



VIEWS

Mid-Southern Watercolorists, Inc.
Web site: <http://midsouthernwatercolorists.com>

May 2012

CALENDAR

May

6 – June 23 Cantrell Gallery Show
May 6 Reception 2-4 PM

- 16 Board Meeting at 5:30
Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM
Installation of new officers.
Jacqui Kaucher will be demonstrating
- 19 Plein Air* at Burns Park Covered Bridge

June

- 16 Plein Air* at Maumelle Park
- 25 Pick Up art from Cantrell Gallery 10-5

July

- 21 Plein Air* at Jolly Roger

August

3 – Sept 23 Mid Southern Watercolorists
ANNUAL EXHIBITION
Terry House Community Gallery
411 E. Seventh Street
Juror: Sue Archer
Opening Reception August 3rd 6 pm

- 18 Plein Air* at Clinton Library

September

- 15 Plein Air* at St. Josephs Orphanage
- 19 Board Meeting at 5:30
Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

- 24 Art Pick Up from exhibition 10-2

October

- 6 Mountain View Fall Exhibition
- 17 Board Meeting at 5:30
Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM
- 17 -20 Jane Angelhart Workshop
- 20 Plein Air* at Wildwood Park

*plein air events are open and free to MSW members but not coordinated by MSW

Congratulations to the new:

*Officers and Chairpersons
for the 2012/2013*

Ruth Byrn

President



Diane Ziemski

Treasurer



Paula Kalina

Secretary



Selma Blackburn

Corresponding Secretary



Jeannie Fry

President-Elect



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MID-SOUTHERN WATERCOLORISTS, INC.
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Annual Exhibition

Bob Snider 2012

George Wittenberg 2013

Directory – TBD

Facebook – Jeannie Fry

Internet Group – Marlene Gremillion

Membership – Shirley Brainard

Mini Workshops – Caren Garner

Newsletter – Anne Lyon

Other Exhibitions – Sandra Marson

Past President – Tom Herrin

Plein Air - TBD

Programs – Jeannie Fry

Properties – Ken Oberste

Public Relations - TBD

Regional Advisors - Charlotte Rierson

Scholarships – Paula Kalina

Ways and Means – Donna Perrin

Website – TBD

Workshops – Cheryl Nelson Kellar

Letter from the President

Hello Everyone!

I'm honored to be MSW's new President and part of our wonderful volunteer team, the new Board of Directors. You will find them listed in this newsletter. They would want me to say we are already at work toward important goals, some of which are:

We want to be sure our shows and exhibitions continue to meet our members' needs. Getting good show venues is harder now than it used to be. This problem caused a recent, reluctant, Board decision to cancel our plans for a 2013 Fall juried members' show. The Board will be working to extend our future venue partnership agreements five years ahead, to be sure we don't get caught short again.

Also we want to improve our Internet communication capabilities. We already have emailing, a website (with ability for online show entry via digital images), an Internet members' group for quick notifications and reminders, and a Facebook page. But most of these need more development.

We want to continue our fine reputation for conducting educational opportunities in water media for our members. Our past activities deserve an A, and we want to keep it that way. Our mini-workshop program has a permanent chairperson now, and the outlook is for a full and exciting schedule this year. For our major workshops we are blessed to have a returning chairperson with how-to experience who also looks to the future and scouts ahead for the best nationally recognized teachers. And our monthly member meeting programs are also in very good hands. The monthly programs will lean toward demo-while-teaching because member feedback says that is the most helpful.

None of this just happens. It is astonishing to look at the history of MSW's accomplishments and realize all of it was done by volunteers. That seems impossible, yet there it is, then, now, and in the future. And the organization surely does need more help now from our members to get the work done and keep the thinking fresh. Some of the chairperson positions are vacant and begging to be filled, as you can see. And the existing chairpersons could move us along faster if there were folks to lend a hand on working committees. If you are not already helping and you can make the time to do some volunteer work for our important organization, please contact me or someone else on the Board. I can be reached at rbyrn@sbcglobal.net or 501-225-4589. It doesn't matter where you live; we can make a way.

I hope every member enjoys and profits from the coming MSW year. Remember this is the month to pay your dues if you haven't already; paying dues on time is always a way to help! I look forward to seeing many of you, and of course enjoying your paintings, at the reception for the Open Members' Show May 6th, 2:00-4:00pm at Cantrell Gallery. Congratulations to our artists whose paintings were recently juried into the 2012 Annual Exhibition.

Ruth Byrn, President

Mini Workshops

These workshops are led by members on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in leading a workshop or have an idea for a workshop for the next 2012/2013 year, please contact **Caren Garner** at caren.garner@VA.GOV

These Mini Workshops are for one day, on a Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost of each workshop is \$20.00 and enrollment is limited to 15 to 20 persons, depending on the location of the workshop.

Mini Workshop with Marlene Gremillion

Masa Paper *The look of Batik*





UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

MSW workshop policy is to offer two 3-4 day workshops each year using non-member instructors. These workshops are lined up for the future (make your plans now):

October 2012 Jane Angelhart
March 2013 Karen Vernon
October 2013 Paul George

If you have any suggestions for future workshops, please send the names to Cheryl Kellar at cbnrealtime@yahoo.com or 501-944-8736

Plein Air Painters of Arkansas

2012 Paint Out Dates and Locations

May 19 Burns Park the covered bridge
June 16 Maumelle Park
July 21 Jolly Roger's
August 18 Clinton Library
September 15 St. Joseph's Orphanage
October 20 Wildwood Park
November 17 Two Rivers Park
December 15 White Wagon Farm

Opportunities

WHITE RIVER ARTISTS

Announce

PLEIN AIR ON THE WHITE RIVER 2012

STILL TIME TO CALL AND SIGN UP!

