

Dixie Watercolor Society Newsletter March - April 2014

Presidents Message

Congratulations to all the fine effort that was put into our Spring Sale & Exhibit!! I think it was possibly our best show ever! Kudos to Daphne who spearheaded it all. Thank you so much. The painting judged "Best in Show, by Karen Bettilyon, was sold! Congratulations to both the painter and the buyer!!

Special thanks to Lola Krummenacher for the outstanding presentation she gave at our last Membership Meeting!! I always learn something new whenever I have the chance to see her in action. I recommend all of her workshops and classes. Don't miss them.

We are very close to having a second "Judging Division" for our Shows. In addition to our three Signature Members, there are six who are within from 2 to 5 points of reaching that goal (as well as a good number nipping at their heels). We will start judging at six members. Please take the opportunity to exhibit (and try for more points) at the ReMax Gallery (show coming up! March 10th to April 14th)

We will notify you very soon about the Theme of our Fall Show.

The date and place for the Plein Aire Group is coming soon, as well. Can't wait to begin – this weather we've been having gets me so ready to get out there and paint – how about you?

Since our next General Membership Meeting falls during Kristi's Workshop, the workshop will close early enough for those attending it to make it to the Meeting at 5:00.

WELCOME to the many new members that have recently joined us. If any of you would care to participate in a volunteer capacity, please call me. (435-671-2939)

Love,

Karen

DWS Signature Status

John Mangels is the most recent member to reach DWS signature status. He earned this honor by gaining a variety of ribbons in DWS, Zion Staircase and ReMax shows. He joins Glenda Caskey and Paula Wadsworth as the DWS signature members. Thus far 29 members have earned signature points and 6 members are within 5 points of earning signature status.

Monthly Meetings

The monthly meetings will be held at the **St. George Senior Center** on the last Thursday of the month beginning with a social at **4:45** and the meeting at **5:00 PM**. **Please note the location, day and time.**

Carol Wenz, a new member of DWS, has agreed to demonstrate her silk painting techniques in our April 24 meeting. Carol comes to us from Tiger, Washington. You can see examples of her work and an artist statement at the website of River Ridge Association of Fine Arts in Spokane Washington.

http://www.spokanerrafa.com/Carol-Wenz.html

2014 Workshops

The 2014 workshops are:

- **Kristi Grussendorf** from March 24 to 28, 2014. Price: \$270 (members) / \$305 (non-members) for 5 days.
- Roland Lee from May 19 to 20, 2014. Price \$100 (members) / \$135 (non-members) for 2 days.

Please contact Michelle (<u>manriquez.wc@gmail.com</u>) or go to our website for more details about these workshops.

2014 Spring Show

The Dixie Watercolor Society is proud to announce the winners of its 2014 Spring Show with the theme "The Heart of Art – Artist Choice". Twenty Seven artists submitted 41 paintings to the show. Noted artist, Ian Ramsey judged the exhibition.

Best of Show – Karen Bettilyon for "Autumn Harvest" First Place – Chris Englund for "Bear" Second Place – Michelle Manriquez for "Yellow Buffalo" Third Place – Mary Grow for "Purple Hollyhocks"

Honorable Mention:

John Mangels for "Pathway to Serenity" Bill Sherwin for "Lake Powell No. 8" Myron Laub for "East of Leeds" Daphne Schroth for "Mountain Poppies Rick Kinateder for "Winter in Zion" Lisa Huber for "Sunset on 89"

Go to http://www.dixiewatercolorsociety.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=15403480 to view the paintings.

The DWS 2014 Spring Show reception was held on Saturday, February 15th. The following are some photos of that event.



The show winners



Mike at the beautiful buffet table. The food was donated by local merchants.













Best of Show Winner – Karen Bettilyon



First Place Winner – Chris Englund



Flute Players – Bob Rhees and Chris Orevac

Thanks to Daphne and her team for a wonderful

Other Show News

The Zion Staircase Gallery will be closed until summer 2014 due to renovations in the bank. The schedule for 2014 will be posted when it is announced later in the year.

The ReMax Fine Art Gallery of St. George is pleased to announce its 2014 Show Schedule:

March 10- Apr 14th- People and Animals April 14th- May 12th - Photography May 12th- June 9- Western June 9th- July 14th- Summer Days July 14th- Aug 11th- Flowers and Still Life Aug 11th- Sept 8th- A Little Bit of Red Sept 8th- Oct 13th- National and State Parks Oct 13th- Nov 10th- Southwest Flavor Nov 10th- Dec 8th- Memories Dec 8th- Jan 12th- Spirit of the Holidays

Contact Jordann at jobrien129@gmail.com for more information.

Plein Air Painting Group

There are no plein air events currently planned.

Critique Groups

A critique group is a means where artists can have their art reviewed by their piers (other artists) in a constructive manner that will help the artist improve their painting but also serve as a teaching tool that everyone in the group can benefit from. DWS is proud that this successful effort has been underway for three years and is one the cornerstones of our educational program.

The 2012 / 2013 critique groups are being held monthly at the following times:

First Tuesday of the month – contact John at <u>johnmangels@msn.com</u> for information. First Thursday of the month – contact Annie at <u>abba@bajabb.com</u> for information. First Saturday of the month – contact Michelle at <u>manriquez.wc@gmail.com</u> for information.

You may attend more than one group if you wish. Try them all to find the one that most fits your needs.

DWS Website

The DWS website is www.dixiewatercolorsociety.com.

The site contains all key society governing documents, an updated calendar showing all the society functions for the year, a gallery of all the paintings from shows over the past 4 years and most importantly each member can have their own web page to highlight their art.

Contact John Mangels to set up your member home page and to submit new photos of your art work for your gallery page.

We're on Face Book

The Face Book page is a public page. Anyone who is on FB can "like" it or see it. Anyone can comment on it, post links, post photos, tag photos that are put on it. Here is the link https://www.facebook.com/DixieWatercolorSocietyStGeorgeUtah.

Timely Communications

This newsletter is a summary of the events that have happened and provides a summary of events that will be happening.

More complete information can be found on our website, www.dixiewatercolorsociety.com.

Information will also be supplied to members using email. Therefore it is critically important that your membership form be filled out with accurate information, especially email address and phone numbers.

DWS Newsletter editor - John Mangels
