

There is an updated **SWS Calendar** on the last page of the newsletter to make it handy to detach and hang on your fridge. We have been updating the society's online presence resulting in important changes at the bottom of each page. Please check and update your computer and phones etc. with this new information as it becomes available.



OOOPS!!!

"Harmony" by Vicki West and "Harvest" by Kelly Burk

Last months (Sept.) calendar had 3 date errors, please be sure to update your calendars or use this newsletter calendar instead.

March is listed as the 16th: should be the 13th.

May is listed as 9th: should be 8th

June is listed as 10th: should be 12th.

@spokanewatercolor

We start with a public Facebook page @spokanewatercolor, (www.facebook.com/spokanewatercolor). This is our club public Facebook Page used to update pictures and club happenings that we want to broadcast to the public. We hope to attract new members to come join us. To date, here are 73 likes here.

Please check it out by either typing in the whole address, or searching for "[spokanewatercolor](http://www.facebook.com/spokanewatercolor)". The more people that "like", "follow" and "share", our FB page increases the traffic simultaneously helping to strengthen our group rating and position in the internet search engines. It is worth checking out.

You may like to join the new private groups for our society explained below. These are **CLOSED GROUPS** for Members ONLY of the SWS, a private (closed) FB group that only members in good standing can join and participate in.

Members of Spokane Watercolor Society has 32 members

The heading on top of the page says **Just For Us!** We can share info that we may not want to be so public about here. Think of it as an easel to share what you are currently working on along with news about shows, sales, and awards. We can ask ques-

tions of other members about everything related to watercolor without feeling exposed to the entire internet because it is visible and accessible only to members of our SWS group and is monitored by Gail Johannes.

Two more private groups have been added to our SWS Facebook presence which are accessible using the link "Groups" which is a link in the list on left side of the page.

Plein Air & Urban Sketching has 11 members

Urban Sketching - a rapidly expanding art form originating right here in Washington state, combines all the elements of Plein Air painting - outside, open air, spontaneous, insect/weather influenced, and lots of fun! There are scheduled outings already being setup.

Watercolor Video Tutorial Links has 30 members

Inspiration comes in many ways! Share your favorite online video tutorials or artist interviews that offer a peek inside of another's approach to our favorite medium. There is already quite a great assortment there.

As a signed-up SWS member you will be able to download current information like, Newsletters, Applications, and SWS Membership Rosters.

www.spokanewatercolor.org

Kim Gardell is our **SWS Website** guru. The website which is up and running is still a work in progress. The home page has information about our current juried show and Birgit O'Connor and her workshops. Under the link named Meetings, Events & Workshops you can find the SWS calendar. It is a handy way to see what is scheduled now and in the future and will be updated in a timely manner. PDF applications for membership are now available under the "Membership/Join" tab in the left hand menu.

October 9th meeting

Our SWS October meeting was very well attended with 25 members present bringing challenge paintings in the "Harvest" theme.

Mary Caruso brought Shelly Lewis as a guest. Shelly enjoyed the meeting, life drawing expressing she intends to apply for membership. An architect who recently retired, she has been watercolor painting for 2 years.



"Apple" by Becky Gromlich, "Ylw Rose" by Valerie Woelk, and "Harvest" by Unknown



After sharing fabulous examples of her work, she mentioned that she golfs and spends a lot of her summer time enjoying this activity too.

Mark Besserman was welcomed officially as a new member, and presented with his SWS certificate and badge.

Announcements

Gay Witherspoon could use more help with *unpacking & packing artwork* mailed for the Juried Show. She also needs help with packing the artwork back up after the show is closed on November 11, 2018. Contact Gay if you'd like to help with sending the art back to the out-of-town artists.

Amalia Fisch had a *Docent Sign-Up* sheet and reported a need for 15 more people to sign up. A job description for a Docent will be prepared and available at the MAC.

The Docent will be responsible for helping people interested in purchasing a piece of art. A sheet with the thumb-nail pictures, artist's name, contact info and prices will be available for the Docent to hand out to visitors will be provided by Kim Gardell. Each Docent is encouraged to "engage" the public, and perhaps there will be a guest book for those attending the show to sign.

Birgit O'Connor Workshop:

Carol Grabowski sent out emails to those enrolled for the workshop so be sure to check yours. The link in that email provides information for tracing or transferring images to watercolor paper, insuring that each person is prepared to begin with images ready to paint for the workshop.

Vicki West read a note to us from **Shirley Antak** who is recovering from surgery.

TAG (The Art Group)

Vicki also announced that a group she has gotten together with is called **TAG**, it is an eclectic group founded while working with students at Whitworth College doing gentle art critique and sharing interest in art of many different mediums. The group has dwindled and she invited anyone interested in meeting with the group to join them each Thursday, at her house from 10 a.m. to noon.

After the business meeting...

