

Artscape

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June 2014



Carol Epton / The Sun Peeking Through / 16" x 10" / Acrylic

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Message from the President

The art of life-long learning

Life-long learning is important. Never stop learning. You owe it to yourself to make your creative development a top priority. Knowledge is power. When you know better, you do better. Remember you do the best you can with what you know. We can wake up our senses and skills when we stretch our capabilities. With these new found skills, we build our confidence.

"Art combines the best of what is in our mind and in the soul. The mind must be trained and ready for when the soul speaks." – Susan F. Greaves

How true it is. When the student is ready, the teacher appears. I find we must be open to learning and never ever stop wanting to improve.

I will never forget being given a gift certificate from my family for a Watercolour Art Class. I had previously painted as a hobby but wasn't serious as I was working full time. I was shocked when I opened this gift certificate and then panicked as I had not painted for a long time. I went through my art supplies the night before the class and could not believe the poor shape they were in. I don't know if this student was ready but I swallowed my pride and fear – and showed up. The best thing I ever did!

The right teacher, Johanne Vloothuis,

did appear and I have never looked back. Rarely do you meet a professional artist who can also teach as well as he does. I spent three years in Watercolour Classes with Joe and I have never learned as much or enjoyed painting more. It became my favorite day of the week. I was disappointed when he moved away but it was also time for me to explore and continue my artistic journey in a new direction.

The bonus I received during that time was the gift of the lasting friendship of my fellow artists in that class. We were very fortunate as none of us knew each other before that class. The seven of us have continued painting together weekly, forming "The Painterly Pals" group, and have become an artistic family that support each other in more ways than one. We have grown creatively and learned so much from each other. We are now all members of SWCA and involved in all the workshops and opportunities for growth that SWCA presents.

Sometimes we will take a new art course and find that we really didn't enjoy it. Again, it is a learning experience because if we hadn't taken that course we would never know that is not the direction we want to go with our art. I find I can take what I need

Newsletter Submissions

The newsletter copy deadline for the September 2014 issue of Artscape is **August 18**.

Please send it to:
John Labots, Newsletter Editor
Email: jflabots@telusplanet.net
Telephone: 780-444-4161

ALLERGY REMINDER

Some of our members have severe allergies and so we want to help them by making our meetings as scent-free as possible.

Refraining from using perfumes or scented body lotions provides a more comfortable atmosphere for everyone!

from a course and leave the rest. I always learn something.

The excitement of learning something new and mastering a new skill or technique instills a new belief in myself and my work. This must be the time that my soul speaks to me and I am connected to my Inner Artist. What an incredible experience.

"Learning is letting go of the familiar and comforting. I remind myself that tomorrow I will be someone who didn't exist yesterday." – Nick Stone

Remember as we grow and improve we extend our horizons and the sky's the limit.

Diana Templeton, President
dtemple1@telus.net

PROGRAMS

June program

Shady Characters in Art History

Our speaker for the June monthly meeting is **Johanne Yakula** of the University of Alberta Department of Extension. Anyone who has been

following recent results at high profile art auctions is noticing an unprecedented increase in the value of art. This kind of financial success attracts shady characters and crime. Johanne will relate stories about some of the best-known and not-so-well known art heists, thefts and frauds perpetuated under the guise of art appreciation.

Come out to enjoy an enjoyable evening of art history!

May program review

Our May program was a very enjoyable demonstration by Anya Tonkonogy of sketching a portrait in oil. Anya developed a strong likeness of her life partner Nathan in less than an hour highlighting her skill with measurement and rendering! She very effectively showed the benefits of continuing to develop the abstract shapes of the face and lighting as far as possible into the process. And a tip that most people I spoke to had never heard before was to select a midpoint on the face as the key point of reference – often the inside corner of one of the eyes. Anya will be presenting a portrait

painting workshop for SWCA at the Paint Spot classroom on August 2nd this summer. Check for details on the SWCA website!

Rick Rogers, Programs
buc@rickmo.com

SWCA WORKSHOPS

For full details, please refer to the SWCA website under Workshops.

