

# Artscape

Artists helping artists

October 2014



**John Labots** / Festival / 18" x 24" / Acrylic

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## Message from the President The Spirit of the Society

I have had a hard time coming up with a theme for my message this month. I contemplated many messages and topics, but none of them seemed to reflect what I was feeling. I finally decided to stop trying so hard and to just trust my feelings.

I have been thinking about what SWCA means to all of us. What brings us together? I know we all have a love of art in common but it is much more than that. What is it?

What made me volunteer to become President? I know I felt I could make a difference but it was definitely more than that. After much soul searching, I have discovered it is the Spirit of the Society. It is the purpose and intention of the membership in "Artists helping Artists".

We are all volunteers giving freely of our time and energy to SWCA. This choice and willingness to participate in the greater good of the Society is what creates the Spirit of our Society. Our Executive and Committee Chairpersons, plus our membership all contribute to this Spirit. It is this Spirit that establishes an atmosphere that energizes us, bringing meaning and understanding to our statement: "Artists helping Artists".

When I was out at the Art Walk promoting membership in our Society, I thought about what was so positive about being a member of SWCA for me. I shared my experience with the prospective artist members and the more times I repeated what it meant to me to be a member, the more I realized that it was the Spirit of the Society that energizes me.

I have always been a high energy person but I have been known to spread myself too thin at times. I have always believed what Norman Vincent Peale once stated: "The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have." And as Adelaide Hasse said: "Never forget that it is the spirit with which you



### Looking for your feedback and input on monthly sketch sessions

Would you be interested in participating in a monthly sketch session?

We are looking for member feedback and input regarding the possibility of regular monthly indoor sketch sessions that complements our summer outdoor plein air schedule.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Kathy Dyck at [kathyd\\_1@lycos.com](mailto:kathyd_1@lycos.com) or 780.435.7980.

## Newsletter Submissions

The newsletter copy deadline for the November 2014 issue of Artscape is **October 20**.

Please send it to:  
**John Labots, Newsletter Editor**  
Email: [jflabots@telusplanet.net](mailto:jflabots@telusplanet.net)  
Telephone: 780-444-4161

endow your work that makes it useful or futile.” But is also true that “every time you don’t follow your inner guidance, you feel a loss of energy, a loss of power, a sense of spiritual deadness” (Shakti Gawain). We all need to learn to manage our energy level. We are not machines.

The positive Spirit of our membership when I enter our General Meetings monthly energized me time and time again. It is this Spirit that makes such a difference and inspires me with enthusiasm. It encourages me to never lose sight of the importance of this incredible group of artists. This positive energy raises my spirits every time and I appreciate all the support of this membership.

I am off to spread the word to more prospective artists at Art in the Park and I am thankful that I feel the positive energy of the Spirit of the Society. My fulfillment of my goal to increase our membership will, I hope, continue to make SWCA a gift to all artists.

**Diana Templeton, President**  
dtemple1@telus.net

## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Renewal - don't lose your membership privileges!

All membership renewals are due **September 1 with a grace period up until October 20**. Failure to renew will result in the loss of all member privileges - including the ability to attend meetings.

There are 4 ways to renew.

**1. Renew Online** (preferred method by the Membership Committee)

The best way to renew is online. The process is easy and payment secure.

1. At the top right corner of the web page ([www.swcartists.ca](http://www.swcartists.ca)), login using your email and password. If you have forgotten your password or are logging in for the first time, click on *Forgot password*.
2. Once you are logged in, click on *View profile* (also in the top right hand corner).

3. Your profile will open and in the first section *Membership details* click on *Renew until 01 Sep 2015*.
4. Update any of your profile information on the Membership renewal page that opens and then click on *Update and next*. Please note you will not be able to update if mandatory fields are not filled in. This includes the *Volunteer interests* field.
5. Review the accuracy of the page that comes up. If information is correct, click on *Confirm* and an invoice will be created.
6. On the invoice page, click *Pay online* and follow payment instructions. You can pay using your PayPal account or if you want to only pay by credit card, click *Don't have a PayPal account*. The instructions in this section may be confusing. You are not creating an account with PayPal if you are paying by credit card. You are simply processing your credit card payment through PayPal. Be sure to clicking on the right links.

**2. Process online but pay in person**

If you cannot pay online, you can process the renewal online and then

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Mark your calendar...

