

VIEWS SEPTEMBER 2018



I smell change in the air. It must be almost Fall. Many organizations are being faced with a crisis of membership, participation and relevance. Mid-Southern Watercolorists is no different. As with any consideration of change, a crisis precipitated the action: MSW has no leadership after May 2019.

At the Board Retreat in August, Jeanne Fry lead us in an exercise to “Learn-Connect-Enjoy” inviting each of us to look at why we joined MSW in the first place; how MSW is doing; and what MSW does well. Starting with the questions:

- Where are we going?
- *What should be our focus?
- *What do we need to get there?
- *How do we do it?
- *Who will do it?
- *Can we re-imagine MSW, now”?

We broke into small groups, discussed the questions and came up with specific suggestions. Back together as a larger group, we condensed the suggestions into those dealing with Membership, Communication and Gatherings (Meetings), with a part-time Program or Executive Director assuming a lot of the administrative details of running an organization. Starting with the mandate to “re-imagine MSW”, the executive committee has been meeting every other week examining ways MSW might “be re-imagined” to be more efficient, more relevant, and MORE FUN.

We are excited about this coming year trying out new ways. Our September 19th meeting at the AR Arts Center is planned as an “Ice Breaker”, hosted by Paula Kalina. The rest of our Gatherings are being reformatted from our monthly Wednesday nights to Saturday Gatherings and “Paint Outs” sometimes with a demonstrations or a mini-workshop. The Paint Outs will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. (or whenever you want to leave).

In anticipation of the Arkansas Arts Center closing for renovations in June of 2019, we have to find a new site to meet. The Levy Church of Christ, 5124 Camp Robinson Rd, North Little Rock, AR 72118, has graciously offered us the use of a large space for our Gatherings, with wonderful natural light, plentiful free parking, and easy access.

The next page contains the 2018 calendar of events. Look it over, put it on your calendar. More Gatherings will be posted in the next newsletter. Maybe we will meet some new artists! I look forward to seeing you.

Carole Canino, MSW President

SEPTEMBER 2018

September 8 [Saturday]

- Deadline for Special Exhibition Entries

Entry form found at: www.midsouthernwatercolorists.com

\$10 Entry Fee, Dues must be paid; Also, deadline for JPEGs of entry, IF you want included in publicity for exhibition

September 15 [Saturday]

– Board Mtg. 10:00a @ Arts Center Board Room

September 19 [Wednesday]

- Member Gathering. 7:00 p.m. @ ARTS Center Lecture Hall

Program Presenter: Paula Kalina, MSW Diamond Signature Member

OCTOBER 2018

October 2 [Tuesday]

- Deliver Art Special Exhibition to Christ Episcopal Church, 10a-3p

Oct 12 [Friday]

- Special Exhibition Reception opens @ Christ Episcopal Church, 5-8p

Oct. 17 [Wednesday]

- Member Gathering 7:00 p.m

DEMO/Program presenter: Laurie Goldstein. St. Luke's, 4106 JFK, North Little Rock

Oct 18-20 [Thursday-Saturday]

Lauren-Goldstein-Warren Workshop sign-up found at www.midsouthernwatercolorists.com

Registration Required— @ St. Luke's, 4106 JFK, North Little Rock

NOVEMBER 2018

Nov 9 [Friday]

-Deadline for entries for the 49" Annual Exhibit (Prospectus)(Entry Online Juried Shows)

Entry form found at: www.midsouthernwatercolorists.com

Nov. 3 [Saturday]

Board meeting @ 10 at Arts Center Board Room

No Member Gathering in November (Thanksgiving is Nov 22)

DECEMBER 2018

Dec 14 [Friday]:

Notification deadline for Entries Annual Exhibition

NO MEMBER GATHERING / NO BOARD MEETING

Board meetings listed in "BLUE"

Charlotte Riersen-- 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.



