



Sketchbook

JANUARY 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sign up
Today!

New Member Event!

January 9, 2pm

It's time to welcome our 2020 new members. President Kay has scheduled a New Member Zoom Event on Saturday, January 9 at 2 pm. It's an opportunity for the newbies to ask questions and learn more about what SAWG can do for them and what they can do for SAWG. Even if you are not a brand new member in 2020 or missed last year's event but want to learn more about SAWG, please contact Kay to receive the Zoom invitation and get-acquainted form.

Also, if you are a seasoned member and want to help answer questions at this event, let Kay know. Sullivan6601@gmail.com • 520 818-6601

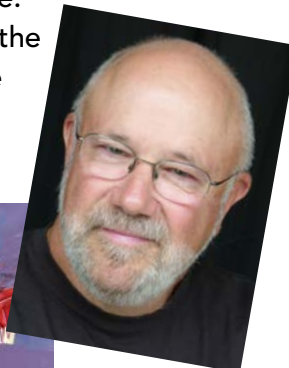
General Meeting

January 11, 4pm

Mark your calendars for your SAWG January General meeting with a live Zoom demonstration by **MARK MEHAFFEY** on January 11, 2021. The meeting will be held at 4pm because Mark is in the Michigan time zone.

See the article Jenny has written for more information about the format of Mark's upcoming workshop in February. Sixty-three folks attended the November General meeting.

Let's see if we can break that record!



NEXT GENERAL
MEETING

ONLINE

Jan. 11 @ 4pm

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SKETCH/HIKE CLUB

2020 - 2021
WORKSHOP
SCHEDULE

January 12-15, 2021
Andy Evansen

February 9-12, 2021
Mark MehaFFEY

March 9-12, 2021
Graham Berry

Happy New Year! There is a light at the end of the tunnel!



Let's start 2021 with hope and thankfulness.

I am thankful for your patience and resiliency through 2020. We had so many changes, and you adapted. You were creative when we needed gallery classes to keep us learning and painting and figured out how to do replays for us. The AV team turned the Helen & Robert Jennette room at the gallery into an awesome recording studio. You were generous with your donations to keep us financially stable. The Scholarship committee and Sue have been busy getting us ready for students to apply for a scholarship online this year. The Fundraising team with Sue's help made it easy to buy Jim Click tickets with a push of a button, raising \$3600 for the scholarship fund. Our amazing volunteers have kept the Newsletter and Member to Member issues coming so we stay in the know. The Workshop committee figured out how to keep our workshops going even with different formats, prices and time zones. We sometimes even had to teach the instructors how to make it happen. The shows went on, although virtually and now with some excitement, we have planned for a virtual reception for the Lasting Impressions show! How creative is that? SAWG is so fortunate to have all of you wonderful members who want us to continue our almost 54-year legacy!

Think about all that we have learned in 2020. First, we learned how to Zoom. How convenient that has been. What wonderful classes our members taught! In my twenty years of art classes, I had never learned some of the things Dru Hill taught in her drawing class. In case you missed it, it's not too late to sign up for her replay on Jan 2 & 3.

When we are able to gather together again, it will feel so good. We WILL celebrate! Just savor that thought to get us through the winter.

See you at the General Meeting on January 11 at 4 pm.

Gratefully yours,
Kay

Remember - To submit any articles for the Sketchbook to Sandy Walker, walkersj@cox.net.

Deadline is ALWAYS the 15th of each month.

Intern Search

SAWG needs a new intern. Do you have children or grandchildren in college who would like a unique experience helping our AV team or marketing team for Social Media? While classes are not in person, this might be a perfect time to obtain extra experience for their Spring and/or Summer semesters.

Here are some of the requirements and benefits to the student:

We need a junior or senior with a well-developed work ethic to spend approximately 10-15 hours a week working with SAWG members to support our audio-visual crew, increase SAWG presence on social media platforms, create short videos using DaVinci Resolves, Animoto and OBS project, and reach out to students and younger artists. The student does not need to know the video programs to apply as the AV team will provide training.

The benefits: The student will be given a one-year membership in the Guild, but the position is otherwise unpaid. Depending on the student's college programs, the Student Applicant could earn up to a maximum of 3 credits per semester.

