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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 2024 SWS 2025 National Show Entry Submission OPEN on CaFe ([www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org))

SWS Member Registration OPEN for Michael Holter April 10-12 Workshop at special member rate of \$400 ([www.spokanewatercolor.org](http://www.spokanewatercolor.org)) **SEE PG. 3**

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah (begins)!

Dec. 26 Happy Kwanza & Boxing Day!

2025

Jan. 1 Happy New Year!

Jan. 3 IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING AND POT-LUCK LUNCH  
Meeting location and particulars will be sent out by e-mail, 10:00 a.m.  
Board will get organized for 2025, and welcome new board members

Jan. 18 SWS General Meeting via Zoom 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. **SEE PG. 3**  
(In-person viewing of Zoom at Spokane Art Supply, 1303 N. Monroe St.)  
Zoom Demo by David R. Smith, Landscape Painting and members can paint along from their home or together at Spokane Art Supply

Jan. 20. Michael Holter April Workshop Open Registration begins at full price \$500

Feb. 9 SWS National Spring Show Entry Submission CLOSES

Feb. 15 In-person SWS General Meeting, Spokane Art Supply, Saturday, 10 a.m.  
DEMO—Watercolor Framing Tips & Tricks with Margo Sety

Feb. 21 National Show Acceptance Notification by e-mail

Challenge  
**PAINTING**

**JANUARY 18**

**Splatter & Salt  
TECHNIQUES**

(or what's on your easel)  
SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOICE

This year's challenge paintings will focus on techniques rather than subject matter. This will encourage all of us to push ourselves, try new things and improve our "personal bests"!

## GLORIA RETIRES HER PEN

A FEW WORDS FROM GLORIA FOX...

As the outgoing SWS secretary I reflect on my time on the board with gratitude. I was able to make a contribution to the club and expand my understanding of issues. The most valuable aspect

though was the opportunity to work with the other board members. Although members

of the board changed from time to time during my tenure one thing remained the same. Everyone involved on the board is enthusiastic, committed and resourceful. **Cont. pg. 2**

SPOKANE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY  
**CALL FOR ENTRIES**



**2025 NATIONAL JURIED SHOW**

entries accepted  
December 1, 2024 to February 9, 2025



go to [spokanewatercolor.org](http://spokanewatercolor.org)  
for prospectus  
for information:  
[sww.board.show@gmail.com](mailto:sww.board.show@gmail.com)



## GLORIA RETIRES HER PEN

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Their ongoing efforts continue to be an inspiration. I will miss the camaraderie and the generous sharing of experience, knowledge and skills. With all these benefits in mind I encourage all club members to consider becoming involved on the board as their circumstances allow. It is an enriching experience.



WE WILL MISS  
YOU ON THE  
BOARD, GLORIA!



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### MEMBER DUES

2025 Dues of \$40 can be paid online now on the SWS website ([www.spokanewatercolor.org](http://www.spokanewatercolor.org)) by logging into your account. An online service fee of \$2 is added by our provider. DUES must be paid before the end of 2024 to avoid a late charge. Please be prompt, and pay your dues as soon as possible, as it helps us with bookkeeping and budgeting. THANK YOU!

### INTRODUCING your 2025 SWS Board of Directors...

Kim Gardell, Kathi Eckerich, Valerie Woelk,  
Margo Sety, Trish Taylor, Judy Beamer,  
Tom Bauer, Dan Eacret & Sue Rohrbach

According to the by-laws, OFFICERS will be elected by the Board, and that will be done at their January 3rd in-person meeting. We will announce the results at the SWS General Meeting on January 18, and in the next newsletter.



## Thank you for your service! HEALING THROUGH ART

Carrie Dugovic, one of our Signature Members, volunteers as an adventure therapy leader with Waypoint Vets to help veterans heal through camaraderie while adventuring in nature. "We 'honor the fallen by living' when doing so, remembering those who've died in service or have lost their own battle from suicide." There are 22 veteran suicides every single day.

Recently on one of her trips in the Smoky Mountains, she was asked to lead a watercolor workshop. She did



two sessions, the first learning about watercolor with an exercise in graded washes of a mountain range at sunset, and the second of a maple leaf. The participants found painting with watercolor very relaxing and soothing as they learned how pigment, water and paper react together to create beautiful art.

