

Sketchbook

Happy New Year!

JANUARY 2022



All images from the NEW Lasting Impressions Show!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Jan. 10
Social 6:30pm
Meeting 7pm
St. Francis Church
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January General Meeting

A New Year and Our First Meeting of 2022!

Who: Dan Wiemer, our workshop instructor for January, will be giving us a demonstration.

What: Come early, buy your raffle tickets, have a snack and visit with art colleagues. General Meeting followed by Dan's demo.

When: January 10, 2022, 6:30 pm

Where: St. Francis in the Foothills Church, 4625 E. River Road

Find a friend and carpool so you can join us.

Submitted by — Kay Sullivan

Clip and Save! MEETING SCHEDULE

January 10	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Dan Wiemer, Artist Demo
February 14	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Randy Hale, Artist Demo
March 14	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Steve Griggs, Artist Demo
April 11	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	TBD
May 9	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Scholarship

2021 - 22 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
Dan Wiemer
Jan. 11-12, 13-14, 2022
Randy Hale
Feb. 15-16, 17-18, 2022
Steve Griggs
March 15-16, 17-18, 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am hoping that it will be happier and safer than 2021 but, I admit, it is worrisome with the new variant. We will be vigilant at the gallery but with so many of us vaccinated, it should be safe to carry on without another closure.



We need to figure out what you as members want from SAWG. Are we headed in the right direction? I will be forming a survey committee to prepare a short questionnaire so we can plan the future. We need to understand why are there so few entries for shows. Why is there so little traffic in the gallery? If we advertise, where should we spend those dollars?

On a good note, we applied for a grant with the Arizona Arts Foundation and will learn the week of January 25th if we will receive any funds. I want to personally thank Cindy Engquist, our new Fundraising/Grants Chair, for preparing the tedious application. It was very specific of what we could request with only three categories: artist fees, administrative and facilities. Therefore, we asked for funds to pay for our general meeting demonstrations (paying artists), funds for scholarships and supplies for our Intro to Watercolor classes (administrative) and funds for paying half of our rent (facilities.) Next month I will report the results. If we free up rent money, those funds can be used where they are needed most, perhaps publicity.

A thank you goes to Karyn Vampotic, who is heading up the nominating committee for SAWG this year. When you receive a call, please be ready to volunteer. See her article later in this newsletter for details of our needs. She is also hosting our new member event this year. Remember we had to do it via Zoom last year.

Please look at the article about past and recently deceased member Carolyn Kenney-Carter. (pg. 3) Carolyn's daughter donated 17 beautifully framed paintings to SAWG, including many matted originals. In January, we will use the Helen and Robert Jennette gallery to display these paintings for sale. The proceeds will benefit all aspects of the guild.

One last reminder: Western Fed deadline is soon! January 10th. Let's enter, get accepted and represent SAWG!

Have a safe 2022,
President Kay

Remember - To submit any articles for the Sketchbook to Sandy Walker, walkersj@cox.net. Deadline is ALWAYS the 15th of each month.

Gallery NEWS!!!

Hope everybody had a wonderful Holiday! December still is our busiest month for sales of artwork. Sales were good but still not at our pre-covid level of gallery visitation and sales.

Here's what's been happening in the month of December. We sold twenty-one original paintings: sixteen paintings from the Holiday Show, three paintings from the bins, two paintings from the wall rental, and six sets of cards.

Customer purchased pieces from Carmen Bubar, Margaret Erath, Terri Gay, Pat Inman, Loisanne Keller, Tad Lamb, Joanne Lustre, Kathy McLean, Pamela Prideaux, Sally Raduenzel, Brenda Rentfro, Barry Sapp, Carolyn Streed, Kay Sullivan, Paula Weech, and Bess Woodworth.

Don't forget to purchase your **SAWG Tote Bags**. All proceeds support our Scholarship program.

Congratulations to all our artists who sold pieces!

We LOVE seeing those red dots!

