

MAY 2017



## President's Message



V

What it was like to be president of the board of MSW!

**People** I couldn't have done it without all of you! You have been willing to serve on the board of MSW and to be a member to make this organization so dynamic. Thank you for all you have done. Please keep on volunteering.

I couldn't have done it without you helping me or without these two preceding presidents of MSW - Jeannie and Ruth. They made my presidency of the board easy by being so organized and having it all written down.

Of course, I was required to do many things; among many, to ask people if they wanted to continue to serve on the committees or ask them if they wanted to change. Of course I appreciate all Jeannie's reminders ( hope I can do the same for Annette!)

And, all of you MSW members, made it wonderful. All painters of different styles and abilities. I appreciate them all.

## Issues and Organization

If I can tell you what needs to be done, it would be "not much"! We have got all the pieces of MSW organized. And, maybe there is more we don't know of, or left to do.

Of course, there is the organization of the Regional Directors that needs to be simplified and they need to be told what the issues are. We can always improve on the annual juried exhibition. After a few years work, it is well organized. And that is important since it is the biggest thing we do all year in terms of space, dollars, jurors and venues! And then there are ways we can improve on Social Media!

We have those issues and more in the coming years - I bet we can solve them! Thank you it has been rewarding and fun!

### **Meetings**

***Due to renovations at the Arkansas Arts Center we will have the May 17 meeting at Oley Rooker***

***Library***

***11 Otter Creek Ct.***

***Little Rock, AR 72210***

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

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS     May 17, 2017**

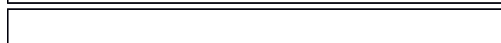
5:30 Board Meeting

7:00 Member meeting

**Linda Larey, MSW Diamond Signature  
Member from Texarkana will do the  
demonstration.**

### **Officers for 2016/2017**

<b>George Wittenberg</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Annette Garner</b>	<b>President-Elect</b>
<b>Cheryl Hall</b>	<b>Treasure</b>
<b>Sue Buford</b>	<b>Secretary</b>



## **Oley Rooker Library**

**Directions:** If traveling I-430 S, take the Hwy 5/Stagecoach exit. After you cross Baseline Rd, start looking for the new copper and glass library on the right. If you come to the Sonic, you've gone too far.

If traveling I-30 S, take the Bass Pro exit. Turn right onto Hwy 5/Stagecoach, the library will be on your left. If you come to Baseline Rd, you've gone too far.

If traveling I-30 north, take the Bass Pro exit and exit over I-30. Turn right onto Hwy 5/Stagecoach, the library will be on your left. If you come to Baseline Rd, you've gone too far.

If traveling Hwy 5 N, after you pass the Sonic, get in the left lane, go thru the next stop light and the library is immediately on the left.

If you come to Baseline Rd, you've gone too far. 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.](#)

### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

October 2017 Kathleen Conover

March 2018 Iain Stewart

October 2018 Lori Goldstein Warren

Spring 2019 Michael Bailey

If you have any suggestions for future workshops, please contact Paula Kalina at [ptkalina@hotmail.com](mailto:ptkalina@hotmail.com)

### **2017 MSW Mini Workshops**

June 17-----Richard Stephens

July 29-----Caren Garner

Aug 26-----Marlene Gremillion

Sept 30-----Cynthia Schanink

Nov 18-----Gary Simmons

## **WAYS TO BE IN TOUCH**

**WEBSITE:** [www.midsouthernwatercolorists.com](http://www.midsouthernwatercolorists.com)  
On the website you can find the latest VIEWS, information about workshops and exhibitions, and see galleries of past exhibition paintings by members.

**GOOGLE GROUP:** With membership you will receive announcements, information and the newsletter via this group. If you are NOT receiving it in your email, either check your spam folder or contact Marlene Gremillion to ensure she has your correct email information.

