

**January 20, 2024**

**SWS General Meeting Minutes**

Interested members joined in at 9:30 for a socialization opportunity.

President Oral Carper opened the meeting at 10:00. The meeting was recorded. 31 people attended this zoom meeting. He remarked that the smaller size of SWS allows for the opportunity for members to get better acquainted.

Oral reported that the board approved moving \$10,000 of SWS funds into a CD for 1 year at 5% interest.

SWS currently has 78 total members including 30 signature members. New members Deborah Bruce, Harriet Mittelberger and Jacqui Shaw were introduced by Oral. Each shared samples of their work.

Oral reported there are 2 days left to sign up for the Soon Warren Workshop at the SWS member price, with a savings of \$100. She is a member of many prestigious societies and is well known for her vibrant colors and her excellence as an instructor. The workshop will be suitable for beginning through advanced painters. Lori Patrick is the workshop chair, assisted by Noreen Simonson and Linda Schneider. Check the website for details.

The juried member show at the Liberty Gallery will continue until February 23<sup>rd</sup> with a second First Friday event on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8. Juror Jessica Bryant gave good comments on each of the paintings in the show and made the awards. This was recorded, but technical difficulties and too much background noise during the recording have made it difficult to get a good clean recorded presentation. To view results go to My SWS Website.

Oral reported that entries for the National Juried Show have been slow to come in, but he expects more as the February 11<sup>th</sup> deadline for submissions draws near. There are typically about 70 entries. Entries may be made through Cafeat callforentry.org. The discount code for a second entry is APRIL2024. There is \$ 1,500 available in cash awards. Oral offered to meet with anyone who is having difficulty navigating the entry process. Vicki West has secured merchandise &/or other sponsor donations from Dick Blick and Holbein among others. Holbein is interested in offering SWS members the opportunity to buy products at special prices. The board will consider this proposal.

There were 16 challenge paintings shared by 12 artists. Vicki West won the drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Spokane Art Supply. The challenge for February is something with the color red.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted by SWS Secretary, Gloria Fox, January 21, 2024.