



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Autumn, 2025

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 here 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 2025 year is coming to an end, with AHA's ending in October. The Fall Juried Members Exhibit is at the Vancouver Arts Center through Oct 6th. Our "A Spotlight on Members" Exhibit will open October 7th with five Honored Members being Showcased. They will be painting on First Friday, Oct 3rd. Hope you stop by. November we will have our General Meeting Saturday, Nov 8th at the Vancouver ARTS CENTER. SWWS will provide a nice lunch, catered by Olive Garden, thanks to Mary Emert for arranging this for us. I will send out an email to all members with more information. SWWS has many activities planned for 2026.....more info to come.

I will wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, 2026.

Barbara Hope
SWWS Board President

“A Spotlight on Members” Exhibit, October 6-30, 2025, Vancouver Arts Center, 1007 East Mill Plain Blvd
Mon - Thu & Sat, 10am - 6pm, Friday, 3-8pm, Closed Sunday Join us for First Friday Reception, Oct 3rd and meet the Honored Members.

The Fall Show was a huge success with Angela Wrahtz Juror. For a full list of show winners, check it out here [Fall Show Winners](#) - Congratulations Winners!

Speaking of WINNERS! [Lynda Raven Brake](#) won 2nd Place in Floral and Still Life Category and Mayor's Award at the Vancouver's Art and Music Festival. **Congratulations Lynda!**

Art in the Community:

Friday, October 3: The 2025 Art4Art fundraiser will happen in the Columbia Room of [Vancouver Community Library](#) from 5:30-7:30 pm. We have SWWS Members who have donated their talents to this worthy fund raiser. Thanks to Diana Thewlis for organizing. Go take a look!

AHA: October 11th - Fay Kahn will show us how to put together a collage. An email as to what to bring will be sent soon..

Go see SWWS Member Kathryn Murdock on October 12, as part of the Cranberry Harvest Celebration at The Cranberry Museum on [2907 Pioneer Road](#) in Long Beach, WA, She'll be plein air painting in the cranberry bog! Fun to watch the harvest process and enjoy cranberry snacks.

[Cranberry Harvest Festival](#)

Look who's showing their art!

Elaine Lim is part of the [Washougal Artists Studio Tour](#), November 15-16, check it out!

Susan Marmolejo Kipp is showing three of her pieces to be displayed at Niche Wine Bar in the LOO-VRE Gallery this fall.

SWWS Teachers in Action this Fall

Elaine Pawski is teaching a Watercolor Workshop as I am typing this at the ARTScentered on Mill Plain.

Nathan Finkhouse has several classes coming up at Clark College 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 Nathan's class info can be found through this link- <https://nathunfinkhouse.com/about-2>

Open Studio - Washougal

Washougal painting group open studio, Tuesdays 1:30 - 5 drop in for some or all of it. Free. Supportive group sharing techniques and critique. Snacks, drinks, large tables and good lighting . Washougal Community Center 1681 C st tucked behind the library and City Hall. Currently, a mess with construction. We are using the new parking lot on the west side of the building. All mediums welcome.

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:

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

[Clark College](#)

[Fort Vancouver Regional Library](#)

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