



# The Sketchpad



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February's demo artist will be **Soon Y. Warren**, demonstrating painting cut glass in watercolor.

Soon is known for her transparent watercolor paintings of flowers, crystal vases, nature, and bicycles with shadows.

She is a signature member of AWS and NWS. Visit her web site for more information [www.SoonWarren.com](http://www.SoonWarren.com)

Soon's demo will amaze you with its realism. Don't miss it!



Next meeting: Zoom meeting launched at 6:30 pm, **Feb 16, 2021**. Short business meeting then demo. Watch for an email with login.

# Message From RCAS President — Mickey Archer



As 2021 opens up for us, we have two exhibits coming up which will get us back in the groove.

The Eisemann Center and Richardson library both remain closed for all intents and purposes, and they can't tell us when they may open. For this reason, the **55th Annual Regional Show** and the **RCAS Spring Show** will be virtual this year.

**Pete Quaid** is chairman of the Regional show and **Steve Miller** is his Co-chair. They have invited **Judy Crowe** to judge the show ([www.judycrowe.com](http://www.judycrowe.com)) and here are some important dates:

**Call for Entries opens on CaFE on February 15th.**

**Deadline for submissions is April 15th**

**Show opens on line on the RCAS website May 1st.**

**Winners announced May 15th.**

The RCAS Spring show will also be virtual and **Jonesy McConnell** is the show chair and **Steve Sanderson** is the Co-chair. Here are important dates for this show:

**Call for Entries (RCAS website) February 13th.**

**Entry deadline is March 7th.**

**Show opens on line on the RCAS website March 14th**

**Winners announced at the monthly RCAS meeting March 16th.**

**Show closes April 9th.**

Jonesy and Steve have invited **Maria Shterenberg** to judge the show. You can see her work, bio and awards at [www.marinashterenberg.com](http://www.marinashterenberg.com).

Andy Evansen was the guest artist at our January meeting and was great! Several people have asked if we can book a workshop with Andy, and **Cheryl Mabry** is working on that.

Our February Zoom meeting holds another treat with **Soon Young Warren**, a watercolor artist who paints amazing cut glass subject matter. You won't want to miss her demo at the meeting on **Tuesday February 16th at 6:30PM** (Remember, our meetings are always the third Tuesday of each month).

A nominating committee has been established to recommend a new slate of officers and chairpersons for next year and will be presented to the membership at the April meeting. As you know, RCAS is a totally volunteer society and we all have to support it with our participation. Please contact either **Linda Clary (972) 365-2195**, **Cheryl Mabry ((972) 922-8425** or myself **Mickey Archer (972) 974-2660** if you would like to serve for the upcoming year.

The Art of the Month program has really taken off as you can see from the quality and quantity of submissions at the last meeting. Since most of us are home-bound because of the virus, we should all be painting every day. Please submit your latest masterpiece so we can see what everyone has been doing. It is very inspiring.

Happy Trails

Mickey

# Getting to Know You - Barbara McNutt



Richardson Civic Art Society.....my people! I've been with RCAS a long time. Some of my first friends when we moved to Richardson were Richardson Artists. I miss seeing everyone during this disastrous pandemic.

My service to RCAS began under the leadership of Barbara and Dick Mussett. They were clever, those two! First they had me bringing cookies, which led to an assortment of Board member positions, show intake, installer, show chair followed by President 11 years ago. We've always been blessed with a creative and conscientious board that loves RCAS

as much as I do. A most memorable time as President was the meeting night after my daughter's triplets were born 12 years ago, Dick made a sign and taped a sign to the podium! Another story comes from the Regional Show when a young applicant's piece was not accepted. The Mother was so angry and threatening we hired security! What a nightmare!



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I've been around a good while with lots of memories. My childhood was a dream growing up on our Plantation in Mississippi. I had my first art lesson when I was 8 yrs old, with Mrs. Maxine Holcombe who became my idol as my High School Art Teacher.

