



Western Colorado Watercolor Society

June 2014 newsletter

June 11th Meeting
Glenwood Springs
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1360 Grant Avenue
Light lunch at 12 noon



Program: Portrait-Figure in watercolor Demonstration by Jane Sutton Seglem

Jane holds a Bachelor of Arts from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of Creative Arts in Therapy from Drexel University (Philadelphia). She was a watercolor instructor at Colorado Mountain College for many years and has led watercolor and pen and ink workshops for both the Glenwood Springs and Montrose Art Guilds. Jane has participated in workshops with Skip Lawrence, George James, John Salminen, Don Andrews and Gerald Fritzler. She has received many awards in both watercolor and drawing in Pennsylvania and Colorado. Jane has been featured as Artist of the Month at Main Street Gallery and at 809 Gallery in Glenwood Springs.

Artist Statement:

"I was fortunate to have a family that allowed me to stop taking piano lessons, much to everyone's relief, and take art lessons instead. I began to enjoy using watercolors when joining an art group in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. But for many years my professional career as an art therapist took precedence over painting for pleasure. After moving to Colorado, I was able to resume my art work. I have attempted to capture and communicate both the strength and the gentleness of the environment in which we live. In addition to painting en plein air, drawing and painting the figure with a group of like-minded artists is my favorite thing to do."

President's Message

We are just entering that wonderful Spring season when for WCWS, we have just completed a very successful Annual Exhibition at the Art Center in Grand Junction. We now are ready to have lots of fun at our yearly meeting in Glenwood Springs, at 12 noon, Wed. June 11th, to enjoy their delicious luncheon and a good program at the Lutheran Church. Jane Seglem will be demoing a figure or portrait in watercolor for us. I'm sure you will not want to miss it.

It's time to relax a bit and then begin all over again to prepare the prospectus for our 25th Rockies West Exhibition in March of 2015, with our new Juror and Work Shop Instructor, Fealing Lin.

I look forward to seeing all of our regional members and their guests in Glenwood. Mark your calendar NOW (June 11th), invite a friend and plan to carpool to save gas and enjoy more fellowship.

*Cordially,
Virginia Blackstock*

From the Membership Chair

Our current membership year ends June 30. Membership renewal envelopes will be mailed this month. Dues for our fiscal year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 are due July 1.

Currently we have 130 members, including 79 signature, master signature, honorary or life members.

Please welcome new members:
DeAnn McDaniel from Ridgway, CO
Jodine Broscovak from Montrose, CO

Please welcome additional Signature Members:
Dworak, Kathleen from Clarence Center, New York
Lohnert, Rosemarie, Castle Rock, CO
Wright, Val from Naples, Florida

Please remove members from directory:
Cara Smith Stirn
Patricia Vivian



September 10 Meeting at Art Center, Grand Junction
November 12 Meeting in Montrose
December 1 Rockies West Nat'l Show entries due
December Christmas party at Vangie Hanson's in
Grand Junction(date and time TBD)
March 4, 5 & 6 Fealing Lin workshop

HELP WANTED

WCWS needs a publicity volunteer preferably with contacts in the Grand Junction area. If interested, please contact: Virginia Blackstock

Western Colorado Watercolor Society Member's Meeting April 19, 2014

Minutes

Board Members Attending - Dani Tupper, Vice President, Gayle Rupp, Treasurer, Susan Thiele, Membership, Loretta Casler, Newsletter Editor, and Virginia Blackstock, Member at Large.

Board Members Absent - Judy Chapman, Second Vice President and Darcy Johnson, Secretary

Meeting held at Dani Tupper's home in Delta.

- Dani Tupper opened the WCWS meeting by having everyone present introduce themselves. Dani welcomed two new members DeAnn McDaniel and Jodine

Broscovak.

