



Dixie Watercolor Society Newsletter September - October 2013

Presidents Message

Another exciting year is about to begin with our Membership Drive, September 26th at Arte' Gallery & Framing, beginning with a 5:30 Social. We have a surprise demonstrator. Please invite your painting friends (& remember to pay your dues, as well :-). Our Board is strong and excited to get underway!

Don't forget Tina Jurick's Workshop the first week in October AS WELL AS our Fall Show & Competition. By popular demand, our Fall show will extend into the Re/Max Gallery for all members who wish to display their work, but do not wish to be in the Competition. That Show has NO Theme requirements to follow, NO size limits or not date requirements, and NO "sitting time" required. BUT we do want Transparent Watercolors in *both* shows. Both shows will offer work for sale.

The DWS's goal to preserve Transparent Watercolors, improves with every new member and supporter we gain. Our Membership Rolls are increasing and the City of St George has extended its support, one more time, in the form of a Grant; this time to assist us in purchasing top quality lighting for our Shows. They not only will improve our displays, but offer us some real flexibility as to where we can exhibit.

Please check out our 2013-2014 Fiscal Calendar. There is a lot happening and still a lot to be added. This can be found on our web site, www.dixiewatercolorsociety.com.

I'd like to extend an invitation to all of you to add your support by volunteering to help with our activities. Please contact me and we will find just the right spot for you. (215-1659)

Congratulations to our **FIRST Signature Member**, Glenda Caskey!! You certainly deserve it, Glenda! We are listing all the shows we can find out about in our area for you all to consider entering. An Asterisk besides the listing will indicate which of those Shows the DWS will credit winnings toward Signature Membership Points. Let us know of anything you would like us to consider.

Happy painting,
Karen

Monthly Meetings

The first meeting of the year will on Wednesday, September 25th. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a social and the meeting will begin at 6 PM. The meeting will be at the Arte' Gallery.

DWS Signature Status

Congratulations to **Glenda Caskey** for becoming the first DWS member to earn DWS signature status. She accomplished this honor by winning first place at the May 2013 Staircase Gallery show, a first and second place at the July 2013 Staircase Gallery show and a first place at the 2013 Washington County Fair.

In May, and again in August, the DWS Board eased the requirements for obtaining signature status by adding more shows where DWS members can earn points toward signature status. These actions were done in response to members concerns voiced in the survey conducted in the spring of this year. The following shows are now eligible for earning points toward signature status:

- DWS Fall and Spring Show
- Zion Bank / Staircase Gallery Shows (May)
- Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery Shows (August)
- Washington County Fair (August)
- 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

The ReMax Fine Art Gallery also has monthly shows open to “all media”. These shows are not juried (judged) and therefore not eligible for DWS signature points. We hope that will change in the future.

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.

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 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

The 2014 workshops are:

AI Rounds from January 22 to 24, 2014.
Price: \$125 for 3 days.

Kristi Grussendorf from March 24 to 28, 2014.
Price: \$270 for 5 days.

Go to our website for more details about these workshops.

Fall Show

The **2013 DWS Fall Show and Competition** show will be held from October 8th to October 19th and will run concurrently with the Senior Games. The theme of the show will be “A Touch of Blue”. This will be a juried show, with points going toward DWS signature status. The show will be held in the main lobby of the “ReMax” building in St. George.

Members may enter two (2) quarter sheet watercolor paintings or one (1) half sheet painting. The entry fees are \$10 for each ¼ sheet painting or \$20 for each ½ sheet painting.

A second, non-juried show will be held concurrently in the ReMax Fine Art Gallery. This show will run from October 7th to November 1st. Contact Jordann at jobrien@gmail.com for more information on this show. There is no theme for this exhibition show.

Plein Air Painting Group

Myron Laub has resigned from leading the plein air painting group. Thank you, Myron, for your hard work with this fun event.

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 show 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