# SWCA MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, October 20, 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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**People's Choice**

See page 4 for details

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Featured Artist

**Lorraine Jones**

Associate Member

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Program

**Demonstration**

by Frances Alty-Arscott

See Programs for details

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**Next meeting: November 10, 2014**

pay at the next monthly meeting.

1. Follow the steps in the online renewal (above) all the way to creating an invoice.
2. Print off the invoice and bring it to the meeting with your payment.

### 3. Process and pay at the meeting:

If you do not have access to a computer, then renewal can be processed at the monthly meeting.

1. **You will have to fill out the NEW revised membership form available at the membership table to create a proper record of your renewal. All previously existing membership forms are obsolete.**
2. Payment must be made when handing in this form.



## PEOPLE'S CHOICE *Awards*

**October 20, 2014  
CALL FOR ENTRIES**

A Peoples' Choice competition will take place on October 20 to select art for the next four Artscape newsletter covers - from November to February.

The competition is open to all current **Active/Exhibiting, Associate and Signature** status members. **Your membership must be paid and up-to-date.**

If your artwork has been featured on the cover of Artscape between November 2012 and October 2014, you are ineligible to compete.

Artwork submitted should be recent work (last 12 months). Only one entry per member.

### 4. Mail your renewal:

1. Print off the NEW revised membership application form available online. Login and go to Members Only > Documents > Membership Application.
2. Mail the form and a cheque to:  
Society of Western Canadian Artists  
Attention: Membership  
Box 37025, Lynnwood P.O.  
Edmonton AB T5R 5Y2

**Arlene Bowles, Membership**  
Email: [arlene.bowles@shaw.ca](mailto:arlene.bowles@shaw.ca)  
Telephone: 780.462.5705

## BYLAWS

### Special Resolution

**A Special Resolution will be held on October 20, 2014 at the monthly membership meeting to present and vote on the amended Bylaws.**

The Notice of Special Resolution was emailed to ALL members on September 21, 2014. A copy was put in the mail the same day to members who do not have an email address in their online profile.

## PROGRAMS

### October program

Frances Alty-Arscott will demonstrate the power of a dynamic colour composition using watercolour paints!

### September program review

Our program for our September meeting was an excellent but very short critique by Sharon Moore-Foster.

Unfortunately, Sharon had only been able to critique about half a dozen works when we determined that a gas smell necessitated cutting our program short. I will try to reschedule Sharon for a longer, more inclusive critique in the new year,

pending her availability. Thank you everyone for your effective and orderly departure on Monday!

**Rick Rogers, Programs**  
[buc@rickmo.com](mailto:buc@rickmo.com)

## SWCA EXHIBITIONS

### Misericordia Hospital In House Gallery

November 1, 2014 to January 10, 2015

#### CALL FOR ENTRIES

**October 25, 2014 is the closing date to get your submissions in for the Misericordia Show.**

New for this year, will be two grid walls (7 ft x 3 ½ ft) for "Originals under \$100". As well as small works for the grid walls, larger and usually priced works will hang along the two long halls of the In House Gallery.

Also new this year, your submission form can be filled out and submitted online at [www.swcartist.ca](http://www.swcartist.ca) > Exhibitions > Call for Entries > Misericordia Gallery. You must be logged in as a member to access this page. No images are required with your submission.

For those who have yet to embrace online technology, you can fill out a paper submission form available at the October 20 General Meeting. It must be handed in the same day.

### Curiosity 2 at the Nina Gallery

Mid January to Mid February 2015

#### CALL FOR ENTRIES

**What?** Curiosity 2 will be a joint, salon exhibition of eclectic curious works of art created by SWCA and Nina Studio Artists.

**Curious you say?** We're looking for art that piques the viewer's curiosity; imaginative, creative, quirky, unusual and perhaps even humorous. Be creative.

**Where?** The Stollery Gallery  
The Nina Centre for the Arts  
9225 - 118 Avenue, Edmonton

**Who?** This call is open to all exhibiting SWCA artists. The Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts will put out their own "call for entries" for the Nina studio artists.

**What?** Original works of art in any medium, 2D or 3D pieces, from miniatures to larger works up to 36"x36"x36" in size.

