

## **October General Meeting News**

October 12, 2020 4pm via Zoom

President Kay presided and offered the following news items before introducing Don Andrews, the November Premier Workshop instructor.

"Our intern, Jaquelee, under the guidance of Judy Constantine, produced a beautiful video of the SAWG Collection. The Collection is a group of over 40 paintings that live in our climate-controlled storage unit that rarely get to see the light of day. Now on the website, you can watch the 6+ minute video to view all the paintings donated over the years from our illustrious workshop instructors, including one from Don Andrews in 2008. The last third of the video displays the paintings that were donated by founding members and are for sale. Look under the News & Events tab to watch the video.

If we were at St Francis church this evening, we would be applauding all the work that was accomplished this summer by untiring SAWG volunteers. We have virtual Premier workshops, we have virtual gallery classes, of which I continue to hear great comments, and we have been exposed to all the watercolor societies across the country due to our Marketing group. Thank you, Nancy McCluskey-Moore for opening those doors. We also now have a fundraising committee, speaking of which, if we were at the church, Bev would be selling the remaining 15 Jim Click raffle tickets for a chance to win a new Jeep Cherokee, but you can still buy them on the website, and we will get more if needed

Also, if we were at the church, I would be asking all these dedicated members to stand up and ask you to give them a round of applause. This core team has worked so hard this summer to keep the Guild healthy and vibrant. Despite all the personnel changes, despite COVID, despite a closed gallery since April, SAWG is alive and well with lots of things to look forward to. I also want to put in a plug for our new January show called "Lasting Impressions." We wanted ALL members to have another juried point show in which to participate. After consulting with long-time Signature members and receiving their blessing, we agreed to move the Signature show to April and subsequently the Experimental Show to May in 2021."