**FACEBOOK:** We are on Facebook, just go and "like" us!!!

**DIRECTORY:** Be sure that MSW has your correct information. Contact Marianne Hampton if you have had any changes.

**NEWSLETTER:** Our newsletters are available online through our website and received through the GoogleGroup system. Send information to [Sandymarson44@comcast.net](mailto:Sandymarson44@comcast.net)

**REGIONAL ADVISORS:** We have several members from throughout the state and

**Sarah Merkle-** El Dorado includes Union, Ashley, Chicot, Drew, Bradley, Calhoun & Northwest Louis.

**Linda Larey-** Texarkana, TX includes Columbia, Ouachita, Sevier, Miller, Little River, Lafayette, Hempstead, Nevada

**Mary Ann Stafford** includes Pulaski

**Judy Coffey-Houston, TX, advisor at large**

**Charlotte Rierson** - Fairfield Bay includes Cleburne, Van Buren and Stone

**Janis Gill Ward** - Fayetteville includes Washington, Benton, Carroll, Madison

**Kay Aclin -Ft. Smith includes Crawford, Sebastian, Franklin, Logan, Johnson**

**Gloria Garrison-** Russellville includes Pope, Newton, Yell, Scott

**Sheila Parsons-** Conway includes Perry, Conway, Faulkner

**Sandy Barksdale** - Cotter includes Boone, Marion, Baxter, Fulton, & Southern Missouri

**Sue Coon-** Mt. View includes Searcy Izard, Stone Sharp, Lawrence, Independence, Jackson

**Sally Papich** - Jonesboro includes Randolph, Clay, Greene, Poinsett, Craighead, Mississippi, Crittenden



### **Richard Stephens**

Well known award winning artist Richard demonstrated his skills as a watercolor artist.

Richard worked from a photo, but changed it into a work of art. He uses the principles of design to his advantage. The final painting created a mood for the viewer to interpret.

**Mary Ann Stafford** will show five of her pen and ink drawings during the performances of “GODSPELL” from June 2 – 25.

Four pastel paintings and two acrylic paintings are shown at **Art on the Green** in Conway.

**NCA Art Gallery** in Fairfield Bay is showing five paintings from April 18 – October. These include both landscape and still life.

Mary Ann has two still life pastel paintings showing in the **Arkansas Pastel Society Show** at St. James Episcopal Church from May – July.

**Arkansas League of Artists 2017 Members’ Show** will be held at the Laman Library in North Little Rock From June 5 – July 28. I will have one piece “With Strings Attached”. Awards Ceremony and Reception is Friday, June 9 from 6 -8 pm.

“The object of art is not to reproduce reality, but to create a reality of the same intensity.”

**Alberto Giacometti**



## AACA

The reception was held Sunday afternoon at the Saline Hospital Atrium. Approximately 200 to 250 were in attendance. We had 132 entries from 15 schools with 18 Art Teachers who teach in the Saline County area. Grades K thru 12. Every child receives a ribbon 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Honorable Mention. To get into the show two students per grade per school are chosen by their teacher. I personally believe this was the best art work I have every seen from a Youth contest.

The highlight of the show was the one monetary award given to Senior Nicholas Hammonds from Bryant High School for his watercolor. Nicholas was thrilled to receive the generous \$250.00 award from MSW. He will attend University of Arkansas in Fayetteville this fall and will minor in Art.

Thank you MSW for helping make AACA a success this year, we could not have done it without your generous offer of \$250.00. I will never forget the huge smile on Nicholas' face as I handed him his prize money and Certificate.



**Sue Bufford Presents the Award**

**Sandra Marson** will have a one woman show at the Cox Creative Center in Little Rock.

June 5 – July 30, 2017

**Opening June 9 5:00 - 8:00 pm**



## National Museum of Women in the Arts

Rana Edgar selected Mary Ann Stafford, Marlene Gremillion and Sandra Marson for inclusion in the Arkansas Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts' 2017-2018 Artists Registry. Work by selected artists will be uploaded to the website ([acnmwa.org](http://acnmwa.org)) by February 7, 2017. Congratulations on this honor and best wishes for your continued success!