- Dani reported that Darcy Johnson was unable to attend the meeting due to other obligations so Gayle took the notes for the minutes of the meeting.
- Gayle Rupp reported that the WCWS had \$3,846 in the Money Market account and \$754 in the business checking.
- Dani Tupper reported that the Rockies West National show was a success although the turn out for the workshop was low. We did not make additional income on the workshop because of the low numbers but we do usually have to use some funds from dues collected to fully fund the National show.
- Susan Thiele reported that the society has 125 members currently and with the additional two new members today, total membership would be 127. Susan would like to see more Colorado folks as members of the WCWS to help with participation in the organization. Many of our members maintain their memberships due to their Signature Membership or Master Membership status and, consequently, many of those members are from other states.
- Dani reported that she had been gathering all of the information together that the next Chairmen of the National Show would need to put on the next national show. The Prospectus will need to be prepared in June. Dani is planning on having a meeting with next year's Chairmen and our officers when she turns over this information to the new Chairmen.
- Dani then asked all of the members present if they wanted to hold a member show this year. Artist Haven would be a possible venue for the member show. We have previously held the member show at the Creamery in Hotchkiss and the Apple Shed gallery. Susan asked whether this was for members to display their work or to garner sales. Dani felt that the member show provides an opportunity for members that are not quite ready to show their work in the national show. We could have the member show on November 1st to possibly garner Christmas sales.
- Loretta Casler then offered to host a plein air outing at her home near Ridgway. Mt. Sneffels can be viewed from her back deck. June, July and September are good months to do that.
- Dani then asked for a few members to display their work in the gift shop at the Art Center in May and June. Wanda Brunemeier, Susan Thiele and Sherry Polcyn agreed to provide paintings.
- The Election of Officers was then held. Dani explained that Virginia Blackstock had been nominated for the Office of President, Dani Tupper will remain as Vice President, Darcy Johnson will stay on as Secretary, Gayle Rupp will remain as Treasurer, Susan Thiele will continue as Membership Chairman, and Helen Stenmark will continue in the Hospitality role of lining up hosts and hostesses of the meetings. Loretta Casler, Judy Chapman, Roger Milway will also be board members. Ann Knudsen made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by Dani, Loretta Casler seconded her motion and this slate of officers was then elected unanimously.
- Virginia Blackstock then asked if arrangements had been made with the Art Center for the next National Show and Dani said they had not and that as President Virginia would need to do that. Dani would get a copy of the previous contract to Virginia.
- Paintings that were brought by members were then viewed.



Virginia Blackstock won 1st place watercolor award at the Delta Fine Arts Exhibit

ROCKIES WEST NATIONAL 2015

The WCWS officers and Show Chairs met to get the ball rolling for the national exhibition. Dani Tupper had CDs for Show chairs, Judy Chapman and Roger Milway with all the information they need to plan and execute the show. The ads in National Art magazines and online and getting the prospectus updated and printed are the first to accomplish. Virginia Blackstock is working with the Art Center to finalize the contract for the gallery space, workshop and reception.

Rockies West National 2015 will again be in March with the entries due by December 1, 2014. You will notice on the prospectus a few changes: 1. The Awards have been refigured and Best Colorado Artist has been renamed Outstanding Colorado Artist. 2. The required size of the image sent by email or on a CD has been clarified by listing the required pixels on the longest side. 3. We have reworded some other items to make the meaning more clear. So be sure to read the prospectus when you receive it.

We encourage all our members to enter and support the show. Remember you have until December 1 to get that painting ready!



FEALING LIN 2015 JUROR AND WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR

Award-winning watercolorist, Fealing Lin of San Marino, California, was born in Taiwan and began her journey into artistic expression as a protégé of renown professor Ching-Jung chen, then pursuing her career in the United States with watercolorist and senior art historian professor Verna Wells.

With a fluidity of colors Ms. Lin combines impressionistic strokes and Semi-abstract techniques to elicit life and movement in her portrait and landscape paintings. William Blackshaw, President of the Royal Watercolor Society of England stated “Fealing Lin paints poems that vibrate with light and color. . . Long may she continue to delight the eye and move the spirit.”

More about Ms. Lin in future newsletters. This will be a great workshop So sign up early by emailing Dani Tupper at kdtup@msn.com – put Workshop On subject line. Members price will be \$225.00 – Members have priority so sign up now before the prospectus is distributed.

VICTOR PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP July 24 - 27

To register: Phone Dani Tupper 970 209-6487 or email:kdtup@msn.com

Depart Delta July 24 at 8 am- drive to Victor - Paint in afternoon
Check in Hotel St. Nicholas, 303 N. Third St., Cripple Creek CO.
Hot Tub, dry Sauna, Continental Breakfast
July 25 -26 Plein Air Workshop -Victor. Meet in park classroom 9 a.m.

Plein air - sketches, painting & photographing 9 am to 12 noon.
12 - 1 pm. Lunch. 1 to 4 pm Develop painting from morning sketches and color studies. Dani will demo and give individual help.
July 27 Paint in Cripple Creek in morning or leave for Delta. Stop in mtns. to paint and have lunch.
Price: \$300. Includes transportation, lodging, continental breakfast, picnic lunches.
Butte theater - Guys and Dolls on Saturday evening \$18.

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