To apply for this internship, have the student email his/her resume with cover letter and reference letter to: President Kay Sullivan at President@southernazwatercolorguild.com ASAP. Virtual interviews will be scheduled post finals the first week in January just before the beginning of Spring Semester.

Jim Click "Millions for Tucson" Raffle

And the winner is... SAWG Scholarship Fund. To the forty-two members and friends who purchased 176 Jim Click "Millions for Tucson" Raffle tickets totaling \$3600, a resounding and grateful Thank You!

And the winner is.... William McBride, one of 32 purchasers of \$100 Jim Click Raffle tickets. His name was drawn for the SAWG Raffle prize of a Gallery Class this spring. Congratulations William.



Workshop Update

After a lull in December, workshops return in January with gusto! On January 12th and 13th, we will be privileged to have Andy Evansen hold a 2-day workshop, and the reservations continue to come in for this event. At this time there are a few spaces remaining, so if you're giving this workshop consideration, act now! Here's a promo piece on our website to familiarize you with Andy's style.

At our General Meeting on January 11th, we are excited to present a demonstration by Premier Artist, Mark Mehaffey. His workshop will take place on February 9th, 10th and 11th, in a brand new format: 3 days, 3 hours each day. Those of you familiar with Mr. Mehaffey know he is one of a kind and his topics for the 3 days will be unique. Combining traditional approaches along with projects on gesso-primed paper and yupo surfaces, this exciting workshop will keep you challenged.

We have not yet finalized a workshop schedule with Graham Berry, the Premier Artist scheduled for March, but stay tuned because we're almost positive that it will happen, even if it's virtual like the others.

For details about the Evansen and Mehaffey workshops, please visit our website and click on Workshops, then Premier Workshops. We hope you'll consider enrolling in one or both!



ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Online SAWG Gallery Classes

A Sweet Repeat is Coming Your Way - January 2nd and 3rd

Earlier in the month you may have heard about Dru Hill's Drawing Class for Beginners. It was SO GOOD! And to make your holidays just a bit brighter, why not give yourself a gift of watching it again, or as a first timer. If you know someone who is receiving art supplies this year, they may well appreciate a good drawing class to get them started.

The class is available for two days, January 2nd and 3rd, and will run about 3 hours. The price can't be beat...\$25! Check out our website under Workshops for registration.

A spring series of six different classes from more top SAWG artists with teaching experience is in the works and will be announced early next year. Stay tuned!

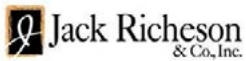
Scholarship

Coming soon to the SAWG website! **A brand-new Scholarship page**, complete with clearly defined instructions for applying and an online application for high school seniors and college/university students pursuing a career in fine arts. Also featured will be a colorful display of artwork by prior winners. Kudos to the hardworking members of the Scholarship Committee and to Sue Emer for her invaluable advice and technical assistance. **Stay tuned...!**

NEW ADDITION TO THE WEBSITE!

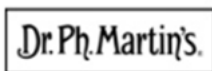
Thank You to our Sponsors, has been added to the Benefits of Membership page. We are truly fortunate to have such generous sponsors; it is time we recognize them for all they do to support our shows. All the sponsors are linked to their websites so that we can easily purchase our art supplies and demonstrate our gratitude.

Submitted by: Sue Emer



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SHOW SCHEDULE

Enter Today!

Upcoming 2021 SHOW SCHEDULE

*indicates a point/juried show

*53rd Annual Show

- Show Dates: Feb. 9 – Mar. 7, 2021
- Entry and jpg deadline: Jan. 22
- Juror/Awards Judge: Mark Mehffey
- Reception: Feb. 18, 5-7pm

*Fiesta Sonora

- Show Dates: Mar. 9 – Apr. 4, 2021
- Entry and jpg deadline: Feb. 19
- Juror/Awards Judge: Graham Berry
- Reception: Mar. 18, 5-7pm

Signature Members' Show

- Show Dates: April 6 – May 2, 2021
- Entry & jpg deadline: Mar. 26, 2021
- Awards Judge: TBD
- Reception: April 15, 5-7pm

Experimental

- Show Dates: May 4 – June 6, 2021
- Entry and jpg deadline: May 28
- Awards Judge: Ben Johnson
- Reception: May 13, 5-7pm



CALL FOR ENTRIES! UPDATE

Reminder...