Submitted by — Sue Emer

NEW MEMBER EVENT

Everyone who has joined SAWG in the last two years is eligible to attend the Saturday, February 19th 10-12am New Member Event! Email invitations will go out this month, but if you know you'd like to get to know some of your fellow new(er) members and learn more about the benefits of membership in a fun morning, don't wait – only 24 spots open – email me at kvampotic@gmail.com to reserve your spot! It will be held in Classroom 50 on the St. Francis campus. Only requirement is that you want to have fun!.

A Tribute to Carolyn Kenney-Carter

Long-time Member, Gretchen Huff, a dear friend of past member, Carolyn Kenney-Carter, alerted us of Carolyn's passing this year due to surgery complications. Carolyn's daughter asked Gretchen if she thought SAWG would be interested in her mom's framed paintings. Gretchen approached us, and we decided that this would be a great way to show off the Jennette Gallery and benefit from the proceeds of selling Carolyn's work.

There are seventeen framed pieces and many bin pieces that will be available for sale beginning January 3rd when we hang the Lasting Impressions show. Those who are bringing paintings that day will get the first glance as these fine pieces of work. All are professionally matted and framed.

We have reduced the original prices so that the pieces are more affordable and not out of line with what we have in the rest of the gallery.

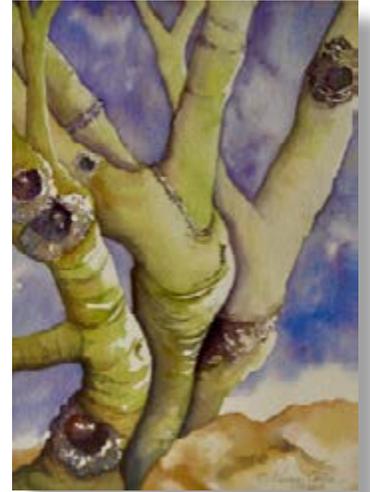
Here's a little bit about Carolyn (an excerpt from Gretchen Huff's email to SAWG)

Carolyn Kenney-Carter 1945-2021

Living in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, Carolyn was a winter visitor to Tucson where she enjoyed her involvement with SAWG, taking local workshops and classes in watercolor and enjoying our Tucson winter weather. She and her husband Richard kept a home here specifically for these winter visits. Carolyn was an avid cat lover, naming her art enterprises after her first beloved cat, "Ace the Wonder Cat". Thus "Wondercat Graphics" was created. Carolyn presented a veterinarian school scholarship each year to a candidate she selected. She and Richard were a publishing duo as she often did lovely illustrations for his books of poetry. Many of her friends did not know that she was also a talented musician with emphasis on the violin. Carolyn died far too young, and she and her beautiful watercolors will be greatly missed.

Carolyn was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and former artist for Milwaukee's natural history and art museums. She was a member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, the League of Milwaukee Artists, the Drawing Studio and a signature member of SAWG.

Submitted by — Kay Sullivan



ANOTHER PAIR OF EYES!

MEMBERS!! Do you want help in making one of your paintings better?

ANOTHER PAIR OF EYES (APOE)

can be the answer. Here's your opportunity to receive some suggestions from two Signature members on improving your art work.

Just sign up for one of the sessions at the SAWG Gallery
Second Saturday of each month until June
9 AM to 11AM
(Limited to 10 members)

First session - January 8, 2022

Robert & Helen Jennette Gallery
Please respond to jennette.05@comcast.net
520-818-4332 if you wish to be included.
Pertinent information will be given at that time.



Video Club News

Thank you to all who have attended the SAWG Video Club. We are suspending further meetings until more people feel comfortable attending in-person meetings. Please note that videos are still available for personal home viewing. Please see the website for further DVR checkout details.

Submitted by Kim Fernandez

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Looking for a few good Members....

Looking for perhaps a new member who would like to understand how the Guild works to be a voting member of the Board by taking down the Minutes beginning with the June meeting. The Board meets the first Monday of the month at 2pm in the Robert and Helen Jennette Gallery at the rear of our gallery. Be in the know and contribute your thoughts and ideas to continue making SAWG the vibrant art community for water media enthusiasts

Enjoy working with computers and generating reports that reflect the health of our organization? We need a candidate for Treasurer – learn now so you can slide right into the position on June 1st.