You can learn more about this program at:

<https://waypointvets.org/mission/>

ARTICLE/PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY CARRIE DUGOVIC

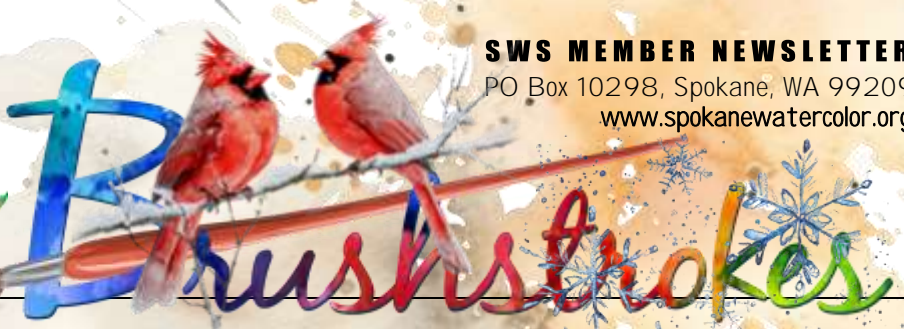


This newsletter is a DOUBLE ISSUE during the busy holiday season & it is jam-packed. Don't miss a single important thing!

### YOUR PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT to Spokane Watercolor Society!

Your contact information is included in our roster, so that members can contact each other. This is only accessible by logging on to [www.spokanewatercolor.org](http://www.spokanewatercolor.org) with your user name and password, under the heading "MY SWS". If you DO NOT want your contact information on this roster, please contact: [swspresident1@gmail.com](mailto:swspresident1@gmail.com).





## THANK YOU! SWS sponsors!

Spokane Watercolor Society is grateful to all our sponsors, who continually help us promote watercolor painting in the Inland Northwest and beyond. We could not do it without them. We will be highlighting our sponsors individually in future issues, but for the time being, we are doing a group thank you to...

**SPOKANE ART SUPPLY**  
**NORTHWEST MUSEUM of ARTS & CULTURE**  
**SPOKANE ART SCHOOL**  
**LIBERTY GALLERY**  
**BLICK ART MATERIALS**  
**CHEAP JOE'S ART STUFF**  
**HOLBEIN**  
**M. GRAHAM & COMPANY**  
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**ANN DAME MEMORIAL**

You can help thank them by patronizing their business whenever possible, and telling your friends/family to do the same.

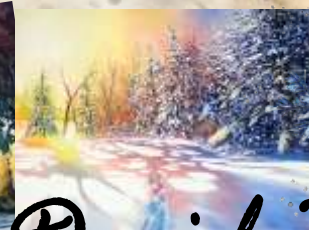
Spokane Watercolor Society  
**2025**  
National Workshop  
with Michael Holter  
**April 10-12, 2025**  
at Spokane Art Supply

REGISTER at

[www.spokanewatercolor.org](http://www.spokanewatercolor.org)

**MEMBER PRICE \$400**  
**Registration Now Open!**

**NON-MEMBERS \$500**  
**Beginning January 20**



## January DemoArtist

## David R. Smith

enjoys the challenge of working in harmony with a fluid medium. By providing the proper environment, surrendering some control, and working with the medium, the most beautiful results oftentimes occur naturally. To convey a feeling of aliveness, David utilizes a number of techniques such as working wet into wet, glazing, pouring, spattering, and spraying. These techniques not only keep the painting fresh, but produce exciting interminglings and textures effortlessly.

David has studied under numerous instructors in the states and in China. He has displayed his work in galleries and museums across the United States and his work has been awarded at the state and national level. David has received Signature Membership with the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, and others.

**Join us via Zoom at the SWS General Meeting  
On January 18 and paint along with David!**

**A ZOOM LINK will ALSO be set up at Spokane Art Supply  
(1303 N. Monroe, Spokane) on Saturday from 10:00-12:00,  
on the large TV screen in the classroom.**

There are a lot of opportunities for you to get involved and utilize your skills to help SWS. Here are some of our immediate needs (right).

Contact Kim at  
[sws.board.vice@gmail.com](mailto:sws.board.vice@gmail.com)  
if you can help in  
any way.

