

SWA Bulletin

Society of Western Artists
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<http://www.societyofwesternartists.com>

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President's Message—SFC

You live in an area that is a destination for tourists from near and far. Many people travel for many miles and days to get here! Then how come you never feel like a tourist? You're too busy to take the time to stop and enjoy the view from familiar landmarks. The most famous views and locations have all been photographed many times. It would be hard to improve on iconic views that everyone has seen and knows so well. So why are those tourists taking all those photos? Think of all those places you tell visitors that they must see. If, however, the editor of a famous magazine asked you to find a new angle for viewing a familiar scene, I imagine you could come up with something fresh.

Our guest artist, Terri Ford, breathed new life into familiar scenes when she did a demo in pastels at our SWA meeting on November 15. What makes the difference? Terri had lots of pastels—a nice large box with many compartments segregated into related colors. She was working on Kitty Wallis pastel paper (18 x 24 @ \$11.00/sheet, 24 x 36 @ \$18.00, available at Maggie's Art). The thing that makes her work so vivid is that she does not employ blending. She lets each stroke remain full strength, not diminished by rubbing in. The sanded paper will hold layer upon layer of color—up to 15 layers, according to Maggie.

If you did not see her at work, too bad! Don't miss our next demo: January 17—Ferenc Besze, a watercolorist.

As the season changes, the light changes. Keep looking and seeing and painting!

David McKean

Signature Awards for 2008

Congratulations to these members who have earned their signature awards: from SFC **Carrie Drilling, Michael Kirschel, Moira McShane Lukas, and Lillian Wu**; from SJVC **Farshad Gohari, Sheryl Lewis, and Shirlee Rehart**.

General Meeting and Demo

Saturday, January 17, 1 p.m.
SWA Center, San Bruno

Ferenc Besze

Ferenc Besze was born and raised in Budapest, Hungary. His love for art surfaced early in his childhood, when Ferenc filled all his textbooks with drawings to the frustration of his teachers and parents.

This award-winning watercolorist expresses himself in an impressionistic style, focusing on the essence of the subject, rather than dwelling on details. He accomplishes his unique wide range of color with a surprisingly limited palette, and maintains economy of design. His technique is influenced significantly by traditional as well as impressionist masters.

Ferenc has exhibited locally, nationally and internationally and has won numerous awards. His work was featured in the millennium issue of the *International Artists Magazine*, Master Painters of the World section.

Ferenc is a signature member of the Society of Western Artists, and an active supporter of different fundraisers, which benefit humanitarian causes.

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Saturday, February 21, 1 p.m.
SWA Center, San Bruno

Suzanne D'Arcy

Suzanne D'Arcy, born and bred in California, knew early on in her life that painting and drawing were integral to her self. Influenced by the amazing variety of the landscape around her, she focused on representational art.

D'Arcy finds beauty in the ordinary city street, open field, sea edge, a person's face. She sees a painting everywhere she looks—city or town. She enjoys plein air painting and is often painting scenery that may soon disappear.

This award-winning artist has been influenced by painters like Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Mry Cassat, William Wendt and Edgar Payne and her teachers Van Waldron and Craig Nelson.

D'Arcy shares her love of painting through her many demonstrations, workshops and lectures.

President's Message–SJVC

Congratulations to all the winners and those who participated in this year's SWA Annual Membership Show held at the Sunnyside Library. Special recognition and congratulations goes out to Sally Moss who won Best of Show for her beautiful painting "Lady in the Yellow Hat." Many, many, thanks and appreciation to all of our volunteers and supporters who worked hard bring about a great show. Your support helps to make SWA SJVC chapter a major success. SWA only exist because of your support and your patronage.

With the new year on the horizon, SWA is making plans for another exciting year of exhibits and showings. SWA will be holding its Elections for New Officers this coming January 24th 2009 meeting. Please come out and support us for this important meeting.

Our SWA Annual Potluck will be held December 13. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and feasting. All members are invited. Bring your favorite food dish. We will be discussing new events that will take place in the following New Year.

A huge congratulations to our beloved members, Linda McCoy, Dean Dallin and Kikuko Young for their recent 1st Place wins in the "Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts. Show."

The Nudes in the November show, held at Chris Sorenson's Studio once again, highlighted both Dean Dallin (2nd place oils) and Kikuko Young (1st Place mixed media). They continue to make an impact and name for themselves in the Fine Arts realm. Way to go, gang!

Just a reminder to all our members that SWA has a new website that is up and running. Go to: www.societyofwesternartists.com to check out our newsletter and current events, as well as our members' gallery on display. Please feel free to direct any prospective candidates who are interested in joining our prestigious organization. Applications for joining are available and ready to download (PDF) direct from the site.

