Entering a SAWG Show - 101

Are you thinking about entering a SAWG show? What do you do first? We hope to simplify the process for you and encourage you to paint, so you build confidence in yourself and your art and support the SAWG Gallery! You may want to print this article for easy reference.

Important First Steps: Before you submit your entry...a few things to do!

- **Check out our website:** It is your go-to place for up-to-date information on all SAWG events and forms. No computer? Visit the library or a friend with a computer or stop by the gallery to pick up printed information. Feel free to call any board member and ask them to print and mail you any forms you need.
- **Review the Current SAWG Show Schedule**: There are ten annual shows planned for the year, four of them are Point Shows, *Color My World, Lasting Impressions, Annual Show* and the *Fiesta Sonora* show. For more information on point shows and member levels go to SAWG Website.

Entering a Show:

1. **Entry Form**:

   - Entry Forms can be printed from the website, picked up at the Gallery or Online Registration can be made for all upcoming shows. Go to the show you wish to enter for online registration or print an entry form.
   - To mail in your entry, fill out your form, attach the entry fee check made out to SAWG and in memo section on check add name of show you are entering. Mail entry form and check to SAWG, address is on entry form. Please add "Attention – name of the show" you are entering on the envelope.
   - For Online registration remember after you fill out the entry form that you still have step two and need to process the payment.
   - If you have questions, contact the VP of Shows at shows@southernazwatercolorguild.com or the Show Chair(s).

2. **The JPG:**

   - On SAWG website "Show Resources" page there are instructions on how to prepare a jpg file from a photo of your work, quick requirements are 300 dpi, 1800 pixels on longest side and file size saved to less than 2Mb, Preparing Images for SAWG Shows and Preparing JPGs Using Photoshop Elements. With Online entry you can "Link" your jpg or Email the jpg files of your entries to the image archivist at images@southernazwatercolorguild.com make sure to follow the naming protocol explained in the SAWG Show Policy. Do not

include the frame or mat in your picture, just the image! One word of caution here: once you email your jpg(s) STOP PAINTING ON YOUR PICTURE! Go frame it or glaze it - whatever it is you do. At the check-in for the show your artwork will be compared to the image you submitted, and they must match!

3. **Remember there are three things that are required for the completion of your show entry.**

   - Entry form completed and received by due date.
   - Full payment for entry by due date.
   - Jpg files received by Image Archivist by due date.