ART COMPETITION, SHOW, AND SALE

MAY 3 - 5, 2012

COTTER, ARKANSAS

This event will provide many plein air painting possibilities since it will be held in conjunction with the [11th Annual Cotter Trout Festival](#).

Contact information:

whiteriverartists@gmail.com

(870) 424-0151

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/White-River-Artists/117484501632890>

Check schedule often for updates.

HOT SPRINGS

SPRING WORKSHOPS 2012

You may view a description of each workshop on:

www.hotspringsgallery.com

Enrollment is available on line or contact:vanessa@hotspringsgallery.com

May 14 to 17 -**DARYL URIG**-Oil & Acrylic Painting Knives -\$425

May 28 to 31-**SUE ARCHER**-Commanding Color & Design- W/C -\$500

June 4 to 8- **SHIRLEYBLAKE**-All About Abstract- W/C & Acrylic- \$425

FALL WORKSHOPS 2012

Sept. 24 to 28 -**KATHY STONE**- Making a Masterpiece Pouring- W/C- \$425

Oct. 15 to 19-**CATHY TAYLOR**- Mixed Media -\$450

Oct. 22 to 25- **RICHARD STEPHENS**- Watercolor With Passion- \$450

Vanessa Segraves

Hot Springs Gallery/Artist Workshops

www.hotspringsgallery.com

MEMBER NEWS

Sandy Barksdale made it into the Watercolor USA. Her painting is entitled "Trout, I Presume"

ABOUT WATERCOLOR U.S.A.

Watercolor U.S.A. is a nationally known, annual juried exhibition recognizing aqueous media painting. Featuring some of the country's best known artists and jurors, the event is open to artists from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Hundreds of entries are received annually and judged for a variety of prizes and possible purchase by the Museum or its patrons. Approximately \$40,000 in cash, merchandise, patron and Springfield Art Museum purchase awards are available. Organized in 1962 by the Springfield Art Museum, this event attracts thousands of visitors annually to the Museum and to Springfield to view the work of exhibitors.

ART VIEWING OPPORTUNITY

P.A.L.'s Fine Art Gallery in Tour Art Odyssey

The Palette Art League would like to extend an invitation to attend the second annual art tour of artists in their studios on May 18, 19, 20, 2012. On the Friday & Saturday from 10am 5pm and Sunday noon-5pm.

According to organizers this year's tour will feature 32 local artists who have been juried for inclusion and whose work runs the gamut of artistic expression and media. The PAL's Fine Art Gallery will be included in the tour. Get a map, pack your sense of adventure, take a friend or go alone, and join in!

The idea for *The Art Odyssey* began in October of 2010, during the dedication of the Donald W. Reynolds Library. The artists whose works were purchased to be a permanent part of the library were on hand to meet visitors and answer questions about their art. Local supporters of the arts stopped to watch a video made by local mosaic artists, R. Scott and Neilla Flanagin that explained and showed how the mosaic river, *Journey*, was inspired, created, and installed. They asked why our area could not have a studio tour of local artists, echoing questions the Flanagin's had been asking themselves for years. That question led to a meeting of five interested art patrons in November, 2010. The idea was immediately met by artists and patrons alike with enthusiasm. A committee was formed, a name chosen and trademarked, and The Art Odyssey with its mission to encourage public awareness of art and promote artistic expression in the Arkansas Ozarks was formed.

The P.A.L.'s Fine Art Gallery will be open during the tour with many artists featured in "Art and Artisans of the Ozarks", volume one and two presenting, demonstrating and sharing their artwork with visitors.

Booklets with maps to the studios will be included in the Baxter Bulletin on May 3 and available from our sponsors, Donald W. Reynolds Library, Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce, The Baxter Bulletin, First National Bank & Trust, KTLO AM & FM-Classic Hits 101.7, Mountain Talk 97.1-SAM 94.3, KPFM Country 105.5-Hit 93.5KKTZ-KOMT Star FM 107.5, and Friends of TAO. For additional information visit our website at theartodyssey.com or www.palettartleague.org

Meetings are held at the

ARKANSAS ARTS CENTER

9th & Commerce / MacArthur Park

P.O. Box 2137 - Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-2137

(501) 372-4000 (501) 372-4000

Use the south entrance

Meetings start at 7 pm but come early for the social hour with cookies and drink.

Look for the newest idea for a raffle!

An ART BOOK!

Important Notices:

If you are not receiving a newsletter via the MSWgooglegroup online, it is very possibly going into your spam folder. **All** members with emails have been signed up by Marlene Gremillion.

Membership Fiscal Year is June1 – May 31

Go to the MSW website and print and fill out a membership form. Make your check for \$35 payable to MSW. Mail the membership form and the check to:

Membership Chairperson, MSW
P. O. Box 2582
Little Rock, AR 72203-2582

CALL FOR SKETCHBOOK PAGES

Send me some of your favorite sketchbook pages, notes and all, to share in next month's issue of the Views!!!!!!!

www.ctn95508@centurytel.net

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