

The November meeting was well attended and began with a potluck that everyone enjoyed.

President Becky Gromlich introduced and welcomed Nancy Rothwell who came to represent *Women Painters of Washington*. This organization of professional women artists has been in the Seattle area for 90 years and is looking to attract more members from Eastern Washington. They hold 9 meetings per year, 7 meetings in Seattle and 2 meetings in Ellensburg, WA. The application process includes being **juried for acceptance** with a "body of work." The membership fee is \$50 a year. For more information look-up their organization at: www.womenpainters.com

Linda Schneider brought a guest, Tracey Perkins, who joined SWS after showing some examples of her work.

Diane Conkright led the monthly challenge. The theme was "shopping." Several people brought artwork to show.

Secretary Marilyn Sarber gave a report of highlights of the events that took place in 2018. President Becky Gromlich announced that the current scholarship program will be discontinued at the end of 2018 and those funds will be allocated to programs determined by an **Education Committee** in the proposed 2019 budget. The purpose of the change is to use our resources to benefit a greater number of our members as very few people have applied for the scholarships recently. The deadline for applying for a final scholarship for this year (2018) is Dec. 31st. Please check the eligibility requirements by visiting our website: spokanewatercolor.org. The new program will begin in January 2019.

Becky also reported that the Board will be looking for a Website Manager to help build the website into the functions that we need rather than trying to use volunteers from within SWS to manage it.

Treasurer Gay Witherspoon gave the 2018 Treasurer's report and presented the 2019 budget to be voted on. The proposed 2019 budget includes expenses related to

website development, PR, and advertising. Funds are currently available in our bank account to cover the proposed expenses. The members voted in favor of accepting the proposed budget.

Vice President Kim Gardell gave a brief attendance report. There were no new Signature Members added this year. There are 65 members on the roster now, and it is growing and changing monthly.

Kim gave a Facebook report in Gail Johannes' absence. SWS Facebook page now has 193 friends, 104 follows, and 33 members have joined the member's page. Also on Facebook, Pat Tremaine has a set up a Plein Air group that meets on the 4th Monday. They will be going to indoor locations throughout the winter. Check FB or email Pat for times and locations. pattremaine8@gmail.com

Gay Witherspoon reported on the Juried Show and thanked all of the volunteers. A record number of 8 paintings sold! SWS received a 15% commission adding up to \$322.50.

Becky informed us about 2 areas SWS could use volunteers:

1) We have plans to have a "Miniatures Show" in the fall of 2019. A chair and committee is needed to work on this.

2) We need volunteers for the new Education Committee to work on programs for the coming year.

Amalia Fisch, Mark Bessermin, and Kelly Knouff-Burk were unanimously approved to serve on the Board for the next year. Becky Gromlich, Marilyn Sarber are at the end of their terms, and Robert Karr resigned for health reasons.

Becky ended the evening by naming and thanking all of the volunteers who have helped this year. We in turn thank Becky and Marilyn for all of the hours and

hard work they have put in as President and Secretary of SWS. They will be missed!



Nancy Rothwell from Women Painters of Washington addresses the members.



Ginny Brennan and Mark Bessermin



Right: Vicki West and Shirley Antak

Below: Amalia Fisch and Bobbie Wieber

Below: Linda Schneider, Mary Caruso and Linda Calahan

President's Corner

It's a Christmas Paint Party! There will be door

prizes...and free samples from a couple of vendors. Let's have a fun relaxing morning together. Our party will be on Saturday, Dec 8 at 10 am at Spokane Art Supply. Bring a card to paint, **or anything else you want to work on**. Also bring a special Christmas treat, sweet or savory. We officially end at noon, but Craig said there is no one else booked after us and we can paint longer if we wish.

If you wish to come to the **Paper Trials Program** on January 5 at 10 am you **MUST** reserve your spot by having your \$5 payment to Gay Witherspoon NO LATER than December 8th. You can bring it to the Christmas Card Paint Party or mail it to her.

