

# PEN & PALETTE

## The Newsletter of the Society of Washington Artists

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, **November 20**, 2019

**10:00am to 12:00 noon**

Place: Vancouver Heights United  
Methodist Church  
5701 MacArthur Blvd  
Vancouver, WA

### Meeting in Brief

- Business Meeting
- Artist of the Month
- Break for refreshments
- Art Demonstration by Artist & Craftsman Supply

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### Thank you!

It's Thanksgiving season. I always like to take a moment here to give thanks for all the people who helped me this year. I needed a little more help than in past years, and to those who reached out to give me a hand or a kind word, I want to thank you and tell you how much it meant. And to those who stepped in and did the work that needed to be done when I could not, I thank you for lifting that burden. And to those who had so many burdens already on their shoulders, but managed to find a way to help me or the SWA thrive through this year, I can only bow to you. You are my heroes and role models.



### The Long Goodbye

Drew and I will be closing on a house in Sisters, Oregon in December. We will continue to live here in Vancouver throughout the spring while we do a little remodeling on our new-to-us house. That means this really is my last term as president. I know I said that last year, but circumstances make me really mean it this year.

I would like to leave the SWA a healthy, strong organization - one with a large and active membership. As it is right now, I feel that the organization leans too heavily on a small core of volunteers who, because of the workload placed on too few shoulders, continues to shrink. It's a vicious cycle that is hard to break - the fewer the volunteers, the harder to workload, which leads to more burnouts, which leads to fewer volunteers, rinse and repeat. In order to offer everyone what they are expecting for their membership - namely, opportunities to further their art education, show their work, and make friends - we need more active, volunteering members. I'm not sure which direction to go in order to achieve that; I'm not sure any nonprofit does! If you have an idea, I am more than open to hear it. For

## November Art Demonstrator: Leslie Dorcus from Artist & Craftsman Supply

Oh boy, you guys. Last month you heard our members gushing about Artist & Craftsman Supply and this month we are joined by a representative from that very store, who will bring goodies and an interactive paper making demonstration for us.

Their north side store is located at 2906 N Lombard

Street in Portland. You can find out more at <http://www.artistcraftsman.com/>



## November Artist of the Month: Joan Giddings Turley

Our Artist of the Month for November is Joan Giddings Turley. You might remember her "other half," John Turley, who was our Artist of the Month last April. Well, it's high time to hear the rest of the story. Join me in welcoming Joan at our November meeting. Here is one of my favorites of Joan's:



Dog Gone Buggy by Joan Giddings Turley

now, the board of directors' goal for 2020 is to move some monthly meetings to Saturdays to accommodate working artists and to put on the best Spring Show this town has ever seen. Ask us how you can help.

## The Fall Show Is This Weekend!

Please help spread the word! Share the event with your Facebook friends, give a flyer to your neighbors, use a megaphone, however you can gather a crowd, please do it. The art will be top-notch and there will be bazaar items for the Christmas shoppers. We also hope you stop by Saturday at 11:00am for the reception. It's a brunch time reception so it should be easy to stop by, grab a croissant, and cheer your fellow artists (or your own self) on their (your) accomplishments.

## Christmas is Coming, The Goose is Getting Fat

Or maybe that's just me. Our Christmas meeting will be on Wednesday, December 18th. That's far enough away from Christmas to make it a well-attended get-together. Put it on your calendar now for two reasons:

1. **FOOD.** Christmas is traditionally members' favorite time to pull out all the stops and bring in their smorgasbord finest. So dust off that gelatin mold and give us the best you got.
2. **PRESENTS.** The holidays are about giving! And getting! We will be having a white elephant gift giving game. The gifts should be something crafty with a holiday theme - either something you have made yourself or something you might find at a holiday craft bazaar. Think homemade ornaments, Christmas cards, maybe a wreath, or a candle holder with a holiday theme. Wrap it up good and bring it to the December meeting. We will be drawing numbers, picking gifts, and stealing and swapping.

## Mark Your Calendars.

As the weather turns gray, we tend to start planning spring breaks and summer getaways, so I want you to mark your calendars with a few red Xs right now: here are your important spring show dates:

<b>2020 Spring Show Art Take-in:</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 28, 2020</b>
<b>2020 Spring Show Begins:</b>	<b>Thursday, April 30, 2020</b>
<b>2020 Spring Show Reception:</b>	<b>Saturday, May 2, 2020</b>
<b>2020 Spring Show Art Pick-up:</b>	<b>Sunday May 3, 2020</b>

Synchronize your watches and your calendars, my fellow artists! This is, by far, the biggest art show in Clark County.

Remember, this is why we are artists. Art isn't about sales, but we do make art for others' eyes. And the more sales we make, the more opportunity we have to make more art. So join us in making the Spring Show a success, won't you?

See you at the refreshment table.

— Janice Tracy, President

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## SWA General Meeting Minutes for October 16th, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by President Janice Tracy. Guests Barbara, Joyce and Sue were introduced.

Janice announced that she and her husband will be retiring to Bend, Oregon in the near future and that a new president for SWA is needed soon. Please talk to Janice to learn more about this position.

Treasurer, Linda Whittingham, reported that we have a total of \$13,340.26 in all accounts.

For the Member Only Fall Show, registration is online at [swavancouver.com](http://swavancouver.com). Registration deadline is November 11. Take in day is November 15 from 10am to 12 noon. The show is November 16 and 17 with pickup the afternoon of the 17th. Full details are available on the website. Flyers for the show are now available.

Rae Del Brashier talked about nominating a member for the Sharon Whyte award. The person nominated should have demonstrated growth in their artistic journey or have participated as an educator in some way. Sharon Whyte was an educator in Vancouver and an SWA member.