Any works that were in Curiosity 1 at VASA in 2013 could be resubmitted. (This artwork will not automatically be chosen but would have to be juried in along with the new submissions.)

**How?** Send high quality digital images to [c2artshow@gmail.com](mailto:c2artshow@gmail.com) with your name, title of artwork, medium, size H x W (framed size too, if applicable), sale price and phone number. Please rename the images: Artist's Last Name\_Title of Artwork.

**Submission deadline:**  
**November 15, 2014**

All SWCA applicants will be contacted once online jurying is completed early in December 2014. (The Nina will handle all sales for a 20% commission)

A dedicated email has been set up just for Curiosity 2. You can send in your submissions and queries to [c2artshow@gmail.com](mailto:c2artshow@gmail.com).

At the October 20, 2014 meeting, the Exhibition Committee will share ideas for filling the Curio Cabinet. You'll have a chance to contribute art for this interactive component of the show.

### More exhibiting opportunities for 2015:

The Allen Grey Continuing Care Centre, Scotia Place Atrium Gallery, ATB Place Galleries and Gracious Goods Cafe are listed in the online Calendar at [www.swcartists.ca](http://www.swcartists.ca). Submission details will be posted closer to the show dates.

**Madeleine Arnett, Exhibitions**  
[madeleine.arnett@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.arnett@gmail.com)



## This month's cover artist **John Labots**

John Labots is an Edmonton graphic artist who has been exploring the world of acrylic painting for the past several years.

"I often say that I was born a graphic designer. My colouring books and school projects conveyed an inherent artistic and organizational ability, which eventually led me to a career in graphic design."

With the advent of computers in graphic design in the 1980s, all manual graphic design work became completely digital with little to no tactile experiences. As a result, John felt "there was a tremendous appeal to return to the tactile expression of pen or pencil to paper, and palette knife or brush to canvas."

Beginning with a watercolour course in the summer of 2008, and joining the Society of Western Canadian Artists (SWCA) later that fall, John began to re-immense himself into the world of acrylic painting. In the fall of 2013, he began the Fine Art Certificate

Program at the University of Alberta Faculty of Extension to further develop his knowledge and skills.

"There is something inherently life-giving in being creative. I think every person is born to be creative - it's just that each one of us does it differently. This happens to be one of the ways I am able to do it."

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The painting "Festival" is a result of many walks in the river valley photographing small clusters of leaves, bushes and trees along the side of the path. Coming in close and studying the details through a photographic lens has let me see a whole new world - it's usually not a very enjoyable experience for those walking with me! By saturating the photo's colours on the computer I discover a stronger colour palette as well as some surprising colours that were there all along but hidden in the overall complexity of the photo. I emphasize these hidden colours as the painting progresses.



▲ Festival / 18" x 24" / Acrylic

## SWCA WORKSHOPS

Please note: For all workshops, registration is completed when payment is made online at the SWCA website under Workshops OR by cash/cheque made out to the artist with payment delivered to the Workshop Chairperson **prior** to the day of the workshop. Supply list available upon registration.

### **Plein Air Instructed Workshop with David Shkolny**

Open medium  
Sunday, October 5, 2014  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
On location near Wagner Bog (meeting point before driving together as a group is TBD).  
Min # of participants to run is 6 and max # of participants is 10.

### **A Fall Landscape in Watercolour 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  
Min # of participants to run is 8 and max # of participants is 15.

### **Abstract Painting in Acrylics & Mixed Media with Verne Busby**

Friday, December 5, 2014  
(3 hours in the evening) PLUS  
Saturday, December 6, 2014  
(7 hours during the day)  
Fee: \$125  
Laurier Heights Community Centre  
144 Street & 83 Avenue  
Min # of participants to run is 8 and max # of participants is 15.

### **2015 Workshops**

Upcoming 2015 workshops will include:  
The Business of Art: A Q&A Panel on Promotion & Marketing  
Oil Painting with Jeff Collins  
and much more!

As always, if you have ideas for future workshops please contact Meghana.

*Meghana Gauthier, Workshops*  
*meghana.gauthier@gmail.com*

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart of the Society. Without them, the Society ceases to function or exist. If you are a member, your involvement as a volunteer is really needed. The following opportunities are available. Can you help us out?

