

PEN & PALETTE

The Newsletter of the Society of Washington Artists

Next Meeting

Wednesday, **May 15**, 2019

10:00am to 12:00 noon

Place: Vancouver Heights United
Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd
Vancouver, WA

Meeting in Brief

- Business Meeting
- Artist of the Month
SPRING SHOW
WINNERS
- Break for refreshments
- Presenter Brenda
Boylan

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The Spring Show Shone!

What a panoply of riches! The Water Resources Education Center overflowed with displays of talent, dedication and energy at the 2019 SWA Spring Show this year. I am blown away (and a little intimidated) each year by the artworks on display. I'm so glad it went well and (let's be honest) a little glad it's over!

A Word From Show Director Sue Tellock

Many thanks.....

It took many hands to produce one fantastic Spring Art Show and Sale. It is estimated that nearly 500 people attended!

Thank you to every one who helped in any way. But a super big thank you to the Sign Guys.....without those signs, the show would not have been so successful. It's a long drive to the Water Resources Center and those signs were essential. Great job guys!

Thank you all,

Sue Tellock

I'm a Better Artist...

...than I was when I became President of SWA. I have learned so much about the habits of great local artists, I have met so many people who have been influential in my art and art sales, and I have picked up tips and tricks from our members, presenters and leaders from nearby art groups and guilds. Now I want to pass on that opportunity to you!

When I became President, I didn't know anyone in SWA or the greater art world of the Portland/Vancouver area. Since I became President, I feel like I have the tools I need to thrive as a Vancouver area artist. Thank you, SWA, and welcome to you, the next SWA President!

May Artist Demonstrator: Brenda Boylan

Native to the West coast and an Applied Art and Design graduate of Cal Poly University, Brenda began her creative career as a designer for high profile sportswear clients. Ten years later and desiring a more fulfilled and meaningful life, she carried her sense of balance, color and composition over to fine art and has never looked back. Inspired by the Impressionists, her color-filled work has gained national Signature recognition with the Pastel Society of America, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, and the Northwest Pastel Society. She paints competitively in plein air events and has been a featured instructor at the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 7th Plein Air Conventions.

Brenda's work has been published in The Pastel Journal (cover story), Plein Air Magazine, The Art of Plein Air Painting, The Best of America Pastel, and has her own signature line of Jack Richeson Pastels. Her work has been displayed at the Favell Museum, The Butler Institute of American Art Museum and the Oregon Historical Museum. Brenda lives in Portland with her husband of 30+ years.

Brenda Says:

My art is a visual display of all my senses orchestrating at once. Every time I enter into another painting my surroundings come alive from the rhythm of my heartbeat, the glow of light, the structure of design and the dance of color. Sometimes I am so overwhelmed by beauty that I struggle to harness these feelings, but I am drawn to do it as if breathing. As I layer pigment down it is a slow unveiling of my inner self to the world, revealing the imperfections that I wish to improve with every mark. And so I paint.

In June, we will be voting in a new president and a new 1st Vice President. Both Katey Sandy, the 2017-2018 1st Vice President who spearheaded the successful move of our spring show to the Water Resources Education Center, and I will be partnering with the new President and 1st Vice President to make sure they have a steady hand pointing the way, so join us!

Hawaiian Wood. Would You?

As I floated around the show Saturday, I met a guy with a frame that he didn't know what to do with. He knew it was worth a lot of money, as it was made of Hawaiian Koa wood - a rare, highly prized wood renowned for its beauty. If you have been to Hawaii, you may have come home with a small trinket made of this wood. Well, how about a frame that measures 53" x 50" with an inside measurement of 48" x 45"?

That's a heck of a souvenir. He wanted to sell it, as it no longer fit his decor, but when I suggested he donate it to SWA and use the tax write-off to save himself the hassle, he was game.



How much is it worth? I tried to find a similar-sized koa wood frame online to compare it to, but such frames are rare. 16" x 20" frames go for between \$200 and \$265. Larger frames are only available as part of a print purchase such as this, and at prices over \$1,000. It is an odd size. An artist would have to take it to a professional framer to use it with paper art, and oil or acrylic artists would need to custom stretch a canvas or saw a board to fit. All doable. It all sounds like a fun project. **I will be taking bids** at president@swavancouver.com and during the first hour of May meeting. I will announce the winning bid at the meeting. I will start the bidding at \$80. Proceeds go to the SWA, of course.

Thank You, Kathryn Delany

Kathryn Delany was our treasurer for one year, and within that year, she computerized our monetary records, synced those records with online banking services, streamlined our online show registration process, designed a sleek new website, digitized our membership renewal process, moved our membership application to the new website, and became my friend. I am sad to see her go, and excited about following her exploits in Canada and beyond. Please join me in thanking her and sending her your best wishes and calm thoughts as she attempts to complete her stateside chores before their moving deadline of June 11!