- Show Chairs/Mentors
- Plein Air Planner
- Meeting & Show Hospitality
- Meeting Host (Set-up, Organization, Clean-Up)
- SWS Historian (organizing/digitizing documents)
- Librarian (set up lending library of SWS books)
- Digital Archive Developer
- Set Up Pop-Up Galleries (Paintings & Merch)
- Organize a "Clothesline" Type of Booth
- Grant Development (apply for grants)
- Videographer (good cell phone is fine)
- Organize booths for SWS at Artfest and other major art festivals
- Create your own idea for SWS



**THE SWS WEBSITE IS BEING UP-  
DATED SO PAY ATTENTION TO  
YOUR EMAILS AND NEWSLETTER  
FOR THE LATEST INFO!**

An Ad-Hoc Committee is diligently working on this project, as well as our social media platform. Thank you for your efforts Kim Gardell, Lorie DeGuire & Carrie Dugovic.



## Challenge Paintings November 2024

### WHAT'S ON YOUR EASEL—

Diana led the discussions of the members' challenge paintings. Congratulations to **Aaron Mann** who won the \$15 Spokane Art Supply Gift Certificate. **Amazing work, one and all!**



PHOTOS and Reporting by Carrie Dugovic

## December 2024

**REFLECTIONS**—Diana led the members in discussing their challenges painting reflections. Congratulations to **Carrie Dugovic** who won the \$15 Spokane Art Supply Gift Certificate. **A lot of creative and impressive work was produced this month.** Diana also announced that this year's **monthly challenges will be focused on TECHNIQUES**, rather than subject matter.

### SEND A CLEAR DIGITAL PHOTO OF YOUR JAN. CHALLENGE PAINTING

to [sws.board.show@gmail.com](mailto:sws.board.show@gmail.com) (and put **"CHALLENGE PAINTINGS"** in the **SUBJECT** line) by Thursday, January 16 midnight, so we have enough time to produce a slideshow before the general meeting. You will be entered to win a \$15 gift certificate to Spokane Art Supply. You can also bring your paintings to Spokane Art Supply if you are zooming from there.



## november

### ANNUAL Pot Luck & Business Meeting



The November meeting was well attended and good cheer was all around. After eating and socializing, the year was recapped by the officer reports of which Kim Gardell gave her VP, as well as President & Treasurer (she has worn many hats these past months). Gloria Fox gave the Secretary's report and Diana Postlewait recapped the

Fall Members Show and the Bio Book Project. Terese Fandel presented the 2025 upcoming National Show as Show Chair. The four new Board Members were introduced and voted in: (pictured from left—Tom Bauer, Judy Beamer, Sue Rohrbach and Dan Eacret). The new Meeting and Show Schedule was distributed, and Kim emphasized that volunteers are still needed to help with the backlog and to further the goals of SWS in the future. More on page 31. Everyone who volunteered their time and skills were appreciated by the board and the members, and Gloria Fox and Oral Carper were honored for their years of service, as they step down from their Officer Positions.



## Brushstrokes december

by Carrie Dugovic

Such a nice meeting this month...members brought snacks to share, and we all signed a thank you card to **Spokane Art Supply** (our wonderful meeting place). The **White Elephant Sale** had books, a light box, paint, cradle boards, brushes and more! **Kim began with announcements** about the upcoming show and other happenings, and **Diana presented the next Challenge Painting examples.** Thank you Carrie for your great reporting.



**Kurt Schmierer** discussed his work and art at **SPOKANE ART SUPPLY**. He is a painter, photographer, graphic designer, makes signs and reproduces imagery. He discussed his Giclee process, French for "sprayed on". He scans art and reproduces it on photo paper, poster board, art media and canvases. The pigments he uses last 200-300 years and are waterproof. His process allows for artists to order on demand, one or several reproductions as needed, which is more affordable than traditional printing which requires an artist to order a larger number of copies. His turnaround is typically seven days for a proof, which the artist then approves or requests adjustments. He provides both a print file to be used on the Spokane Art Supply equipment and an editable file which will be stored on his drive for a minimum of 90 days and can also be copied to a customer's personal thumb drive. Once scanned, he can enlarge images up to six times the original size. He is careful with copyright laws and getting an artists' permission before making reproductions. Thank You Kurt—so interesting and informative!