Tad Lamb and Kathy McLean have done a fabulous job as VP of Shows and VP of Shows Assistant this year! Tad will continue in this role next year, but Kathy may be moving out of state- no experience necessary to learn with Tad and Kathy how our shows are put together – we have a fabulous system and a new image archivist! Thank you, new member, Desiree De La Mater.

None of our open positions are rocket science but we need you for a successful launch for next year. If you know someone who would make a great president with help from the current and former presidents, let me know – if it's YOU, even better!!! Email me at kvampotic@gmail.com for interest in any position – even if you don't know what that might be yet. Plenty of opportunity for our new members to step up and become an integral part of our wonderful open community!

MORE WEBSITE NEWS

YOUR WORK featured on our wonderful SAWG website!

As a member, you can subscribe to **two** online programs to show your fabulous work.

"Featured Artist"

as many as 15 images for a minimum of 3 mos. @ \$30 + tax.

"Paintings/Prints"

as many as 15 images for a minimum of 3 mos. @\$15 + tax/

Anyone viewing the website can view your work as well as a bio and photo.

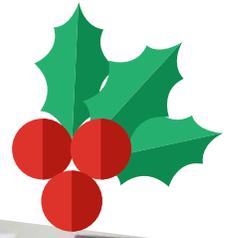
Subscribe by going to the "Members Only" section of the site. Web Rentals will give you all the procedures & information you need. This is an outstanding opportunity to display & sell your work while supporting SAWG.

Happy New Year to All!

Submitted by — Del Marinello

Now Showing!

HOLIDAY Show



December 7 - January 2

Reception...

We had our Holiday Show reception on December 9th. I am sad for those who missed it because the food, the non-alcoholic punch and the wine were all delicious. It was festively decorated by Kathy McLean, and folks dressed up for the occasion. The show looked beautiful, and new visitors came to see our new members' work. A big thank you to the other volunteers for helping the show Chairs (Kathy and me) get set up and cleaned up.

Unfortunately, only 27 folks came. Perhaps virus caution, driving in darkness or too much to do this time of year influenced the limited attendance but we had a lovely evening socializing without any business. It truly was a party.

Submitted by — Kay Sullivan



Congratulations
to Sue Emer, winner of the People's Choice Award for her painting, "Prince Mine", in the Color My World Show!



SAWG *Show Cards*
AVAILABLE at the gallery.

Drop by and pick up a few to pass out to your friends!

Upcoming Shows!

LASTING IMPRESSIONS SHOW



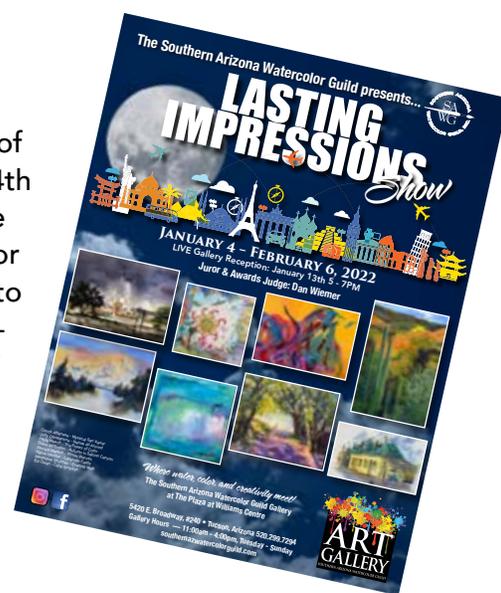
JANUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 6, 2022

In Gallery & Online

Juror and Awards Judge: Dan Wiemer

In Gallery Reception: January 13th 5-7PM

A new show for the new year... Lasting Impressions. Our first point show of 2022 is Lasting Impressions which opens in the SAWG Gallery on January 4th and runs through February 6th. Be sure to come and visit the show to see which of the many wonderful pieces were selected for this show by our juror and visiting workshop artist Dan Wiemer. While you are there, don't forget to cast your vote for the People's Choice Award. The reception for Lasting Impressions will be held live in the Gallery on Thursday, January 13th from 5-7 pm. This live event offers the opportunity to meet our judge in person and hear his insights during the awards presentation. Hope to see you there!



