

Pen & Palette



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From Our President.....

.....Wanda Brewster

Hello Fellow Artists,

We are looking at Summer through the rear view mirror and planning ahead for Fall and Winter activities. With vacations, warm days and plein air jaunts behind us some of us are heading back to the studio and classroom for more structured work. Whatever is on your agenda these days I hope that you make the Society of Washington Artists part of your plan.

October is “Bring a friend or fellow member to a meeting Month.” I look forward to seeing many of your smiling faces at 10:00 AM on Wednesday the 20th. We will be getting started right away so don’t be late! We want to have ample time for the Artist of the Month and of course the great demonstration that Marianne always provides for us. For those of you who cannot navigate the stairs at the entrance you can enter through the kitchen after 9:30.

Looking ahead, I hope you are gathering your artwork for the upcoming show at the Hall Building on November 4-6. Drop off for paintings will be the morning of the 3rd between 10:00 AM to 1 PM. Make sure your dues are paid so that you can join the fun. Our committee is pulling together to get this members-only show off the ground. You will see a sign-up sheet at the meeting for helpers to sit the show and other jobs that come up when planning this type of event. I hope we can count on you to get it done.

You will notice the survey enclosed in this newsletter. There will also be copies available at the next meeting. Please take the time to give us your input and ideas. We are trying very hard to make the Society a convenient place to share ideas and have camaraderie with other artists in a cost effective and efficient way. We need to hear from you so that we might make the best choices for all of our members.

Don’t forget our Holiday Card exchange coming up in December. We hope to have cards from everyone that attends that day. We would really like to see some of your artwork so keep that in mind while getting your cards ready. There are various ways to transfer artwork and make cards and several of our members will be happy to share their ideas with you.

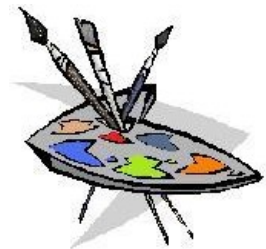
A few members mentioned having trouble reading the newsletter last month. If you have any problems with that please let us know. Dave and I are taking steps to ensure that you will be able to read the newsletter online with little or no problems.

DON’T FORGET THE SURVEY! I’ll see you on the 20th.

Smiles,
Wanda.

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Society of Washington ARTISTS

2010 "Members Only" Art Show • Nov. 4th - 6th Entry Guidelines (Entries Nov. 3rd, 10:AM – 1:PM)

All entries must be the original work of the artist (no instructor assistance or patterns)

- Maximum: Three (3) entries per artist.
- Size: Maximum size 32" X 40". If larger, entrant must supply easel to accommodate size.
- Entries may not be more than two years old and not shown previously in this show.
- Wire hangers must be used on all hanging works. No saw tooth hangers or clip frames.
- Two dimensional works must be framed and presentation ready (wrapped canvas okay)
- Prints must be hand pulled by the artist (no mechanical or digital reproductions)
- All entries must remain the length of the show.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

I have read the guidelines and agree to abide by the rules

Signature _____

- Please print clearly...Information will be used on art identification tags.
- Each work must have a title...keep it short.
- Mediums...oil, w/c, etc. If mixed media, specify main one.
- List sale price or NFS if not for sale. There is no commission for SWA.

SWA#	Title	Medium	Price

For SWA use only

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Cash \$ _____

Total\$ _____

SURVEY FOR SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON ARTISTS 2010

The following are questions from a survey we would like you to return so that we might better serve your needs as an artist in our community. I will be following up with you to make sure that you received this questionnaire so that we might get the best response possible. Thank you for your time.

Smiles,
Your Board

What do you like about the Society?

What would you change if you could?

How can we better present the "Show and Tell" portion of our program?

Would you be willing to change locations if we could save the group money on our monthly rent?

Would you be willing to travel North, South or East of our present location?

Do you like the time we have scheduled for our meetings? Would you prefer an evening, Saturday, or different day/time? Or an alternate pattern between current time and evening/Saturday?

Would you like to see demonstrations with audience participation or do you prefer the lecture with demo? Would you like a mixture of both. Would you still attend if demos were only every other month?

What would you be willing to do to help our organization? The activities SWA offers our membership is dependent upon volunteer help.

In your present/previous job did you have experience that would help our group? Teacher, graphic designer, Marketing, PR etc.?