### **Executive Officer - Treasurer**

With the resignation of Marsha Thornton as Treasurer, a member is needed to fill the position to complete the term until elections in January 2015. President Diana Templeton is interim treasurer for the moment, but someone is really needed to step up and fill the position. If you have some bookkeeping or accounting skills, or are good with numbers, please see Diana Templeton.

### **Greeters Committee**

An assistant is needed to help Sirkka Kadatz in the Greeters Committee. This important role helps ensure that members have what they need when they come to our meetings, and oversee the volunteers who greet members and visitors.

### **Programs Committee**

An assistant is needed to help Rick Rogers in Programs. Please contact Rick if you are interested or would like more information on the work involved.

### **Website Committee**

Volunteers are needed for the Website Committee. Please contact Rick if you are interested or would like more information on the work involved.

## NOTICES

### **Heidi Smith**

#### **Passion on Canvas**

A solo exhibition of nine large canvasses

Oct. 23, 2014 to Feb. 26, 2015  
Garden Cafe, Misericordia Hospital  
16940 - 87 Avenue, Edmonton

#### **Pioneer Art Club Fall 2014 Fine Art Show**

SWCA members represented are Carol Epton and Heidi Smith

October 17, 2014 5 pm to 9 pm  
October 18, 2014 10 am to 4 pm  
Royal Canadian Legion  
4902 - 44 Avenue, Stony Plain

Contact: Heidi Smith  
herons2@shaw.ca

### **For Sale**

Former SWCA member, Tom Love is clearing out his home studio and wishes to sell the following:

- 50 watercolour frames, aluminum and wood, most with mats
- 35 sheets 140 lb cold pressed watercolour paper
- Many years of Artist's Magazine and other books
- Some display easels
- Steel desk and assorted tables and cabinets

To view, contact Tom at  
780-430-8009 or loveart@shaw.ca

### **“ART IS IN THE AIR” 2014 Fall Art Show & Sale**

A variety of new artwork by local artists presented by the Art Society of Strathcona County at the A. J. Ottewell Community Centre (Red Barn).

October 17, 1:00 to 9:00 pm  
Reception: 7:00 to 9:00  
(artists in attendance)

October 18, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
October 19, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

## MINUTES

### Membership meeting September 8, 2014

Chair: Diana Templeton

Secretary: Sharon Abbott

Attendance: 54

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

#### Agenda:

- Welcome to members, new members and guests - Diana Templeton, President
  - Cover Artist: Joyce McCoy
  - Feature Artist: Betty Jess
  - Treasurer's Report:  
Thank you to Marsha Thornton who had to resign her position.  
Interim treasurers appointed by Executive Committee: Diana Templeton
  - Committee Updates:  
**By-laws:** John Labots  
**Membership:** Arlene Bowles  
**Exhibitions:** Madeleine Arnett  
**Website:** Rick Rogers  
**Programs:** Rick Rogers  
**Workshops:** Meghana Gauthier  
**Standards:** Carmen Gonzales  
**Paint Outs:** Kathy Dyck  
**Kitchen:** Diana Templeton
  - Member Announcements
  - Adjournment
- #### Motions:
- Motion to accept minutes of the June 9, 2014 as published in the September newsletter. Moved by Rick Rogers, seconded by Liz Ekstrom. Passed
  - Adjournment of meeting: Moved by Myrna Wilkinson. Passed.



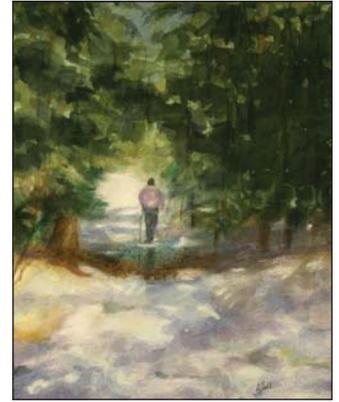
## September's featured artist **Betty Jess**



▲ Tulips / Watercolour



▲ Spring Bouquet / Watercolour



▲ Solitude to Serenity / Watercolour



▲ Early Snow / Watercolour



▲ Roots / Watercolour



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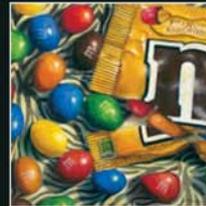
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Margot Lang



*End Of The Road*  
Alex Halliburton



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Carmen Gonzalez



*My Own Way*  
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