My Mother decided she needed to get me out of Mississippi when she sent me to Stevens College for Women in Columbia, MO. I got to know girls from all across the country. What an awakening! My 2 amazingly talented Art instructors there gave me the push and recognition toward this life of study and passion for Art in its many forms. Studying at Ole Miss during the race riots over James Meredith's enrollment, was a frightening life changing experience. Not long after graduation my first Art teaching position brought me to Texas, the beginning of another new life!!

Not long after beginning this new life teaching Art at Freeport Jr High, I met my tall Texan at church, married and raised 3 kids. I returned to teaching Art again as soon as the youngest foot hit the stairs of Robert E. Lee Elementary School. After retiring from 20 years of teaching Art to Middle School kids (always middle school, yes, I'm just that crazy), I began to regain my fervor for the painted page. My first watercolor teacher many years ago was Ed Whitney, the Father of American Watercolor. His wisdom, courage and talent put me on track learning about watercolors. In my determination to constantly grow as an artist, improve and sharpen my skills, I took several workshops led by outstanding nationally recognized artists. When I get too tight, I hear funny Bob Burrige yelling "LOOSEN UP"!! I'm putting all I've learned to the test finding my personal approach to design and painting. Thanks for your interest, friendship and encouragement.  
REMEMBER ~ INSPIRATION FINDS YOU WHEN YOU'RE WORKING!



# New Civic Center Exhibition

RCAS hung 20 paintings at the Richardson Civic Center on January 12th from members Wendy Koehrsen, Barbara McNutt, Donna J. Chambers, Jonesy McConnell, Jr., Ted Houston, Denise Weeren, and Mickey Archer. The exhibit will hang until Mid-March. Grab your masks and go see this wonderful exhibition!



# RCAS January Meeting

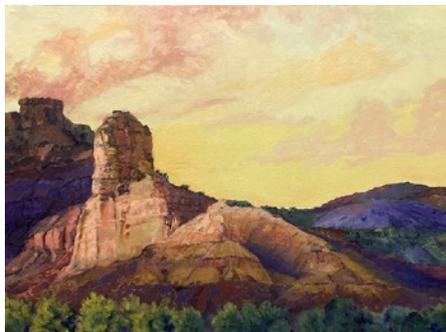
The January meeting on Zoom featured artist **Andy Evansen**. Andy demonstrated how he simplifies and plans his watercolor paintings by developing a value sketch depicting a large connecting mid-value. He simplifies the scene concentrating on shapes, not things. He adds the darks to his value sketch after he has laid in the mid-tones in his watercolor painting. Andy's loose approach to a watercolor landscape was very easy to understand. Check out his workshops at <https://www.evansenartstudio.com>.



January Art of the Month winners are as follows: 1st place, **Steve Sanderson**, *Making a Big Splash*, acrylic. 2nd place, **Julie England**, *Palo Duro Canyon*, oil, and 3rd place, **Wendy Koehrsen**, *Durham Lake*, pastel.



*Making a Big Splash*



*Palo Duro Canyon*



*Durham Lake*

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[Spring Course Calendar](#), [Course Descriptions](#) & [Course Listings](#) are now available

Now Check out the **OPEN STUDIO (Online and In-Studio)**  
on Sunday, February 14, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Visual Arts of Prosper is proud to offer a class Saturday Feb. 20, 2021, from 10am to 4pm where you can make this gorgeous crackle grape leave gourd. The instructor Sue Haberer is a frequent demonstrator at the Dallas Arboretum. Sue is not only an artist but a teacher, skilled in explaining her award-winning art with gourds. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Cost is \$95 for members, \$125 non-members. Payment is due by Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact workshop coordinator Toni Wengler [twengler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:twengler@sbcglobal.net) for more information and to register.

