



THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATERCOLOR GUILD

Sketchbook

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September Program

Long-time member and past president of SAWG, **ELLEN FOUNTAIN**, will be our guest speaker at the September 10th meeting.

Ellen is a juried signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, Western Federation, Arizona Watercolor Association, and SAWG, and her work has won dozens of awards during the years she's been painting professionally. Her primary medium is transparent watercolor, but those of you familiar with her work know she also paints digitally and uses watercolor on hand-textured, gessoed paper as an alternate surface.



Ellen will show examples of her work and talk about how and why her work has evolved, what special techniques she uses, and what keeps her interested in painting.

Outreach

On Monday, September 24th, SAWG will host docents from the Tucson Museum of Art who want to learn more about watercolor for an upcoming TMA exhibit! They will tour the gallery, listen to members chat about the gallery, SAWG history, the current watercolor paintings, watercolor in general, see demos and try their hand at watercolor painting! Fun day, great connection!

New President

This is to announce that our current SAWG President, Blythe Strong, is unable to continue in this position due to personal issues. The Board met on August 7th to discuss this matter and passed a Motion on Tuesday, August 14th to implement the guidelines in the By Laws, specifically: "Section 3-1-C. Vacancies: If the President is unable to complete the term of office, the Vice President of Programs will fulfill the remainder of the President's term. If any other elected officer is unable to fulfill their term, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term." Therefore, Karyn Vampotic, former VP of Programs, is now your SAWG President. She looks forward to hearing from all members with positive suggestions on how we might focus on member involvement to generate excitement within our organization.

If you are interested in joining the Board to help formulate/implement policy and influence SAWG's direction please let Karyn know at robespierre@comcast.net. The By Laws require a minimum of 7 members on the Board, so we will be actively looking to fill the 7th position.

Please join us in wishing Blythe well, as we look forward to an exciting 2018-2019 SAWG year!

NEXT GENERAL
MEETING
MONDAY, SEPT. 10TH
SOCIAL - 6:30pm
ST. FRANCIS CHURCH
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Welcome to another exciting year of painting, learning and enjoying the company of fellow artists who share your passion! What a great year we had! The shows were outstanding, capped off by a rousing success of the Western Federation show. We were on television, in the paper and hundreds came through our beautiful gallery. The innovative

summer shows reached out to the community at large and the response has been fantastic. The Gallery is currently decked out with a variety of juried media in the Regional Juried Show – come take a look – it's fantastic! The All Members Show is next, see page 3 for more details!

We have a great year ahead. Our first general meeting is Monday, September 10th at our new and more convenient location, St. Francis in the Foothills, United Methodist Church at 4625 E. River Road with easy access and parking. We look forward to seeing friends, old and new. We are almost 400 strong!!!

Sometimes it's a challenge to feel connected in such a large organization, so we've developed some special small group opportunities – offered at no cost to members. See page 5 for more information on the four enrichment programs and the SAWG Video Club. These are limited to the first 15 members who RSVP when registration opens, so plan to calendar the registration date and time if interested. And, yes, they are totally free, materials provided free.

There will be shows to enter, workshops to take, meetings to socialize and see demonstrations by artists with so many different styles, you're bound to get at least one or two inspirations to move your own work forward. Don't forget to "Like" our facebook page, which was totally revamped over the summer! Keep an eye on it for upcoming events.

A great way to meet members is to volunteer for the organization that works for you! There are several positions open that require just a few hours a month. Can you use email? Do you want to meet more members? You're in! See page 2 for details! It truly does take a happy village to keep the engines humming!

Speaking of humming, your Board and Task Force members have been working hard over the summer to ensure our sustainability and excitement level. We're looking for new Task Force members as well. No experience necessary – just an interest in maintaining SAWG's quality of service to our members. The Task Force meets 1 -2 times a month. The only commitment is to come to the meetings and share your thoughts. More details on page 6.

Do you detect a theme? Involvement in your organization equals connection to other members and input into how SAWG runs which equals a more fulfilling experience for you! With us – you're not a cog in the machinery – you're a special person in our sea – so dive in!

Here's to a great year!
Karyn

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

BE A SAWG WORKER BEE!