The deadline of January 10th is nearing and with the Holidays coming up if you have not entered your paintings through ArtCall you may want to get this done before you get busy with the Holidays.

The Western Federation Watercolor Society 46th Annual Exhibition is being hosted by the Utah Watercolor Society for 2021. The Call for Entries deadline for entries is January 10, 2021.

You will find the most current prospectus for show on our website under Future Shows - WFWS tabs as a well as a guided outline to help you enter the show. **Please read the Prospectus and follow the Outline provided under the WFWS show on our SAWG website.**

As a reminder your photos will need to be formatted correctly prior to entering them in ArtCall. Taking a photo of your painting and attempting to enter it in ArtCall will not work. Send your photos to Nancy Huber so she can make sure your painting is correctly formatted as required by WFWS. Once she has been able to run it through Photoshop she will send you the corrected image/photo of your painting so you can enter it into ArtCall.

Bulletin: Please make sure you enter only the painting size, DO NOT add the mat measurement. Thank you!

UWS is using ArtCall for entries, so your image and entry fees will go straight to Utah. If you are accepted into the show, Dennis Garrison or Kay Sullivan will confirm if you have received notification. If your painting is headed for Utah, we will have you bring your painting to us in February for packing in our special art shipping boxes and send them off for the exhibition in early March.

We will help you with ArtCall if needed as we were trained in September. Get those brushes going so you can make SAWG proud with being accepted into Western Fed.

Dennis Garrison / Kay Sullivan

Congratulations!

NEW MEMBERS: Marilyn French-St. George of Green Valley and Lissa Jean Howe of Hereford

NEW JURIED STATUS:

Sali Katz and Lora Wright

NEW SIGNATURE STATUS:

Beverly Heasley, Lura White, Judith Billings and Sue Emer

Great News!

We now have 308 members as the worst year since the start of WWII ends. Membership has exciting plans for 2021 including a plan to recruit more student members. Anyone interested in helping in this effort please contact Sue Ritz.

AV NEWS:

The AV Crew is having training sessions in January. One of the big benefits of being on the AV Team is all the cool things you get to learn and the free in-person art classes because, well, you have to be there and listen to the instructors! So coming up in April we are looking for a few new friends for the AV Team. If you are interested, we DO TRAIN YOU and WE ARE REALLY FUN AND NICE! Sometimes there are even cookies! Contact Sue Ritz, Tad Lamb or Kathy McLean.

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

We said farewell to our intern Jaquelee Chao but we are still looking for a place for her to temporarily store her belongings this March through August. Jaquelee doesn't have many things but her prized possession is a professional art press. The total storage area needed is about the size of a large closet. So if you can store some items for Jaquelee, please contact Sue Ritz





Bring your sketchbook and come enjoy **TWO great Hikes!**

Bring your sketchbook and come enjoy the Tucson desert and urban park trails. The SAWG Sketch Hike Club is open to SAWG members and others who enjoy being outdoors and want to sketch on site. We meet every 2nd and 5th Friday of the month. Times vary according to seasonal temperatures. January 2021 features two hikes on the 8th and 29th. Average temperature range is 42 - 66 degrees F.

You may call, text, or email Kat at (520) 822-6732 or katmantonjones@gmail.com with questions.

January 8th...

We will gather Friday, January 8th at 10:00 at the **Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary Trailhead** 9201 N. Thornydale Rd. This hike has easy dirt trails featuring iron-wood trees and saguaros. There are also views of the Santa Catalina and Tucson Mountains. A variety of rock "benches" are near the trailhead entrance so very little hiking is required for sketching opportunities. There are no bathrooms or running water at this site.



January 29th...

We will gather Friday, January 29th at 10:00 at the Old Baldy Trail #327, south of Tucson near Green Valley. **Madera Canyon**, Santa Rita Mountains. The beginning of the trail is an easy, wide uphill hike. The vegetation features oaks and Arizona madrones. It also is a popular birding area. Directions: Exit Interstate 19 at the Continental Rd/Madera Canyon exit. Follow Madera Canyon Rd about 13.5 miles to the Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area entrance. Turn left into the trailhead parking lot.