# Art Opportunities



RCAS is hosting a 2-day workshop via Zoom with **Cheri Christensen** who demonstrated her oil painting technique at the October meeting. The workshop is February 18th and 19th 2021. Price is \$125 and will be to 12 students. Check out the RCAS website for the registration and payment form. Cheri also has a DVD coming out soon. See her work at [www.cherichristensen.com](http://www.cherichristensen.com)

Outlaw Nation is sponsoring the Plano Music & Arts Festival is at McKinney TX, on April 17-18, 2021. This event draws more than 60,000 suburban homeowners and art lovers. Fifty percent of the visual artists must be local to the metroplex. There is space for 120 artists total. The event meets all state of Texas and CDC COVID-19 guidelines. If interested, register at : [Plano-Dallas Music and Arts Festivals by Outlaw Nation](#)

## **Call For Artists: Watercolor USA 2021**

**Entry Portal opens: January 4**

**Deadline to apply: February 21, 11:59 PM**

Beginning January 4, the Museum seeks submissions for *Watercolor USA 2021*. The 60th annual juried exhibition of the very best in contemporary American watermedia is scheduled for June 5 - August 29, 2021. This exhibition is open to artists from all 50 states and U.S. territories and will be judged by Nick Nelson, Director of the Springfield Art Museum.

Approximately \$20,000 in cash prizes, artist materials, and possible Museum purchase awards are available. Artists using watermedia as a critical component of their work and whose work pushes the boundaries of traditional aqueous media are encouraged to enter. For full information on entry rules and how to submit art work, please [visit our website](#).

# Art Opportunities

The **36th 2021 Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition** is open to all artists 18 and older living in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Sponsored by the [Irving Art Association](#) and the [Irving Arts Center](#), it will be on display at the Center May 15 – June 12, 2021. For more information see the website: [TexasAndNeighbors.com](#).

Up to three works of art may be entered by an artist for an entry fee of \$55 (\$45 for IAA members). Includes seven 2-D and sculpture categories. **Deadline for entry is March 1, 2021.**

**\$10,000 in prizes!** Artists may also earn signature status by exhibiting in five shows. Juror TBA.

*If the exhibit is virtual only due to pandemic restrictions, judging and award selections will be completed by April 10, 2021; awards announcements and the virtual exhibit will be posted by May 16; awards will be mailed June 1.*

*See the official Texas & Neighbors website at [texasandneighbors.com](#) for the prospectus and link to registration at CaFE.*

# RCAS Volunteer Opportunities

The RCAS nominating committee is hard at work giving members an opportunity to volunteer for open officer and committee chair positions for the 2021-2022 season. Membership will vote on the nominees at the April meeting, and the new Board will be inducted at the May meeting. If you are able to spare some time in support of your art society, please contact Linda Clary, [linda@clary.org](mailto:linda@clary.org), Cheryl Mabry, [mabrycheryl2@gmail.com](mailto:mabrycheryl2@gmail.com), or Mickey Archer, [michaelarcher7@gmail.com](mailto:michaelarcher7@gmail.com).

Open positions:

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Show Data Administrator

Spring Show Chair/Co-chair

Regional Show Chair/Co-chair

Altrusa/World Peace Show Chair

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# RCAS Board and Meetings

RCAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES: June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

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| Publicity                   | Barbara McNutt              |

## SHOW CHAIRPERSONS

|                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Membership           | Wendy Koehrsen/Ginny Hoppe     |
| Spring               | Jonesy McConnell/Kathy Elliott |
| Regional             | Pete Quaid/Steve Miller        |
| Young People's       | Ted Houston/Judith Pafford     |
| Summer               | Wendy Koehrsen                 |
| Civic Center Display | Mickey Archer/Jonesy McConnell |
| Huffhines Rec Center | Mickey Archer                  |
| Heights Rec Center   | Denise Weeren                  |

## MEETINGS/DEMONSTRATIONS (Virtual)

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| September 15 | Deanna Thibault – Mixed Media             |
| October 20   | Cheri Christensen – Farm Animals          |
| November 17  | Jesse Lane – Skin Tones in Colored Pencil |
| January 19   | Andy Evansen – Watercolor                 |
| February 16  | Soon Young Warren – Painting Cut Glass    |
| March 16     | William Schneider – Oil, Portraits        |
| April 20     | John McDaniel – Emotion in Landscapes     |
| May 18       | Jeff Legg – Oil, Still Life               |