— Janice Tracy, President

Call to Artists

Clark County Open Studios

Clark County Open Studios is a juried art event offering a unique opportunity for you to gain further recognition as an artist, open your studio doors to the public, and to show and sell your work. Open Studios is a free self-guided tour that will enhance awareness of talented local artists while enriching the cultural life of Clark County neighborhoods.

WHEN: Open Studios Tour: Sat-Sun, November 2-3, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 31, 2019. Go to ccopenstudios.org for more information.

Columbia Center for the Arts

Big & Small. From small pieces to extra-large formats, this exhibition features the extremes of an artwork's finished size. The small pieces are 6" or under per side, and the large pieces require one side be 42" or larger for either height, width, or depth. Artists are challenged to create within a particular dimension, exploring the possibilities of the miniature and large scale creation. Deadline: May 20, 2019. Show: June 29 - July 29. See <https://www.columbiaarts.org/big-small/>

Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts

Open Show.

Show Dates: June 21, 22, & 23, 2019

Location: Lakewood Center for the Arts

Registration: Register all artworks online between June 1st and June 13th by 11:59pm.

Artwork drop off is one day only: Sunday, June 16th of 2019 from 1:00-4:00 PM at Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. On site registration will still be available on Sunday but all applicants are strongly encouraged to use the online process. Go to <https://www.lakewood-center.org/pages/Festival-open-show-call-for-entry-2019>

Artist Loft

Flights of Fancy. Let your imagination fly free and explore ideas. The Artist Loft is looking for artworks that push the boundaries of fanciful. \$30 per entry for this 2-month show. Maximum size 30" x 40." Email potential entries to info@artistloftvancouver.com. Drop off will be on Monday, June 3rd, 1-6 pm

Artists At Work

Artist Loft

May closes out the impressive collection of artworks that capture hidden moments and reveal "**What Lies Beneath.**" Several SWA Members' works are included.



Angst Gallery

Mosaic Arts Alliance presents **Spring Surprise**, May 1 - June 1 at Angst Gallery. The show features member artwork as well as work by other local and regional artists.

Angst Gallery is open Noon to 4:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday. Artwork can also be seen via Niche Wine Bar (1013 Main Street) after 4:00pm Tuesday through Saturday.



The "surprise" here is that I completed a watercolor.

H. H. Hall Building

Member Catherine Snyder won 1st Place and 3rd Place in the pastels category at the SWA Spring Show. Stop by the H. H. Hall Building some time this month and see some of her other work on display there.



Show Director Sue Tellock kicked off the awards ceremony at the 2019 SWA Spring Show. To the left is Greg Lewis, show judge. Thank you, Sue!

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SWA on Facebook

Post your artwork, boost SWA activities, chat with friends.

Search for "Society of Washington Artists" and click on the link. "Like" our page and participate!

SWA Art Hanging Venues

The SWA has art showing opportunities through the year. The SWA requests a small donation from each sale to cover expenses.

H. H. Hall Building, 10000 NE 7th Ave. (Hazel Dell): SWA members can hang several pieces in the second-floor entryway. The exhibit is changed every other month.

Vancouver UCC Church at 1220 NW 68th Street (our 2018 fall show location) is our newest art showing venue. Contact Wanda or

FreeModel Art Guild

Draw or learn to draw with live models!

Free drop-in Saturdays 12:30 - 3:00pm at the Atrium area at 201 W. Evergreen downtown: Quick, casual sketches from short poses. Also, Wednesdays at 1:00pm at the Marshall Center: short and long poses. Small fee, drop in. All levels welcome. Nude model gigs monthly. \$8 covers model fee, wine, and potluck refreshments.

Check with Marianne Stokes at 360-574-2189 or Diana Thewlis (dthewlis@comcast.net) for more information.



I was thrilled to present the People's Choice Award to Elaine Evans for her outstanding work, *Red Hat*.



Katey Sandy shares her painting, *Earth Caretakers Needed*, with James Englund



Congratulations to SWA member Lesley Faulds on her Best of Show win for *Bosom Buddies*!

SWA General Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by member Katey Sandy .

Treasurer, Kathryn Delaney reported a balance of \$11,981.64 in all accounts.

It was announced that Linda Wittingham has volunteered for the position of treasurer, replacing Kathryn who will be moving out of the area. Linda was nominated for the position of Treasurer and elected by a vote of the members present.

Regarding the SWA Spring Art Show and Sale, registration has closed and Rae Del Bashier stated that sponsors for the show are needed as soon as possible. Art for the show will be taken in from noon until 5 pm on April 30.

There was discussion about the Columbia Springs opportunity to do *plein air* art demos and sales the last Saturdays of July and August and a hand count showed that many would be interested. More information about this idea will be coming in the months ahead.

Nominations for the offices of president and vice president will be needed at the May meeting.

Artist of the month John Turley talked about his abstract pieces. John likes to combine organic shapes against geometric shapes, using contrasting colors. For his prints on canvas, he finds that Costco is a good source. John’s wife, Joan, provides the titles for his paintings.

