

Entering a SAWG Show - General Information

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...two things to do!

- **Check out our website:** southernazwatercolorguild.com. It is your go-to place for up-to-date information on all SAWG happenings! No computer? Visit the library or a friend with a computer or stop by the gallery to pick up printed information. And 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 seven shows planned for the year - three of them are Signature Point shows. That means if your painting is accepted into a "point" show, you will receive one point. It takes two points to achieve "Juried" membership status and five additional points to achieve "Signature" member status. SAWG also offers a "Saguaro Fellow" status. See the By Laws printed in your Membership Directory for information regarding this status.
- **Point Shows** include: Fiesta Sonora, The Annual Show, and Color My World. Currently, you may also receive a point for acceptance into the Arizona Aqueous show, held in Tubac, the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies show, and the Arizona Watercolor Association (AWA) Spring and Fall shows held in Phoenix. Watch the website for details as they become available. Once a painting has been accepted into and hung by any one of these shows, it cannot be entered in another show. A point is only awarded if the painting has been hung.
- **Additional SAWG Shows:** The Holiday Show, Signature Members' Show, The Experimental Show and the All Members' Show. These shows do not earn a point.

Check the website for a complete listing of all the show details at:

southernazwatercolorguild.com/shows

Entering a Show: Mailing an Entry Form (with a check) and emailing your jpg(s).

The Entry Form:

On the "Shows" page, you will find Entry Forms for upcoming shows as well as the SAWG Show Policy and the Guidelines for Presentation. Check the show details and read the policy and guidelines carefully and print them out for future reference. If you have questions, contact the VP of Shows or the Show Chair(s).

For the show you wish to enter, download, print, complete, sign and mail the Entry Form to the address specified on the form, along with your check (\$25 for one entry, \$35 for two entries - unless indicated differently on the Entry Form). For juried shows you will be notified whether or not you are accepted via email or by mail if you enclose a SASE with your entry. (Be sure to add the Show Chairs' email addresses to your address book, or remember to check your spam file after the notification date.) The size refers to the framed size or finished size if unframed, given in inches.

The SAWG Show Policy and the Guidelines for Presentation must be adhered to. By signing the Entry Form you are agreeing to abide by these policies. These documents can be found under "Resources" on a drop down from the "Show" tab on the website. Note that there may be variances to some of these rules for some shows; they will be in the Entry Form for the specific show.

The JPG:

Under the Resources tab on the Shows page, there are instructions on how to prepare a jpg file from a photo of your work. (Quick requirements: 300dpi and 1800 pixels or 6 inches on the longest side.) Contact the image archivist, Nancy Huber, if you need help. Email the jpg files of your entries to Nancy Huber at nancyshuber@gmail.com for required shows, following the naming convention explained in the SAWG Show Policy. (The Holiday Show does not require jpgs.) 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!