NEW MEMBERS

Judith	Beale
Amanda	Heinbockel
Helen	Beacham
Nancy	Trippe
Andrea	Chestnut
Linda	Petersen
Beverly	Adler
Donna	Quimby
Maddie	Kiefer
Dora	Bradley

2018-19 OFFICERS

President:	Carole Canino
President-Elect:	Kathy Kemp
Secretary:	Donna Smith
Treasurer:	Jeanne Frye
Assistant Treasurer:	Catherine Caldwell

2018-19 COMMITTEES

Annual Exhibition:	Donna Twyford, Chair, Lyn Whaley, Co-chair
Archivist:	Suzann Waggoner
At-Large Board Members:	Reita Miller Selma Blackburn
Database Manager:	Ruth Byrn
Education-Scholarships:	Suzzette Patterson
Hospitality:	George Wittenberg, Gary Alexander
Membership:	Mary Sue Whitelaw
Mini Workshops:	Caren Garner
Newsletter:	Sandra Marson
Properties/AV Mgr:	Vacant
Public Relations:	Cynthia Schanink
Regional Advisor Director;	Charlotte Rierson
Social Media:	
Google Groups:	Marlene Gremillion
Facebook:	Jeanne Frye, George Wittenberg, Annette Garner
Special Exhibition:	Sarah Johnson, Chair, Annette Garner, Co-chair
Ways and Means:	Peyton Bishop
Workshops:	Paula Kalina
Nominations:	Jeanne Frye

**MSW needs someone to volunteer for Properties/AV Mgr.
Bryan Kellar has served us well but he has moved to the Fayetteville area.**

WAYS TO BE IN TOUCH WEBSITE:

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 Sue Whitelaw 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

Download the “MEETUP” app!

Mid-Southern Watercolorists is now a part of “MEETUP”. Meetup operates as a [website](#) that allows MSW to schedule and post our events. It is an organizing tool for a variety of interests including hobbies, sports and other shared interests. In other words, if you join MSW via MEETUP, it will let you and others know about our gatherings. You can join the MSW “Meetup” group by going to www.meetup.com, look for Mid-Southern Watercolorists and “join”. You can also download the “MEETUP” app to your smartphone from the Apple store or the Google play store. *When you join MSW’s “MEETUP”, you will automatically get reminders of MSW’s events, exhibition receptions, and other “gatherings” on your smartphone!*

Pull out your water based art materials and using any form of paper (not canvas) open your imagination to widen your expression of nature in whatever manner you are inspired to illustrate for MSW’s 49th Juried Exhibition. Don’t forget the deadline for entries is November 9, 2018. From the Desk Of Peyton Bishop

David Paul Cook 501-851-6577

Watercolor Landscapes Paint Along will be on Tuesday mornings at the Arts Center, 9 to noon, beginning September 11th. Learn to paint the elements of the Arkansas landscape -- towering trees, meandering rivers, majestic hills, cozy barns, verdant fields, colorful skies. We'll work step-by-step, with each step demonstrated first. Enroll for 10 weeks, or for one of the two 5-week sessions. **est Moves East with Watercolor.** Also beginning Tuesday, September 11th, in the afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m. During this 8-week class, learn to use Western watercolor supplies to explore the Eastern aesthetic sensibilities of tranquility and simplicity. Seek the spirit of each landscape. Projects are provided for each class, with an instructor demo or work on your own. **Enrollment** for the two **Arkansas Arts Center** classes starts Monday, August 13th for currently enrolled (summer semester) students, or Monday, August 20th for all others. Explore the catalogue of Museum School classes, and enroll electronically at arkansasartscenter.org, or phone **501-396-0353**, or register in-person in the Museum School Office. AAC member and non-member prices will be listed for each class.

Watercolor with the Masters will begin Monday, September 10th, 9 to 11:30 at Center on the Lake in Maumelle. These 8 classes help you to study art history, as we also paint-along. Explore the intimate lives and paintings of master artists such as Charles Burchfield, Claude Monet, Paul Signac, Georgia O'Keeffe, Winslow Homer, and more. Drawings for each painting we do will be provided, and the instructor will demonstrate each step.

Enrollment for the **Maumelle Center on the Lake** class starts Tuesday August 21st. You must be a Center on the Lake member. Membership is available to anyone 50 years old, or older. The annual membership fee is \$25 for Maumelle residents (or \$40 for non-residents), and is prorated by the month of the year. The cost of the 8-week Watercolor with the Masters class is \$63. **The best way to register is in person, at the front desk, or by phone, 501-851-4344.**

**The ABUN – Artists & Biologists Unite for Nature Award
Donated by Kitty and Christoph Harvill**

Mid-Southern Watercolorists gratefully announces a new award to be given at the opening of the 49th Annual Mid-Southern Watercolorists Juried Exhibition on April 12, 2019. At the opening of our last exhibition, Kitty and her husband Christoph offered to underwrite a \$300 award with a subject matter relevant to environmental concerns. For clarification I asked how this would present itself. Kitty said any of the nature-based award winning art in the last exhibition would fulfill their desire for expression of concern for our environment.