Artist demonstrator, Tamra Sheline showed us tips for painting with water color paints on Yupo paper. She begins projects with watercolor pencils and rubbing alcohol to clean the paper of finger prints. Using water in various areas allows her to paint the subjects she wants.

Sue Tellock, Secretary



A crowd gathers before the awards ceremony during the Artists’ Reception May 4th at the SWA Spring Art Show & Sale.

New Summer Activities in the Works!

Try a little Plein Air!

We will be collaborating with Columbia Springs to bring you a beautiful venue to paint alongside fellow SWA members at the Columbia Springs Visitor Center. SWA artists will be a feature of a couple Family Nature Days. The aim is better visibility for both Columbia Springs and the SWA. Visitors will be able to interact with artists (maybe you might sell a print or a card if you would like to provide both inventory and sales - neither SWA nor Columbia Springs will be involved in sales), and artists will benefit from the green surroundings, and a moment to paint and create with our friends. The Center will be providing tables, chairs and shade umbrellas.

Dates: July 27th and August 31st from 10:00am to 2:0pm.

Cost: there is no cost to participate. Columbia Springs suggests a donation of \$5.00 from guests, and SWA asks participating artists to do the same.

Rae Del Brashier will have more information and a sign up list at the May Meeting. Call Rae Del or email me for more information.



Family Nature Days

Last Saturday at Columbia Springs: May-October

- May 25th
 - June 29th
 - July 27th
 - August 31st
 - September 28th
 - October 26th
- All events are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



What do a salmon scale and a tree ring have in common? What bugs live in our wetland? Explore these questions and more at Columbia Springs' Family Nature Days!

Start at our Visitor Center for maps and information and choose your own adventure around our park from there!

Family Nature Festival, with additional activities from partners and volunteers, will take place October 26th.

Join us the Last Saturday of every month, activities vary!

\$5/person suggested donation.

Where: Columbia Springs: Visitor Center 12208 SE Evergreen Hwy, Vancouver, WA

Learn more at: www.columbiasprings.org/family-nature-days

P.S. We are always looking for extra volunteers at these events! Contact events@columbiasprings.org for more information.

Columbia Springs is a non-profit park and education center that relies on donations. Check out our website at www.columbiasprings.org for more information about giving. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations to our 2019 SWA Spring Show Winners

Category 1: Oil & Acrylic		
1st	Richard Ferguson	La Mort de L'Innocence
2nd	Kelsey Birsá	Aegis
3rd	Elaine Evans	Red Hat
HM	Claudette Moe	Bobby. Orange Funk for Days
HM	Boyd Titus	Golden Explosion
HM	Mary Chant	I Can Smell the Ocean
Category 2: Water Media		
1st	Gary Watson	Nine Eleven
2nd	Judith Howard	Provision
3rd	Tamara Sheline	Steelhead Reverence
HM	Tamara Sheline	Polar Attraction
HM	James Englund	Evening Stroll
HM	Tina Mae Fels	Marbles in Silver
HM	Judith Thompson	It's a Complicated World!
Category #3: Combined Media		
1st	Shirley Anderson	Whose Starry Night?
2nd	David Collier	Tribal Frog
3rd	Katey Sandy	A Rose of Hope Remains
HM	Kathryn Delany	3 Sister Goddesses
Category #4: Pencil and Colored Pencil		
1st	Richard Helmick	Emergence of Time
2nd	Rita Niblock	Elephant
3rd	Carol Wood	Malcolm
Category #5: Pastels		
1st	Catherine Snyder	Lake Merwin Channel at Dusk
2nd	Julie Olsen	Airs
3rd	Catherine Snyder	My Maui Sunset
Category #6: 3 Dimensional		
1st	Betsy Soifer	Mountain Goat Trophy
2nd	Betsy Soifer	Armadillo
3rd	Maurice Whittingham	You Are So Late
HM	Richard Seaberg	CR Sturgeon
HM	Richard Seaberg	Steelhead Ready to Bite
Best of Show		
	Lesley Faulds	Bosom Buddies

2019 SWA Spring Show Sponsor Awards

Sponsor	Name	Title
J2 Blue Print	William Liu	Starry Night at the Wave
HD Aluminum Prints	Frederick Jones	Cow Herd
Arts Desire	Diana Thewlis	Peaceful Portal
Duck Tails	Claudette Moe	See & Be Seen..
Aurora Gallery	Ron Jones	Surround
Lizabeth A	Bev Birdwell	Lavender Beach
Jack Richeson, Co.	Gary Watson	Journey

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Membership Renewal

Membership dues are \$35 per person, \$45 family. Memberships are prorated after January 1st. You can also join or renew at <https://www.swavancouver.com/join>

Membership dues are due every year before the end of June. Send a check to SWA at PO Box 2992, Vancouver, WA 98668, renew online, or pay at the next meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Email _____

I, _____ hereby apply for membership in the Society of Washington Artists for the _____ fiscal year which runs from July 1, _____ through June 30, _____.

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