

SWA Bulletin

Society of Western Artists
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November–December 2010
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President's Message—SFC

This message comes to you from the Ida Friend Infusion Center at UCSF where I am receiving the first of six chemotherapy treatments for the return of Ovarian Cancer.

The promise I gave to all of you when I became president of the Board of Directors was to serve you with a Grateful Heart and to the best of my ability. NOW, I am asking YOU to do the same!

Please reflect on what YOU can do as a volunteer to help SWA thrive! Volunteering on any level is of the utmost importance to the continued success of your artist's community. You ALL live busy lives! Is SWA on your priority list? I hope so....maybe not at the top, but if you consider yourself a creative artist and want to exhibit your paintings in a gallery, this is your opportunity! Are you grateful for SWA and the possibilities to enhance your art and grow through education—workshops, demonstrations, critiques, and juried exhibits?

Do you enjoy being with your fellow artists? Being creative is infectious and just like the importance of "relationship" in paintings, so too are all of our relationships with each other.

The current Board of Directors are excellent examples, as they give of their time and talent most generously!

Most gratefully in advance for your participating in this wonderful community of artists,

Moira McShane Lukas, SWA

**Gallery hours are changed to Wednesday–Saturday,
10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Welcome to New and Returning Members Lucy Bengson, Joan L. Brown, Nancy Cheadle, Aristo Coelho, Jason Dunn, Lotte Dyhrberg, Elizabeth Feinier, Katherine Gavarini, Sharon Hogan, Linda Kuhli, Joyce Savre Nancy Scott, Anna Smith, Linda Sutton, Sharon M. Wood, Jane H. Williams.

The SWA gallery can be rented for meetings and workshops for \$100 per day or \$50 per half-day. Check with Gallery Coordinator Alisan Andrews (650-400-8623) for availability.

General Meeting and Demo

Saturday, November 20, 1 p.m.

SWA Gallery, Redwood City

Ferenc Besze

Ferenc Besze, born and raised in Budapest, Hungary, has loved art since childhood. Today, Ferenc transfers his passion to his students by teaching watercolor, which is his primary medium.

This talented, award-winning watercolorist prefers to express himself in an impressionistic style, focusing on the essence of the subject, rather than dwelling on details. He likes all subject matter equally, such as a peaceful landscape or a busy city scene.

Ferenc accomplishes his unique wide range of color with a surprisingly limited palette, and maintains economy of design. His free-flowing spontaneous style brings out the beautiful characteristics of watercolor. His technique is influenced significantly by traditional as well as impressionist masters.

His paintings are in private collections in the United States and Europe. Ferenc's work was featured in the millennium issue of the International Artists Magazine, Master Painters of the World section. He is a signature member of SWA.

Edie Kirshner sold a painting, *The Flower Pickers*, during the Signature members show.

The December/January Exhibit has a WINTER THEME.

We hope to see your creative works on display. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers for the October/November 2010 Gallery Show. Catherine Delfs, Berta Hall, Betty Olson, Alisan Andrews, Anne Oseberg, Laura Johnson, Teresa Silvestri, Carolyn Jones and Terri Osborne. Thank you to the judges, Diana Jaye, Edie Kirschner and Jeanne Nordness. Without your help, the exhibits would not be possible.

If you are available to volunteer on December 4 for the December/January show, please contact me at ccdilling@hotmail.com or 650 692-8998.

Thank you,

Carrie Drilling/Exhibits

President’s Message–SJVC

We’re at the close of another year. It may not be the best of times but our Fall Membership Show reflected a lot of faith and optimism for the future. We, the chapter officers, want to congratulate the winners and thank all of the participants. Keep on painting, for there is always a next show coming up.

Also in September, it was our pleasure to have Suzanne Baker, a renowned southwestern painter, demonstrate for us. Suzanne’s medium is acrylics but how she handles it makes the acrylics look like oils. She uses a basic primaries palette, two of each, plus orange and violet. Being a resident of the nearby Sierras, she painted a favorite snow-capped location from reference photos of a recent camping trip. Suzanne was very gregarious and we shared a few laughs as she painted and answered any questions we had. We’ll definitely have to ask her for a future comeback.

On October 23rd our Fall Paint-out will NOT be at the zoo, due to complications. Look for our plan B postcard–back to Woodward Park. Also October 28th is receiving for the Veterans Day Art show through the Clovis Art Guild.

November 20th is our Annual Art Materials Auction. Let’s gather our excess materials to donate and purchase. Remember, the proceeds benefit our local chapter. Your participation will certainly be appreciated.

December 4th is our end-of-year Potluck/Critique. “Brush up” on your favorite comfort food. Our critique theme will be paintings of your favorite animal/pet or goose/duck if you went to the paint-out. Also, at this time we need nominations for new officers. I think I speak for all the current officers in saying it has been a pleasure to be of service to our chapter. And so we need to pass on the baton or is it the gavel?

