



Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society

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The July 2015 meeting was held on Thursday, July 2 at Westside Baptist Church in Harrisonburg. Treasurer Martha Mobley led the meeting in absence of the President. She gave the Treasurer's report and thanked the hostesses, Lois Whitecotton and Lourene Bender. August hosts are Donna Detrich and Jim Bomberger.

Guests Johanna Elik, Buffy Guthrie and Judy Espinosa were welcomed to the meeting. Lois Whitecotton was thanked for the beautiful flowers.

Gallery reports included mention of painting sales at Harrisonburg Homes Show by Brenda Hounshell and Nick Terry. There were no other Gallery sales. Martha Mobley reported that she had been juried into the Lost River Gallery.

The Society made a donation of \$50 to the Orkney Springs Fire Department in honor of David Nees, deceased husband of Debbie Nees.

Martha discussed some of the changes that would result from the proposed changes to the by-laws that will be voted on at the August SVWS meeting. She pointed out that changes are being made in order to streamline operations and make the organization more effective. Some major changes are: 1. Change will be made to a fiscal year. 2. Dues of \$30 will be due in January and will be increased to \$35 if late. 3. Annual meeting and election of officers will be in November. 4. Christmas card competition and holiday celebration will take place in November.

There are still openings for the August 10 to 13 workshop. The cost is \$175 for members and \$225 for non-members. A supply list will be provided. Christopher Wynn calls himself a "watercolor painter of contemporary realism," but it's hard to categorize him by subject matter. He paints gardens and landscapes, cityscapes, and still lifes, which may be of oranges, teapots or old, rusty cars. He teaches art in his home base of Richmond, Virginia and has won numerous awards in regional and national watercolor associations. His work may be viewed at www.wynncreative.com.

The workshop runs from Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13, 9:30 a.m – 3:30 p.m., at the Westside Baptist church, 715 West Wolf Street, Harrisonburg, just one block off Rte. 33 west. The cost is \$175 for SVWS members, and \$225 for non-members. To sign up, contact Janet Lee Wright, 540-896-5759, janetleewright@gmail.com OR Lois Whitecotton, lwhitecton@yahoo.com.

Meetings are at 7PM on the 1st 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

Mary Shira, JMU professor, will give a guest critique at the August 6th meeting

Christopher Wynn Workshop August 10-13

ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOW
September 19-
November 14, 2015

The Board has asked that members who have events to share with the members send the information to Nick for posting on the website. Members are encouraged to look at the website and submit photos to Nick for inclusion. Nick also offered to assist any interested member in setting up their own website under SVWS, with their own domain name.

Anne McFarland reported that the SVWS Annual Members' Show will be held at VMRC from September 19 to November 14, 2015. Any member may submit paintings in any water based media. Mats must be clean and white or off-white. The SVWS label on the painting will contain the date. The committee hopes for greater member participation this year. Up to five paintings **per member** may be submitted for the entry price of \$30. **The Entry Form is on the website.**

The meeting concluded with an excellent demonstration of techniques of painting animals of feathers and those of fur by Peg Sheridan. Peg invited members to join her various upcoming classes and workshops, including one on night scenes in watercolor at Woodstock on September 18.

The SVWS August meeting will feature critique of member paintings by Mary Shira from JMU.

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