**The International Experimental Artist Society (ISEA)** opened an on-line exhibitions April 20, 2017. Check it out. Sandra Marson and Marlene Gremillion were accepted into this show.

“Painting is just another way of keeping a diary.”

**Pablo Picasso**



*PROSPECTUS AND ENTRY FORM*  
**25<sup>th</sup> Annual MID-SOUTHERN WATERCOLORISTS**  
**Special Open Membership Exhibition**  
**Argenta Branch**

**William F. Laman Public Library System**  
420 Main Street  
North Little Rock AR 72114  
501-687-1061

*Exhibit Dates: September 14, 2017 – October 12, 2017*  
*Opening Reception: September 15, 2017, 5 to 8 p.m.*

**Eligibility:** This is a non-juried, open exhibition. It is open to all MSW members in good standing. All entrants must be current members of MSW. (Note: MSW's current membership year is June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.)

**Entry Procedures/Deadline for Entry Form:** One painting per artist may be entered. Entry fee is \$10. Send completed entry form (below) with check for entry fee to Sarah Johnson, 2216 Alcoa Road, Benton AR 72015, before September 1, 2017. **All checks are to be made out to Mid-Southern Watercolorists.**

**Publicity:** If you would like your painting to be considered for use in publicity, please send a jpeg of your piece (that will be in the show), no later than August 15, 2017 to Sarah Johnson at skjohns41@att.net.

**Certain required characteristics of the paintings to be hung are as follows:**

- Size will be limited to a maximum of forty inches 40" outside length on any side (e.g., outside frame length). Frame must be simple but sturdy (no wider than two inches) and ready for hanging (with wire hanger). All paintings on paper must be framed under Plexiglas. All paintings on any stretched device must be gallery wrapped and all the edges painted.
- Types of allowable media and grounds may include any water-soluble medium or combination of water-soluble media on any ground that accepts water-soluble media (e.g., paper, Yupo, canvas or prepared board).
- Entries must not have been shown previously in any MSW exhibition.
- Entries must be well-presented by the artist for gallery showing, including simple framing and white or off-white mats only. If either Argenta Branch or MSW deems a picture's framing or other presentation method is below the necessary standard, MSW will attempt to work with the artist toward the needed improvement. MSW reserves the right to exclude any painting for any reason.

**Painting Label / Delivery:** Painting submissions must be delivered to Argenta Branch Monday, September 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. Label must be attached to the upper right back corner with artist's name, address phone number, title of piece and price.

**Pick Up Paintings:** Artists may not remove works before the close of the exhibition. Paintings are to be picked up from Argenta Branch Friday, October 13 between 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Sales:** There is no commission on sale of paintings. Artists are responsible for their own sales.

**Liability:** Although utmost care will be taken in handling paintings, neither MSW, nor its representatives, nor Argenta Branch will be responsible for damage or loss, whatever the cause. Submitting artwork to this exhibition shall imply an agreement on the part of the artist with the conditions set forth above.

**Questions** regarding this exhibition may be directed to Sarah Johnson, MSW Special Exhibitions Chairperson, at 501-778-6810 or 501-860-1841 or to skjohns41@att.net.

**PROSPECTUS AND ENTRY FORM**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual MID-SOUTHERN WATERCOLORISTS**

**Special Open Membership Exhibition**

**Argenta Branch, William F. Laman Public Library System**

**Page 2 of 2**

----- **ENTRY – FORM** -----

Mail this entry form with \$10.00 check payable to Mid-Southern Watercolorists no later than September 1, 2017 to Sarah Johnson,  
2216 Alcoa Road, Benton AR 72015.

**Name of Artist** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Painting** \_\_\_\_\_ **Size** \_\_\_\_\_ **Price** \_\_\_\_\_

**Media used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (     )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

----- **PAINTING – LABEL** -----

*Cut out label and attach to upper right back corner of painting.*

**Name of Artist** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Painting** \_\_\_\_\_ **Size** \_\_\_\_\_ **Price** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Media used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (     )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