A large volunteer organization like SAWG needs lots of volunteers to help it run! The following are **SOME** of the positions that typically require 1 – 7 hours of work a month that can mostly be done from home, unless indicated, are vacant and **NEED** filling. Contact Karyn Vampotic at robespierre@comcast.net for more details on each:

1. **Gallery docent coordinator** – must attend all show check ins and man the docent calendar.
2. **Gallery scheduler** – this is a new position that will act as a clearinghouse for all activities – SAWG and non-SAWG that will occur in the gallery.
3. **Publicity assistant** – assist our experienced publicity director to implement identified sources to promote SAWG
4. **Person to man table** at back at meetings and take checks/cash for sale of Jim Click raffle tickets, aprons, and any other fundraising item. Must be at meeting/table 6:30 – 7:00 and 15 minutes from end of meeting.
5. Anyone who wants to work on the Scholarship Committee – help determine who will be the recipients.
6. **Western Federation** – alternate delegate.

SAWG needs you!!!!

Thank you for Stepping Up!

Joyce Becker is your new Corresponding Secretary! Contact her at JoyceJGB@comcast.net for cards to be sent due to illness, major life losses, celebratory events related to SAWG or a thank you.

TIFFT GRANT

Awarded to Kat Manton-Jones

I am very pleased to announce that Kat Manton-Jones is the first SAWG member to be awarded the Tiff Grant, established to commemorate and pay forward the artistic gifts of long-time member Janet Tiff, who passed away in 2015. Kat will be recognized at the first SAWG general meeting of the year, September 10, 7pm at the St. Francis in the Foothills Celebration Center (Swan and River), and will receive a check for \$1,000 and a certificate in recognition for her application, her artistic efforts and her pursuit of art. We understand that William "Bill" Tiff may be there to congratulate Kat as the first recipient.

The Tiff Grant was established to engage "emerging artists" as well as seasoned artists who are "working with water-based and related media in a learning experience utilizing the concepts found within archives of Janet's (Tiff) artwork." The Tiff Arts and Sciences Heritage Fund in Recognition of Janet Ann and William Grant Tiff has been established through the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF) and those wishing further information can contact Robyn Schwager through email at grants@jcfucson.org or contact me directly. SAWG is one of the few organizations to be invited to apply for this generous artistic grant and we look forward to many years of this opportunity.

Nancy Holmberg, Grant Administrator

"Young at Art"

The "Young at Art" show was an idea that evolved among several SAWG members as a way to fill the gallery during the summer after Western Fed came down. The original thought was to invite public school teachers and



private teachers to enter some work from their students in a show that would hang in a real gallery and be seen by people who love art. Unfortunately they didn't get started early enough with the schools, but were able to get enough work to fill the front gallery with excellent artwork from two private teachers, our own Tracy Lynn Ross and a wonderful teacher who was recommended by the Friends of Western Art, Moon Kim. There were entries from students of Linda Ahearn at Toscana Gallery in Oro Valley and a few from public schools where teachers did respond. The quality of this work mainly from students ranging from kindergarten to the ninth grade was astounding. Three SAWG signature members, Jo Ann Daly, Peggy Steffens and Brenda Rentfro acted as a panel of judges to decide which work would get a ribbon. It was a difficult task to say the least!



A reception was held on a Sunday afternoon, August 22, from 2-4pm. The gallery was packed with families and friends and young artists who sweltered in a hot gallery when the air conditioning decided not to work. We had fans going and Sue Rumsey went out and bought fans people could use to fan themselves even more. Refreshments were simple and kid-oriented - juice boxes, water and cookies provided



by Christine Hines and Sue Emer.

In order to fill the gallery the walls in the middle gallery were rented out to SAWG members and the walls in the workshop room held volunteer winners artwork from Judy Constantine and Renee Pearson.

The committee that worked on this show wants to do it again next year. Tracy Lynn Ross, Sue Emer, Christine Hines and Marti White learned a lot about how best to do this show.

The plan is to begin early - right after school starts in the fall so that the teachers can plan for this event which will be the May show in the spring before school is out. Hopefully there will be enough "young art" to fill both galleries!

Marti White - Vice President of Shows

SAWG'S LAST SUMMER SHOW IS A HIT!