Many joined in a *Life Drawing Program* with timed sketches of a model. Members who participated moved to another room that SAS helped set-up in the Spokane Art Supply back room "framing area." Becky Gromlich procured Lydia for a model, and all agree that she did a really good job. At the end of each time frame, the model took a different pose for the next session. It was the first experience for many to sketch from a live model, but it was apparent that others have had prior experience when we all walked around seeing the sketches and paintings as we visited during breaks. Most of the comments were very positive about this experience.

Many expressed an interest in having a live model sketch program again in the future.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi SWS members!

Thanks so much to each of you who have signed up for food, and for help with the reception and/or being a docent! It takes a lot of us to make this amazing event shine.

We need at least one more person to help with set up of the artist's reception. Part of the problem this year is that many of us are in Birgit's first class and it would be almost impossible to complete our class, grab supper and get there in time to help. If you are not in the first class would you please volunteer for the set up?

Each year in the past Diane Conkright has been the docent for almost half of the slots available, including all of the Sundays. This year she is not able to participate and so I'm asking you to fill in the gap and volunteer to be a docent. If you'd love some extra time to paint choose a weekday when things are quieter. If you enjoy meeting people sign up for a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday when lots of people are coming through!

We would love to have you sign up for more than one spot. Maybe one whole day, or different days if you prefer.



NEXT MONTH

November 2018 is the *Annual Business Meeting & Potluck*. Bring a favorite dish to share!

This is the only business meeting every year. It is a time when each member's participation is really valued to be able to chart SWS future events and growth.

Voting for Board Members:

There are 3 vacancies to fill, as Becky Gromlich (President) and Marilyn Sarber (Secretary) are finishing up their terms at the end of December 2018 and Robert Karr (Board Member) had to resign due to health problems.

Budget for 2019

Discussion and voting on the money matters. Your participation gives you a real voice in what we do next year. Your votes count!

Paper Trials in January 2019

On Saturday, January 5, 2019 the SWS meeting program will give participants up to 10 different quality papers to assess using their own materials with a planned set of criteria – compare apples to apples and discuss it with the rest of us! Cost \$5 – space limited, register and pay upfront in November so that the papers can be ordered, if you'd like to attend. You may find a paper that performs better for you than what you currently use. This is a great way to try many papers at a very good price!

WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

Amalia Fisch, has a watercolor in the Chase Gallery at 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. The *All Media Juried Exhibition 2018*, runs from October 3rd - December 27th.

bari cordia federspiel, has 2 paintings in the October 5-31, 2018 *River Ridge Fine Arts Association Show* at the Spokane Gallery, 409 Dishman Mica Rd, Spokane Valley WA 99206. On Saturday October 27th from 1-6pm, Bari has 3 paintings in the *Tsuga Celebrates Very Scary Perry Show* hosted by Tsuga Northwest Arts at 1114 S Perry St, Spokane WA 99202. She is the Guest Artist for the Month of November at the *Avenue West Gallery* located at 907 W Boone, Spokane WA. She will be at the gallery for First Friday on November 2, 2018 from 5-8pm. She also has a December 6-9, 2018 *Art Sale & Fundraiser* at Northside Church of Christ 5601 N Jefferson, Spokane WA for the *Jonah Project* see more info at www.jonahproject.org Thurs-Fri 2-6pm, Sat 9-4, Sun 12-4pm.

Jeannine Marx Fruci, has work in the *Kendall Yards Artisan Show* from Nov 30-Dec 1, 2018. The show is in the Kendall Yards Welcome Center, located at 1335 W Summit Pkwy, Spokane, WA. Jeannine will attend the opening on November 30, 2018 @ 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Jeannine also has work in the *Barrister Winery* located at 1213 W Railroad Ave, Spokane WA 99201. Hours noon - 5pm daily. She will be there for First Friday on Dec 7th from 5-10pm.

Joy Gruenewald, is showing this November 2018 at *Craftsman Cellars*, in the Kendall Yards area. The hours vary for different days of the week so check their website at www.craftsmanwinery.com. The address is 1194 W Summit

Pkwy, Spokane WA. Joy will be there for First Friday on Nov. 2, 2018 from 5-8pm.

Karen Robinette, has 3 pieces in the *Northwest Watercolor Society Exhibit* at Aljoya Mercer Island, 2430 76th Avenue SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040. The show runs from October 12th, 2018 through February 10th, 2019. There are 21 artists involved, and she presented an artist talk and slide show at the reception on Friday October 12th.



"Calvin" by Linda Smith

Linda Smith, lives in Las Vegas now and recently took first place with her painting 'Calvin' in the *Nevada Watercolor Society Show* this fall. The show is open from September 25-December 16, 2018 at the Sahara West Library, 9600 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV.