Oil Portrait Sketch with Anya Tonkonogy

August 2, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The Paint Spot
Fee: \$80.00
Maximum: 12 people. Register early.

The Landscape in Open Medium with David Shkolny

Sunday, October 5, 2014
09:00 am to 2:00 pm
Wagner Bog (meeting point before driving to site together is TBD)
Fee: \$50.00

continued

Mark your calendar...

SWCA MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, June 9, 2014
at Laurier Height Baptist Church
8505 - 142 Street NW, Edmonton • Lower Level

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Library open 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Featured Artist
Randy Talbot

Active/Exhibiting Member

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Program

Johanne Yakula
Shady Characters in Art History
See Programs for details

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Next meeting: September 8, 2014

Membership renewals due:
September 1, 2014



This month's cover artist
Carol Epton

I grew up in Brooks, Alberta and my favourite subject in school was art. In my teens the University of Alberta Faculty of Extension sent art teachers to visit rural areas and give painting workshops. I was encouraged to attend when Professor H. G. Glyde was instructing and he introduced me to watercolours. I have loved them ever since.

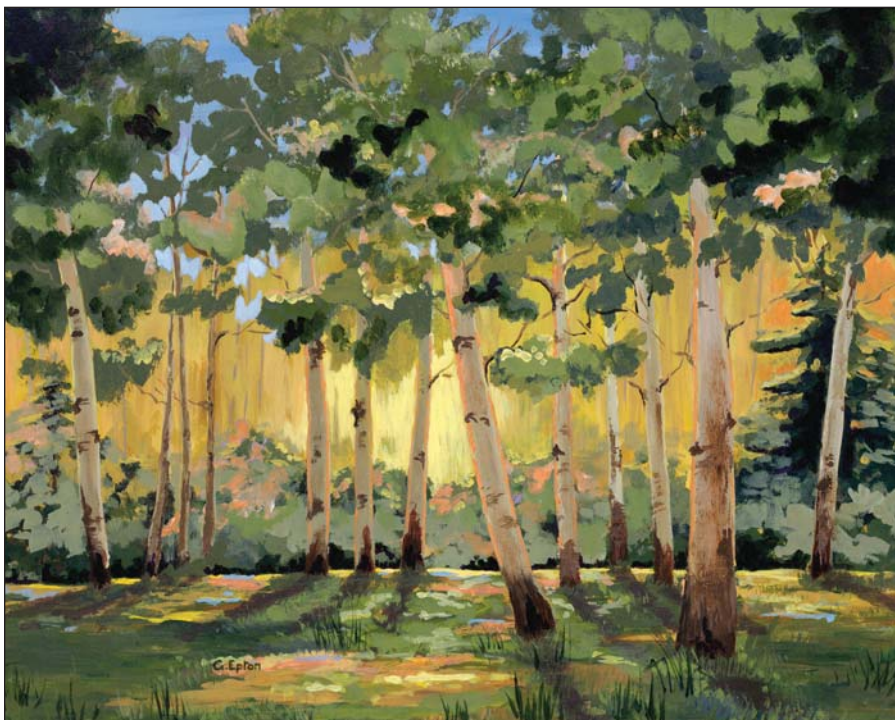
I had to put painting on the back burner to raise my children but once they were on their own, and with much encouragement from family and friends, I started to paint again. Picking up that brush and facing a blank piece of paper was scary at first, but once I did I was hooked and now paint twice a week with the Pioneer Art Club in Parkland County. They encourage me and inspire me. I follow the advice from Janet Mitchell

- "just paint, paint, paint and you will develop your own style".

I have shown in the Spruce Grove Allied Arts Gallery, the Stony Plain Library and participate in two shows a year with the Pioneer Art Club. I have also participated in the Alberta 55 Provincial Summer Games Visual Arts Competition and received several medals for watercolours and acrylics.

