

President's Message



Linda Bateman

As your new President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the current Board Members and Committee Chairs and make a special note of a few of the tasks undertaken by some of them. These tasks were of immediate necessity.

Anne Brennan Vela had to vacate her position as Member at Large to assume the position of Membership Chair due to the unfortunate demise of Dee Phillips. She has done a great job in reorganizing the membership records and it will take some time to get everything up to date. We were fortunate to have Mary Quiros of Laredo to take the position of Member at Large.

Lee Ricks, as the new treasurer, has been busy getting the records and bank accounts transferred. He is getting it computerized and this should allow us to have instant reports.

Gordon West and Ric Dentinger are busy getting the new web site in place. Please visit it at www.texaswatercolorssociety.net and see the new format and information.

Anita Diebel, 2nd Vice President (Exhibits), has reported that the 61st Exhibit at Rockport Center for the Arts has already received entries for the show and I would like to encourage everyone to enter their best works. Entries are due November 1, 2009 and details are available on our website.

Thanks are due to every Board Member and Chair for their hard work as a volunteer for our organization.

Linda

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MEMBER NEWS

Betty Jameson's painting "Reef" was accepted by Charles Reid into the Southern Watercolor Society's 32nd Annual Exhibition, and was awarded the \$250 Nesmith prize at Columbus, Georgia. Juror, Stan Miller, AWS, awarded her Second Place prize of \$400. for "Earth Coat" at San Antonio Watercolor Group's 1st Annual Spring Juried Watercolor Month Exhibition at Los Patios in San Antonio, TX. And, her watercolor, "Wild Forest" was selected by Scott Moore for The Watercolor West XLI Annual Exhibition at the Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, California. With this third selection by Watercolor West, Betty has now become a Signature Member.

Mary Quiros won First Place in Watercolor at the Art Walk in Fayetteville, Texas, the first weekend in May with a \$400 dollar prize for her painting of Koi II. Mary will have a show of her paintings at La Posada Hotel in Laredo in September.

Signature Member **Henry W. Dixon** has authored his first book by North Light Books entitled "Paint Amazing Watercolors From Photographs." For details check his website at www.henrywdixon.com

Anne Brennan Vela won the Ann Asher Gilbert award w/ \$250. for her entry "1896" in the 79th annual artists exhibition of the San Antonio Art League. She also won third place w/ \$200. for her entry of SUMMER PALACE in the first annual membership show held at Los Patios by the San Antonio Watercolor Group. Anne will exhibit her new work during the month of September at the Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, Tx. in conjunction with the unveiling of her poster "RHYTHMS OF THE RIO" painted for the 113th Washington's Birthday Celebration to be held in February 2010 in Laredo.

DUES REMINDER: DUES BECOME DELINQUENT ON MARCH 1, 2009. OUR YEAR RUNS FROM JANUARY THRU DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR. IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES, PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK, FOR \$35., **MADE OUT TO THE TEXAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY**, TO LEE RICKS, TREASURER 126 HAYDEN RD, PLEASANTON, TEXAS, 78064. Include all basic information, email address &/or web site, as our directory for the upcoming year will include these items. Have a Question? Contact Anne Brennan Vela, membership chair, at 210-403-3830 or email abvela15@satx.rr.com

REMEMBER, DUES BECOME DELINQUENT ON MARCH 1, 2009**MORE MEMBER NEWS**

William Burrell had paintings accepted into the Society of Watercolor Artists', 28th Annual, 2009, Ft. Worth, TX and the 28th Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, 2009, Old Forge, New York.

Laurin McCracken's painting, "Plymouth Silver" won the Board of Directors Award at the Watercolor Missouri National, 2009. "Rooftops – New York" won the Annual Membership Award in The Society of Watercolor Artists, Inc, 28th Annual Juried Exhibition 2009, Fort Worth, TX. And, Laurin's painting "Bicycles" has been accepted for inclusion in the *Splash 11*.

Terry Gay Puckett is Artist of the Year 2009 at the San Antonio Art League and Museum in San Antonio, Texas. The exhibit opens on Sunday, September 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. and will continue through October 25th. She will be the 63rd artist to receive this honor.

Johanna Hanks had a painting accepted in the juried "Human Form Exhibition" at the Art AT The Center in Kansas City. Showing July 28 -Sept. 28th, 2009.

An invitation to ALL Members to submit News Items
REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR 3 BEST
"MEMBER NEWS" ITEMS FOR EACH
NEWSLETTER

Editors Note:

A special thank you to all who have contributed information and news items for the newsletter. And additional thanks to those who proof the initial documents that I use in assembling the final pages. As you know, any printed document is fraught with opportunities for errors. Typos and misspellings are normal, omissions are usually of the kinds of things that are so disappointing, to all, that they are to be avoided at all cost. So thank you to all who read this newsletter. You have been kind in your suggestions and observations. Don't be afraid to let me know what I've left out, misspelled or otherwise mangled. Thanks, bill b.

