



THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATERCOLOR GUILD

Sketchbook

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Summer Shows

We are planning four shows for this Summer, beginning in May with the Young at Art Show. In June visit the Shy Artists' Debut Show along with Frank Rose's artwork show with book signing and reception. Starting in July, the Veterans' Art Show which is open to all services (active duty, National Guard, Reserve or retired) will highlight their artwork of all mediums. In September, come see the Share Our Wall Show which is a juried show of regional Arizona artwork of all mediums.

Young at Art Show

MAY 9 - JUNE 8, 2019
RECEPTION, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2-4PM

Shy Artist' Debut Show

JUNE 13 - JULY 21, 2019
RECEPTION, SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 5-7PM

Frank Rose Exhibit

JUNE 13 - JULY 21, 2019
RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING,
SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2-4PM

Veterans' Art Show

JULY 25 - AUGUST 25, 2019
RECEPTION, SATURDAY, JULY 27, 5-7PM

Share Our Walls 2019

SEPTEMBER 5 - OCT 6, 2019
RECEPTION, SUNDAY, SEPT 8, 2-4PM

Marian Kosachik Gallery Exhibit

MAY 9 - OCTOBER 6
A ROTATING SHOW OF WORK BY
MARIAN KOSACHIK PRICED TO SELL

Scholarships Awarded!

SAWG will celebrate the awarding of nine scholarships at our meeting/reception at the gallery on April 8th. Scholarships being awarded range from \$1500 to \$250. Sixteen students from five high schools competed for the awards by presenting one or two pieces of their work for judging. Judges were Tracy Lynn Ross, Marty Plevel, and Sue Emer. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting to support the students, parents and teachers and see what wonderful work these students are doing! A social/refreshment time will start at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Additionally, to keep this program going, we need two or three SAWG members to step up and volunteer. To learn more about what's involved and/or to volunteer, call or email Sue Rumsey at 490-9499 / sue.rumsey@comcast.net or Tracy Lynn Ross at 907-8941 / tlross3@yahoo.com.

Submitted by - Sue Rumsey

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July 15

2019 - 2020 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

November 11-15, 2019
Michael Holter

January 13-17, 2020
Tom Lynch

February 10-14, 2020
Brenda Swenson

March 9-13, 2020
Ken Hosmer

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings! I'd like to particularly welcome our new members who joined us this year and hope you were able to come to one of our New Member Events. Starting out in August, my goals for SAWG this year were to give you reasons to continue to renew your membership, expand the membership and create new opportunities for small group interactions and bonding with mini-classes like "Introduction to Pastel", "Framing on the Cheap", biannual "New Member Events", "Nuts and Bolts of Running a SAWG Show." There were new opportunities for engagement, like the SAWG Video Club, which meets the last Monday of each month and the Caravan of Cars field trip to the Sonoran Glass Institute and Metal-physic Sculpture Studio. At the meetings our many new members wore red name tags to encourage a warm welcome into our wonderful community. I hoped to raise the energy and enthusiasm level at meetings (without going on too long) and I am SO grateful to your response both at meetings and when we chat individually. It's an honor to have had the opportunity to shepherd our community through these exciting months.

There's much more to come! We still have our amazing Scholarship Program in April. I hope you'll join me to see the high schools students receive \$6,500 in SAWG scholarship money and see the glow of excitement and pride on the faces of their families. We will hold this last meeting of the season at the gallery, Monday, April 15th at 6:30pm. Don't miss it!

Meanwhile, I hope you have entered our "Experimental Show!" This is always a fun and exciting time where members showcase their creativity and who knows what we'll see! There is so much incredible talent in our large family. On May 9th we open our wonderful "Young at Art" show, displaying works of potential future SAWG members. And we then segue into our exciting summer season!!! Board Member at Large, Donna Lam, is in charge of the "Shy Artists' Debut Show!" This show is for all of you who watch the parade of shows all year long without stepping into the flow and excitement. If you have never entered a SAWG show – this is your chance to see your work on our gallery walls! Your chance to invited your family, friends, neighbors to see your artwork! Help is available – sign up for a session of "Another Pair of Eyes," and get suggestions on how to improve your painting, contact Marti White, t shows@southernazwatercolorguild.com for help on framing. Step up! This is YOUR moment! And if you're a snowbird? No worries! Just fill out the entry form, send in your check and let us know when to meet you at the gallery to ensure your painting meets gallery standards for hanging. We'll store the paintings for you, ensure they get hung in the show and stored appropriately awaiting your return! Donna would love your help in getting this show off the ground – she's not only the organizer, but also an entrant! Reach her at donnalam@cox.net.