Since this will be my last newsletter as President of SWA SJVC I would like to take this time to say "THANK YOU, SWA," for the opportunity to represent my fellow artist. I am proud to have served and worked with such an incredible group of dedicated artists. I have learned so much over the last three years as your president. I'm very excited for our organization and what the future may hold. Many thanks to all the volunteers and members for your support through the years. It has truly been a pleasure. I will continue to support SWA and would like to encourage all members to continue in the highest pursuit of excellence in making SWA SJVC an organization that we can all be proud of in our continued pursuit towards excellence.

'Heroes seize the moment, they are willing to take great risk while overcoming their fears.'

Dennis Lewis

Patricia Barnett reports that in October 2008 she, alumna '64, was on site at the opening of a new art building, Lied Center for the Arts, Whitworth University, Spokane Washington, where as a student she experienced her first art classes. Her painting, "Wide Turn," is part of the opening exhibit of Whitworth's Permanent Art Collection, showcased in the new Oliver Gallery on campus. In addition, this fall Patricia's painting, "25th Avenue," is accepted in the Watermedia National Oklahoma 34th Exhibition, Oct. 31-Dec. 31, 2008.

John Muir Show, 12/6 – 1/16/09

Congratulations to Award Winners:

1st Place Kay Johnson, Burlingame, City of Trees

2nd Place Audrey Fellows, Katherine

3rd Place Carole Rafferty, Mexican Vacation

H.M. Diana Jaye, Sand Harbor

*Thanks to those who helped with the John Muir show: chair **Jeanne Nordness**; volunteers **Mary Long, Moira McShane Lukas, Judith Puccini, Carrie Drilling and Laura Johnson** (receiving and judging), **Bob and Geri Keary and Carrie Drilling** (transportation and hanging).*

*Also, many thanks to our jurors, **Lilly Raga Abbott, June Levin and Leona Moriarty.***

WATERCOLOR ART CLASSES IN MILLBRAE "ART FROM THE HEART"

Have fun painting watercolors from Award Winning Artist, Joyce Barron Leopardo, SWA

Classes ongoing on Tuesday Evenings from 6 pm–8pm

Held at the:
MILLBRAE RECREATION CENTER
477 LINCOLN CIRCLE
MILLBRAE, CA 94030
(650) 741-8518

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Advertise your workshops, classes, etc.

Rates: \$10 per ad per newsletter—50 word maximum; \$20 per ad over 50 words. Make checks payable to SWA.

Deadlines for ads and news is the 5th of Dec (Jan/Feb), Feb (Mar/Apr), Apr (May/June) Jun (Jul/Aug), Aug (Sep/Oct), Oct (Nov/Dec).

No brochures or printed matter accepted. Please type your ad and send with your check to: Laura Johnson, 3408 Beresford Ave., Belmont, CA 94002. You may send info to dollsinmin@sbcglobal.net. Check must be received before your ad can be published.

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Invites you to their 2009 Artist Demonstrations and lectures:

- Jan. 17** – Ferenc Besze – Watercolor – www.besze.com
- Feb. 21** – Suzanne D’Arcy – Oil – www.suzannedarcy.com
- Mar. 21** – Clark Mitchell – Pastel – www.cgmitchell.com
- Apr. 18** – Laura Williams – Oil – www.laurawilliamsart.com
- May 16** – Ines Cosentino – Pastel
- Jun. 20** – Mike Kirschel – Oil – www.kirschel.com
- Sep. 19** – Karen Frey – Watercolor – www.karenfrey.com
- Oct. 17** – Myrna Wacknov – Watercolor portrait – www.myrnawacknov.com

Changes in programs may occur. For information, call Jeanne Nordness, 650-364-5709.

Refreshments Needed

If you can bring cookies, cake, etc. for the January demo, please get in touch with Moira Mc Shane Lukas, 415-468-2147. Any amount would be appreciated.

Save the Date: March 28–29, 2009

We are planning a workshop with pastellist **Teri Ford** on Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29. Terri is a highly acclaimed artist and we are fortunate to have her

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Venues for 2009

- Octagon** – 2/2–2/27, receiving 1/10
- Pacifica Community Center** – TBA
- ANNUAL** – 7/24–8/29
- Sequoia Hospital** – TBA
- John Muir** – 12/5-1/15/10

A form is included in this newsletter for the Octagon show. If you need additional forms, please go to the SWA website (<http://www.societyofwesternartists.com>) and download one.

Directions: From 280 south or north, take San Bruno Ave. exit. Turn west on San Bruno Ave. and proceed up the hill to Crestmoor Ave. Turn left on Crestmoor. Turn left on Piedmont (1 mile) and continue on into the Pen Crest property. Park in the parking lot on the right. Enter through the large glass doors and look for Bldg. E, Ste. 500 on your right.

BILL

Annual Membership Dues
Due on or before January 1, 2009

Dear SWA Member:

1. If your membership expiration date is 12/31/08 (see address label) please remit on or before January 1, 2009.
FRESNO MEMBERS WILL BE BILLED BY SFVC.

2. BE SURE to include your computer address label.

Annual SWA Dues \$45.00

Tel. No: _____
(helps to complete our roster)

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