We appreciate your input. Please bring the completed form to a meeting, fold and mail to our PO Box 2992 Vancouver WA, 98668 or return via email to wabasawana@comcast.net.

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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.

Members annual dues will need to be paid before entering the show. Check with Treasurer Tammy Turner if you have a question about the status of your dues.

Minutes of the September 17 Meeting

After a special introduction by Carol Wood, President Wanda Brewster called the meeting to order. Wanda then presented Carol with a certificate of appreciation for her two terms as S.W.A president, along with a dues-free year and a bouquet of flowers.

Wanda reported on our successful artist garage sale in July. Despite the hot and windy day and the short time to organize, the sale generated a lot of interest especially in the artist supplies.

The new S.W.A. brochure was passed around. Wanda said it is a "work in progress" and asked for input from the members. The very reasonable printing rate by R.C. Fryer company in Vancouver will allow us to continually update the brochure. In order to get feedback from members, the board decided, in the near future, to survey members about what you enjoy most about the S.W.A., and the least, and suggestions about future projects.

October has been designated "Invite a Friend to the Meeting" Month. Many of our current members joined our organization after attending a meeting with a friend. Also, consider giving a ride to any current member who would appreciate help getting to the meetings.

Second Vice President Jody Lacy reported on our Fall Members Only Show at the Hall Building. From Thursday, November 4th through Saturday November 6th. *(continued)*

Wanda reminded members that we traditionally have a holiday card contest for our December meeting. She asked that we all bring at least one card for a card exchange. Not all cards need to be original. Duplicated or printed cards are fine, as are cards that you have done in previous years. Tammy Turner gave a brief demonstration of techniques and scanning or printing cards and the various card stock available.

Ann Amies thanked the S.W.A. members for their contribution to the art show at the Clark County Fair. The participation in the show was up 100% over previous years.

Tammy gave a brief report on our financial status from information supplied by former Treasurer John Stephenson.

After members showed some of their art work, finished or in progress, Ann Cavanaugh of Battle Ground demonstrated her techniques working with fused glass. She discussed the types of glass she uses, her collaboration with other artists, and incorporating photographs in her work.

Submitted by Jean Toepfer

"One must from time to time attempt things that are beyond one's capacity." - Auguste Renoir

"Imagination will carry us to worlds that never were. But without it, we go nowhere." - Carl Sagan

"Art is the signature of civilization." - Beverly Sills

<http://societyofwashingtonartists.com>

The October Meeting

The Demonstration in October will be given by **Kristen Larson**. Marianne Stokes supplied the following biography on Kristen:

“Originally from Montana Kristen Larson has had her painting shown in cafes, restaurants, and galleries around New York City and Boston, Massachusetts. Her paintings are an exploration of color, culture, spirituality, and emotion. Mixing mediums of paper, photography, and acrylic, she creates vibrantly colored images with pointalized shapes and contrasting textures. While some of her work creates impressionistic landscapes and surreal dreamscapes other abandon all subject matter, focusing on the response of repeated shapes and colors to create emotion for the viewer. In 2000, while living in New Zealand and Australia, she was inspired by the art of the native Maori and Aborigines, who used dots to tell stories and make maps. Today those dots can be found in her art marrying folk art and pointillism and pop art. The themes of dots distort into different permutations of sizes and shapes, sometimes made by uniformly cut out pieces, other times by the stroke of a brush.”



Above: one of Ann Cavanaugh's fused glass pieces at the September demonstration. Right, a drawing from Show and Tell.

SWA Member in National Magazine

Louise Beckman was recently Artist of the Month, and you may recall that one of her quilts was one called “Island of Romance,” which featured two monkeys on a tree branch. The November issue of *American Quilter* magazine is running an article on the story behind this quilt, and will be on sale the first couple of weeks of November (I picked up a copy in Barnes and Noble).

The story is about Louise's father-in-law, who was in charge of the team that decorated the Casino building on Santa Catalina Island off the coast of southern California. John Gabriel Beckman designed the murals for the building, and his team worked until the crash of '29 forced him to change careers: he ended up in Hollywood as a set designer, then an art director (working on films like *Casablanca* and *The Maltese Falcon*). Louise was eventually inspired by the murals, and you can read more in the November issue of *American Quilter*.

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.



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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

October 20th, 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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