Members are needed and encouraged to volunteer online to help with the Fall Show at <https://volunteersignup.org/T8YX8>. Sitters are needed for 2-hour shifts for the show and volunteers are needed to assist with the Artists' Bazaar.

New for the show, and also for our meetings, will be a book of SWA artists biographies. Members are requested to compile their bios and bring them to the take-in day and place them in the purple binder. The one-page bios might contain pictures of the artist as well as their work and other information about themselves they would like to share.

It was announced that member Tammy Auburg had passed away and that the family may have art supplies to donate. It was agreed that SWA will assist in the donation of supplies in Tammy's name to ALSO, which helps people with developmental and intellectual disabilities learn to create and sell art ([alsoweb.org](http://alsoweb.org)).

Treasurer Linda Whittingham would appreciate having an assistant to help with details after the Fall Show. Contact her for more information if you would be able to assist.

Elaine Pawski will be in charge of the Artists Bazaar, which is new for us this year. Items for the bazaar must be created by the artist and labeled with the artist's name and price. Clear plastic sleeves are necessary for matted prints, cards and other items that should be contained in sleeves. Elaine will provide bazaar participants with a page of "stickers" that can be printed and filled out and placed on each bazaar item. A photo or photocopy of the sticker page will act as an inventory list.

The next board meeting will be November 24, 10 am at the Hall Building.

Ann Amies announced that she has a booth at Expo Thanksgiving weekend and will be selling her books.

Artist of the month, Mikiko, talked about her pouring techniques with paint. She uses canvas, wood and plexi glass with a Liquitex pouring medium to create paintings with beautiful colors and designs.

Demonstrator for the day was Cindy Lomasson of Portland who talked about the various materials used for Chinese Brush painting and showed a variety of marks used to create images and paintings.

Sue Tellock, Secretary

Thank you to our October Artist Demonstrator, Cindy Lomasson, for showing us how much we didn't know about Chinese brush painting! Cindy started with the basics. She showed us an ink stick that she grinds - really just swishes gently against a special surface called an ink stone for a few meditative minutes - to produce the ink that she uses to create her designs. She then produced with a few brush strokes the Four Noble Ones or four seasons: the plum blossom for winter, the orchid for spring, the bamboo for summer, and the chrysanthemum for autumn.



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## SWA on Facebook

Post your artwork, boost SWA activities, chat with friends.

Search for "Society of Washington Artists" and click on the link. "Like" our page and participate!

## FreeModel Art Guild

Draw or learn to draw with live models!

Free drop-in Saturdays 12:30 - 3:00pm at the Atrium area at 201 W. Evergreen downtown: Quick, casual sketches from short poses. Also, Wednesdays at 1:00pm at the Marshall Center: short and long poses. Small fee, drop in. All levels welcome. Nude model gigs monthly. \$8 covers model fee, wine, and potluck refreshments.

Check with Marianne Stokes at 360-574-2189 or Diana Thewlis ( [dthewlis@comcast.net](mailto:dthewlis@comcast.net) ) for info.

## Fall Show Participants: Don't Forget Your Artist Bio

NEW FOR THE FALL SHOW THIS YEAR: We are compiling a notebook of artist bios for fall show visitors to look through. If you enter a piece of art in the fall show, you are encouraged to bring a one-page (one side) letter-sized paper with your personal artist bio printed on it. This is completely voluntary; we just thought our patrons would enjoy flipping through the notebook and learning more about the people behind the artwork.

How do you write an artist's biography? There are lots of resources online. Try this one: <https://www.lightspacetime.art/how-to-write-an-effective-artist-biography/> or this one: <https://blog.society6.com/write-the-perfect-artist-bio-with-these-five-simple-tips/>. Even if you are not participating in the fall show, it's good to have an artist bio in your back pocket. We plan to use this notebook often during our shows and even at our meetings so we can learn more about each other, so sharpen your pencil and give it a go.



## Show Your Art with SWA

Please contact Wanda Brewster at [wabasawana@comcast.net](mailto:wabasawana@comcast.net) if you are interested in displaying your work at one of these SWA venues:

- H. H. Hall Building in Hazel Dell ~ One artist, 6-9 pieces depending on size.
- The Vancouver UCC Church ~ The space will accommodate three artists with 5-7 paintings each depending on size. We could also host a single artist if you have large pieces.

Carol Lytle is the featured artist at the H H Hall Building



# FALL ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

## Society of Washington ARTISTS

Saturday, Nov. 16th, 9am - 6pm

Sunday, Nov. 17th, 9am - 3pm

Artists' Reception

Nov. 16th, 11am-1pm; Awards 12pm

The Society of Washington Artists Members' Fall Exhibition is a non-juried, professionally judged show and sale representing a wide variety of art media and disciplines. Judge will be Valerie Blessley, traditionally trained college preparatory art instructor and professional potter

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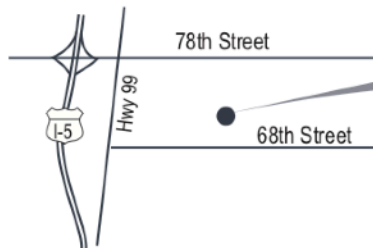
The Letter, by Earlene Holmstrom  
Best In Show, 2018 Fall Show

New this year!

An Artists' Bazaar  
featuring fine art  
prints, cards and gifts,  
on sale throughout  
the show.

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on 68th (the boat church)



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### Membership Renewal

Membership dues are \$35 per person, \$45 family (late renewals are \$40 individual/\$50 family). New memberships are prorated after January 1st. You can join or renew at <https://www.swavancouver.com/join>

Membership renewals are due every year before the end of June. Send a check to SWA at PO Box 2992, Vancouver, WA 98668, renew online, or pay at the next meeting.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for membership in the Society of Washington Artists for the \_\_\_\_\_ fiscal year which runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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