



Watercolor Artists Of Sacramento Horizons

WASH Newsletter

November and December, 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Membership in WASH has held at a steady level of between 140 and 150 members for many years. It normally fluctuates almost every day as memberships expire and are renewed, which implies we also have a uniform loss of members and acquisition of new members since our overall membership remains fairly constant.

Our membership covers the range of ages, although we're heavily weighted towards older members. Since one of our goals is to serve the greater Sacramento area through art and art education, we're currently undertaking an effort to broaden our member's age distribution (and better meet our service goal) by introducing WASH to new, younger members.

Some of the ideas we're exploring to bring in younger members is to directly approach younger artists, principally in area colleges, and to offer incentives to them such as reduced membership fees, lower art show entry fees, and shows that feature aspiring new artists (regardless of membership status).

We'll be checking with the Fine Arts Center and NCA to align with their policies and desires to join us in this endeavor.

I really like this approach and am interested in hearing from our members regarding any ideas you may have that would be helpful. Are we being too parochial in our thinking; should we create something for kids, for example? Perhaps we could mix chalk with water and paint sidewalks to generate interest.

Come on, you're a creative bunch! Let's hear from you!

Chris

SOMETHING FUN:

Harvest Festival Original Art and Craft Show, at Cal Expo, November 17-19. "Shop thousands of handmade American arts and crafts in three fun-packed days. You will find beautiful wall art, sculptures, glasswork, metalwork, jewelry, clothing, specialty foods, photography, hand-turned wood, ceramics, unique home decor, and much more."



IMPORTANT ITEMS:

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 139 MEMBERS.
WELCOME new members **PETER SAUCERMAN**,
 Sacramento and **THOMAS TEIXEIRA**, Carmichael.

Be sure to send any **address, phone** and/or **email changes** to Membership Chair **SALLY BOSTLEY** at sbostley@earthlink.net or 916-797-0833.

Note from your Newsletter Editor: The WASH newsletter is published and emailed to all members in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The deadline for the January / February newsletter will be December 20. Thank you!
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We can really use your help, especially if you are computer literate. Please consider lending a hand. Not only will you get to know more WASH members; you'll take the pressure off our other fine volunteers. Reach out to any Board member for details.

YOUR 2023 BOARD:

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RONNIE RECTOR

You're still an artist

You're still an artist if you haven't made art in awhile. You're still an artist if you didn't go to art school. You're still an artist if you have a "day job". You're still an artist if you don't have a large social media following. You're still an artist if you're life doesn't revolve around art. You're still an artist.

MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RONNIE RECTOR's "Legacy," shown at right, received the Excellence in Watercolor Gold award in the first annual Transparent Watercolor Society of America (TWSA) exhibit. All accepted artwork can be seen on their website at <https://www.watercolors.org/>



WORKSHOP AND DEMO NEWS:

ALYSSA GORMAN tells us that Pat Abraham will hold a critique event in November. She'll be needing your artwork in order to pull this off. Please make a note to bring in paintings to the November meeting!

Janet Rogers is scheduled for a workshop on 3D Portraits May 13-15, 2024.

Discussions are being held about other possible locations for WASH workshops, as it's sometimes difficult to book time at SFA—their calendar gets very full. If you have any ideas, please talk with **Cindy Farmer**!

PAINTING OF THE MONTH:

October's Painting of the Month: Ten paintings were on display for voting. **CORDI SOGGE's** "Last Days of the Pipevine Swallowtail" won, 1st, **KRISTI WARREN's** kitten got 2nd place, and **DAVID PETERSEN's** landscape took 3rd. Congratulations, Cordi, and thank you to all who participated!

The Painting of the Month Contest is free to all members.



One painting may be entered per month. Non-members are allowed a one-time entry and encouraged to join. The winning painting may be hung at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center until the next General Meeting. It should be framed and ready to be hung when submitted. It may be entered in following WASH shows. Bring your painting to the November 13 meeting for entry.

SECOND CHANCES 2024:

Members of Sacramento Fine Arts may enter this all-media exhibit, which will be held January 2—27, 2024. A reception is planned for January 13, at 5:30 p.m. Receiving is December 16, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and pick-up will be January 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. Early and/or late entries will NOT be accepted. Entry fee of \$20 each, limit 2 pieces. For all the details, visit <https://www.sacfinearts.org/calendar#!event/2023/12/16/call-to-artists-second-chances-2024>.

