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Society of Washington
ARTISTS

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A Hello, A Bunch of Thanks, and a Group Cheer!

... by Janice Tracy

This special post-meeting newsletter is being published to all members in order to fulfill legal and banking obligations so that I can step up as President quickly at this crucial time right before the big spring show. If you were unable to attend the April 20 meeting, you will see in the minutes below that I was elected to serve as President to fill the vacancy left by Jennifer deWeber, who fell ill before she could complete her term in office. While I feel like I am still introducing myself as a fellow member (I attended my first meeting in September 2015!), I now find that I am introducing myself as the new President of SWA.

I am proud and happy to serve this organization in whatever way I can. Since I walked into that first meeting, I have felt welcome and at home, which, to someone who suffers from social anxiety, is a wonderful gift.

And about that: I have little trouble speaking to groups, but may not always feel comfortable asking you, face-to-face, for a favor, so I am counting on you to extend your hand and let me know how you can help. I know you all want this organization to thrive and grow as much as I do; we can help each other improve and succeed as artists, as long as we all extend a hand. While we are all extending hands, let me extend one of gratitude to Wanda Brewster, who stepped in to the gap left when Jennifer's health left her no option other than to step down. We are lucky we have someone so knowledgeable and savvy to step up in an emergency and take the reins. Thank you Wanda, and thanks for all those smiles!

And a final thank you to Jennifer. She was my first contact with SWA when I dipped an initial toe in the pool by emailing her about attending SWA meetings last summer, and she was warm, inviting and helpful on that encounter and every encounter since. I sure hope she recovers so that she can join us once again. We miss her.

Now on to the spring show, everybody!

SWA
Spring Show

May 13-15

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SWA Spring 2016 Workshop: Color!

June 11 taught by local Teacher, Artist and Illustrator, Diana Thewlis. Cost for non-members is \$75, members \$55. Registration must be in by May 25, 2016

Our Instructor: Diana Thewlis is a juried member of the Southwest Washington Watercolor Society, and a member of the SWA, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and the San Francisco Society of Illustrators. She has won a number of awards. Her illustrations and paintings are in collections in the USA and around the world, including the United States Airforce. She holds degrees in Commercial Art from Montgomery College, and Illustration from the Academy of Art College. Diana spent seven years as a graphic artist and over 30 years as an independent contract illustrator. Since recently retiring, she has been enjoying painting following her own creative muse.

Diana taught at the Academy of Art University for twenty years, teaching both in class and online. She has taught workshops and some courses for other colleges and venues.

To download more information including the registration form:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/k5cfg4jdi1j4ams/Flyer%20and%20Registration%202016.pdf?dl=0>

Or visit <http://www.societyofwashingtonartists.com>

Thank you, Elaine Pawski, SWA Workshop Coordinator
epawski@comcast.net 360-713-8422 www.elainegraphics.com

SWA General Meeting April 20

The meeting was called to order by Arletta Riedler. Visitors were introduced.

Treasurer, David Rosenstein, reported funds in checking at \$7,246.26, savings \$3,682.80, petty cash \$241.75 for a total of \$11,170.81 in accounts.

A special election was held. Janice Tracy was nominated and elected as president of SWA.

Janice will be a signer on our bank account and Jennifer deWeber will no longer be a signer on our bank account.

Announcements:

The hostess position needs to be filled by September. Two people could share this position.

A second vice president is needed beginning in September.

Contact Janice Tracy for details about these positions.

Show sitters are needed for the May show. If you have signed up as a sitter and an emergency arises that you cannot do the job, contact Wanda or Earlene ASAP.

For the May show, the registration form and labels are on the Home Page of the website.

Check-in time for the May show is May 11, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

There is still time to sign up for Diana Thewlis' color workshop.

We are searching for a place to hold our annual July picnic. If your yard will accommodate 30 or more people, we want to hear from you.

Artist of the month was Diana Thewlis and Thad Hink, professional photographer shared tips for taking pictures of artwork.

- Sue Tellock, Secretary

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Take a Look . . .

You'll Like Us on Facebook!

Cheryl Herndon and Elaine Pawski are rolling out our new Facebook page!

It is actually a "page" belonging to Soc Wa, the account that people had problems finding. This should make it easier to find and for it to require very little administrative tasks. ANYBODY can post about our society's meetings and functions. Facebook can be a great tool for free advertising!

1. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Society-of-Washington-Artists-1355182591174139/>

2. Simply copy and paste that into your URL line on your browser, or search for Society of Washington Artists.

3. Anytime you have any art news, post it on our Facebook page. When you see something of interest on our page, be sure to like and share.

Here's how it works: Elaine posted the call to artist for our spring show. If 10 members like and share, all of their friends will see it. If those 10 members all have 50+ friends, that's 500+ people who will see the call to artists. If only 10 of those "friends of friends" (with at least 50 friends each) like and share, All of their friends will see it. **That could easily result in 1000s of people seeing our Call to Artists** And it's all free- no postage necessary!

If you have any questions on how to get active on our Facebook page, feel free to contact Cheryl or Elaine.

Opportunity Knocks

SWA Website Member Gallery is a vibrant, evolving place. If you would like to show your work on our member site, please email up to 5 photos. These will need to be in JPG file format, with a file size of approximately 150 KB. Please do not send photos of your work displaying the frames. If you have questions or need help with this, please contact Arletta Riedler, SWA Webmaster h 360.574.9208 c 503.250.2631 Email: arlettak@comcast.net
www.societyofwashingtonartists.com

Vancouver Library accepts submissions for First Fridays. For application, contact David Gambale dgamble@fvrl.org

Hall Building ongoing- Call or email us at SWA to show your work in the this historic office building.