"The Sun Peeking Through" is an acrylic inspired by time spent at Lake Wabamun. The scruffy poplars can look so beautiful depending on the time of day and season. We are surrounded by wonderful images and it is hard to choose which one will be my next challenge. I hope others sense the joy I derive from painting.

Thank you SWCA members for giving me this opportunity.



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A Fall Watercolour Landscape with Frances Alty-Arscott

Saturday, November 1, 2014
10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Fee: \$80
Laurier Heights Community Centre
144 Street & 83 Avenue

2015 Workshops

Art Promotion
Figures in Watercolour

If you have any suggestions for 2015 workshop programming, please contact the Workshop Chair.

Meghana Gauthier, Workshops
meghana.gauthier@gmail.com

PAINT-OUTS

Here is a website with some good tips for plain air painting:
www.swintonsart.com/blog-articles/item/painting-en-plein-air

Mactaggart Sanctuary

Saturday, June 7, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Meet in the parking lot at 23 Avenue and Smith's Crossing at 10:00 a.m. There is no specified end time.

Bring your lunch and drinks. Sturdy shoes or hiking shoes are recommended depending how far you want to walk into the sanctuary. Please note: There are no washroom facilities.

Attendance confirmation is preferred but not absolutely necessary. Contact Kathy Dyck at 780.435.7980 or kathyd_1@lycos.com.

In the event of poor weather, the paint out will be cancelled. Check with Kathy if you are unsure.

Jackie Parker Park

Saturday, July 12 2014
10:00 a.m.

We will meet in the parking lot by the children's playground at 10:00 a.m.

There is no specified end time.

There is a short walk around a small lake with an island in the centre. A pavilion has washrooms, tables and benches. Avoid going on to the nearby golf course. Bring your lunch and drinks.

Attendance confirmation is preferred but not absolutely necessary. Contact Kathy Dyck at 780.435.7980 or kathyd_1@lycos.com.

Bad weather alternative of very rainy or cold: Millwoods Town Centre Mall Food Court, 2331 - 66 Street

Hubbles Lake

Sunday, August 17

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At Eveline Garneau's home on Hubbles Lake. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. Contact Eveline at 780.489.1028 for directions and to confirm attendance.

Watch for more upcoming paint-out opportunities during the summer. Remember to check the website.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE *Awards* WINNERS

Congratulations to the following members whose artwork was selected for the next three issues of Artscape beginning this month.

- Joyce McCoy
- Carol Epton
- John Labots

The next People's Choice is in October 2014.

Hawrelak Park

Saturday, September 27 2014

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will meet in the main parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

There is a walk around a small lake with an island in the centre. Several pavilions with washrooms, tables and benches. Bring your lunch and drinks.

Attendance confirmation is preferred but not absolutely necessary. Contact Joyce McCoy at 780.435.3065 or jimccoy@shaw.ca.

In the event of poor weather, the paint out will be cancelled. Check with Joyce if you are unsure.

Kathy Dyck, Paint Outs

kathyd_1@lycos.com

SWCA EXHIBITIONS

Gracious Goods Café

Gracious Goods Cafe Edmonton (7601 - 115 St.) is offering exhibition space to SWCA artists who are "new to solo shows." The June openings have been filled but this will be an ongoing venue for show opportunities throughout the year. For more information, contact Sue Scott by email with a link to your website or attach images of your work to suemscott@telus.net. Sue will walk newcomers through the steps required.

Curiosity 2 at The Nina

Mid-January to Mid-February 2015

This is a Call to SWCA exhibiting artists to create new works for Curiosity 2 at:

The Nina Center for the Arts
9225 - 118 Avenue, Edmonton
www.thenina.ca

Curiosity 2 will be an eclectic, salon exhibition of curious works of art created by both SWCA and Nina studio artists. We're looking for art that is curious, unusual or quirky in 2D or 3D pieces, from miniatures to

works no larger than 36"x36"x36." Works from Curiosity 1 could also be resubmitted for consideration. Details about the submission process available soon.