Running concurrently with the "Shy Artists' Debut," June 13 to July 21st, we are very excited to offer an exhibit of Frank Rose's many lovely watercolors. Frank is a former SAWG president, 1987-1988, and was the subject of a splash of an article in the Arizona Daily Star as the author of a book on Sabino Canyon that includes so many of his lovely paintings. Frank had his own booth at the Festival of Books at the UA this year. We'll have a special reception and book signing at the gallery during that show.

Then comes an exciting concept show developed by our own member and veteran, Sue Ritz, "The Veterans' Art Show," July 25th – August 25th. We are reaching out to our entire Southern Arizona veteran community and offering them an opportunity to showcase their artwork in a variety of media. Sue is looking for volunteers to help put out the word to all veterans who have served our country in uniform. Get on board this exciting adventure by contacting Sue at barracks_cover@hotmail.com.

Monica Hart is starting a new art book club! Contact her at mhart125@gmail.com for details!

We bid a sorrowful farewell to our snowbirds returning to summer nests but know they will rejoin us in the fall. Meanwhile, the excitement continues for the rest of our membership!!

All the best,
Karyn

Remember - To submit any articles for the Sketchbook to Sandy Walker, walkersj@cox.net.
Deadline is always the 15th of each month.

MISC. NEWS



BUYING A "MILLIONS FOR TUCSON" RAFFLE TICKET BENEFITS YOU AND SAWG

Every year Jim Click donates amazing prizes and provides sales tickets that are distributed to benefit nonprofits across Southern Arizona. This year your SAWG ticket purchase (\$25 for one, \$100 for five) gives you a chance to win a brand new 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit (worth over \$70,000), OR two first class airline round trip tickets to virtually anywhere OR \$5,000 cash. The best part? Other than your chance to win one of these great prizes? Every cent of your ticket purchase cost supports SAWG's Scholarship Program. There is no out of pocket cost to SAWG – it's a fabulous and painless way to support your SAWG Scholarship program. Donna Lam, a Board Member at Large, will have the tickets at every meeting, reception and SAWG event, ready for your purchase. Contact Donna if you'd like to take a bunch of tickets to sell to friends, family, neighbors, your dentist, doctor, etc at donnalam@gmail.com.

Good luck!!!

EXPERIMENTAL SHOW

Creativity is what it is all about. The Experimental Show is an exhibit of what our SAWG artists can do when they're fearless. Come see our gallery walls covered in "WOW!" **The show runs April 2nd - 28th.** Awards will be presented by local artist, Ben Johnson, at the opening reception, April 11th (5-7 p.m.) Ben's comments are always instructive and inspirational. Please join us and bring your friends and family members.

— Show Chairs: Laurie Levon and Dru Hill



"Every child is an artist. ..." Picasso

We are looking for young artists to participate in our second Young at Art Show, all mediums will be showcased and hang on the gallery walls. It is our desire for young artists to have a gallery experience and that this experience will build self confidence, encourage and develop a lifelong pursuit of art. Requests for entries has been sent to teachers throughout southern Arizona, however if you know any or meet any, aspiring young artists, please encourage them to enter. Letters for parents and entry forms can be found on SAWG website, deadline is April 12. If you would like to docent or give a donation for awards for this show please contact VP of shows. This wonderful show will hang in our Gallery May 9 thru June 8, reception and awards celebration May 11. Co chairs Tracy Lynn Ross and Sue Emer are happy to answer any questions. tlross3@yahoo.com sueemer@gmail.com

The SHY ARTISTS' Debut Show!

Sign up Today!

We know you're out there! Calling all SAWG members who have never entered a SAWG show – this is your chance! Donna Lam, who is an entrant is also the organizer of the show and could use your help. Contact her at donnalamm@gmail.com. Need help in making a good painting better? Make an appointment with our Signature members who are running "Another Pair of Eyes" for suggestions. Need help framing? Contact Marti White at whitemarti4@gmail.com. We stand ready to help launch you onto our beautiful walls! Imagine inviting partners, spouses, friends, neighbors to a reception that finally displays YOUR artwork on gallery walls!!! Deadline for submission isn't until June 7th, so there's plenty of time to paint!! You can do it! YES – you are good enough! YES – it's worth it! Just DO IT!!! Snowbirds – leaving Tucson soon? Submit your application and send in your check and make arrangements with Donna Lam or Marti White to collect your artwork so it can be displayed while you're gone and stored until you return. SAWG is all about INCLUSION. And yes, Donna is nervous too. But she's doing it. You should too.