August 23 – September 30

A Regional Show –

"Share Our Walls"

– a juried exhibit of artwork from area arts organizations

Our final summer show, "The First Annual Share Our Walls Show" is up and running. We were overwhelmed by the response to the call to artists which went out to dozens of area arts organizations in the spring. We had 114 entries from artists in Tucson, Oro Valley, Marana, Red Rock, San Tan Valley, Green Valley, Saddlebrooke and San Diego. Our juror, local artist Kyle Johnston, selected 83 paintings by 59 artists to hang in this show. We will be making use of our new moveable walls again! We were amazed at the quality of the art that was entered in this show which was open to any medium with no size restrictions. The show opened on August 23 with a reception on August 30. It will run through September 30. If you did not get to the reception please try to come by the gallery and see this show. It is truly exciting. Our hope is that we can do this again next year. It is a great way to introduce artists and their friends and families to SAWG and the gallery. Perhaps we will pick up a few new members, who knows! Some of these artists do not have regular places to exhibit their art and are thrilled to be invited to "share our walls."

Marti White - Vice President of Shows

All Members' Show

Calling for entries for the All Member Show!! We are already getting entries for this annual show scheduled for October 2-November 4. We plan to take the first 70 entries into this show so that means... we are looking forward to yours. This non-juried show is perfect for the newcomer who is not familiar with entering SAWG shows. If you are a new member, what a great way to get your feet wet in the process. We will help you along the way. All you have to do is ask. For those of you who are familiar with this show, you know that it is fun and you might even be recognized with an award from our judge Lynn Fleishman. Get ready and make sure you know those dates: **entries and jpgs are due by September 22**; check-in is October 1, 9-10:30am; pick up of artwork not sold is November 5, 9-10:30am.

Co-Chairs: Nancy Holmberg and Joanne Lustre

Sign up Today!

Workshops 2018-2019

With cooler weather around the corner, we look forward to welcoming back many of our members from summer destinations. It is time to plan for some workshop painting!

PAT WEAVER is a beloved watercolor teacher, and her November workshop has plenty of room for YOU! We have a beautiful new location with ample parking and natural light, just the right place to relax and try some new techniques. **RANDY HALE** is running two 2-day workshops in January, and there is currently more room in the 2nd one, but don't hesitate to sign up for the one you want! Either is a bargain for only \$225! **LIAN QUAN ZHEN** will be teaching a workshop in February, and **FEALING LIN** is offering a March workshop. There is room in both, so don't be shy! Visit any of these artists websites to get a feel for their work; if you like it, visit the SAWG website workshops page, and sign up! \$100 deposit will hold you a spot in any of our 2018-19 season workshops.



Contact Judy Constantine, the workshop registrar, with any questions.

Pat Weaver

November 13-16, 2018
 \$395 SAWG Members • \$495 Non-Members
 "Watercolor Simplified"
 All Skill Levels (maximum of 20)



Lian Quan Zhen

February 12-15, 2019
 \$395 SAWG Members • \$495 Non-Members
 "Watercolor Paint Themselves"
 All Levels (maximum of 22)



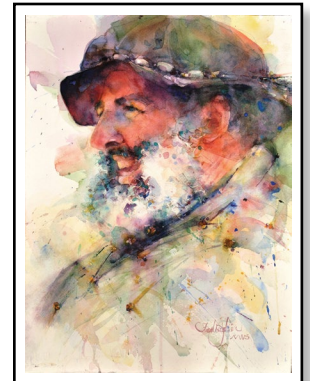
Randy Hale

TWO Sessions! January 15 & 16, January 17 & 18, 2019
 \$225 SAWG Members • \$275 Non-Members per session
 "Making a Splash with Watercolor"
 All Skill Levels (maximum of 18)



Fealing Lin

March 12-15, 2019
 \$395 SAWG Members • \$495 Non-Members
 "Luminous Watercolor Portraiture"
 Intermediate to Advanced Skill Levels (maximum of 25)



Angel Fund

SAWG's Angel Fund helps members who need financial assistance with dues or workshop fees, who might not otherwise be able to participate in SAWG or SAWG activities. The Angel Fund is defined by a specific Angel Fund Policy and funded by your donations and our general fund.