Rudy Murrietta, SJVC President

Apply for Your SWA Signature Award

Anyone who wants to apply for their SWA Signature Award should get their records together, photocopy them and send them to Doris Guzman, 1426 25th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122-3318. Please get your information in before the end of November to get your award this year.

Thank you,
Doris Guzman

| SWA CONTACTS | | |
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| Gallery Coordinator | Alisan Andrews | 650-400-8623 |
| Workshops | Sherry Vockel | 650-873-0118 |
| Demonstrations | Jeanne Nordness | 650-364-5709 |
| Director of Exhibits | Carrie Drilling | 650-692-8998 |
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| Membership | Loretta Hawkins | 650-588-1154 |

| SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | |
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| October/November Gallery Show | 10/6–12/3 |
| November | 20 |
| | Board Meeting Ferenc Besze Watercolor Demo |
| December/January SWA Gallery Show | 12/6–1/28 |
| | Receiving 12/4 Winter Theme |

| October/November SWA Gallery Show | | |
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| Congratulations to Award Winners: | | |
| 1st Place | Anneliese Drbal | <i>Sailing to San Francisco</i> |
| 2nd Place | Decker Walker | <i>Dreamtime</i> |
| 3rd Place | Deborah Matlack | <i>In the Rose Garden</i> |
| HM | Anne Oseberg | <i>Pavarotti and Girls</i> |

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| October/November People’s Choice Award | Anne Osberg | <i>Bergen, Norway Raintown</i> |
| Signature Members Show People’s Choice Award | Ferenc Besze | |
| 60th SWA Annual Exhibit Most Popular Painting | Myrna Wacknov | <i>Bleeding Heart</i> |

The Bulletin is published 6 times per year (Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, Jul/Aug, Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec)

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.

2010 SWA Gallery Exhibition and Workshop Schedule

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| December 09/January 10 SWA Gallery Show Sequoia High School Exhibit <i>Workshop – Karen Frey</i> | December 9 – January 21; Receiving Dec. 5 January 22 – February 5 January 30 & 31 |
| February/March SWA Gallery Show | February 10 – March 26; Receiving February 6 |
| April/May 2010 SWA Gallery Show Art Walk <i>Workshop – Gil Dellinger</i> <i>Workshop – Steve Curl</i> | March 31 – May 28; Receiving March 27 April 10 & May 8 April 23, 24 & 25 May 22 & 23 |
| 2010 Annual Art Walk Art Walk <i>Workshop – Floy Zitten</i> Art Walk <i>Workshop – Randall Sexton</i> | June 2 – Aug 15; Receiving May 29 June 12 July 10 July 16, 17 & 18 August 14 August 6, 7, & 8 |
| Signature Member SWA Gallery Show Art Walk <i>Workshop – Alan Flattmann</i> | August 18 – Oct 1; Receiving August 16 September 11 September 20 – 24 |
| October/November SWA Gallery Show Art Walk <i>Workshop – Doug Dawson</i> | October 6 – Dec 3; Receiving September 25 October 9 October 8, 9 & 10 |
| December/January 2011 SWA Gallery Show <i>Winter Theme</i> | December 6 – January 28; Receiving Dec. 4 |

Demonstrations 2010

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| January 16 | Joyce Faulknor | Illustrates wrapping watercolorpaper to look like oil painting |
| February 20 | Gil Dellinger | Oil, Acrylics and Pastel |
| March 20 | Steve Curl | Watercolor |
| April 17 | Floy Zittin | Watercolor |
| May 15 | Lillian Wu | Chinese Brush Painting |
| June 19 | Randy Sexton | Oil – Plein Air |
| September 18 | Deborah Matlack | Pastel |
| October 16 | Decker Walker | Oil Portraits |
| November 20 | Ferenc Besze | Watercolor |

SWA Workshops 2011

Workshops are being planned for 2011 and we have the following artists scheduled so far:

- Dale Laitnen** – Watercolor on April 2 and 3
- Sonja Hamilton** – Watercolor on July 16 and 17
- Linda Harris** – Oil/pastel portraiture on September 23, 24, 25

Randy Sexton – Plein Air oil tentatively scheduled for October

If you have any suggestions or feedback concerning the SWA Workshops, please contact me at: (650) 873-0118; (650) 873-0118 or email: mzsherrylee@msn.com

Sherry Vockel, SWA

BILL

Annual Membership Dues
Due on or before January 1, 2011

Dear SWA Member:

1. If your membership expiration date is 12/31/10 (see address label) please remit on or before January 1, 2011. 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)

ADDITIONAL DONATION

Directions: From 101: Take the Whipple Avenue exit. Go west on Whipple and turn left on El Camino Real. Turn left on Broadway. **From South 280:** Take the Woodside Road exit. Go east on Woodside to El Camino Real. Go north on El Camino. Turn right on Broadway. **From North 280:** Take the Edgewood exit east. At Alameda de las Pulgas turn right. At Whipple turn left. Take Whipple to El Camino and turn right. Left on Broadway. 2625 is on the RIGHT side.

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