

September 2017



## **President's Message**

It's Fall! Vacations are over, school is starting and there are lots of opportunities to participate in MSW. We are back home at the Arts Center for our September monthly meeting on September 20, 2017.

Our VP, Carole Canino has planned a fun evening for us. Our program presenter for the meeting will be Kerry Kemp with Art Outfitters and I understand there will be door prizes!

We are happy to be back at the Arts Center and will be for most of our meetings. The Arts Center is conducting meetings for renovation planning and sometimes space will not be available to us. Such is the case for our October meeting. We will meet on October 18,

2017 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Thank you St. Luke's for hosting us. That change of venue actually works out well, because our program presenter for the October meeting will be Kathleen Conover. She will already be set up at St. Luke's conducting a 4-day workshop for MSW.

If you haven't already registered, there is still time. Contact Paula Kalina at [ptkalina@hotmail.com](mailto:ptkalina@hotmail.com) or go online to our website. While you are there, go ahead and sign up for Cynthia Schanink's Saturday mini workshop or contact Caren Garner at [rrrtistx@gmail.com](mailto:rrrtistx@gmail.com). These two ladies work very hard during the year to organize workshops for our education and enjoyment.

Speaking of participation, we had 33 entries in our Special Exhibition at the Argenta Branch of the Laman Library in North Little Rock. Drop by and see the marvelous art. The show will be up until October 12, 2017.

I hope you are planning to enter the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition. Deadline is October 2, 2017. Iain Stewart will be the juror. Your participation in our workshops and shows helps us continue to bring great opportunities to our area. Thank you.

Annette Garner

**MSW President**

<b>President Elect/Programs</b>	<b>Carole Canino</b>	<b>Linda Larey - Texarkana, TX.</b>
<b>Secretary Assistant</b>	<b>Sue Burford</b>	<b>TURQUOISE</b> Includes Columbia, Ouachita, Sevier, Miller, Little River, Lafayette, Hempstead, Nevada
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jeannie Fry</b>	
<b>Treasurer's Assistant</b>	<b>Catherine Caldwell</b>	
<b>Annual Exhibition Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Lyn Whaley and Suzzette Patterson</b>	<b>Mary Ann Stafford - Maumelle</b>
<b>Archivist</b>	<b>Suzann Waggoner</b>	<b>LIGHT PINK</b> includes Pulaski
<b>At Large Board Members</b>	<b>Selma Blackburn, Reita Miller</b>	<b>Charlotte Rierson-- Fairfield Bay</b>
<b>Database</b>	<b>Ruth Byrn</b>	<b>BROWN</b> includes Cleburne, Van Buren, Stone, Searcy, IZard, Sharp, Lawrence, Independence, Jackson
<b>Education/Scholarships</b>	<b>Maybe You ??</b>	
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>George Wittenburg and Carole Canino</b>	<b>Gary Johnson - Fayetteville</b>
<b>Membership/Directory</b>	<b>Mary Anne Garnett</b>	<b>YELLOW</b> includes Washington, Benton, Carroll, Madison
<b>Mini-Workshops</b>	<b>Caren Garner</b>	
<b>Properties</b>	<b>Bryan Kellar</b>	
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>Cynthia Schanink</b>	<b>Kay Aclin - Ft. Smith</b>
<b>Regional Advisor Dir</b>	<b>Charlotte Rierson</b>	<b>RED</b> includes Crawford, Sebastian, Franklin, Logan, and Johnson
<b>Social Media/Web</b>	<b>Marlene Gremillion</b>	
<b>Special Exhibitions</b>	<b>Sarah Johnson</b>	
<b>Newsletter / "Views"</b>	<b>Sandra Marson</b>	<b>Cynthia Schanink - Mt. Nebo</b>
<b>Ways and Means</b>	<b>Peyton Bishop</b>	<b>DARK</b>
<b>Workshops</b>	<b>Paula Kalina</b>	<b>PURPLE</b> includes Pope, Newton, Yell, Scott

## From the Desk of the Regional Advisor Director, Charlotte Rierson

This fiscal year we are featuring our MSW Regional Advisors. The Regional Advisors are selected from the membership and are accomplished artists as well as highly respected in the "Art World". They are knowledgeable in the MSW programs and events and are a liaison between MSW and their local art organization. They work with the artists to bring more exposure of the Water Media as a Fine Art to their area as well as encourage their region to participate in MSW Exhibitions, Workshops, Meetings, and Special Events. To get in touch with your Regional Advisor look in the Membership Directory or contact Charlotte Rierson, Regional Advisor Director. [chardon@artelco.com](mailto:chardon@artelco.com). for more information.

**Sheila Parsons - Conway** **DARK BLUE** includes Perry, Conway, Faulkner.

**Sandy Barksdale – Cotter** **ORANGE** includes Boone, Marion, Baxter, Fulton.

**Bill Branch -Memphis, Tenn.,** **DARK GREEN** Phillips, Monroe, and surrounding area

**Richard Stephens - Hot Springs** **LIGHT GREEN** includes Hot Springs, Saline, Garland, Clark, Pike, Montgomery Howard, Polk.

**John Keller - Searcy** **ORCHID** includes White, Woodruff, Prairie, Lonoke, St. Francis, Cross.

**Sarah Merkle- El Dorado** **LIGHT BLUE** includes Union, Ashley, Chicot, Drew, Bradley, Calhoun.

**Inis Ray - Pine Bluff** **BLACK** includes Jefferson, Cleveland, Grant, Dallas, Lincoln Co.

**Cynthia Schanink** lives with her husband, Daniel in Mt. Nebo. Cynthia is an educator on the Arts on Tour Roster of the Arkansas Arts Council, a registered Arkansas Artist, wife, mother of three children and five grandchildren, vacation rental owner, photographer and making a name for herself in west central Arkansas.

