



Dixie Watercolor Society Newsletter November – December 2013

Presidents Message

We're still trying to get "it" right. I really appreciate all of the suggestions from our Members. I love being a part of this creative group!

First change - We met at the Senior Citizens Center in the 31st of October, to try out a new location to hold out meetings (Thanks to the research done by Dick Rose - thank you Dick) it was LOVELY! It requires us to move our Meeting day to Thursday, and our times to change a bit: Board Meeting at 3:45, Social Mixer at 4:45, and Membership Meeting at 5:30. Next Meeting THURSDAY, November 21st at the previously listed times. Then NO Meetings in December BUT we will have a enjoyable Christmas Party (See Dick's Article). Plan to attend Meetings at the Senior Citizens Center until notified differently.

At our board meeting, after extensive consideration, we decided to include only four shows in which points for Signature membership can be accumulated by our Members. They are:

1. DWS Spring & Fall Shows & Competitions.
2. Stairway Gallery Shows.
3. ReMax Shows.
4. Dixie Invitational Show.

While some of these Shows include other media, only prizes won with Transparent Watercolors by our Members will be counted toward Signature Points.

Also, a Member may submit to these "outside" shows, a painting that was not a recipient of an award in any other Show. The County Fair and Mesquite Shows are not considered valid for our purpose.

Our goal is to accumulate SIX Signature Members before that will become a second category for judging. Until then, our "Pioneer" Signature Members will show, but not be judge & any points will not count for them. Please be patient 'til then.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Karen

Christmas Party

The 2013 annual DWS Christmas Party will be held on December 13th at 5 PM. There will be a pot luck dinner (please bring a dish to pass), a show and tell of original Christmas cards created by our group and a fun gift exchange (everyone bring a small gift to share). Spouses are welcome. The party will be held in Barbara's beautiful home in Hurricane. Save the date – this party is the premier event of the year. Additional details will be emailed to you.

Some memories from last year's party:





Join us to enjoy the spirit of the season with you painting friends. This is a great way for new members to get to meet new friends.

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 **5:30 PM**. **Please note the new location, day and time.**

The November meeting will be on November 21st. There will be no meeting in December. Rather we will have our annual Christmas party on December 13th.

DWS Signature Status

Congratulations to **Paula Wadsworth** for becoming the second member to earn DWS signature status. She accomplished this by winning Best of Show in the Fall 2013 and Spring 2013 DWS shows.

The board reviewed the shows eligible for DWS signature points and determined that the following shows are eligible for earning points toward signature status:

- DWS Fall and Spring Show
- Zion Bank / Staircase Gallery Shows
- ReMax Fine Art Gallery
- Sears Invitational (August)

The shows must be juried (judged) and points can be earned for watercolor paintings only.

Points are awarded as follows:

Best of Show – 15 points
First Place – 10 points
Second Place – 5 points
Third Place – 3 points
Honorable Mention – 1 point

Please notify John Mangels at johnmangels@msn.com if you have won an award at any of these shows going forward from this point.

An accounting of the point totals to date will be emailed to DWS members.

2014 Workshops

The 2014 workshops are:

- **Ian Ramsey** from February 10 and 11th. Price: \$100 (members) / \$135 (non-members) for 2 days.
- **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)

Go to our website for more details about these workshops.

These workshops are both fun and educational. Some photos from Tina Jurick's plein air workshop are:



Summer to winter in 3 short days



Isabel – “I am so ready to plein air paint...”

Fall Show

The **2013 DWS Fall Show and Competition** show was held from October 8th to October 19th and ran concurrently with the Senior Games. The theme of the show was “A Touch of Blue”. The winners were:

Best of Show – Paula Wadsworth for “Sonata in Blue”

First Place - John Mangels for “P-Town Pier”

Second Place – Myron Laub for “Blue Sage”

Third Place - Karen March for “Chores”

Honorable Mention to

L’Dean Trueblood for “Snow Ptarmigans”

Gail Alger for “Blue Hawaii”

Bill Sherwin for “Spider Rock in Canyon deChelly”

Lisa Huber for “Zion Rock with a Touch of Blue”

Some of the winners with their paintings:



Myron and Lisa



Karen



John

Spring 2014 Show

Yes it is time to think about the next DWS show!

Daphne Schroth has been asked to lead the show team for this event. She is looking for volunteers to help her organize and run this show. Please contact Daphne (2schroth@comcast.net) to volunteer for her team.

Plein Air Painting Group

We are looking for a new plein air painting leader. Contact Karen if you are interested in serving in this post.

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 for information.

First Thursday of the month – contact Annie at abba@bajabb.com for information.

First Saturday of the month – contact Michelle at wbymanriquez@aol.com for information.

You may attend more than one group if you wish.

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
