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VISUAL INTEREST

The Society of Watercolor Artists' Newsletter



The Presidents Message

In just two days volunteers will be installing our Annual Membership Show in the UNTHSC atrium gallery. Juror Nel Dorn Byrd has chosen many beautiful paintings to be in the show. Don't forget that our Reception and Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday, September 11. We'll be open all day for the Fort Worth Art Dealers' Association's Fall Gallery Walk, and hope that this will bring new interest and enthusiasm for our group and our artists, whether with some new members or some sales, or both.

Late this summer we learned that the Fort Worth Central Public Library has already filled their atrium gallery for all of 2011, so our National Show won't be held there. Fortunately, the University

of North Texas Health Science Center has agreed that we may hold our International Show in their gallery, but in June 2011 rather than April which is the usual timeframe. While this will give artists extra time to prepare their entries, it will cut short the time between that show and our Fall Membership Show. Also, at this point, we do not have a place for the Fall show. But we have lots of time to look for and secure a new space. The good news is that Nita Leland has agreed to be our Juror for the International Show. (www.nitaleland.com).

We'll see a lot of one another this month, September 4, September 11, and our regular meeting on September 22. This should be a very busy and great month (and maybe even a cooler one). Keep on painting! And don't forget our October workshop! It's time to sign up!

Nel Dorn Byrd - Demonstrator for September







Nel Dorn Byrd began drawing as a child, first painted with oils, and since 1970 has painted with the medium of watercolor. She studied art at Midland Institue of Fine Arts, Richland College, and the University of Texas at Dallas. She has studied at home and abroad with many watercolor instructors, traveling and painting in twelve different countries. Nel co-operated a successful art gallery and frame shop for twenty one years. Her paintings have been accepted in over two hundred juried regional and national exhibitions and she has received numerous awards and honors. Nel is a signature member of several watercolor societies and her work has been included in many publications and books. Her paintings are in corporate and private collections throughout the United States. She paints in a loose, impressionistic style and her works often depict strong light and dark patterns with the play of light giving excitement and interest to any subject. Nel feels that working in a series is oftentimes conducive to the creative process.



May Demonstration and Critique





David Maxwell



Congratulations Painting of the Year Winners

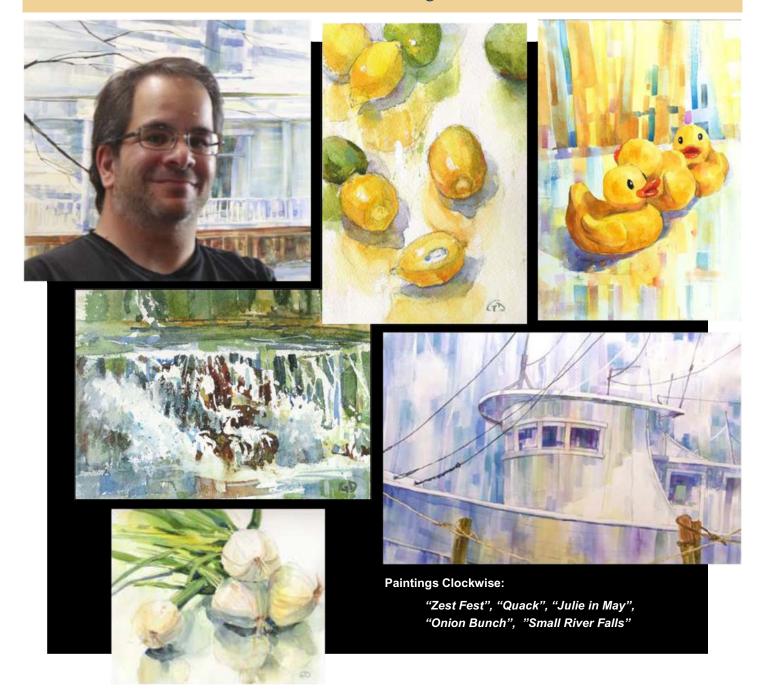


First Winner - George Grant



Second Winner - Colleen Erickson

Featured Artist - George De Chiara



George De Chiara has been painting landscapes, wildlife and still life since attending The American Academy of Art in Chicago. These paintings, described as representational with a heavy dose of color, have been included in many regional, national and international juried shows. These include Watercolor West, Watercolor USA, the Kentucky Watercolor Society and the Society of Watercolor Artists. He has been honored with numerous awards, including 1st place at the Visual Art Society of Texas show in watercolor, honorable mention in the Texas and Neighbors Show in 2008 and The National Society of Artists 2008 show. Most recently, he has been awarded signature status from the Society of Watercolor Artists. George's paintings are in private collections across the United States and Europe.

Currently residing in Arlington, Texas with his wife and rapidly growing baby girl, George finds inspiration in their frequent travels to the Gulf Coast, Hill Country, and Brush Country of South Texas. His most recent inspirations are taken from the wild life and waters of Aransas Pass, near Corpus Christi and still life subjects found in thrift stores and farmer's markets. "I find myself choosing subjects that combine organic from my gardens and farmer's markets and inorganic objects that I reuse from junk stores. The combination of those types of everyday objects seems both very beautiful and very human," George observes. His most recent work can be viewed on his website (www.georgedechiara.com).

