

Peer-Led Critique

The March general meeting was well attended and many members brought pieces to submit to a group critique. Gail Johannes developed a rubric, a tool for evaluating art that addresses key aspects of a painting that determine its success. Using the rubric she discussed each member's painting in terms of how well it communicated the subject, if the narrative was consistent with the style, if it had a strong light path, edge opposition, atmospheric perspective (overlap, value contrast and temperature, etc.) and linear perspective. Did the artist use color skillfully? Is the painting strong in composition and lastly how the art was finished (mat/frame) should be appealing. Not every category applies to every type of painting, she explained but the rubric provides an objective guideline for judging shows as well as looking at our own work. New member Nancy Huck then gave it a try, using the rubric to evaluate Gail's critique submission. The critique was fun and a great learning experience!



Left Top: Gail Johannes' rubric.

Left Bottom: Amalia Fisch fields some Member Show questions.

Right Top: Joy Gruenewald shares finished work from Plein Air outing last month at Anthony's Restaurant.

Upcoming Events

Amalia Fisch gave an update on upcoming events.

- The Member Show is fast approaching, with the opening night reception on April 5th. If participating in the show, please send your artist bio and statement to Amalia as soon as possible so she can construct an artist page for you. Matted, packaged and priced small original pieces and prints as well as cards can be delivered to the Community Building at 35 W Main St. on April 5th before noon or delivered to Amalia beforehand. All members, whether



exhibiting or not can participate in the sale of cards and small pieces as described in the show prospectus.

- The Ron Stocke Workshop is "a go" with 17 people registered. There are still 5 spots available to register.
- The Plein Air Group will meet next on Friday, March 29th from 12-4pm at the Riverfront Park. Meet at the Clock tower at noon.



- Coming Fall 2019 we are hoping to host a "Miniatures Show." Details are in progress and we will have more information for you at the April meeting.
- The 2020 Spring Juried Show will be at Barrister's Winery in April. There will be a committee approach to organizing the show. Please contact a board member if interested in participating in the planning and executing of this event.

Facebook & Website

Member Benefits

There are so many benefits of joining the online SWS community such as tutorials, the ability to share art, private portals and keeping up to date on club happenings. There will be a presentation on getting connected at the April meeting. Look for SWS on [Facebook @spokanewatercolor](https://www.facebook.com/spokanewatercolor) & on the website at www.spokanewatercolor.org.

Fill-out & return the attached "Announcement Request Form" (by April 10th deadline) to Kelly - snookb@hotmail.com, to be included in next months newsletter.

Our Growing Membership

Several first time guests were in attendance at the meeting including Sarah Roestel Prior, Courtney Kelly, Nancy Huck, Kitty Bendixen-Park and Debra Hall. They each introduced themselves and brought some of their art to share with the group. All expressed interest in joining. Extend a warm welcome to each of them.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Spokane Art Supply on April 10th at 6:00pm. There will be a plein air set-up for members to see with costs of equipment and discussion about how to set-up for painting on location. The Ron Stocke book will be available for perusing. It will be great to thumb through his book in prep for his workshop. Using the new technology recently set up at Spokane Art Supply, the program will also include a presentation and Q & A about SWS online (Facebook, website, emails, etc).

March Challenge

of "Challenge"

There were fourteen members that participated in the challenge this month, some bringing more than one piece. Some of the challenges they took on were a self portrait, plein air painting, approaching the same subject in different ways, finishing unfinished projects and painting difficult to paint subject matter. A variety of pieces were enjoyed as well as the stories accompanying them. Holly Hyndman won the drawing prize of a tube of Winsor and Newton paint. A drawing for a prize will take place each month. The April Challenge is "Laughter." Bring a painting and participate in the drawing.

Left Top to Bottom: New members Courtney Kelly, Nancy Huck, Sarah Roestel Prior share a few pieces of work. Marilyn Sarber shares her Challenge painting of her grandsons.

Right Top to Bottom: Debra Hall, Kitty Bendixen-Park shares a wonderful painting in progress. Holly Hyndman, Dan Eacret.

President's Corner

Spring is finally here— things are beginning to grow, and so are we! It is a pleasure to welcome new members at our meetings. We continue to enjoy programs that help us

grow and improve as artists, and we are encouraging each other as we share our work. There was great participation in the challenge in March!

We're happy to announce that Kelly Knouff-Burk is going to serve as Editor of the newsletter, working with Valerie Woelk who has been setting up the layout. Thanks to these members who are volunteering their skills. Watch for new features like the "Monthly Tip" as they begin to implement some great new ideas.

SWS member Bonnie Whinnen passed away February 25th. A memorial service is scheduled for March 23rd at noon at Civic Theater.

Monthly Tip

Show Prospectus

What is a prospectus anyway? It is a document containing all the details you need to know to enter your work in an art exhibit. Show prospectuses will differ between art shows. The specifics of requirements for show submissions are defined in this document. You will find information such as date, time, and location as well as theme, size and details on how the piece must be matted and framed. It is a great idea to read it through thoroughly and highlight specifics to ensure that a piece will meet requirements and be accepted into the show. Take it along to the framer to be confident that the work is framed within the prospectus guidelines.





MONTHLY CHALLENGES

April 2019 ----- Laughter
May 2019 ----- Hope
June 2019 ----- Pollination

SPOKANE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly (except July, August) on the 2nd Wednesday 6-8:30 pm or SATURDAYS at 10am - 12noon
All meetings are held at **Spokane Art Supply** at 1303 N Monroe St, Spokane, WA 99201

MARCH 2019

MONDAY the 25th-SPOKANE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP SHOW 2019 entry form DEADLINE.

FRIDAY the 29th-12-4pm Plein Air group outing, location To be announced. Outings are the last Friday of each month at noon.

APRIL 2019

FRIDAY the 5th-29th SPOKANE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP SHOW 2019 at the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy (INLC) Community Building lobby, 35 West Main Ave, Spokane WA (between Browne and Division),

FRIDAY the 5th-10:30-11:30am Art delivery to Community Building at 35 W. Main Ave., Spokane.

FRIDAY the 5th- 5-8pm RECEPTION for opening night of Member Show

WEDNESDAY the 10th- 6pm Spokane Art Supply, *Spokane Watercolor Society* Wednesday meeting. Plein Air set-up/Ron Stocke preview. Challenge: "Laughter"

FRIDAY the 26th-12-4pm Plein Air group outing, location To be announced. Outings are the last Friday of each month at noon.

TUESDAY the 30th - 10-11:30 SPOKANE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP SHOW 2019 Art retrieval.

MAY 2019

WEDNESDAY the 8th 6pm Spokane Art Supply *Spokane Watercolor Society* Wednesday meeting 2018 Grant Presentations (from BIRGIT O'CONNOR WORKSHOP) Challenge: "Hope"

FRIDAY the 31st- 12-4 Plein Air group outing, location To be announced. Plein Air outings are the last Friday of the month at noon.

JUNE 2019

THURSDAY the 6th – 8th Spokane Art Supply, RON STOCKE WORKSHOP Go to website for more information and registration details. Website is listed at the foot of all newsletter pages.

WEDNESDAY the 12th- 6pm Spokane Art Supply *Spokane Watercolor Society* Wednesday meeting. Challenge "Pollination"

FRIDAY the 28th-12-4pm Plein Air group outing, location To be announced. Outings are the last Friday of each month at noon.

Events in the Works

SPRING JURIED SHOW APRIL 2020, at Barrister's Winery