



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Summer, 2024

I dream of painting and then I paint my dream. Vincent Van Gogh



Summer is here and we're excited to have so many opportunities for artistic adventures! Coming up July 13th is our Member Potluck Picnic, General Meeting and Critique. Because of this, we will not have an AHA in July. Watch for an email from SWWS with details.

In keeping with the [SWWS Mission](#), we are active in many community art events. This list includes but is not limited to; Art in the Community (hosted by Cascade Branch Library), an active Paint Out schedule, as well as monthly Artists Helping Artists (AHA's). We are anticipating a vibrant repeat of last year's inaugural Vancouver Art & Music Festival with artistic entries managed by the [Columbia Arts Network \(CAN\)](#). Be sure to enter your art and mark your calendars for this special event. This year's dates are **August 2, 3 and 4**. Once again, this cultural event is centered at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver and includes the Vancouver Symphony in concert, Craft and Food Vendors, Kids activities and displays, Art displays and competitions. A "CAN'T MISS" event for the entire family. For more information about CAN and its activities in our community, click [here](#). For more information about the Vancouver Arts & Music Festival, click [here](#).

Happy Painting!

Barbara Hope, President

Annual Potluck Picnic and General Meeting

July 13th, 11am to 3pm,

SWWS invites you to a potluck luncheon where we will share food, friendship and a brief meeting. Our Critique session will follow with two seasoned artists. You are welcome to bring three pieces of art that you wish to share and/or have critiqued in preparation for the SWWS Fall Show. Always a fun way to learn more about art and apply the ideas of talented artists. Look for a more detailed email from [SWWSwatercolor](#) closer to the picnic date.

Workshops

SWWS offers regular workshops throughout the year to encourage our members with an affordable avenue for growth and development in their artistic understanding and skills.



September 16, 17 & 18, Chas Martin:

"Vibrant Color & Spontaneous Strokes"

Skill level: Beginners and Intermediates.

Students will gain confidence and create paintings that radiate freshness and spontaneity. In this 3-session workshop, Martin will share techniques for managing four variables: Water, Paper, Pigment and Brush.

Through demonstrations, exercises, and instructive observation, he will share methods for painting expressive landscapes. After a few exercises on managing water content, he shifts the focus to specific techniques for painting sky, rocks, water, reflections, and foliage.

For more information regarding this workshop, click [here](#).

Exhibits

SWWS Spring Show Accolades: A wonderful success in picturesque Stevenson, Washington at the Stevenson Library.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Best of Show - Natasha Ramas

1st Place - Takako Ito

2nd Place - Kristi Atwood

3rd Place - Ulrike Halverson

Honorable Mention - Salley Lemon, Kristi Atwood,
Lynda Raven Brake & Barbara Hope

People's Choice Award - Bonnie White

Here is the link to view all the winners! [SWWS Spring Show](#)

The next SWWS Fall Exhibit will be a Juried Members Only Show at the Camas Library, September 3 - October 12, 2024. Keep an eye out for SWWS emails with Call to Artists Dates and other significant key dates in support of this exhibit.

Art in the Community (AIC):

SWWS members' art is being shown at the Art in the Community Exhibit, Cascade Branch Library running June and July 2024. Stop by to check it out! Need information about this display, contact **Mary Emert** at mkgriffinart@gmail.com.

Paint Outs - Come Plein Air paint with us on location!

Spring, Summer & Fall, weather permitting. Future Paint Outs will be posted on [SWWS](#) website as scheduled.

**Saturday July 6th 1:00pm-6:00pm - Ft Vancouver, picnic in the park.
Live music, games and Painting!**

**Saturday July 27th 11:00 am - Vancouver waterfront - Meet at the Pier
(Note, garage or street parking costs)**

**Friday, August 2nd 11:00 am - Kalama McMenamins. Meet at the
gazebo near McMenamins**

Friday, August 16th 11:00 am - Longview Park

**Saturday September 28th 11:00 am - Lewisville Park (fee for parking)
Covered area near restrooms**

**Contact Cheryl Herndon (thatartplacetnt@gmail.com) for more
information or ideas for more Paint Outs**

Jurying In

Interested in becoming a “Juried Member” of SWWS? The next Jury In date is August 10th. Contact [Maggie Brett](#) for more information. An email application for the jurying process will be sent to Associate Members.

Upcoming Art Festivals

[Vancouver Art and Music Festival](#), August 2-4 Esther Short Park, Downtown Vancouver. **Free and open to all ages**, the Vancouver Arts & Music Festival features award winning musicians, visual artists from across the region and talented local performers. Explore stages, pop-up

galleries, art demonstrations, family activities and local food vendors in Esther Short Park and downtown Vancouver.

[Washougal Art and Music Festival](#) is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 10 in Reflection Plaza on Main Street. The artists' market features several dozen local artists selling their one-of-a-kind creation. Live music will be provided by the [Washougal Songcraft Festival](#).

Members showing and/or teaching in the community

SWWS Member Nathun Finkhouse:

-Showing 5 pieces at the [Corridor Gallery](#) in the Esther Short Building

-Instructor at the Vancouver Art Space including weekly Beginning Drawing and Guide to Watermedia, and several single session classes.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/vancouver-art-space-12708119467>

-Instructor of Beginner Drawing, Watercolor, and Acrylic Classes at Clark College. Next round of classes start this September.

Check out Nathun's website [here](#)

*Want your shows/website/activities shared with the SWWS community?
Send your info to katherine.i.clock@gmail.com for next quarters newsletter!*

Local Artist Resources

Washougal Artists Weekly Open Studio: Tuesdays, 1:30-5p. 1681 C St, (Washougal, WA) tucked behind City Hall and the Library. This is an open studio format, not a class, and it's free. Snacks are provided along with occasional lovely piano music. We share large tables, good lighting, conversation, support and critique. Largely watercolor, one oil painter and one colored pencil artist. Everyone is welcome!

Artists Helping Artists (AHA's)

Southwest Washington Watercolor Society, offers its Members, their guests & persons interested in Watercolor, an opportunity to learn techniques from other Artists. We meet at Clark College on the second Saturday of the month from 1pm to 4pm, (Jan - June, Sep & Oct), in the Frost Art Building, Room 103.

After the Artist demonstration there is time to "Paint Along" with attendees bringing their own materials. At this time there is no charge. Supply lists will be emailed to SWWS members prior to each AHA session.

Our next AHA is:

September 14 - SWWS Member, Tao Zhou, Urban Landscapes: There are landscapes and then there are urban landscapes. Each requires a different set of techniques. This AHA will feature Tao Zhou and the urban landscape. For more information, click [here](#).

For a full calendar, check out the SWWS [online calendar](#)

Local supporters of SWWS support SWWS members to show work as well as offer meeting space. We thank the following for their support and sponsorship of SWWS activities:

[Latte Da Coffee House and Wine Bar](#)

[Clark College](#)

[Fort Vancouver Regional Library](#)

[Hampton Inn and Suites](#)

Questions or concerns about the SWWS Newsletter? Contact Katherine Clock: katherine.i.clock@gmail.com