Cynthia is a signature member of Mid-Southern Watercolorist, won many art awards including first place twice in "Works on Paper" at the Cotter Plein Air Festival sponsored by the White River Artist Guild. For ten years Cynthia traveled around the world teaching watercolor classes on cruise ships.

Her work focuses on themes of landscape, nature and portraits. She has always been intrigued with different environments and that sense of place which makes any particular location unique. This can include the natural geographic features of the landscape, as well as the human alternations to the land. Most of her imagery reflects the Arkansas River Valley, Mount Nebo and Lake Desoto in Hot Springs Village, where her vacation homes are located.

Cynthia will be conducting the Mini-workshop September 23 for MSW.



**Linda Larey** has always loved art and am a compulsive drawer/doodler. At Texas Tech a majored in advertising art, switching to art education after I married. I've also done post graduate work in fine art at the University of Houston, Clear Lake City. But after my second child was born, I found that I just didn't have the discipline to set time aside for art and for the next 25 years did nothing. Then one day, I called Jeanne Edwards who had been my oldest son's high school art teacher to see how I could go about taking up where I left off. She invited me to join her Tuesday night painting group at Arkansas High. It was sort of like relearning to ride a bike - it came back quickly. Jeanne talked me into attending a Sheila Parsons watercolor workshop. I had never done watercolor before (I had always used acrylics) but I just fell in love with watercolor and as many of you know that is what I concentrate on now. I have taken from many great watercolorists, Ken Hosmer, Paul Jackson, Ted Nuttall, Arne Westerman, Stephen Quiller, Alex Powers to name a few. I am blessed to be able to do something that I love so much. I have presented demos for various groups, conducted several a life drawing and watercolor workshops. My work hangs in several businesses and galleries in the Four States area.



**John Keller**, born and raised in the panhandle of Nebraska, has made his home in Arkansas since 1978, teaching at Harding University where he served as Chair of the Department of Art & Design from 2000 till 2014. He earned his BA in Art from Harding University in 1971 and taught public school art from 1972 till 1978. He earned the MA and PhD from the University of Nebraska, both in Art Education, with a parallel concentration in studio art.

John works primarily in watercolor, but also in oils and photography. His subjects include landscape, structures, flora, fauna, studies in light and shadow, and the effects of time on the natural and man made environment.

John is a signature member of Mid-Southern Watercolorists. His art includes images captured during his travel in the United States, Europe and the Middle East, having taught on Harding's International Program campuses numerous times.

You may contact him at: [jkeller@harding.edu](mailto:jkeller@harding.edu). To view numerous photographs and some of his paintings visit: [imageevent.com/jkeller](http://imageevent.com/jkeller)



## MARLENE WORKSHOP



**Works from Marlene's Workshop**  
**Small Works on Paper**







**Any of these works could be made into a large watercolor.**

**Opening reception for Mid-Southern Watercolorists exhibit at the Laman Library in Argenta. Their gallery area is the best! It's a beautiful show. It will be open for the next month, so put it on your list of things to do!**



**Cheryl and Bryan Kellar**





	<b>MSW CALENDAR 2017-2018</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b>	<p>Sept 15 – 5-8 pm Reception for Special Exhibition at Laman Library</p> <p>Sept. 20 - Board Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Back @ Arts Center Lecture Hall</p> <p>Sept. 20 - Member Meeting.</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Program Presenter: Art Outfitters</p> <p>Sept. 23 – Mini workshop by Cynthia Schanink</p>
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>	<p>Oct 2 Deadline for entries for Annual Exhibition</p> <p>Oct 13 – Pick up art from Special Exhibition 9 – 6 pm Laman Library</p> <p>Oct. 18 - Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ St Luke's Church</p> <p>Oct. 18 - Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. Program presenter: Kathleen Conover</p>
<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>	<p>Nov. 15 - Board Mtg. 5:30 p.m. @ Arts Center Lecture Hall</p> <p>Nov. 15 - Member Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Program Presenter: Cheryl Kellar</p> <p>Nov. 18 – Mini Workshop by Gary Simmons</p>
<b>DECEMBER 2017</b>	<p><u>NO MEMBER /NO BOARD BD MEETING</u></p> <p>MSW Annual Party December 2, 2017 at 12 noon, location TBA</p>
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	<p>Jan. 17 - Board Mtg Only. 5:30 p.m. @ Arts Center Lecture Hall</p> <p><u>No January Member Meeting</u></p>
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	<p>Feb. 21 - Board Mtg. 5:30 p.m. @ Arts Center Lecture Hall</p> <p>Feb. 21 - Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. Program presenter: Iain Stewart</p> <p>Nominating Committee to start work</p>
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	<p>Mar 9 - Annual Exhibition Reception @ Butler Center 6 pm</p> <p><u>NO MEMBER /NO BOARD MEETING</u></p>
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<p>Apr 18 - Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Apr 18 - Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Program: Selma &amp; Reita critique paintings that did not get into the show.</p>
<b>MAY 2018</b>	<p>May 16 - Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Election of Officers</p> <p>May 16 - Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. Program Presenter: TBA</p>
<b>JUNE 2018</b>	<p>June 20 - Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Installation of Officers</p> <p>June 20 - Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. Program Presenter: TBA</p>