discount on your order. The number to order from the American Frame Corporation is 1-800-537-0944. Remember to tell them you are a member of the SWA, which is part of their Alliance Program when you order.

Another Reminder

If you would like to receive the Pen & Palette by e-mail, just drop me a line at calyx109@yahoo.com. Be sure to include your e-mail. It saves the club some money, and you get the advantages of getting the Pen and Palette by e-mail: you get it faster, you have less paper to deal with, and all the pictures and patterns are in color! Such as the one below:



Left: Demonstrator Scott Gellatly from the Gamblin Artists Color Company lectures the SWA on technical developments in oil colors and their influence on painting.

"Painting, n.: The art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather, and exposing them to critics." - Ambrose Bierce

"If we could but paint with the hand what we see with the eye."
- Honore de Balzac

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.

Another little reminder: time to get those yearly dues in! We



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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 _____

E-mail _____

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.

Next Meeting

Wednesday

May 19, 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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