Stan Miller will be coming in February for a **Fix-It Demo** and yes, he will be painting right on your painting, so bring a painting you have finished, but given up on fixing!! I went to a demo like this done by Tom Lynch and it was so much more powerful than painting on acetate because you can REALLY SEE the changes. Stan is a master problem solver and I'm sure you will learn a ton. It will be Feb 16 at 10am at Spokane Art Supply. I am terribly sad that I will be back east during this program and have to miss it! Hope to see you at the Christmas Paint!

Becky Gromlich



MONTHLY CHALLENGES

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| January 2019 | ----- | Drifting |
| February 2019 | ----- | Love & Kindness |
| March 2019 | ----- | Challenge |
| April 2019 | ----- | Laughter |
| May 2019 | ----- | Hope |
| June 2019 | ----- | Pollination |

SPOKANE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY CALENDAR

Monthly (except July, August) on the 2nd Wednesday 6-8:30 pm or, **SATURDAYS at 10am - 12noon**

All meetings held at Spokane Art Supply

2018

December 6-9, 2018 Art Sale & Fundraiser at *Northside Church of Christ* for the Jonah Project featuring bari cordia federspiel's work

December 7, 2018 thru February 1, 2019 Elise Beatty's work will be on display at *3 Brother's Office Pizzeria* locations in Spokane Valley: 2161 E Country Vista Dr Suite A, Liberty Lake WA, 13221 E 32nd Ave Spokane Valley WA and 22 W Mansfield Rd, Spokane Valley WA. Enjoy a night out in the valley and enjoy pizza and her artwork.

December 7, 2018 from 4-9pm First Friday at *Barrister Winery*, 1213 W Railroad Ave, Spokane WA, Jeannine Marx Fruci has work in this show for the month of December. Enjoy music and chocolate covered strawberries.

December 7, 2018 from 5-8pm First Friday at *Craftsman Cellars*, 1194 W Summit Pkwy Spokane WA. Becky Gromlich has work in this show for the month of December.

December 8, 2018-10am-12pm SATURDAY MEETING. "No challenge." Come and Paint!—bring cards, or any other painting you want to work on, plus a special Christmas treat, sweet or savory. Reminder: \$25 yearly dues due if you haven't already paid.

December 28, 2018 Plein Air group meet, location to be determined Contact: pattremaine8@gmail.com.

2019

January 5, 2019-10am-2pm SATURDAY MEETING. "Drifting" challenge. Gail Johannes will lead us in "Paper Trials." She will bring different types of watercolor papers and we will try them for ourselves to discover the strengths and weaknesses of each one. Pay the cost of \$5 and register no later than Dec 8 so she has time to buy all of the paper types.

January 25, 2019 Plein Air group meet, location to be determined Contact: pattremaine8@gmail.com.

February 16, 2019-10am-2pm SATURDAY MEETING. "Love and Kindness" challenge. Stan Miller will lead us in a "Fix It" program. Bring your completed paintings that just did not quite look as you hoped and Stan will come prepared to paint right on your painting to improve them. You may bring more than one, but we will do one for each person before we go on to others. Stan is an amazing painting problem solver.

February 22, 2019 Plein Air group meet, location to be determined Contact: pattremaine8@gmail.com.

March 13, 2019-6pm "Challenge." Group Critique. Bring your paintings to be critiqued and we will talk about them as a group. We will have 5 or 6 categories to help guide our compliments and gentle suggestions. TBD – Bringing of matted paintings and cards to sell in the SWS Member Show 2019.

April 10, 2019-6pm "Laughter" challenge. Presentations from those receiving scholarships. It was super interesting last year to hear what each person learned in the different classes they took.

April 2019 SWS Member Show. Location, dates and details are in progress. Watch for more details to come.

May 8, 2019-6-8:30pm "Hope" challenge.

June 12, 2019-6-8:30pm "Pollination" challenge.