SWA 2010 Members' Juried Show

September 4- October 30, 2010

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Atrium Gallery



Nel Dorn Byrd - Juror

RECEPTION and AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, September 11 6:00 – 8:00PM (awards at 7:00)

Last name starts A-M bring dessert type finger food Last name starts N-Z bring non-dessert finger food

Donna Watson Workshop

October 19 - 21 SWA member fee: \$200, \$100 deposit
Contact Carolyn Jehring at 817-263-8183
or e-mail c.jehring@att.net

This workshop is for all types of painters---whether they paint representational, abstract or non-objective...whether they paint landscape, floral, or figures. It is also for all types of aqueous mediums--- watercolor, acrylic, gesso, gouache or mixed media. The emphasis is on searching for personal content, composition, design elements and principles. Participants will explore their own strengths, interests, and goals. They will be invited to explore the use of collage though collage will be optional. There will be slide talks, discussions, and assignments, plus personal and group critiques.

Hopefully, by the end of the workshop, the artists will leave with their own unique, personal thoughts, ideas, goals, and a new direction for their work.







Japanese Festival time again...

Saturday October 23rd and Sunday October 24th

This time SWA will be up in one of the open air Pavilions at the Japanese Garden. There is a cluster of three Pavilions nesting out over the gardens and Koi ponds - it's beautiful – and we (participating artists) are very thankful the Botanical Gardens have given us this space.

If you want to show and sell some of your paintings – small card size- and small matted paintings (sell best). All work has to reflect a Japanese theme – Koi, flowers, Geisha's- we have a huge list we can offer you for inspiration.

Please join us...you will love the experience – some of us have been doing the Festival's 6-7 years now! More information and particulars will be in the October Newsletter or call Robin or Marie:

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"Beneath the Lilies" by Darla Bostick

Spring Paint-out at the Nature Center

Attendees of the Spring Nature Center paint-out enjoyed some ideal weather and a large dose of fresh air. Most found something near the museum that attracted their attention. At about 4:00 we just gathered under the shade and had a picnic. These gatherings are a great opportunity to hone your skills and spend some time with your associates.

Our fall session is in the planning stage...there is a great location for it near Aledo and early November would be an ideal time.









RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN PAINTING OF THE MONTH



- Painting of the month starts in September and ends in April with May as end of year.
- Paintings must be hand delivered to the monthly meetings.
- You agree to let the winning painting be shown at Asel Art Supply in Fort Worth until the next meeting.

- You are responsible for delivery and pick-up at Asel's, located at 825 Foch St., Ft Worth.
- You are responsible for your own insurance. SWA or Asel will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- All work must be original, and water media, No prints.
- Winners are chosen by the members at the meeting.
- Winners will be featured in the SWA Newsletter.
- A gift certificate will be awarded to the winners who will be ineligible to compete again until May when "Painting of the Year" is determined. This is an Asel Art Supply rule.

For some who have not been to our meetings lately...

When you drive into the parking lot of UNTHSC, the Research and Education Building to the right houses Everett Hall. When you are facing the building, located left of the center of the building is a handicapped entrance. Take this entrance and when you enter turn right. Everett Hall's entrance is the first room on your left.

Welcome New Members

Marilyn Jonas

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Shubhangi Mantri

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John Weimer

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Changes...

Pat Langewis

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Dick Taylor

Kk5pi@arri.net

• Shirley Nichols will be handing out the new membership directories at the September meeting.

SWA Notables

- Kay Smith of Big Springs qualified as "Signature Member" when she was accepted in our spring library show. Congratulations Kay!
- Laurin McCracken AWS NWS has had paintings selected for inclusion in two of the most important art shows in the international market;

the Shanghai Zhujiajiao International Watercolour Biennial Exhibition,

http://www.shzjjwatercolour.com/ and the 2010 Beijing International Art Biennale (BIAB),

http://www.bjbiennale.com.cn/en/.

His painting, **Rooftops – New York**, was awarded First Place in the Watercolor Category in the **Artist's Magazine's** On-Line All Media Competition.

Other Awards:

Laurin's painting, *Bicycles*, was awarded a Merit Award in the Louisiana Watercolor Societies 40th Annual International Exhibition.

His painting, *Silver and Crystal with Grappa and Magnolia*, received First Place in the Society of Watercolor Artist, Fort Worth, 29th Juried Art Exhibition.

Orangina received the Purchase Prize in the Tennessee Watercolor Society 32nd Exhibition.

Silver & Crystal with Magnolia received the Chevillon Memorial Award at the Transparent Watercolor Society's 34th Annual Juried Exhibition.

His paintings have also been included in the following competitive shows:

Two of his paintings were selected for inclusion in the Bi-State Show of the Meridian Museum in Meridian, MS. The Pleiades Gallery, New York, NY, 29th Annual Juried Exhibition,

Laurin's paintings will be included in the following publications; **Splash 11**, which was recently released and the upcoming **Splash 12**,

Artistic Touch #4 which is to be released soon,

The Best of Watercolor published by American Artist, and in **Award Winning American Watercolorist** to be published in China in 2012.

- Mary Lou Osborne is being featured in a new book called "A Walk into Abstracts How Did They Do That". It can be ordered as an e-book or a DVD. The DVD is 4.5 hours long and shows each painting full screen with vocal description of techniques used by the artist.
- The Arts Google is Saturday, October 2nd...if you are interested in displaying your work, please sign up at www.fortworthsouth.org

SWA meets the third Monday of every month (except June, July & August) at...

UNT HEALTH &SCIENCE CENTER EVERETT HALL

Research and Education Bld., First Floor 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76108

Monday, September 20th

 Board Meeting:
 5:15

 Critique Group:
 6:00

 General Meeting:
 7:00

 Demo:
 7:15 – 9:00

 Refreshment Break
 8:00

 Bring your paintings to critique before the meeting or to enter "Painting of the Month".

SWA DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2011

\$40 Single Membership ~ \$30 Seniors (65+) \$5 Extra Family Member

(Dues are delinquent as of March 1, 2011)

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Please consider volunteering for one of our "Open" positions

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