Veteran's Art Show

We're launching an exciting opportunity for you to help prepare a brand new type of show to run July 25th to September 1st It will feature artwork by veterans. This is our own veteran, Sue Ritz's brain child. She'll be heading up a committee to plan how to reach veterans and encourage sign ups and she needs your help to bring this idea to life. The show would feature all media that can hang on our wall, and not be limited to watercolor. No worries if you're a snowbird – the planning will mostly take place prior to your return to your summer residence. If you ever wanted to really say "Thank you" to a veteran, this is your opportunity.

Contact Sue Ritz at barracks_cover@hotmail.com. She's waiting to hear from you!

Fiesta Sonora Show

Fiesta Sonora Show Awards Reception

The Fiesta Sonora show is winding down and will end on March 31. Visit the gallery for one last look at this wonderful show. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with intake & hanging, and to those who prepared a beautiful layout for the awards reception. The reception was well attended and awards were presented by our juror and judge, Fealing Lin. Congrats to the winners!

- Best of Show: Ups and Downs by Peggy Rubin
- Award of Excellence: Let There be Light by Margaret Erath
- Award of Merit: Red Prickly Pear Blossoms by Kitty Sturrock
- Award of Merit - Flower Lady by Yvonne Hayes
- Fountain Studio Award: Barrio Study #4 by Danny Thomas
- Honorable Mention: Prickly Pear by Eulalie Brown
- Honorable Mention: Queen of the Night by Ashley Coll
- Honorable Mention: We Have a Wall by Jennifer Clark

Tracy Lynn Ross and Paula Weech - Show Chairs



Fiesta Sonora Reception



Peoples' Choice Winner
Sandy Walker for, "Tucson Winter"
from the Signature Show.

Workshops 2019 - 2020

Sign up
July 15!

November 11-15, 2019 –

Michael Holter - Workshop

Michael Holter was recently selected to the Faculty at the 2019 Plein Air Magazine Convention and Expo in San Francisco, CA, April 23-28, 2019. Michael's experience spans a wide range of creative endeavors, from art teacher, creative director and businessman in fine arts and commercial art including owning and operating two galleries. He is a Signature Member of the National Watercolor Society. See his work at his website: www.MichaelHolter.com



January 13-17, 2020 –

Tom Lynch – “How to Save a Painting”

Tom Lynch produces successful workshops promoting “exciting watercolor adventure in color, contrast and light!” Tom is open and candid and his paintings show the same “intensity, expression and direct appeal.” His accomplishments speak volumes about his background and his pursuit of excellence in his work including signature status in many national watercolor societies. Visit his website at www.TomLynch.com



February 10-14, 2020 –

Brenda Swenson – “Negative Painting with Watercolor”

Brenda is the author of two watercolor books. Her artwork has been featured in Splash, Watercolor Magazine and many other publications. Brenda has achieved signature status in WW, NWWS, and SDWS. She is active in the arts community and is recognized for her judging, demonstrations and workshops nationwide and abroad. See her work at her website: www.swensonart.net



March 9-13, 2020 –

Ken Hosmer – “Energizing Your Color”

Ken Hosmer is known for his “unique use of color and as a skilled teacher, highly respected for a calm, supportive” nature. Ken has produced workshops for over 30 years, published articles, books and videos. He is a Signature Member of the Southwestern Watercolor Society. You can view more about Ken including his paintings at his website: www.kenhosmer.com



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— submitted by Judy Constantine

American Frame Discount

If our members use the code ALLIANCE2019 when you place an order, you should get the discount.



As of: February 18, 2019 Bank Balances: SAWG

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| Wells Fargo Bank: | | Restricted Accounts: | |
| General Fund Checking | \$23,934 | Scholarship Checking..... | \$ 10,032 |
| General Fund Savings | \$28,783 | Western Fed..... | \$11,836 |
| Total..... | \$52,718 | Hollander Scholarship | \$11,593 |
| | | Total..... | \$33,461 |

Fealing Lin Workshop - March 12-15



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SAWG's last workshop of the season was Fealing Lin, who is best known for her portraits. In this workshop she also covered cityscapes, to which she interestingly applied the same watercolor principles. There were 11 attendees for Fealing Lin's workshop, including Heather Hale and Sandra Montgomery as Hostesses. Fealing is a warm, personable artist with a great gift and vision. The workshop stressed Portraits, and curriculum covered hand out instructions, relaxed lectures, and lots of demonstrations.

Her technique centers on using warm against cool colors in wet on wet technique. Painting across the obvious lines of a subject, she talked of looking for the "movement" in a subject. She created even more movement in a painting with brush strokes against the natural line. Fealing works from light to dark to form the features and likeness from detailed drawings of her subject. She worked on one portrait demo throughout the day. Many times, we all thought the painting done, she would continue on adding darks and colors.

