

## VIEWS April 2018



I hope you were able to attend the 48<sup>th</sup> MSW Annual Juried Exhibition Reception at the Butler Center. If not, you can still see the exhibition through the end of June and it is a spectacular show. We must express a special thank you to Chairman Lyn Whaley and her exhibition committee members Peyton Bishop, Sandra Marson, Reita Miller, Donna Twyford, Marietta Tucker, and George Wittenburg. Peyton Bishop always does a fine job as our Ways and Means Chairman, but this year she hit it over the fence in donor contributions. Thank you Peyton and all you who contributed your time, talents and monies.

Be sure to pick up one of the outstanding Mid-Southern Watercolorists Catalog 2018 that Reita Miller has put together and see the awards which were selected by Iain Stewart, our Juror.

A big thank you to President-elect Carole Canino for stepping up to the plate also and lending her voice and wonderful personality to the Exhibition and saving my coughing voice.

I was very pleased to present the awards on the night of our exhibition, but one award in particular was very personal for me. I was honored to present the First Timer Award to Dana Rowell Johnson of Yellville, Arkansas for her painting "Let's See". Dana's mother, Jo Rowell, was the first person to put a paint brush in my hand. She put one into Dana's hand when Dana was about three, but I was thirty years old! I had always sketched with a pencil and ruled notebook paper; no color, no paint, no brushes. I had no instruction, just a love for the art. We had no art classes in our elementary or high school, what a shame. I was busy working, raising a family, and attending college at night to pursue any leisure activities as an adult. We moved to Yellville, Arkansas where I met Jo Rowell, the school art teacher in a small town of population 1500 people. I enrolled my children in her private after school art classes and then I asked her if she could teach me. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. She instructed me in oil and pastel painting. It was Shelia Parsons who later showed me the magic of watercolor and started me on this lifetime love.

I owe so much to Jo Rowell, Shelia Parsons and all the workshop instructors I have had the privilege to study with along my journey. I want to share the excitement of watercolor with others. That's one of the reasons I joined MSW. I wanted to meet other artists and learn together how we can promote the love of watercolor in our schools, our communities and our country. I hope you also want to share your talent and time with others.

Our nominating committee is looking for new volunteers to help in various areas of our organization. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our president-elect Carole Canino or one of our nominating committee members: Jeannie Fry, Marlene Gremillion, or George Wittenburg. If one of them should call on you, I hope you will be willing to share your time and God-given talents with others.

Keep your brushes wet,

**Annette Garner**  
**MSW President**

Inis Ray - Pine Bluff [REDACTED] includes Jefferson, Cleveland, Grant, Dallas, Lincoln Co.

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

Mary Ann Stafford - Maumelle **LIGHT PINK** includes Pulaski

Charlotte Rierson-- Fairfield Bay **BROWN** includes Cleburne, Van Buren, Stone, Searcy, Izard, Sharp, Lawrence, Independence, Jackson

Gary Johnson - Fayetteville **YELLOW** includes Washington, Benton, Carroll, Madison

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

Cynthia Schanink - Mt. Nebo **DARK PURPLE** includes Pope, Newton, Yell, Scott

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.



	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<b>18 - Wednesday - Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Arts Center</b> <b>18 - Wednesday - Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Arts Center</b> <b>Program: Selma and Reita critique paintings that did not get into the show.</b>
<b>MAY 2018</b>	<b>16 - Wednesday - Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Arts Center</b> <b>16 - Wednesday - Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Arts Center</b> <b>16 - Election of Officers</b> <b>Program Presenter: Vicki Kovalski</b>
<b>JUNE 2018</b>	<b>20 - Wednesday Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>Installation of Officers</b> <b>20 - Wednesday Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Program Presenter: TBA</b>

## **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 Mary Ann Garnett 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)

## **APRIL MSW MEETING 7:00 pm**

### **Come and learn from critique of works not accepted into the current MSW Annual Juried Exhibition!**

Members who entered and who have a painting that was not selected are invited to bring **ONE** unaccepted painting to our next MSW meeting on April 18th for comment and helpful critique by Long time MSW members Selma F. Blackburn and Reita Walker Miller .Paintings can be unframed, matted or not, or fully presented. Both Reita and Selma are Diamond Signature members of MSW, and both are signature members of the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.

