

Society of Washington
ARTISTS

Pen & Palette

The Newsletter of the Society of Washington Artists

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From Our President



We have replaced the usual photo of the SWA president this month with Uncle Sam in his most familiar pose besieging his fellow citizens to join up. SWA has borrowed Uncle Sam to remind all its members that it is still looking for volunteers to step up and lend us their extensive knowledge, sage advice and skillful hands. To paraphrase Anonymous 'Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community in which you want to live. Currently SWA is looking to fill some committee positions especially a program and workshop planning committee and spring show planning committee. We are fortunate to now have all the vacancies' filled on the SWA Board with the last two Member at Large positions filled by Pam Richey Curtis and Janus Innes. Janus is also going

to serve as our new Communications Director which involves monitoring the emails that come into info@swavancouver.com. We have a strong board filled with good and capable members including some of our newest members. While on the subject of new members take a moment and see who has joined SWA and what kind of art they create in the Welcome New Members section of the Pen & Palette. With the advent of the umbrella organization Columbia Arts Network (CAN for short) we are once again looking at recruiting from our membership talent that will be necessary to complete the very important task of seeing CAN through to completion. Several of our Board members and members from other arts organizations in southwest Washington are joining together to make sure the goals are met; namely a brick and mortar facility to house the visual arts. It's a huge challenge and it will take many hands to meet the CAN goals but it can't be done by the usual volunteers that always step forward. Check with any of your SWA Board members if you have administrative, IT, logistic, operations or legal experience. As is the case with most projects it is mostly waiting with periodic bursts of activity. Think about it and let us know.

On another note 2020 has provided SWA the opportunity to look at procedural and organizational issues that needed to be addressed but for which time had not allowed. The first were the issues brought forth by the survey this past spring; attracting new members, the need for a permanent facility (see above), updating the web

site, and updating the by-laws. We also elected Board members, and launched a hybrid virtual/gallery fall show. Two items are left to be competed and voted upon, the SWA Job descriptions and Policies and Procedures. These two items will be finalized this month. And to top things off we are planning to introduce our members to the wonderful world of Zoom meetings. In December we will invite all SWA members to join us for a Zoom version of our traditional holiday general meeting. Watch your email or the November newsletter for details. If that goes well we will set up a creative Zoom January general meeting. Between now and then I suggested that you take a moment to familiarize yourself with Zoom so you can join us. It's pretty easy and you do not have to have a Zoom account to participate. A google search will reveal a ton of videos on the process. Thank you for all you do
Rick Jones
President SWA

Please Help Support Our Fall Show

Please take a minute and promote our fall show on your social media, or by emailing your friends and family.

www.swavancouver.com/2020fallshow

Update on the Artists Coalition

As most of you know the SWA has been involved in working with other artist organizations in SW Washington to establish a group to assess the needs of Visual Artists in our area and create a permanent Art Center. Our purpose is to develop art, artists and interest in art for people of all communities and backgrounds in the greater SW Washington area.

We have representatives at this time from most of the art groups in this area and continue to have others reach out to us with interest in our

goals. We have formed various teams to work on the tasks needed to begin this process. We have created Purpose, Vision, Mission and Core Value statements and we have decided on the name "Columbia Artist Network" (C.A.N.) for this group.

We will continue to keep you apprised of our progress and periodically ask if you want to participate in any of the committee work that will help bring this project to fruition. At this time there are committees working on Governance, Stakeholders, Physical

Space and Locations both Short Term and Long Term, Strategic and Operations Goals and Financial Sustainability and Outreach to Young Artists. If you would like to be a part of any of these committees please reach out to me (wabasawana@comcast.net).

We are excited about the enthusiasm and support this coalition has generated and we look forward to working with all of the visual artists in our community to realize this dream.

Wanda Brewster
C.A.N.

SWA Board Members



President - Fredrick (Rick) Jones

president@swavancouver.com

Vice President - Ed Martin

Secretary - Sue Tellock

Treasurer - Linda Whittingham

**Member Representatives - Pamela Richey Curtis,
Katey Sandy, Janus Innes**

Committee Chairs and other volunteer roles are under review.

Watch for more details in the near future.

All members are welcome to attend and ask questions and give suggestions! Board meetings are online via Zoom, the next day and time has not yet been decided. Please email Katey Sandy @ ksandymaga@msn.com, if you'd like to be notified of the next board meeting.

Are You Getting Your Emails?

We are now using a different email system which enables us to efficiently send emails to large groups.

If you are not receiving emails there are 3 things to do:

1. Check your spam folder
2. Check to see if you are blocking any key words in our email address.
info@swavancouver.com
3. If you are still not finding anything, email our membership coordinator, Roz Waugh: rhw409@icloud.com or Linda Whittingham
treasurer@swavancouver.com

2020 Brings 20+ New Members!

Welcome to Society of Washington Artists

Although the Covid 19 pandemic has made 2020 a very difficult year for so many of us, SWA's newly reorganized, elected Executive Board has some good news to share! We are pleased to report 29 new members have joined SWA so far in 2020.

These new members represent a wide variety of art mediums along with a desire to get involved and keep SWA moving forward in 2021. New members (those we heard back from) and their art mediums and areas of interest are listed below.

Janus Innes - abstract mixed media. Janus volunteered to fill the 3rd Member at Large position on the Executive Board and serve as Communications Director

Linda Andrews-Riggs – watercolor artist. wants to help with shows and planning

Steve Elliott – acrylic artist who also makes dolls and strange dioramas. He is a professional web developer; can help in that area and with shows.

Patricia Nevius – abstract, expressionistic, acrylic & mixed media artist. interested in demos and show planning.