In Memoriam

Doris "Dee" Phillips, SWS, TWS passed away recently. She was a graduate of the New York School of Interior Design. Austin was home for the last 40 years. She was a signature member of the TWS, Purple Sage Brush, and was active in other art groups, including the San Antonio and Waterloo Watercolor Groups, Southern Watercolor and Capitol Art Society. She had just been appointed to be TWS Membership chair, 2009-2010. Dee was also a popular watercolor instructor for almost 30 years. To remember more of Dee's work, visit www.deephillips.com.

Sidney Johnson Williams III, recently passed away. Sid was an Anglo native of Pearsall, Texas who grew up speaking Spanish and traveled extensively throughout Mexico. To quote a Public Relations firm owner in San Antonio, "He helped bridge the differences between Anglos and Hispanics in a time when that was not an easy thing to do." He attended Baylor University and went to Mexico for graduate studies. He taught school, served in the Army and was the owner of a travel agency. He and his wife, Linda, traveled extensively and he devoted much of his time to painting while traveling. He was a member of the San Antonio Watercolor Group and a Purple Sage Member of the Texas Watercolor Society. The past few years he taught watercolor classes at Incarnate Word where several of his paintings now hang. He is survived by his wife, Linda, of 49 1/2 years, several children and grandchildren.

Jeannie Kantrow Sommer, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a long time member of Texas Watercolor Society, recently passed away. She was a very sharing person with a great sense of humor, who loved creating, painting, and learning all she could about art even though she was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis. Even so, her attitude was great and she rarely let it get the best of her. She was supposed to go to the coast to paint over the Labor Day Holiday with a group of us, so we will look for brighter sunsets and rainbows to grace our trip, since she was a master of intense colors. She will be sorely missed then and forever. Find more information at The Advocate online: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theadvocate/>

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Proposed Changes to the By-Laws (2008)
June 3, 2009

ARTICLE V. ELECTED OFFICERS

SECTION 4. OFFICERS. The Officers shall be:

- 1) President
- 2) First Vice-President (Awards)
- 3) Second Vice-President (Exhibition)
- 4) **Third Vice-President (Catalog)**
- 5) **Fourth Vice-President (Membership)**
- 6) Treasurer
- 7) Recording Secretary
- 8) Corresponding Secretary
- 9) Parliamentarian
- 10) Director-at-Large (3)

#4 Previously read Third Vice-President / Assistant President

Presently Added: Fourth Vice-President, Membership

SUBSEQUENTLY SECTION 6 , DUTIES OF OFFICERS MUST BE ADJUSTED

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

4) THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

- a. Perform all duties of the presiding officer in the absence of the President, First and Second Vice- Presidents.
- b. Serve as Chair and coordinate all activities necessary to produce the Catalog.

5) FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

- a. Perform all duties of the presiding officer in the absence of the President, First, Second, and Third Vice- Presidents.
- b. Keep a membership roll of the Society.

RECORDING SECRETARY

- a. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the Society.

Eliminate the statement that the recording secretary keep a membership roll of the society

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES.

- 1.) The President shall appoint the Chair of the Standing Committees.
 - a. Sage Brush and Purple Sage Brush Honor Society
 - b. Newsletter
 - c. Public Relations
 - d. Historian
 - e. Social
 - f. Archives

Change Property Manager / past records to ARCHIVES

Eliminate Catalog and Membership

Signed by Board Members:

Anne Vela

Nancy DeWied

Mary Quiros

Edie Collins

Lee Ricks

I approve of the above changes _____

I do not approve of above changes _____

Return this Ballot to:

Texas Watercolor Society

c/o Julie McCollum, Corresponding Secretary

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TEXAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY 61st ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Please clip and return this form to: Sue Kemp, TWS 1st VP Awards, 8102 Greenslope Dr., Austin, TX 78759-8720
512 345-8572 sue@suekemp.com

Please check the category in which you will be able to participate. Checks should be made payable to Texas Watercolor Society.

_____ **Award or Contribution** Amount: \$ _____
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Honoring Members, Relatives and Friends
Name of person to be remembered _____
Name of person/family to be notified _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

_____ **Merchandise Award** Amount: \$ _____

All contributions are acknowledged in the exhibition catalog. Judging will be January 18, 2010; the catalog goes to press shortly after the awards are selected.

Please indicate below how you wish **your name** to appear. (Please Print)

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Dear TWS Member:

The Texas Watercolor Society is preparing for the 61st Annual Exhibition. The opening reception will be held April 3, 2010, at the Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, Texas. Janet Walsh, AWS, NWS is the juror for the exhibition; she selects the paintings from those submitted from all over the nation. Approximately \$7000 in cash and merchandise will be awarded.

The members of TWS have in the past generously donated the \$2000 for the Best of Show Award as well as several others, including the Memorial Award. Thank you so much for your support. I am proud to report that the members donated more than ever for the 2009 exhibit. Your support has allowed TWS to present outstanding watercolor exhibitions to the citizens of Texas. Participating artists are encouraged by being included in the exhibition and recognized artists are honored by your awards.

I am asking you to contribute this year for the 61st Annual Exhibition. Please complete the enclosed form (see above) and return it to me with your donation by December 1, 2009.

Again, thank you for your support of the Texas Watercolor Society.

Sincerely,

Sue Kemp

First Vice President, Awards