54th Annual Show

FEBRUARY 8 – MARCH 6, 2022

Deadline: January 21st

In Gallery & Online

Juror and Awards Judge: Randy Hale

In Gallery Reception: February 17th 5-7PM

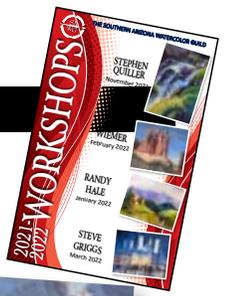


Our second point show of 2022 and our third point show of the season is the 54th Annual Show (my goodness are we really that old!) with visiting Premier Workshop Artist, Randy Hale serving as our juror and awards judge. Randy From Randy's website: "My work, and my entire approach to living emerged from a landscape which shaped a bigger-than-life way of thinking. Western art can be many things, but the soul of my work was born of those intuitive sensibilities that assure us anything-is-possible.

The deadline for entries and jpegs for the 54th Annual Show is January 21st.

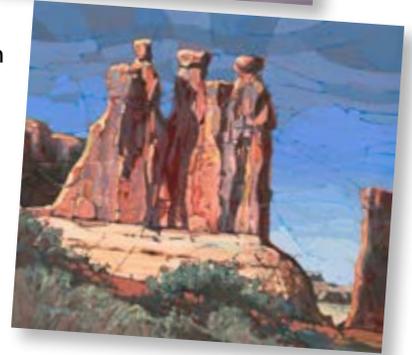
Submitted by — Tad Lamb

WIEMER! • HALE! • GRIGGS!



Workshops for the New Year!

- Are you ready for the New Year?
- Looking to rededicate yourself to improving your painting, looking for new direction or just plain miss the company of fellow artists?
- The solution is easy!



Sign up Today!

There's still room to register for our upcoming workshops. There's room for you in Dan Wiemer's upcoming January workshop, "Creating Pathways for the Eyes," and even an opportunity to take the second two day workshop for only \$100 if you want to be a host. Although both sessions of Randy's workshop are full, it's always worth it to be on the wait list. Life happens and folks often cancel. Still looking for hosts for

Randy's Workshop B. Too busy in January and February? Register for the delightful and entertaining Steve Griggs' March "Loose Watercolor Painting." Finally learn how to let those colors FLOW!

Enjoy the relaxed company of your fellow artists in the beautiful Celebration Center on the St. Francis campus. Just go to our website, click on "Premier Workshops" and sign up! You tell us by your registration if you like the two day format or prefer a return to the four day experience. It's never been easier or more affordable to attend a SAWG workshop this year. Come and be with your friends, watch, learn and paint. St. Francis rules requires masks, the Celebration Center allows us to spread out, so you can safely enjoy a return to your painting community.

Submitted by: Karyn Vampotic/Workshops

WESTERN FED

Call for Entries – WFWS47 2022 Exhibition Notice

We have been informed by the New Mexico Watercolor Society delegation that they have received far fewer entries than is normal by this time of year.

Please consider entering your paintings into this storied exhibition this year. You never know you just may be accepted — wouldn't that be great! The Western Federation Watercolor Society 47th Annual Exhibition is being hosted by the New Mexico Watercolor Society this year.

Call for Entries!!! Deadline is January 10, 2022

You will find the most current prospectus for this show on our SAWG website under Future Shows - WFWS tab. Please read the Prospectus closely and follow the outline for submittal of your work. The New Mexico Watercolor Guild has elected to use the online website ArtCall for entering your paintings as did Utah last year. Your painting image and entry fees will go to NMWS directly once you have submitted through ArtCall.

Please contact **Dennis Garrison** cowboyart@outlook.com or **Susan Morris** susan5@cox.net if you have questions.





SAWG members and interested artists...