Every Picture Tells a Story

Your Exhibition Committee is exploring venues for a show with a nod to the narrative approach to art. We'll be asking for artworks for this theme in the fall.

IYOL2015

Next year has been declared the International Year of Light for the contemplation and celebration of light, so we're asking SWCA artists to create works of art to this theme for exhibitions in 2015.

STANDARDS

Congratulations

Our recent Jury for Status saw the following members advance to the next status level.

General to Exhibiting/Active:

Catharine Compston
Cathy Scott
Barb Oryschuk
Cynthia Clark

Active/Exhibiting to Associate:

John Labots
Diana Templeton

Congratulations to each one of you!

A certificate will be presented at an upcoming meeting to members who attained **Associate** status.

Jury for Status

The next **on-site** Jury for Status will be held October 13, 2014 just prior to the October membership meeting. The **on-line** Jury for Status will be held between October 1 and 13, 2014. Applications are accepted from June until mid September.

If you wish to apply for a change in status, use the most recent version of the application form which is

found on the website under *Members Only > Documents*.

Application forms can be given to Carmen at the June or September meetings, emailed to Carmen, or mailed to the SWCA address:

*Society of Western Canadian Artists
Carmen Gonzalez
Standards Committee
Box 37025 Lynnwood P.O.
Edmonton AB T5R 5Y2*

Upon receipt of your application, an email will be sent to you with jury date information and next steps.

Carmen Gonzalez, Standards Chair
Email: carmengonzalez@shaw.ca
Telephone: 780.486.3218

NOTICES

Sue Scott

Bright as Day; Clear as Night

Intuitive Acrylic Abstracts
April 1 to June 30, 2014
Grey Nuns Hospital, Second Floor

Shirley Kinneberg

Across This Prairie Mile

A solo show depicting landscapes from Saskatchewan and Alberta
July 18 to August 21, 2014
Muttart Conservatory
9626 - 96A Street NW, Edmonton

Orchid Fair 2014 Best Artistic Image Winners



The Orchid Society of Alberta is pleased to announce that the Vivian Thierfelder Trophy for Best Artistic Image was awarded to **Sharon Vanderwolf** of Sangudo, Alberta, for

her acrylic painting entitled "Lavish in Yellow". A gift certificate, generously donated by Colours Art and Framing, was presented to Gillian Halliday for her coloured pencil orchid art which was chosen as the Best Artistic Image By A Youth.

Please note that Orchid Fair 2015 will again take place in April at the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert. We look forward to future orchid art submissions by SWCA members. Thank-you for your continued support.

Art Society of Strathcona County Workshops

For more information or to register for these upcoming workshops, visit www.artstrathcona.com.

- **Paint Along with DVD**
September 17, October 1, 22, November 5, 19. Cost \$5 each
- **Color Harmonies Sing with Light** with Rose Edin
September 4, 5, 6, 7. Cost \$425.
- **6 Watercolour Session** with Willie Wong
September 8, 15, 29, October 6, 20, 27. Cost \$195
- **13 Commandments of Successful Painting** - with internationally known artist and teacher Johannes Vloothuis Sept. 19, 20, 21
Cost \$375
- **Oil Landscapes Painting Essentials** with internationally known artist and teacher Johannes Vloothuis
September 22, 23, 24. Cost \$375

Series 2014 - Summer Arts School: Painting and Drawing Classes

Don't miss Series 2014 - Summer Arts School. Offering courses in drawing & painting including figure drawing, watercolor, plein aire, abstract, oil pastels and more by artist/instructors Bev Tosh, Isabelle Hunt Johnson, Ross Bradley, Justin Ogilvie, Katarzyna Koralewska, Maureen Enns, Samantha da Silva, Willie Wong, Jean Pedersen to name a few. All skill levels are offered as well as courses in glass,

photography, sculpture, jewelry, metals & woodworking.

For further information call 403.356.4900 or www.rdc.ab.ca/series.

Catalogues available online.