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At Large	Reita Miller
At Large	Selma Blackburn



**Awards and Signature Memberships**

**Thanks to Jerry Blackburn for the Photos**

















Charlotte Rierson coordinator for the North Central Arkansas (NCA) Art Gallery invites you to come view the new art exhibit in Fairfield Bay through Sept. MSW members exhibiting their paintings are the following: Sandra Marson, Gary Johnson, Diana Shearson, Suzann Waggoner, Joyce Hartmann, Gary Johnson, Jeanne Fry and Charlotte Rierson. Each have been feature artist in the Art Gallery.

The gallery's mission is to bring quality fine art to our community with good taste and family values. The artists are professionals as well as emerging new artists. The artwork is open to all Artist and chosen by a selection committee under the direction of Art Coordinator and MSW member Charlotte Rierson. Art Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9:00-4:00 unless special events or conferences then the hours are extended. The viewing of the Art is open and free of charge to the public. All art is available for purchase.

The NCA Art Gallery is sponsored by the North Central Arkansas Foundation for the Arts & Education (NCAF&E) and The City of Fairfield Bay. For more information about the Art Gallery contact NCA Art Coordinator, Charlotte Rierson-501-884-6100, email [chardon@artelco.com](mailto:chardon@artelco.com) or Conference Center Directors, Wilba or Bob Thompson- 501- 884-4202, 110 Lost Creek Parkway, Fairfield Bay 72088.



## **BECOMING JOHN MARIN MODERNIST AT WORK**

Exhibit at the Arkansas Art Center

Shelia working from her iPad

79 Works from the Arkansas Arts Center's exceptional 290-work collection and 33 distinguished Marin works loaned by outstanding public and private collections.

Show ends April 22, 2018



From The Desk of Mary Ann Stafford

**A lot is happening in April and May this year: perhaps we'll even get some real Spring weather soon! At any rate, I wanted to share with you where and when I'll be showing my newest art works this season, and also tell you about the new class I'll be teaching at the Maumelle Center on the Lake in May. Here's what is scheduled:**

- Five of my newest pastel landscapes are showing at the Arkansas Rep during the "Mama Mia" production. This is scheduled to end on April 16.
- I have two acrylic landscapes at the Conway League of Artists exhibit at the Faulkner County Library until April 28.
- 2nd Friday Art Night is April 13 in downtown Little Rock. I will have a booth at the Rep Annex (518 Main St.) from 5 - 8 pm.
- My watercolor, "Unchained" was accepted into the Mid-Southern Watercolorists Annual Juried Exhibit at the Butler Center (100 Rock Street in downtown Little Rock) and will hang there until June 30.
- Since I didn't get accepted for the Delta Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center this year, I am eligible to show at the 3rd Annual Delta des Refuses counter-exhibition from June to August at the Cox Creative Center and the Butler Center. My entry is an acrylic painting of a childhood memory, "My Mother's Ribbons."
- Natural Impressions Studio at 4609 Aspen Drive in North Little Rock will have its annual art show and sale May 12 (the day before Mother's Day). I will show some of my work there -- time slot is unknown at the present.
- Continuing gallery showings include Art on the Green in Conway (pastel landscapes), the Butler Center in Little Rock (pen and ink drawings), and Eureka Art in Eureka Springs (limited edition prints).
- Last but not least, I will be teaching a Pen and Ink drawing class at the Maumelle Center on Thursday afternoons beginning May 10. Instruction will also include ink washes and scratch board drawing. If you are interested, send me an email and I will forward the materials list to you.



## Iain Stewart Workshop



Kay and Paula

## Mid-Southern Watercolorists

48 annual Juried Exhibition Catalogs have been mailed.

Please get by the Butler Center to see the show.

March 9- June 30, 2018