WASH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

September 11, 2023, in Person and via ZOOM

President, Chris Knopp opened the meeting at 1:36 pm.

The following Announcements were made:

- Help needed for any job with WASH from the membership:
 - Looking for someone with computer skills,
 - Someone to lead the Scholarship program that is going to be reinstated, and
 - An Advertising person is needed to work with the different teams.

Next month, October, we will be doing Painting of the Month. Please bring your framed painting in. They will be displayed and the members can vote for the favorite. This picture will be hung in the studio for a month.

We had a wonderful demo by Wendy Hawkins. She demonstrated a portrait using a limited palette: Windsor Yellow, Permanent Rose and Windsor Blue-Red Shade.

Respectfully submitted, B.J. Taylor, Secretary

October 9, 2023, in Person and via ZOOM

President, Chris Knopp opened the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

The following Announcements were made:

1. A Scholarship Fund Jar is located on the back table, feel free to contribute what you can.
2. We are still looking for a Web Administrator for next year.
3. Kristi Warren spoke about the Christmas Party coming up and put up the sign-up board for volunteers for the event. It will remain up through Dec 1.

A sign-up sheet for volunteer help was sent around. Chris made a gentle plea to members for help and encouraged them to sign up anywhere they thought they might be helpful.

A demonstration was presented by Susie Soules on using watercolor to create a smooth black background and how to do texturing to create effects such as depth in bricks.

Lots of good conversation and questions by the group.

During the break in the demonstration, entries to Painting of the Month were available for the group to see, and members voted for their favorite. There were 10 paintings on show in Gallery 3. Everyone was glad to see paintings again.

After the demo, the winners were announced.

The winner was Cordi Sogge with a painting of a worn and tattered swallowtail butterfly. (now hanging in SFA). Second Place went to Kristi Warren with a kitten painting. Third Place went to David Petersen for his landscape.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, B.J. Taylor, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Phyllis Brady, WASH Liaison for SFA September "All Board" meeting

It was great to see WASH board member Cordi Sogge and WASH officer Cyndi Spita attending. We had an abundance of tasty food, camaraderie, and the opportunity to share successes and concerns.

NCA announced that they are celebrating their 85th year this year. Plans are underway to highlight those years and developments.

A new HVAC system is in the works; SFA is working with Parks and Recs for an install date.

All club members are asked to suggest art museums they'd like to see for the popular Art Center bus trips, and suggestions are also requested for ideas for Art Center Shows.

The Cookbook project received over 300 art submissions and not as many recipes. Selected entries will receive a complimentary copy of the cookbook.

New Business:

Due to COVID, the Painting of the Month went online. Discussion was held at the general meeting in October to bring this back to an in-person event. Framed pictures will be displayed during the general meeting and voted on. The winner will be able to have their picture hung in the Art Center for 30 days. The picture can be sold or if not, still be eligible for entry in other shows.

The website really needs to be updated. Discussion around what software to use and who could step up to lead the team. Alyssa Gorman said she would be able to step up next year to work with Gary on a new website. We could use two more volunteers to help.

Diane Pargament would like to have her appointed Marketing office replaced. A publicity and advertising person is needed; this is also an appointed position. Cindy Farmer would like a co-chair that would eventually take over her position by the end of next year.

Note: This report has been abbreviated for space. For the full report, email me at ronnierector@yahoo.com. Newsletter Editor

Annual SFA Holiday Party!

WASH is hosting the annual holiday party and pot-luck at SFA on December 11, from 5:30 to 8:00. Please mark your calendars for this all-club event that always proves to be a fun time, with great food and a chance to mingle with lots of fellow artists. There is a large board set up at SFAC where sign-ups are being gathered for food and drink donations.

How YOU can help:

The WASH party setup crew needs help on Sunday, December 10th, between 1:30 and 4:30, moving tables and chairs and setting up the party space. If you are available, please contact **KRISTI WARREN** at kristilwarren@sbcglobal.net.

CORDI SOGGE wants to add some watercolor-themed ornaments to the table decorations, so she's looking for crafty people to help. She's planning to do a one-time crafting get-together some time before the Holiday Party. Materials will be supplied, but she's also looking to borrow (or take donations of) various-sized silver and gold Christmas ornaments. If you can help with these things, please email her at cmbeesknees@gmail.com.