Fealing is all about interlocking shapes, repetition and gradation of colors and alternating warm/cool throughout the painting for balance. She instructed us to avoid "shapes with names" (triangle, square, etc.) and to strive for odd, abstract shapes that are taller or wider in one area than another with variations on the sides. Using mostly a #16 round and a 1.5" flat, she layered at least five layers of broad, bold, transparent washes beginning with the biggest shapes and the lightest lights working down the value and size scale to the smallest shapes and darkest dark details. She ensured consistency of light by layering warm upon warm and cool upon cool and letting each layer dry completely. Her paintings have at least five values (often many more), alternating and repeating temperature as well as specific colors.

Fealing worked her way around the class to give each of us personal attention and help. At the end of the workshop she did a formal critique of students' completed work. We set our paintings up and she pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of each one. From the workshop evaluations, it's a consensus we all enjoyed Fealing Lin's workshop and learned so much. Personally, I'd take her workshop again in a heartbeat.

For more information, check this link - www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.583972592085700&type=3



DOCENT ORIENTATION DATES FOR SPRING 2019

April 10 & May 8 Additional dates will be added when requested.
 Call or email Kitty Sturrock to sign up. kittysturrock@gmail.com or 262-893-4982

SUMMER VOLUNTEER DOCENTS NEEDED

Docent volunteers are contacted by the Docent Coordinator (by email) to determine interest and availability to docent for each show. You select when you would like to docent whether or not you are exhibiting in the show. Summer hours will be Thursday to Sunday, 11-4. Contact the Gallery Manager at gallery@southernazwatercolorguild.com and add your name to the list.

ART BOOK GROUP

READERS this is for you! An Art Book Group is forming at the gallery. Member interest is being sought now. Please contact the gallery manager at gallery@southernazwatercolorguild.com and indicate the days and times that would work for you. More details will follow.

Docent reminders and housekeeping notes:

Any items, including food or beverages, brought to the gallery while working or during an activity must be removed at the end of the day or after the activity. Thanks so much for your cooperation and assistance in keeping our gallery neat, clean and beautiful!

Marian Kosachik Exhibit & Sale

The Artwork of Marian Kosachik will grace the wall in the back room at the SAWG Gallery for the entire summer season. Marian was the mother of Steve Kosachik, Tucson Councilman from Ward 6 and the neighbor of our SAWG member, Judith Billings. Steve has entrusted his mother's artwork to Judith to sell at the Gallery. Marian had a Masters in Fine Arts from New York University and collected a large number of paintings throughout her life. Steve has no desire to make any money from the sale of his mother's work, so all sales that are made from our Gallery will benefit SAWG. Judith plans to price these paintings to sell. They will rotate through the Gallery each month, May through September. Visit often to find a treasure that is perfect for you.

Donations

Announcing a recent donation to SAWG!

A former member has generously donated the following three items:

1. Craft style portable Light Box, 16x18, by Viking Ltd. Redondo Beach, CA. There are two switches, on/off and two levels of brightness.
2. Koh-I-Noor Drawing Board, 13x18 (media size 11x17).
3. Brass or Plated Art Lamp, 15", wall mount, takes (2) 15 watt type T-6 Lamps.

All are used in fairly good condition. Each item is listed on the Member to Member Board at the gallery with a suggested price. All proceeds will go to the SAWG general fund.

If interested, contact the gallery manager at gallery@southernazwatercolorguild.com.

Gallery stats...

Gallery Stats for February with a comparison to 2018 and 2015 (River Gallery):

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| Total Revenue: | 2019 \$1,597 | 2018 \$2,494 | 2015 \$1,549 (includes calendar sales) | | | |
| | Art Sales \$1,044 | Art Sales \$1,905 | Art Sales \$1,200 | | | |
| Total Visitors: | 2019 - 189 | 2018 - 155 | 2015 - 339 (includes members) | | | |
| By Day of Week: | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| | 2019 20 | 2019 36 | 2019 25 | 2019 40 | 2019 37 | 2019 31 |
| | 2018 8 | 2018 29 | 2018 34 | 2018 14 | 2018 43 | 2018 27 |
| By Time of Day: | 9-11: 2019 7 | 11-1: 2019 75 | 1-3: 2019 92 | 3-5: 2019 15 | | |
| | 2018 0 | 2018 72 | 2018 57 | 2018 26 | | |
| Members Only: | 2019 - 56 | 2018 - 47 | | | | |

February 2018 was the All Member Show and 2019 was the Signature Show
 January 2015 was the Annual Show

Submitted by Monica Hart 3/13/19

Upcoming Mini Workshops!