The **NEW** SAWG Video Club



NEW! Join the SAWG Video Club! Members of THE CLUB will meet at the gallery every 4th Monday at 1pm, beginning in October, to watch part of a watercolor skill video for 15 minutes – then paint for 15 minutes – then watch another segment and paint for another 15 minutes, copying the technique in the chosen video with time to chat and socialize. Club members will vote on a \$5.00 yearly membership fee (which would go towards purchase of another video), choice of video each month and which Monday of the month the Club will meet. If members wish to bring snacks, that would be a great treat! Open to all members. Snack, chat and paint! What could be better? If you haven't joined yet, just email Karyn Vampotic at robespierre@comcast.net and she'll put you on the list for updates.

STILL MORE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Four free Member programs coming your way in the upcoming exciting SAWG season.

These programs are restricted to the first 15 members to RSVP. RSVP dates are listed with each program. RSVP directly to Karyn Vampotic at robespierre@comcast.net. RSVP is required due to limited materials, so mark your calendars!

Each program will be held on a Monday from 1 – 2:30 (an additional 5pm – 6:30pm same day possible if there is interest).

September 17th: Basic Pastel – Karyn Vampotic will bring a variety of pastels and papers for everyone to try their hand at this versatile medium. Topics: what is pastel? What are the different types and their uses? What kind of papers are used? Using watercolor as an underpainting for a pastel painting. As of August 20, 2018 there was only one space left. We'll have a waiting list.

November 19th: The Nuts and Bolts of Entering a SAWG show – all of your questions answered as Marti White takes you step by step on how to enter juried and nonjuried shows. RSVP begins October 19th and ends November 12th.

January 21st: Framing on the Cheap – Karyn Vampotic and Mike Dutton will show you how to use a \$3.00 - \$12 thrift store frame to show off your masterpiece. Participants will bring a small painting they want framed. All of the rest of the supplies, including frames will be provided. Step by step you'll learn how to maximize profit from the sale of a painting by minimizing upfront costs. Go home with a framed painting! RSVP begins December 21st and ends January 14th.

March 17th: Downtown Gallery Tour – join a caravan of cars to selected studios of artists located downtown with easy parking. This is a chance to see what other fabulous artists, working in a variety of media are creating. (Daytime only.) RSVP begins February 17th and ends March 10th.

Pump up the excitement! Make sure your membership is current so that you can join in the fun! Be quick – first 15 only for each Program. RSVP a firm requirement.

Remember! **NEW MEETING AND WORKSHOP LOCATION!**

ST. FRANCIS IN THE FOOTHILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • 4625 E. RIVER RD.

The Celebration & Arts Center at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church at River and Swan will be our new home for meetings and workshops. Lots of well-lit parking is available near the brand new building. It should serve our guild well.



Clip and Save! MEETING SCHEDULE

September 10,	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	
October 8,	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	
November 12,	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Pat Weaver, Artist Demo
December	TBD			
January 14,	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Randy Hale, Artist Demo
February 11,	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Liam Zhen, Artist Demo
March 11,	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Fealing Lin, Artist Demo
April TBD				
May TBD				

Task Force is Staying Busy!

Your Task Force is busy working on the sustainability of SAWG by plotting an organizational chart with clear lines of communication/identifying roles and responsibilities. A big thank you for all the hard work done over the summer and the work yet to come to Karen Brungardt, Sandy Walker, Risa Waldt, Monica Hart, Marty Plevell, Dennis Garrison, Chuck Albanese and Karyn Vampotic. If you'd like to join the Task Force, they'd love your input!

Contact Karyn Vampotic at robespierre@comcast.net.

GALLERY NEWS

Gallery Orientation dates for Sept.

(Fri.) Sept. 7th at 1 pm & (Wed.) Sept. 19th at 1 pm

The orientations are for new members and seasoned members needing a refresher. Reservations are required. Our instructors will be present only if there are scheduled attendees.

Please RSVP to Kitty Sturrock by email (kittysturrock@gmail.com) or phone (262-893-4982).

The orientation outline and checklist is on the website under Shows, Resources, Docent Information.

Going forward, Orientations will be planned for the 2nd Saturday and 3rd Wednesday each month to allow for member, instructor and gallery planning. Any changes will be addressed in the Newsletter or Seat Announcements.