Kitty and Christoph feel that artists play a vital role as the voice for the voiceless and vanishing wildlife on our planet. They head an international organization, ABUN-Artist & Biologists Unite for Nature that partners with various biologists and conservation organizations around the globe in creating the artwork of endangered species that can be used in educational and marketing efforts. The artists retain their copyright privileges but allow the scientists to freely utilize the artwork.

By portraying the species that biologists and conservation organizations are working to preserve globally the goal of ABUN is to help raise awareness for endangered species through the art of participating artists, which is freely given for educational and marketing purposes. Artists play a vital role as the voice for the voiceless and vanishing wildlife on our planet.

Kitty and Christoph currently live in Brazil, they also retain a residence in Little Rock. Many members of MSW have known Kitty through the years for her contributions to the Arkansas art scene. Google her name and/or the name ABUN for further information about the wonderful work and the stunning art. Kitty's work has been shown across the world. Kitty is a master in various mediums - Oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolor.

www.artistsforconservation.org/Kitty-Harvill Artists for Conservation website
www.artistwarriors4wildlife.com - find everything from my art blog, to my bio, to ways to buy my artwork
www.kitty-harvill.fineartamerica.com - buy my art prints and find originals for sale
www.facebook.com/KittyHarvill - KHarvill ART Page
www.birdingart.com/pages/harvill/kittyharvill.html International website of Bird Artists
www.zazzle.com/kharvillar products embellished with my paintings - T-shirts, cards, etc
www.youtube.com/user/kharvillart my YouTube channel
<https://kharvillart.virtualgallery.com> - experience my art in a gallery setting !





Congratulations to member Eileen Stearman who just had 2 pieces accepted in the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council (TRAHC) 30th Annual Juried Exhibition. The paintings are 22 x 28 watercolors.

NCA Art Gallery Exhibit Oct. 23, 2018

Charlotte Rierson coordinator for the North Central Arkansas (NCA) Art Gallery invites you to come view the new art exhibit in Fairfield Bay through April 2019. 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. 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 Charlotte Rierson-501-884-6100, email chardon@artelco.com or Conference Center Directors, Wilba or Bob Thompson- 501- 884-4202, 110 Lost Creek Parkway, Fairfield Bay 72088.

Important Dates:

Oct. 15, 2018 deadline to send Entry forms. Charlotte Rierson, P.O Box 1643 Fairfield Bay AR., 72088 or e mail to chardon@artelco.com **Oct. 23, 10:00 a.m.** Deliver Artwork to the NCA Art Gallery, Conference Center, 110 Lost Creek, Fairfield Bay.

Pigment And Pixels

*A joint exhibition featuring
new explorations and
expanded horizons in artworks*

*Paintings by Sandy Barksdale
Photography by Bill Barksdale*

The public is cordially invited

Opening reception:

Sept. 6, 2018 - 4-6 p.m.

Free "mini prints" while supplies last

Location:

*Ozark Regional Arts Council
Art Gallery*

The Sheid 2nd floor ASUMH

Exhibition open: Sept. 5-28, 2018

Mary Ann Stafford will be teaching "The Basic Drawing Techniques" class at the Maumelle Center on the Lake beginning September 12 is filling up quickly -- only three spots left. Call the Center at 501-851-4344 if interested

Three Artists—Three Visions

Charlotte Rierson—(Emphasis Texture)

Judith Beale—(Emphasis Line)

Sandra Marson—(Emphasis Color)

Art Exhibit

OPENING RECEPTION

Location: Argenta Gallery—Laman Library

420 Main Street, North Little Rock, AR

Date & Time: Sept. 21, 2018 5-8 p.m.

Exhibit runs from Sept. 18 through Oct. 13, 2018



Charlotte Rierson's
watercolor: "If
These Trees Could
Talk"

Three Artists—Three Visions



Sandra Marson's
watercolor "Purple
Passion"

Judith Beale's ink
drawing "Barlach's
Angles, Edges &
Emotions"