Sundre Painting Retreat

August 7 to 14, 2014

You are invited to join fellow artists for a week or weekend painting (and drawing) in Sundre, Alberta. There is no instruction and no fee - you simply pay your own expenses, which are as little as \$20 per night for a tenting spot in our chosen campground.

Visual artists of all abilities and mediums are welcome. How you spend your time is entirely up to you. On any given day you can find other artists to paint with or head out on your own. We do tend to gather starting late in the afternoon to socialize and share the day's creations.

For full details, contact:

Terry Elrod in Edmonton
780.432.3557,
terryelrod762@gmail.com

Pete Jacobs in Drayton Valley
780.542.4339,
pjjacobs@telusplanet.net

Artists' Retreat at Strawberry Creek Lodge

September 19, 20, 21

Organized by Southside Artist Friends. For details or to register call Kathy Dyck at 780.435.7980.

Artist of the Month

Westwood Unitarian Congregation invites artists and galleries to participate in our Artist of the Month Program. Selected work will be featured in the sanctuary for one month. Both the artist and gallery will be recognized in our communication media. To apply or for more information, email president@westwoodunitarian.ca www.westwoodunitarian.ca



May's featured artist
Joyce McCoy

MINUTES

Membership meeting May 12, 2014

Chair: Diana Templeton

Secretary: John Labots

Attendance: 54

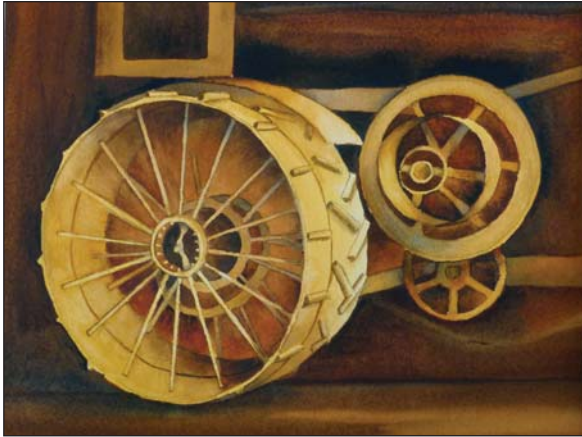
Call to Order: 7:08 pm

Agenda:

- Welcome to Members, New Members and Guests
- Allergy Reminder
- Cover Artist: Anne McCartney
- Feature Artist: Joyce McCoy
- Acceptance of Minutes of April 14, 2014 General Meeting
- Attendance Count
- Treasurer's Report: Marsha Thornton
- Committee Updates:
 - Exhibitions:** Madeline Arnett
 - Membership:** Pat Hayes
 - Workshops:** Meghana Gauthier
 - Paint Outs:** Kathy Dyck
 - Standards:** Carmen Gonzalez
 - Library:** Marjorie Thomson
 - Programs:** Rick Rogers
- Member Announcements
- Peoples Choice instructions: John Labots
- Adjournment

Motions:

- Acceptance of Minutes of April 14, 2014 General Meeting. Moved by Katalin Dusek. Seconded by Sirkka Kadatz. Passed.
- Motion to adjourn. Moved by Carol Epton. Passed.



▲ *Heritage Wheels / Watercolour*



▲ *Prairie Crocus / Watercolour*



▲ *AGA Glo-berg / Watercolour*



▲ *Alberta Gallery of Art / Watercolour*



▲ *Evening Light / Watercolour*



▲ *River Valley I / Watercolour*



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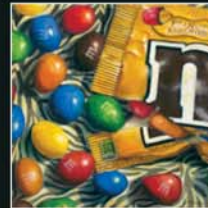
Dreaming
Margot Lang



End Of The Road
Alex Halliburton



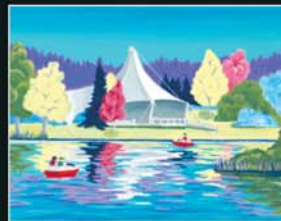
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Greg Milne



Peanut M&M Snack
Carmen Gonzalez



My Own Way
Irene Apon



Hawrelak Park Paddle
Leanne Schnierer



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