Gallery Procedure Update - Memberships

The procedure for taking new or renewing memberships at the gallery has changed. A Membership Form must be completed and submitted with payment. Regardless of payment type, complete a sales receipt. Follow the procedure in the Operations Manual. Make a notation on the upper right corner of the completed membership form with (a) the date, amount of payment and form of payment (b) for checks - add the check # and date of check (c) for credit cards - add the type of card with the last four digits of the card number used for payment. Place the membership form in the mail folder for Membership located in the office, payment/receipt in the daily sales baggie and add a note, per the procedure, on the Daily Sheet.

Gallery Stats for July with a comparison to 2017 and 2014 (River Gallery):

		<u>July 2018</u>	<u>July 2017</u>	<u>July 2014</u>	
Revenue:	Total revenue:	\$1,247.08	\$2,149.83	\$1,950.25	
	Art Sales:	140.00	?	485.00	
	Rentals:	120.00	?	1,255.00	
	Memberships*:	390.00	?	160.00	
	(* Membership dues are payable by 6/1 each year)				
	Frame Sales (WF):	485.20	0	0	
	Donations (all):	47.00	?	22.50	
Visitors:	By Day of the Week: (includes members)				
	Tuesdays	Closed	17	39	
	Wednesdays	Closed	20	16	
	Thursdays	10	16 (reception #?)	19	
	Fridays	14	18	7	
	Saturdays	12	46 (rummage sale 7/22)	15	
	Sundays	14 (reception 50+)	20	8	
	By Time of Day:				
	9-11	1	0	?	
	11-1	23	60	?	
	1-3	9	26	?	
	3-5	6	7	?	
	Total:	39	93	104	
Members Total:	11	44	?		

Notes: July 2018 - Gallery was open from the 19th to 31st for Young at Art Show.

July 2017 - Gallery was open the entire month for Summer Solstice/Monsoon Madness.

July 2014 - Gallery on River was only open from the 22nd to 31st for a WOW Show.

4) Marketing Survey:

Docents have been keeping track how visitors to the gallery hear about us. We started the Survey in early May. To date, here is a summary:

MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dorothy Fausey
 Sandra Michell
 Barb Rutter
 Jean Sumption
 Janine "Goldie" Aguilar
 Carol Bjelland
 Mark Hammond
 Marti Hubbard

NEW SIGNATURE MEMBER

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.



WIN GREAT PRIZES!

Don't forget!! **Jim Click Raffle Tickets** will be on sale at each meeting. Enter to win one of THREE GREAT PRIZES!! Grand Prize: 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit, 2nd Prize: Two round-trip, first class airline tickets to almost anywhere in the world or 3rd Prize: \$5,000 cash!! Tickets are one for \$25 or 5 for \$100. The best part (besides winning) is that every dime of your purchase stays with and supports SAWG!! Karyn Vampotic will be at the back of the room of each meeting for your purchase of tickets! **Drawing is December 13th.**

As of: August 15, 2018 — Bank Balances: SAWG

Wells Fargo Bank:	Restricted Accounts:
General Fund Checking\$25,393	Scholarship Checking.....\$ 1,707
General Fund Savings\$28,7797	Western Fed.....\$23,633
Total.....\$54,172	Hollander Scholarship.....\$11,592
	Total.....\$36,932

American Frame Discount

If our members use the code ALLIANCE2018 when they place an order, they should get the discount.

The Aprons are popular!

They're are going FAST!

The proceeds of the \$20 cost of the new aprons goes directly to the scholarship fund! You can pick one up at the gallery while supplies last!

2018-19 Show Schedule

Share Our Walls
 AUGUST 23, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 5-7PM

All Members' Show
 OCTOBER 2, 2018 – NOVEMBER 4, 2018
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 5-7PM

Color My World Show
 NOVEMBER 6, 2018 – DECEMBER 2, 2018
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 5-7PM

Holiday Show
 DECEMBER 4, 2018 – JANUARY 6, 2019
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5-7PM

Annual Show
 JANUARY 8, 2019 – FEBRUARY 3, 2019
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 5-7PM

Signature Show
 FEBRUARY 5, 2019 – MARCH 3, 2019
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 5-7PM

Fiesta Sonora
 MARCH 5, 2019 – MARCH 31, 2019
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 5-7PM

Experimental Show
 APRIL 2, 2019 – APRIL 28, 2019
 RECEPTION, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 5-7PM