

Dixie Watercolor Society Newsletter January – February 2014

Presidents Message

As a new year unfolds, we look forward to continued growth and fellowshipping in our Society.

With our Spring Show & Competition coming up in February, we will continue to expand our DWS Signature Members. I hope everyone will submit their favorite paintings! (Don't forget the ReMax Shows as well!)

Remember, while we enjoy the membership of several outstanding professional artists, we are, for the most part, a group of amateur artists. Our group focus is to preserve the fine art of Transparent Watercolors and to continue to grow and improve individually.

Please join in, in the Spirit of Fun. Remember, one of the reasons to build up the Signature Membership is to have it become a 'separate category' and help us intermediate painters be more comfortable, exhibiting at a less difficult level.

The upcoming Workshops will be SO much fun! Don't miss out! Michelle Manriquez has graciously offered the use of her Studio for the Workshops, and I think we will be more comfortable holding them there. Thanks, Michelle!

There will be only five more meetings (& demonstrations) left in this fiscal year. Lisa has some excellent demos lined up!

Our Plein Air group will resume as soon as the weather improves. Our new Leader is Mary Jane Grow.

Was it Superman or Mighty Mouse who said "Onward and upward!"? Well, anyway, let's do that.

Love,

Karen

Christmas Party

The Christmas party was held in early December and a great time was had by all who attended. Thanks to Barbara for the use of her beautiful home.





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.**

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)

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 announces its spring 2014 transparent watercolor show with the theme, "Heart of Art." Submissions are the artist's choice.

This is a chance for transparent watercolor artists to open their hearts and show their favorite paintings in time for Valentine's Day, as the show will run from Feb. 10 through Feb. 22 at the North Main Street Plaza lobby, just north of the ReMax Realty office.

Registration is open from Jan. 8 until Feb. 10 and can be done online at the Dixie Watercolor Society's website: www.dixiewatercolorsociety.com. All artists are strongly encourage to register on-line before February 10th.

The DWS is limiting the number of entries for this show to 45 paintings. Entries are limited to one per person. There is a fee of \$15 per entry - one entry at 15"x22" or two smaller entries at 11"x15".

The show will be juried and prizes will be awarded.

A reception and awards presentation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 15. Refreshments will be served.

For those who enjoy transparent watercolor art, please come and participate in the DWS spring show.

Details:

Theme:

The Heart of Art/Artist Choice

Medium:

Transparent Watercolor

Dates:

Monday, February 10, 2013 through Friday, February 21, 2013 10:00am – 5:00 pm

• Set up time/date: Monday, February 10, 10:00am-12:00 noon

• Artist drop off Monday, February 10, 1:00-5:00pm

Take down time/date: Saturday, February 22, 12:00 noon – 2:00pm
 Artist pick-up Saturday, February 22, 10:00-12:00 pm

Registration:

• Registration will take place on line and on the first day of the show. Michelle would prefer that everyone register on line. DWS will limit the number of entries in the show to 45 paintings.

• Registration Dates: January 27-February 10, 2014

• Registration Fees: \$15

• Entries per participant are limited to one ½ sheet or two, ¼ sheets.

Reception and Awards:

Saturday, February 15, 2014, 6:00-8:00PM

Please contact Daphne Schroth (daphneschroth@gmail.com) for more information.

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:

Jan 13th-Feb 10th - Plein Air
Feb 10th-March 10th - Feature Artist-Rick Kinateder
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 manriquez.wc@gmail.com for information.

You may attend more than one group if you wish.

About Our Future Artists

DHHS STUDENTS SHINE AT "ART ON CEDAR MOUNTAIN" COMPETITION

Move over Bob Ross. Twelve Desert Hills High and Middle School art students are taking landscape art to the next level. They recently competed in the "Art on Cedar Mountain" competition led by instructors Jerilynn Shakespeare and Ken Pollock. Students arrived at the competition with favorite paints, brushes, and/or pencils in hand. After viewing a demonstration from a guest artist, they were given 2-3 hours to absorb the beauty that surrounded them and create a nature scene on canvas. Competition was stiff with students from Beaver South in attendance but Desert Hills thundered through the crisp mountain air to bring home Honorable Mentions for works by DHHS seniors Miranda Adamson and Michelle Cole. Two middle school students also received Honorable Mentions. Kaylee Fordham, junior at DHHS, took the top honor of the day. Her work was judged "Best in Show," earning her a \$25 prize and trophy.



This article was submitted by Connie Spilker who is the public relations representative from Desert Hills High School PTSA. Her mission is to inform the public about different areas of academics or programs at DHHS.

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
