



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Autumn, 2024

I dream of painting and then I paint my dream. Vincent Van Gogh



I hope you had a wonderful summer, enjoying the good weather and getting out to visit beautiful places and time to paint. Fall is ahead with the colors that the PNW offers. Please be careful when driving!.....As artists, the colors are a distraction, at least for me. I have found myself pulling over to soak it all in, it is such a beautiful time of year!

The 2024 year is coming to an end, with AHA's ending in October. In November we will have our General Meeting at the NEW ART CENTER (Hub) in the old library Building. SWWS will provide a nice lunch, catered by Olive Garden, thanks to Mary Emert for arranging this for us. There will also be a painting activity, SWWS will supply the paints, etc.

SWWS has many activities planned for 2025.....more info to come.

I will wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, 2025.

Until then,

Barbara Hope,
President

EXCITING RAFFLE! **Bev Jozwiak** has generously donated a full sheet watercolor original painting to SWWS as a fundraiser. The drawing for the painting will be at the Summer 2025 Picnic, date to be determined. You need not be present to win. Please support SWWS by purchasing a ticket/s to win as well as forwarding this email to spread the word.

This Raffle is not limited to SWWS members. Please get the word out to everyone you know so they can buy tickets for a chance to win this beautiful original Bev Jozwiak Painting.

SWWS is looking forward to a successful fundraiser to help with AHA, AIC, Clark College scholarships, Exhibits, Workshops, Paint Outs and everything else SWWS does to make our Society strong.

For more details, check out this link: [Bev Jozwiak Raffle | SWWS](#)

SWWS Annual Meeting: November 9, 2024. Look for a more detailed email from [SWWSwatercolor](#) closer to the meeting date.

Exhibits: Fall Show, Camas, WA

SWWS Autumn Accolades: A wonderful success in picturesque Camas Library.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Best of Show - Denise McFadden

1st Place - Leah Murphy

2nd Place - Natasha Ramras

3rd Place - Elaine Pawski

Honorable Mention - Lynda Raven Blake, Jeanine Clark, Trish Johnston, Jean Hauge

People's Choice Award - Awarded after Newsletter Distribution Date

Here is the link to view all the winners! [SWWS Fall Show](#)

Columbia Artists Network (CAN) Festival SWWS winners

SWWS Member Watercolor Art Winners

Barbara Hope, Wildlife/Animals: 2nd place with the painting "Catalina Reef"

Lynda Brake, Still Life/Florals: 2nd Place with the painting "Chinese Lantern"

Congratulations Barbara and Lynda!

Here is the link to view all the winners: [CAN Winners](#)

SWWS Members showing and/or teaching in the community

SWWS Member Nathun Finkhouse:

Nathun has several classes coming up! At Clark College, he's teaching beginner drawing, acrylic, and watercolor, along with intermediate drawing and watercolor. He also has several one time, make and takes through Vancouver Art Space in the Vancouver Mall.

All of Nathun's class info can be found through this link-
<https://nathunfinkhouse.com/about-2>

Check out Nathun's website [here](#)

JoyLynn Woodward

<https://www.swswatercolor.org/team/joylynn-woodard> will be showing an abstract painting at the Ridgefield Public Library this November.

*Want your shows/website/activities shared with the SWWS community?
Send your info to katherine.i.clock@gmail.com for next quarters newsletter!*

Art4Art

A pre-show for artists and their friends on Thursday, 10/3/24, from 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Columbia Room at Vancouver Community Library. Please note, there won't be any sales; it's a chance to admire your art before the buyers arrive!

The Art4Art sale is on Friday, October 4th, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, featuring refreshments, live jazz from students at the Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, and a community art project.

SWWS, Artists Helping Artists (AHA's)

Southwest Washington Watercolor Society, offers its Members, their guests & persons interested in Watercolor, an opportunity to learn techniques from other Artists. We meet at Clark College on the second Saturday of the month from 1pm to 4pm, (Jan - June, Sep & Oct), in the Frost Art Building, Room 103.

After the Artist demonstration there is time to "Paint Along" with attendees bringing their own materials. At this time there is no charge. Supply lists will be emailed to SWWS members prior to each AHA session.

Our next AHA is ***October 12***. More information coming soon to your inboxes.

Resource Sharing

Former SWWS President, Anna Marie Clement, aka, Suzi, is offering 14 **free** metal frames in various sizes and colors. Sizes range from 11 X 14 to 31 X 36, silver, gold and copper colors. All suitable framing for SWWS shows. We know framing is expensive, great to recycle art supplies to other artists. Please contact Carolyn Gunderson 503 320-8787 or email cgundersonart@comcast.net if interested.

Sketching Skills Group - led by SWWS Member Diana Thewlis

Something I regularly hear from fellow Watercolorists is “*I love to paint - I don't love to draw*”!

Would you like to increase your sketching/drawing skills? The Freemodel Artists Guild is a group of folks who like to draw. There are no dues, and all skill levels and media are welcome. This is a portrait and figure drawing and painting association. It's a wonderful opportunity for practicing drawing and painting from a model, and meeting with other people who enjoy drawing. For more information, you can contact Diana at dthewlis@comcast.net or check out their Facebook page for more information: [**Free Model Artists Guild Facebook Page**](#)

Local supporters of SWWS support SWWS members to show work as well as offer meeting space. We thank the following for their support and sponsorship of SWWS activities:

[Latte Da Coffee House and Wine Bar](#)

[Clark College](#)

[Fort Vancouver Regional Library](#)

[Vancouver Arts Hub](#)