White Salmon Art and Wine Fusion Saturday, July 23
3:00pm – 10:00pm Items for sale must be original and local
<http://artwinefusion.com/> ChamberofCommerce: 509-493-3630

At the April meeting, SWA hosted a demonstration on photographing art works. Thad Hink sparked in-depth questions as he plotted out the 'family of angles.' He reminded new artists how to find the light source. He gave clues to avoid the hot spots and find the sweet spots at 45 degrees. With diagrams and lighting demos, he gave absolute solutions for "when in doubt..."

Thad insisted that we don't need expensive lights to photograph artwork for submission to juried shows. He charmed the crowd with plain old bulbs and lighting fixtures from the local feed store. He recommends low-tech cheap, cheap rooster lights. They're made for chicks!

SWA Member To-Do List:

- * **Measure your back yard!** Can it hold a sizable party group? If it can and you wouldn't mind hosting a potluck picnic for all your favorite artists, contact janice.tracy@gmail.com. The attendance at the July picnics can vary greatly, but if your yard can hold twenty people easily (with some borrowed lawn furniture), we would like to hear from you. July is just around the corner!
- * **Like us on Facebook.** Just search for "Society of Washington Artists" in the Facebook search bar, and we should be right there. Once you begin getting SWA posts in your feed, please share them. It helps our art reach more people.
- * **Prepare your artwork for the spring show.** Remember, they should be within size restrictions (see the show prospectus), dry, and ready to hang.
- * **Make a note on your calendar** of the date and time you have signed up to sit at the show. If you forgot, or forgot to sign up, please contact Carol Lytle at lytlecj@comcast.net.
- * **Sign up for the color workshop** with Diana Thewlis. Space is limited and the cost is very reasonable, so don't wait.
- * **Ask yourself if you'd like to help** SWA by becoming the Host/Hostess next year (starting in September). We need someone to gather and herd assistants that set up the room and bring snacks. If you would like to hear more about the position, email us at janice.tracy@gmail.com.

Workshops, Classes, Clubs

Digital Arts classes by Elaine Pawski Ongoing
1st and 3rd Mondays 1pm-4pm Digital Painting
Paint with your computers, using **Artrage**, an affordable, user friendly software package that emulates real materials.
2nd & 4th Mondays Photoshop
Learn the basics of processing digital photos, manipulating photos for painting references and managing photos of your work for online and print. Arts Desire 360-693-0028

FreeModel Art Guild in downtown Vancouver. 12:30 Saturdays 201 Evergreen. Free. Draw short poses, live models. Call Marianne Stokes at 574-2189 www.freemodelartguild.com
Also meets at Marshall Center on Wednesdays for a small fee.

Mary Carole oil workshop at Arts Desire Studio June 2-5.
Deposit due by May 15. www.bevelar.com

Northwest Oil Painter's Guild meets the 3rd Tuesdays monthly
717 Grand Ave. Vancouver. Plein aire painting encouraged!
Bob Fleischmann at 360-258-1102 bobandpetey@comcast.net
Jim Gola at 360-263-2201 jimgola@hotmail.com

Northbank Art Gallery events/classes 360-693-1840

Sante Fe – Art Materials Expo with Demos, samples, big discounts and deals. And best, it's balloon festival week in NM!
Supply Showcase September 30 – Oct. 2 Sante Fe, New Mexico

Brian Davis workshop at Arts Desire Studio May 16-20 Deposit Due May 1. www.bevelar.com

26th annual Shoreline Arts Festival is just around the corner and is currently accepting applications for our **Juried Art Exhibition**, which features over 300 2D/3D artworks and photographs from local artists, and awards over \$2,000 in cash and merchandise prizes. Contact Janessa Post, Program & Publicity Manager Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council publicity@shorelinearts.net 206-417-4645

Ridgefield Art Association Annual Spring Art Fair and Sale on May 6 and 7. Friday, May 6 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm with an Artist Reception and music and refreshments. Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main, Ridgefield WA
Demonstrations, Art Auction, Kids Activities, Poetry Corner, and district student art. Barbara AW Wright bawwrightseta@hotmail.com



SWA Annual Workshop June 11th COLOR! We will have registration forms at our general meeting, so don't forget your checkbook so that you can sign up if you haven't already. Know a non-member who might be interested? Pick up a flyer for them! We will open it to non-members May 1st. Click the link below for flyer:

Workshop

SWA Artist of the Month for May is **Christine DeBuse**. She is a valuable new volunteer who will show the progression of her artistry following our monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 18th.

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Membership Renewal

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

The _____ membership dues are now due and payable. They should be paid before the end of June. Send check or money order to SWA at 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 _____

fiscal year which runs from July 1, _____ through June 30, _____.

**NEXT MEETING
Wednesday**

May 18, 2016

**Vancouver Heights
United Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd
Vancouver, WA**

**9 AM Setup
10 AM General Meeting
11 AM Demonstration**

The Pen & Palette newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for submitting articles is the last week of each month. Articles can be phoned in, mailed in, or emailed to Susan Koenig, 2103 SE Park Crest Ave., Vancouver, WA 98683. Phone 360-931-8907 or email isolani1@gmail.com Your art news and photos will be greatly appreciated by our readers.