Classes

Gail Johannes is teaching several workshops and classes for all levels at *Spokane Art Supply* and elsewhere. The info is on her website at www.gailjohannesarts.com

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ADVERTISERS

Art Chowder Magazine
The Inlander Events Calendar (free) The Fall Arts Pullout includes a quarter page ad & calendar placement that will be in the public's hands from mid-September for 3 months.
KPBX - Arts Calendar (free)
Spokesman Review Event Gallery - weekly on Friday's (free)

2018 SWS BOARD

Are You Interested in serving on the Board?

We will be voting at the business meeting in November 2018 for President, Secretary and 1 Board Member.

President: Becky Gromlich beckyswatercolors@gmail.com
Vice President - Kim Gardell kgardell@gmail.com
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Secretary - Marilyn Sarber marilynsarber1@gmail.com
Board Members: Gail Johannes gailjo51@gmail.com,
Diane Conkright dkconkright@comcast.net. A volunteer is needed to fill one empty slot ASAP.



MONTHLY CHALLENGES

October 2018 ---- Harvest
November 2018 - Shopping
December 2018 -- None
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 will be held at Spokane Art Supply

2018

October 3 - December 27, 2019 *Chase Gallery*, All Media Juried Exhibition 2018, Amalia Fisch has work in this show
October 5– 31, 2018 RRFAA Show at the *Spokane Gallery*, bari cordia federspiel has work in this.
October 10, 2018–6pm “Harvest.” Will have a live-clothed model, Lydia Atherton, come prepared to paint, or sketch
October 12-February 10, 2019 *Northwest Watercolor Society Exhibit* Karen Robinette has work in this show.
October 15, 2018 10-11:30am Art drop off for *SWS Juried Show 2018* at the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture (MAC), 2316 W First Ave, Spokane WA 99201.
October 16-19, 2018 9am-4pm *Birgit O’Conner Workshop* (4 days) at Spokane Art Supply 1303 N Monroe St, Spokane WA 99201
October 18, 2018 5:15-6pm Exhibition *SWS Juried Show 2018 Opening & Artist Awards* at the MAC.
October 20-21, 2018 9am-4pm *Birgit O’Conner Workshop* (2 days) at Spokane Art Supply 1303 N Monroe St, Spokane WA 99201
October 27, 2018 1-6pm, *Tsuga Celebrates Very Scary Perry Show*, bari cordia federspiel has work in this show.
November 1-31, 2018 *Avenue West Gallery*, bari cordia federspiel is featured guest artist.
November 1-31, 2018 *Craftsman Cellars* Joy Gruenewald’s work is featured all month.
November 11, 2018 *SWS Juried Show 2018* Exhibition Closes
November 12, 2018 10-11:30am Pickup of un-sold art *SWS Juried Show 2018* at the MAC, and mailed paintings will be shipped back.
November 14, 2018–6pm “Shopping” challenge. Annual business meeting and potluck. \$5 fee for January meeting *Paper Trials*, so papers can be ordered ahead of time.
Nov 30-Dec 1, 2018 Kendall Yards Artisan Show, Jeannine Marx Fruci has work in this.
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 from 5-10pm First Friday at *Barrister Winery*, Jeannine Marx Fruci has work in this show.
December 8, 2018-10am Saturday Meeting. “No challenge.” Card painting and special snacks.

2019

January 5, 2019-10-12pm Saturday Meeting. “Drifting” challenge. Gail Johannes will lead us in “*Paper Trials*.” Discover the strengths and weaknesses of different types of watercolor papers, cost is \$5 (pay in Nov.) and yearly dues \$25.
February 16, 2019-10-12pm Saturday Meeting. “Love and Kindness” challenge. Stan Miller will lead us in a “Fix It” program, coming prepared to “paint right on your painting” to improve them. Bring your completed paintings that just did not quite look as you had hoped.
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 given from those receiving scholarships, hear what each person learns in the different classes that they take.
April 6-30, 2019 SWS Member Show 2019 location TBD. Art drop off from 10:30am-12pm, First Friday Reception same day 5-8pm.
May 8, 2019-6-8:30pm “Hope” challenge.
June 12, 2019-6-8:30pm “Pollination” challenge.
July & August 2019 “No challenge” and no meeting these months.
September 11, 2019-6-8:30pm Meeting
October 2019-Spokane Art Supply sponsored International watercolourist *Jean Haines* www.facebook.com/jeanhainewatercolors/
October 2019 Date TBD, SWS sponsored workshop or a miniatures show (or some other type) with awards.

2020

February 2020 Deadline entry date TBD after show dates are set, digital entry *SWS Juried Show* at www.callforentry.org
Spring of 2020 *SWS National Juried Show and Workshop*
September 2020 Meeting – bringing matted paintings/cards to sell in the *SWS Member Show 2020* TBD when dates and location are set.
Fall of 2020 *SWS Member Show*