



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Spring, 2025

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



Welcome **SPRING**, hoorah! Longer warmer days, so much color coming our way, an artist's dream. SWWS has many upcoming adventures in ART.

Our workshop with Ron Stocke, the end of April, the Spring Exhibit in Ridgefield, the month of May.

Summer paint-outs will be happening.....so nice to get together outside with art friends.

Our Picnic where we will draw someone's ticket to win Bev Jozwiak's beautiful painting.

There is **STILL** lots of time to get your tickets. <https://www.swswatercolor.org/bev-raffle>

Summer will bring the Vancouver Arts Festival, the beginning of Aug. Go to the calendar on our website for everything to do. <https://www.swswatercolor.org/copy-of-upcoming-events>

As always, I will send out email reminders to you.

Enjoy, and Paint, Paint, Paint!

Barbara Hope,

SWWS Board President

SPRING WORKSHOP WITH RON STOCKE, APRIL 28, 29 AND 30TH

"Painting the Pacific Northwest"

Join Ron for a 3-day workshop in his home state of Washington, April 28, 29 & 30, 2025.

The Pacific Northwest has an incredible variety of painting opportunities, from the city and landscapes to the majestic sea. We will focus on capturing these subjects in an artistic, painterly approach. The Workshop will be held in Vancouver Washington at the Vancouver Arts Center, 1007 E Mill Plain BLVD.

For more information: <https://www.swswatercolor.org/2025-spring-workshop>

The Vancouver Art Festival 2025 is looking for YOUR ART!

Here is the link to check out submission instructions: <https://www.vancouverartsandmusicfestival.com/>

Washougal Open Studio Paint Group - Tuesdays from 1:30-5p

This Open Studio time is held at the Washougal Community Center, 1681 C St, (tucked behind the library and city hall). Enjoy time with a group of artists gathered to paint and where all mediums are welcome. This weekly free social gathering includes drinks and snacks and a fun group to share your art with. Big tables, good lighting and constructive feedback (if asked for!). Sometimes we even get a piano serenade by a local pianist! Bring your current project and a protector (i.e., plastic sheet) for the table surface you will work on.

It's SPRING SHOW TIME! The Ridgefield Library. May 1- 31. We are still accepting registrations until April 18th for this upcoming exhibit. Drop-Off is May 1st, from 10am - noon. We welcome you and your guests for the Awards presentation and a demo by judge, Ron Stocke from 4-6, May 1st. The show is an open show with all water media artists in Clark, Skamania, Pacific, Cowlitz, Lewis, Klickitat and Wahkiakum Counties.

Washougal Artists Tour

Trish Johnston, Nathun Finkhouse and Elaine Lim, SWWS Members showing in the Washougal Artists Tour, May 3-4, 10a to 4p:



The Washougal Studio Artists Tour, founded in 2018, invites art enthusiasts to explore local studios within the scenic Washougal River Gorge. Held each spring and fall, this artist-led event celebrates creativity and community connection.

Trish's page for the event: <https://www.washougalstudioartists.org/trish-johnston>

Nathun's page: <https://www.washougalstudioartists.org/nathun-finkhouse>

Elaine's page: <https://www.washougalstudioartists.org/elaine-lim>

Hopefully we didn't miss any other SWWS Members who are a part of this fun Artist's Tour. Check it out!

Tamra Sheline One Day Yupo Class

In process of being rescheduled from April 5th. Join Tamra Saturday, June 28th, from 10a to 4p for a one day Yupo Painting Class. More Information and link: <https://www.tamrasheline.com/events-classes>

Nathun Finkhouse, Clark College Instructor:

SWWS member, Nathun Finkhouse is teaching several classes at Clark College as a part of the Community Education Department this spring term. Starting the second week of April, Nathun is teaching the following course: Beginner Drawing, Beginner Watercolor, Beginner Acrylic, Intermediate Drawing, and Abstract Acrylic. For more information. <https://www.campusce.net/clark/course/course.aspx?catId=318>

Nathun teaches all year long, so check back every few months to see what he has to offer.

Nathun is also a regularly gigging musician in the Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon area. He can be heard playing solo acoustic, in an acoustic duo with Barbara Hope's husband, Dennis Belenson, and with his band, Kill the Headlights. Go to nathunfinkhouse.com for his calendar of events and more!

ARTISTS HELPING ARTISTS (AHA'S) for Spring, 2025 (Second Saturday of each month, Room 103 at Clark College, Frost Building)

<https://www.swswatercolor.org/s-projects-side-by-side>

April 12, Leah Murphy "Painting Tulips"

May 10, Jeanine Clark "Flowers, flowers and more flowers"

June 14, Jean Hauge "Paint out at Clark College"

Member artist page, check it out! <https://www.swswatercolor.org/team>

Are you a SWWS Member that would like to be added to this page, let us know!

Local supporters of SWWS

We are thankful to these organizations which invite members to show work as well as offer meeting space for the community. We thank the following for their support and sponsorship of SWWS activities:

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