




Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society

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The SVWS June meeting was held on the fourth of the month at Westside Baptist Church in Harrisonburg. President, Donna Detrich opened the meeting with thanks to Brenda Hounshell for the refreshments. The Treasurer, Martha Mobley presented the Treasurer's Report.

Members were reminded that Monday, June 8 is Gallery Day and were informed that all paintings would have to be removed from The Joshua Wilton House due to renovations to the building. Members will be informed when presentation of paintings at that location can be resumed.

Members were provided with copies of up-dated By-laws, the changes to which had been discussed and approved by the Board at its June 1 meeting. The following are the main changes to the By-laws:

- 1). The fiscal year beginning this September would be changed to January due to the ease of remembering the start of a new year and the overwhelming activity in the fall, especially for the Treasurer, with dues coming in and the Members' Annual Show taking place. The revised By-laws call for dues to be paid during the month of January.
  - 2). If a member is later than February 1st in paying dues the amount would be increased from \$30 to \$35.
  - 3). The annual meeting to vote for new officers would be held in November rather than September in order to streamline the active fall months. The November annual meeting would also double as the holiday celebration. The usual Christmas Card contest could be held at the November meeting. December would be a regular meeting.
  - 4). Current SVWS officers would continue duties through December, giving time for the incoming officers to shadow the outgoing officers.
- Members were asked to review the draft revisions to the By-laws and be prepared to vote on the document at the August meeting.

The President announced the formation of a nominating committee to fill the four vacancies for next year. If you are asked to serve, please give it your consideration; it is a short-term commitment and you would not be expected to fill a slot if no candidate can be found.

Martha Mobley has agreed to lead the July meeting, since Donna Detrich will be away.

Nick Terry shared information about a new web service, Weebly that he is using. The Board approved the use of Weebly that will make posting items on the website much easier and quicker and is available at no extra cost. Nick

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

**Christopher Wynn**  
workshop  
August 10-13 at  
Westside Baptist  
Now open to the  
public until slots  
are filled!  
[wynncreative.com](http://wynncreative.com)  
Call Janet W. or  
Lois to register.

**Annual Show  
Committee** will  
meet at 6:15 on  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Westside  
Baptist Church.

Classes by Peg  
Sheridan at  
[pegsheridan.com](http://pegsheridan.com)

advised that Weebly is simple to use. Members have the opportunity to create their own site under the host umbrella. The only cost would be for a domain name. Nick offered initial assistance to members who wished to establish their own personal website. We are grateful to Nick for his continuing efforts to improve our website!

Members were reminded of the August 10-13 workshop, with Christopher Wynn. The Workshop Committee (Janet Wright and Lois Whitecotton) will post opportunities for non-members to fill up any vacancies. Members were invited to check out the workshop leader's website: [wynncreative.com](http://wynncreative.com)

Director of Exhibits, Anne McFarland reported that the committee meeting for the Members' Show will be held on July 2 at 6:15, prior to the monthly meeting.

The President offered a thank you from the membership to Brenda Hounshell for her excellent work on the Virginia Watercolor Society show at JMU. Brenda reported that the Rockingham Valley Ballet Theater will be performing at the JMU show and posing for artist sketches on the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 and 18 with shows at 1:15, 2:15 and sketching from 3:15 to 4 PM.

A thank you note was received from Janice Sayles, the winner of the Gerrie Brown Memorial Award. We also received a note from Dick Brown and the family of Gerrie Brown thanking the SVWS for the award that was given in Gerrie's honor.

**Gallery Reports:** The Harrisonburg Home Team 2-month show is going well. They have asked for some of our artists to demonstrate on First Friday of July from 5 to 8 p.m. Take down of paintings is scheduled on June 29 from 10:30 to noon.

**Brushstrokes:** Brenda Hounshell won the VWS award at the Baltimore Transparent Watercolor Society Show. Brenda sold 2 paintings at the VMRC Show. Anita Cooper won the Award of Distinction at the VWS Show. Martha Mobley had a painting appear in the United Methodist Advocate magazine.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Janet Kuller treated the members to a demonstration of her "bathtub" technique. It was fascinating to see how she achieves those soft, velvety edges!

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Our deepest condolences go to our faithful member, Debbie Nees, on the recent death of her husband, David.

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Classes by member Peg Sheridan can be found on her website <http://www.pegsheridan.com/> and see below:

## Summer Landscapes in Watercolor

Experience a two-day watercolor workshop, creating original works that reflect the natural beauty of our region; mountains, trees, lakes, river, oceans, skies, etc. This is a great workshop to learn new skills, improve your technique, and get a kick-start in your painting again! Class demonstrations, step-by-step handouts, and individual help will benefit all lessons. For beginners through experienced painters. Bring your lunch, or grab one at the Subway nearby. Please bring photos of your favorite summer landscapes.

Please note: Bring \$40 to first class for a beginner kit. Already have supplies? Be sure to tell us when you register.

Location: Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave. Fine Arts Building V205

Dates: June 26-27, Friday and Saturday Hours: 9:00 am- 2:00 pm

Cost: \$149 Register: [www.brcc.edu/continuinged](http://www.brcc.edu/continuinged), or call (540)453-2215. Note: you can now register for BRCC classes online!

## Silk Scarf Painting

Come and have a fun, artsy day with a friend! Learn how to paint on silk, then watch the magic happen as you design and paint your own 100% silk, 8"X72" scarf! Examples, instructions, and all materials included for this class. Take the knowledge home and paint on any silk garment!

Location: Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 122 E. Court St. Woodstock, VA. Date: Saturday, August 22 Hours: 9:30-11:00

Cost: \$60, all materials included Register: email: [searand3@yahoo.com](mailto:searand3@yahoo.com), or call Barbara Randel at [540984-9299](tel:5409849299). Register by August 8

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