JANUARY

TORTOLITA PRESERVE

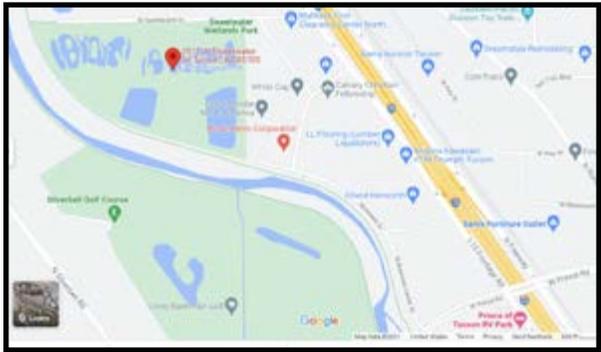
SAWG members and interested artists. Please join us for a sketch hike at Tortolita Preserve, 6250 W Moore Rd, Marana, AZ 85658. Friday, January 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. We'll meet at the Trailhead. There are no restrooms or drinking fountains. Contact Kat Manton-Jones for more details. (520) 822-6732



FEBRUARY

SWEETWATER WETLANDS PARK

SAWG members and interested artists. Please join us for a sketch hike at Sweetwater Wetlands Park, 2511 W. Sweetwater Dr. Tucson 85745. Friday, February 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. We'll meet at the trailhead at the NE corner of the park. There is a restroom, water fountain, and ramada. Contact Kat Manton-Jones for more details. (520) 822-6732



MARCH

PIMA PRICKLY PARK

SAWG members and interested artists. Please join us for a sketch hike at Pima Prickly Park, 3500 W. River Rd. Tucson, AZ 85741. Friday, March 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. We'll meet in the parking lot. There is a restroom, water fountain, and ramadas. Contact Kat Manton-Jones for more details. (520) 822-6732



January Greetings!!!

Greetings SAWGies! Membership continues to grow, exceeding last year's total membership and growing at a rate of 5 new members every month. We now have a total of 304 current members. Please welcome **Carolyn Davis, Betsy Conroy, Phyllis Lim, Roslyn Norman, Valerie Drinane, John Gates and Linda Allen** to SAWG!

Submitted by Sue Ritz- Membership Admin

AV Team:

AV Team is still looking for members to learn new stuff. We will have a training session the first week of January. You can learn a variety of things, set up, computer skills, zoom skills, video recording and editing. Great for that techie in you who is dying to get out! Contact the AV Team Chief, Sue Ritz, for more details

Framer's Corner...

Framer's Corner will have a training session on it's pick up day, Friday January 21st. FC happens the third Monday of every month so if you have paintings to frame for a show or just for your home, be sure to take advantage of Framer's Corner!

January Framer's Corner: January 17th

SAWG HISTORY

Recently long-time member, Gretchen Huff unearthed some old newsletters dating back to 1983. It's fascinating to read how much the guild has changed and just how much it's stayed the same. There are many articles about New Members, Workshops, Shows, Awards, Paint-outs, etc. Our own Barry Sapp was once the paste-up artist for the newsletter. Back then, everything was done by hand and various members submitted drawings (pen & ink) to use as the illustrations. My how times have changed!!

Over the next few months, we will feature different snippets from these treasures. Eventually all of them will go to the Historian, Sue Mahon.



DVD LIBRARY

As your friendly DVD Librarian (or is that DVD-arian?), I'd like to remind you we have a ton of DVDs for you to borrow for one month for the princely sum of \$1.00 suggested donation per DVD.

You will find a complete list of the DVDs at the meetings AND on our website under the Members Only tab.

We have NEW DVDS!

- **Carolyn Homan: Watercolor, the Spirit of Spontaneity**
- **Chuck McLachlon: The Complete Watercolor Workshop DVD and On the Open Road DVD**
- **David Dunlop: Painting Landscapes in Watercolor**
- **Tom Jones: Frosty Morning DVD and Fire on the Mountain DVD (we have others of his, too)**
- **Kerrin McBride: Acrylic Painting: Stunning Abstract Landscape**
- **Susan Bourdet: Watercolor: Backyard Wildlife in Watercolor**

Remember, it's \$1.00 suggested donation per DVD (or you can always donate more!) and you get to keep it for one month. Stop by my table at the monthly meeting to get your choice to use for the next month!

Submitted by: Karen Brungardt