



# **Dixie Watercolor Society**

## **Newsletter**

### **May - June 2013**

## **Presidents Message**

### President's Message

I feel very pleased and happy about this past year. Our Shows have been top quality, the public awareness of our art has been increased, our Membership has grown to 70 members (!), and in spite of a few errors, we can feel proud that we are in such a 'good place'.

The opportunities to improve and grow even more keep presenting themselves. We have ALL (as members of the DWS), joined with the Southern Utah Art Guild (SUAG) in an act of 'solidarity'. While we still maintain our anonymity as a group, we stand united with our fellow artists under the “umbrella” of the SUAG. This will allow us to better coordinate events, unite in some events, share advertising sites (Face Book, etc.), and increase our “presence” in the Community as area artists.

Our relocation for Meetings and Workshops has gone well. We are grateful for the generous gift from ARTe', to use their facilities. (415 South Dixie Drive) What a relief! There are very few available spaces that could accommodate us so well. Thank you! (They just happen to be very good framers, as well.)

We had pretty good response to our Survey. We assumed that those who did not respond are OK with how things are. The conclusions are as follows:

1) We will simplify our Show Instructions and Registration system. The Membership Meeting immediately before the Show will include an Orientation for show participants following the Meeting. The length of the shows will be determined individually, for each event. Our “Themes” will be broader, making it easier to have a variety of subjects.

2) As often as possible, our Shows will be exhibited in two divisions – one division to be judged and where points toward Signature Status can be earned, and a second division for Members who wish to show watercolor paintings, unrelated to the Theme with no size and time restrictions, and will NOT be judged. This second division will be exhibited inside the Re/Max Fine Art Gallery, and will require no “sitting” time. Both divisions will charge an entry fee (yet to be determined) . (The ReMax Gallery is in immediate proximity to the Main Street Plaza Foyer, where the Judged Exhibit will be displayed.) We will continue to use the Points System, and are seeking ways to speed up the accrual process.

We will present a Financial Summary and “State of the Society” Summary at our last Fiscal Meeting, May 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Social before the Meeting, beginning at 5:30. (Meeting begins at 6:00)

We are taking nominations for Standing Board Members (3), to be elected by the General Membership. After we have a list of nominees, we will email a Ballot, for your vote, and announce the winner via email as well.

This business will be condensed in consideration of our Guest Demonstrator, AL ROUNDS. (!) Don't miss it! He is one of our States finest Watercolor Artists.

Membership dues for the next Fiscal year will be accepted between May and September (The Deadline 9-30-2013) The Board voted for a slight increase - now \$35 for individual membership, and \$45 for a couple's membership. This includes the membership fee to the SUAG.

Look for announcements of still more upcoming events.

Karen

## **We are No Longer Homeless**

We are no longer homeless! Our new home is at the **Arte' Gallery on 415 S. Dixie Drive in St. George**. Thanks to Phil and Brenda Moulton for the use of the space.

## Monthly Meetings

The final meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, when Al Rounds will give the demonstration. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a social and the meeting will begin at 6 PM. In addition to the demonstration, we will have a treasurer's report and the election of 3 new board members. The meeting will be at the Arte' Gallery.

## 2013 Workshops

Tina Jurick will be presenting a Plein-aire class on **Oct 8 thru 11, 2013**



Go to <http://www.jurick-art.com/index.php4?lang=uk> or <http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/kristina-jurick.html> to see her work.

**Cost:** \$250 Members for 4 days  
\$280 Non-members

**Date:** Oct 8th thru 11th, 2013

**Time:** 9-4pm

**Where:** Outside locations to be determined

**Registration by:** Email to Michelle Manriquez at [WCbyManriquez@aol.com](mailto:WCbyManriquez@aol.com) or call Michelle at 435-627-0994 . Send a check by **June 1st, 2013** to reserve your spot to "Dixie Watercolor Society", PO Box 1127, St George, UT 84771

## Fall Show

The Fall 2013 show will be held in October and will run concurrently with the Senior Games. The theme of the show will be “A Touch of Blue”. Get painting!!

## Plein Air Painting Group



The April plein air painting session was held in Snow Canyon. The picture shows Roland painting and Myron lounging on the warm rocks enjoying the beautiful day – temperature in the 40’s with a strong north wind. A truly wonderful day for painting!

Watch you email for the next plein air get together which will be in mid to late May.

As always, your suggestions and comments are encouraged.

## Critique Groups

A critique group is a means where artists can have their art reviewed by their peers (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 of 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 [johnmangels@msn.com](mailto:johnmangels@msn.com) for information.

First Thursday of the month – contact Annie at [abba@bajabb.com](mailto:abba@bajabb.com) for information.

First Saturday of the month – contact Michelle at [wbymanriquez@aol.com](mailto:wbymanriquez@aol.com) for information.

You may attend more than one group if you wish.

## DWS Website

The DWS website has been redesigned to have a new look that corresponds to our new name. However all the information remains unchanged. The website can be addressed using [www.dixiewatercolorsociety.com](http://www.dixiewatercolorsociety.com) or the old address [www.suwatercolorsociety.webs.com](http://www.suwatercolorsociety.webs.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 show over the past 3 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](http://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

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