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Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society

February 2017

SVWS met February 2nd at Westside Baptist Church. Donna Detrich presided over the meeting and thanked Pat M. and Anne M. for providing refreshments. Brenda H. and Judy R. are scheduled for March. Treasurer's report was given.

Members voted to accept the following slate of officers for 2017: President-Donna Detrich; Vice President-Brenda Hounshell; Secretary-Charles Raisner/Judy Richardson; Treasurer-Ned Kuller/Janet Kuller; Welcome Chair-Lois Whitecotton; Director of Exhibits-Janet Kuller; Website Master-Nick Terry; Sunshine-Judy Richardson; Facebook Administrator-Kelli Hertzler

Gallery chairs are: OASIS-Janet Kuller; Taste of Thai-Lois Whitecotton/Anne McFarland; Hardesty Higgins-Kelli Hertzler.

Members also voted approval of the proposed Bylaws and the two documents, SVWS Exhibition Specifications and SVWS Signature Member Guidelines. These along with an application form to apply for SVWS Master Signature Status are all posted to our website and available for members to use as reference. By-law revisions include: "Committees shall be established at the discretion of the Executive Board. Actions that impose obligations on the Society shall be approved by a vote of membership at the monthly meeting. A quorum is constituted by at least ten members at the monthly meeting."

Also, future voting on the slate of officers will be held at the October meeting. This will permit election at a meeting more likely to have greater member attendance. Brenda Hounshell and Janet Kuller were thanked for updating the documents.

<u>Please Note</u>: If a past signature member decides to take a break from SVWS membership, and still wants to retain signature status, they need to pay \$10. If they take a break from being a member and do not pay that fee, once they return to being a member, they have to apply for signature status and go through the critique process again.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Pat Yoder, as well as the \$50.00 memorial donation to VMRC Good Samaritan fund.

SVWS plans to increase contact with members through email, in addition to the website - for example sending the newsletter and other pertinent information.

Meetings are at 7PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at Westside Baptist Church, 715 W Wolfe St., Harrisonburg, VA

A short business meeting is followed by refreshments and a critique of members' paintings. Guests are always welcome.

Calendar of Events

NEXT GALLERY DAY IS MARCH 6TH

Peg Sheridan workshop April 1st, 9:30-3

Amy Shawley (Golden Paint) workshop July 22nd, 9:30-3 One-day workshops have been scheduled and members are asked to mark their calendars for:

- Peg Sheridan Saturday, April 1st from 9:30 am to 3 pm. **Details** see below.
- Saturday, July 22nd, Amy Shawley will conduct a workshop to be held at Westside Baptist Church from 9:30am until 3:00pm. Cost is \$75.00 per person and includes <u>all materials</u> needed for the class. Amy teaches a wide variety of subjects and members suggested from her list of topics either "Brilliant Botanicals" or "Mixed Media Layering-Watercolor and Acrylics" as possible subject choices. A final decision on which topic we will ask Amy to teach will be made by the April 6th SVWS monthly meeting. Please email Brenda if you have a preference.
- Jewel Hertzler Encaustic workshop to be explored as a future possibility
- The Virginia Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition Workshop will be held October 9th through October 13th. It will be held in Winchester at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. The instructor is Mike Bailey and his work and art philosophies can be viewed at mebaileyart.com. The workshop registration form with full details should be available within the next couple of months on the virginiawatercolorsociety.org website. If there are questions about this workshop please email Brenda.

### **Gallery Reports**

- Taste of Thai Brenda Hounshell sold one painting
- Hardesty Higgins Janet Kuller is featured artist. Members sign up to be featured.
- Oasis theme for April is "Clocks" this theme and "time" interested members.
- Next Gallery Day is March 6th

### **Brushstrokes**

- The following members sold paintings Bonnie Stutzman, Snuffy Hartman, Anne McFarland, Peg Sheridan, Rob Kloetzer, Anne Harrison, Charlie Rasner
- Janet Kuller and Anne McFarland took part in the VECCA show Anne won Honorable Mention and Janet won Best in Show
- Anne McFarland will exhibit her work in Maple Terrace at Bridgewater Retirement Community in March
- Peg Sheridan is president of CoArt Gallery this year

### **Announcements**

- Jane Angelhart 5 day workshop in Haymarket, April 24-28 class limited to 12
- Spitzer House 6x6 show will be March 3 (First Friday)
- Peg Sheridan offers a variety of classes. Please check her website for details, for example she is offering a workshop in Harrisonburg at Larkin. http://www.pegsheridan.com/
- Peg also expressed a need for increased community outreach and discussed the lack of
  watercolor teaching in local schools. Brenda Hounshell pointed out the current SVWS art
  student award and said that the possibility of reinstating SVWS aid to local high school art
  teachers will be considered.
- Sue Rosen was absent from the meeting due to knee surgery; she was sent a card from SVWS.

**Upcoming Shows:** 2017 Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid-Atlantic Exhibition deadline is April 3, 2017. For more information see: <a href="https://www.BaltimoreWatercolorSociety.org">www.BaltimoreWatercolorSociety.org</a>

Watercolor show at the Beverley Street Studio School gallery in Staunton, through Feb. It features the work of Shay Herring Clanton, faculty member at Mary Baldwin.

If you have questions about SVWS, please contact President Donna Detrich: donnadetrich@gmail.com

# DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK! NIGHT SCENES IN WATERCOLOR

With Peg Sheridan

www.pegsheridan.com Ph. (540)886-2177

Sponsored by Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society
Saturday, April 1, 9:30-3:00 Westside Baptist Church, Harrisonburg
Cost: \$40 SVWS members, \$50 nonmembers

You can paint mysterious, moody, wonderful paintings of the evening or night in watercolor. Learn how to plan a night painting, then learn techniques for painting sunsets, stars, moonlight, streetlights, and shadows at night. Peg will show you how, through demonstrations, worksheets, and individual help. Open to all levels. Registration is limited, and payment is due by March 24, so sign up soon!









Are you a little rusty? Go to my website and see "Try This Lesson"!

#### **Materials List:**

**Paper:** This is the one material I am choosy about. Please bring artist grade watercolor paper (140 lb or more Arches, Winsor Newton, Fabriano, Gemini, etc.). If you use cheap paper, it will buckle and resist the paint, and frustrate you. You will need about ½ sheet. I have found that, in workshops, it is better to work small (5X7 to 9X12) and do many studies than to try to do one large painting.

**Paints:** In addition to your regular palette of colors, please bring colors that will produce rich darks. Suggestions are: ultramarine blue, indigo, mineral violet, quinacridone violet or magenta, ivory black, pthalo green or blue, paynes gray, etc. Also bring white acrylic or gouache, if you have it.

**Brushes**: Bring your favorite flats and rounds, including larger ones, a scrubber, and a rigger. If you don't have either of the last two, don't worry. I will have some to share.

**Misc.:** If you have masking fluid and acetate, please bring them (I will share, also). Also bring salt, a water cup, paper towels, photos of sunsets and night skies, a board and a 1.5"(or so) book or chunk of wood to raise the board up on the upper end, pencil and sketchbook, etc. You may bring a lunch or go out (we will have a 45 minute break). Call me if you have questions on materials.

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Registration Form: Night Scenes in Watercolor April 1, 2017, 9:30 am- 3:00 pm Westside Baptist Church, Harrisonburg

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone number:	
Are you a paid member of SVWS?	
Do you have any special needs?	

Please enclose check, made out to SVWS, for \$40 (member), or \$50 (nonmember).

Send checks to: Janet Kuller, 159 Diamond Ct., Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Payment due by March 24, 2017

## Thank you!