Debbie Burger – oil painter. Retired with flexible schedule to help with shows and demos

Allan Oliver – fluid acrylic artist and silk screener. Former gallery owner willing to do demos and organize shows.

Elizabeth Merrill – original framed embroidery work. Interested in program planning, demos and shows.

Regina Westmoreland – a mixed media artist who leaves a piece of myself in everything I create.

Liz Nye – Mixed media, jewelry, and textiles. Color and texture are my passion.

Susan Williams – Photographer, glass mosaic and textile artist. Interested in working on a "Holiday Market".

Barbara McVey – Abstract Impressionism

Kirby Kahl – I am an experimental acrylic artist. I am open to helping in a variety of facets.

Laura Pritchard – A soft pastel artist; also exploring watercolors. I am a freelance graphic artist and have been for many years. I can help with design of promotional materials for shows and/or layout for the newsletter.

Jean Dupre – Mixed media intuitive painter

Grey Proctor -I am a fashion/fine art photographer, painter, musician and silversmith. I am interested in helping with shows and demonstrations. In particular, providing workshops or events to help the public connect and get started in art.

David Collier – acrylic painting, wood turning, sculpturing and fused glass. I would like to help create awareness of art in Vancouver.

John Relyea – reclaimed plywood artist. Interested in helping with show planning and shows.

Debbie Tracey – an acrylic artist Living in Olympia, I'd like to help remotely with publicity through Facebook etc.

Sena Lowry – I am a watercolor artist specializing in portraits, animals and people, plus abstract flowers

Welcome again to, two previously mentioned new members **Pam Curtis, a member at Large on the Executive Board** and **Roz Waugh who is serving as Membership Coordinator.** Thank you for stepping up!

Other new members:

Malee Kenworthy, Rachele Remington, Carol Sandor, Erik Martinez, Gail Woodard, Andrew Behrndt, Mary Bresee

Art Shows



Mosaic Arts Alliance

www.mosaicartsalliance.org

The show features art by it's members. Also, watch a multi-media Art experience here: Several of our members are also members of Mosaic and are included in this show!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B7xKs7xqHltbmLSu2EFi83J5FbjUvTB/view?usp=drive_web

Oregon In Extraordinary Times
Please join OSA, the PPF and the OPPA in a show dedicated to the art of photography.

www.osagallery.org/photography-show

In the gallery Oct 8-30, 2020
Open M-F, 9-5

The Southwest Washington Watercolor Society Member only Fall Show

"Into The Light"

October 2 - 31st
Vancouver Art Space
8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr. Suite 283 (prospectus upstairs near Penneys)
Viewing: M - Sat 11am to 7 pm
Sun 12 - 6 pm

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Clark College, Economic & Community Development Winter Term starts Jan 4

Diana Thewlis, retired instructor at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and Member of SWA is considering teaching one of these subjects:

- Applied Color
- Intermediate Watercolor: covering topics such as underpainting, surfaces, mixed media, techniques, etc.
- Drawing the head and hands
- Clothed figure drawing
- Intermediate drawing.
- Perspective drawing.

If you would be interested in one of these subjects, please contact

Diana @ dthewlis@comcast.net

Oregon Society of Artists: Painting and Drawing on the Ipad in Procreate.

Register at any time classes run thru Dec 16,6:30pm - 9pm, Online via Zoom

Elaine Pawski, Instructor

<https://public.osartists.org/public/classes>

Learn to paint and draw on the Ipad with Procreate! Whether interested in digital art as a media within itself, or interested in learning Procreate as a means to work thru problems with traditional media, this class is for you. Student assignments are project based, so all levels are welcome. The instructor will be including demos that help develop skills with the various tools in the software. Requests for help with personal projects are always welcomed.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Elaine at epawski@comcast.net or 360-713-8422.

Placing a link to the SWA website on your webpage, or online portfolio will help drive traffic to our site and our fall show! It will also benefit your site in Search Engine Optimization!

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SWA is on Facebook! Check out all the interesting art related posts by members by clicking on this button or search Society of Washington Artists



We are now on Instagram! @SocietyofWashingtonArtists

2020 Fall SHOW & SALE

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An open show, consisting of work in various disciplines and media

ONLINE

www.swavancouver.com/2020fallshow

Oct. 15, 2020 - Dec 15, 2020

Purchases may be made thru the site



Speak out by Joan Geddings



Summer Colors by Michael Muldoon

100 pieces from the virtual show will be selected
by Judge Sharon Svec to be on display:

Nov. 14, 2020 - Dec. 15, 2020

The Cave Gallery

108 E. Evergreen Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98770

In lieu of a reception, the presentation of awards will be recorded. Watch for it on our facebook page and website. When visiting either in person, or online, please vote for the People's Choice Award.

SWA, a Nonprofit 501 (c) (3), welcomes new members.

SWA Website News

Member's Page: Have you submitted your work for the Members Page? <https://www.swavancouver.com/members-gallery>

All members may submit one .jpeg of their work along with a link to your webpage or online portfolio. This is included in your membership, so please plan on taking advantage of this benefit!

Individual Page: For those who do not have a webpage or online portfolio, here is an excellent opportunity: In addition to your entry on the Member's page, you can request an individual page, containing your artist statement, and up to ten pieces of your art work showcased. The web page can be used as the artist's personal online portfolio with links to their social media sites or may be used any time the artist is asked for a portfolio of their work. If the artist chooses to participate in the individual page, there will be an additional \$40 fee added to your usual annual membership dues.

Please let us know if you are interested in this great web page opportunity!

email: info@swavancouver.com