




Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society

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The Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society met at Westside Baptist Church on January 5, 2017. Donna Detrich presided over the meeting and gave the Treasurer's Report. She also provided refreshments and discussed the following matters.

We are still collecting funds in honor of the 30th year celebration of SVWS. The funds will cover a one-time scholarship and/or grant to promote our mission statement: *"To promote an interest in watercolor, to offer support and encouragement to watercolorists; to offer educational opportunities to members of the Society and to the general public."*

Since a quorum of members was not present to vote, the changes to the Signature Member Process, Specifications for Exhibiting, and officers for 2017 remain pending. Please plan to attend the February meeting to vote on these. We will also consider changing the by-laws defining what constitutes a quorum. The current slate of 2017 officers is: Donna Detrich-President, Brenda Hounshell-Vice President, Charles Raisner-Secretary, Judy Richardson-Newsletter & Sunshine, Janet Kuller-Exhibition Director & Publicity, Ned Kuller-Treasurer (with assistance from Janet). Workshop Coordinator slot remains vacant.

Dues must be paid by January 31st to qualify for the \$30 annual rate. After 1/31/17 dues increase to \$35.

Please sign up to bring snacks for the remaining months of 2017. The newsletter will list those responsible for refreshments. Pat Martin and Anne McFarland will be providing refreshments for February.

Other interesting items include the following: (1) VA Watercolor Society dues are also due by 1/31/17. The 2017 annual show is in Winchester in October, and Mike Bailey will be offering the workshop. (2) VMRC Juried Art Show is now open and information can be found on the web. The submission due date is March 15, 2017. (3) "Arts in the Middle" is a juried fine art show at Hewick Plantation in Urbanna, VA June 3-4. See artsinthemiddle.com

Gallery Reports -

- Taste of Thai - nothing to report

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

**NEXT
GALLERY
DAY:
March 6**

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- Hardesty Higgins - nothing to report. They are seeking artists to be available First Fridays downtown; a sign-up sheet is available.
 - Oasis - Donna & Janet K. sold cards and Janet Wright sold "Next Summer's Hollyhocks" and Donna D. sold "Ladybug". Society members can still sign up to hang for February and March if interested. Also, Oasis is currently sponsoring a fund raiser for Cat's Cradle.

Brushstrokes - Snuffy Hartman sold watercolors and other items at Christmas. Brenda H. & Barbara G. are participating in the Spitzer SIX-BY-SIX challenge (30 paintings in 30 days). EMU will be sponsoring a TEN-BY-TEN to celebrate 100 years. Brenda H. sold 14 from her "Water & Woods" Show and has been invited again for 2017. There will be a small works invitational sponsored by the Arts Council.

MEMBER news - Bonnie S. shared that member Patricia Yoder died unexpectedly 1/5/17. Pat was formerly activities director at VMRC and had been helpful to us in coordinating our Member's Show. She will be missed. The Society sent a memorial contribution to VMRC's Good Samaritan Fund.

Brenda H. led the critique of member's work.

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/>

February and August are months for prospective new Signature Members to be critiqued. A letter to the SVWS president requesting Signature Membership must be received one month prior to the critique month.

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