Another Pair of Eyes

will be held Saturday **April 20th, 10-12 pm** at the SAWG Workshop Gallery Space. This is the third workshop session. The first two sessions were full. Participants brought two paintings for evaluation and everyone received recommendations specific to their paintings from the two SAWG Signature/Saguaro artists hosting the event.

Comments from the attendees : "Wonderful" "Made me see things I had not noticed before" "This could be an ongoing effort because we all have piles of paintings that are just not perfect!" "Each artist got a full, but not too lengthy critique" "I enjoyed seeing and hearing the variety". "The presenters were very helpful and positive. All were included in the discussions".

Don't be shy! Bring your art and let us help you prepare for entering a show, or just helping you have more confidence in your artwork. Class is limited to 10. The April 20 event will be hosted by Karen Brungardt and Renee Pearson. Register now to save your space. Contact Karen Brungardt at: dockieg@q.com or call her at 520 825-1845.

SAWG Video Club

SAWG Video Club will meet Monday, April 29th. Members arrive at 12:15 to rearrange tables/chairs and set up the projector/bluray/screen. At 1pm, the members watch and paint along with the video's exercises. The DVD is selected in advance by the group. There is no fee, but donations to SAWG are always welcome. The Video Club is limited to 12 attendees. Please contact Karyn Vampotic: president@southernazwatercolorsguild.com

Intro to Scratchboard *taught by Judy Constantine*

When: Wednesday April 3, 9-12 at the SAWG Gallery Workshop

Cost: \$25

Judy will cover the basics for those who are curious about the medium, with a mix of demonstration and practice time. Judy will have a variety of advanced tools for you to try out so you don't have to buy your own before you fall in love with scratchboard. It is a very forgiving medium, and you will be amazed at what you can accomplish in a short time with just an Xacto knife and a board!

Contact Judy at judycons@gmail.com or call 743-3389 to register. If you are interested in this class but can't make that date, get in touch with Judy to arrange another time. She will be in town all summer.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dennis V. Cady
Cara Smith

Please remember to turn in your form once you reach a new status. We'll help when needed, but it's up to you to track your point shows. For more details CHECK online under Membership.

REMINDER
Member News
goes in the
Seat
Announcements

*Pick up your
Membership Directories
today!*

The current Membership Directories are here! Be sure to pick up your copy at the next General Meeting, or any time at the Gallery.

Publicity

WE'RE SPREADING THE WORD!

Your publicity team is hard at work. In the month of March, find front page online ads for the Fiesta Sonora Show on Tucson Weekly, Explorer, Marana News, and Foothills News digital news or you can access them on your mobile phone.

In February we had approximately 55 visitors to the gallery. Most visitors new to the gallery were brought by members – good work!! Let everyone you know what a jewel of a gallery we have! We also attracted visitors from our Zocalo free listing, rack cards, and Loisanne's "Another Set of Eyes", and her "Skies" Watercolor Class. Several people were lured in by seeing an artist painting. It's so interesting to watch an artist work; it truly does stop traffic and redirect it into our gallery!

SAWG was well represented at the March 3rd Sister Jose Woman's Center fund raiser with paintings donated by Jenny Clark and Karyn Vampotic, a scratchboard piece by Lura White, and a Painted Old Window by Sandra Montgomery. Member RuthiE Neilan purchased a table for 10 to support the woman's shelter, where she has spent many hours volunteering with their art program. The venue at El Conquistador gave SAWG excellent exposure. Donating art is good public relations, so

contact the Publicity Committee (Liza Bagwell, Edlyne Sillman, Risa Waldt, Sue Hildreth, or Sandra Montgomery) if interested in donating artwork to upcoming charity events.

SAWG will have a table to distribute Guild information and sell Jim Click tickets at Bravo Vino, a fund raiser benefitting the Arizona Opera League. Anna Don and Donna Lam will be manning our table on March 30th from 11am to 6pm. Our own Terri Gay and Tony Peralta will be onsite painting and schmoozing. The event will be held on the front lawn of The Gregory School, located at 3231 N Craycroft Rd, just south of River. Tickets, starting at \$15, are available at <https://www.azopera.org/events/1st-annual-bravo-vino-wine-festival> - or google "Bravo Vino" Tucson. If you belong to another organization holding an event open to other groups, ask if SAWG could participate. It's another way we can support other nonprofits and expand our footprint in Southern Arizona!

Submitted by — Sandra Montgomery



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to join our facebook page**