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The April demo artist is **John MacDonald**, sharing his technique in how to achieve **emotion in landscapes (oil)**. He writes,

“My love of realism is directly tied to my love of the craft of painting. To create an illusion of space, form, light, and atmosphere that carries an emotional charge, all from mere fluid dabs and smears of oil paints, is an endless challenge and a perpetual joy. Influenced by the American tonalists and the classic “mountain and rivers” poets of China, I strive to say as much as possible with as little as possible—to subtly suggest rather than to overtly describe. My subject matter is the mood that arises from the ego-less contemplation of landscape, a mood of not-knowing that leaves some mystery in a painting, something unresolved that allows the viewer to explore the painting and make discoveries within it. Welcome.”

With an eye made quiet
By the power of Harmony
And the deep power of Joy,
We see into the life of things.

~ W. Wordsworth

You can read more about John at <http://jmacdonald.com>.



You don't want to miss this demo!



Slow Water

20 x 36, oil on linen



Next meeting: Zoom meeting launched at 6:30 pm, **April 20, 2021**. Business meeting to announce awards in the Spring Show, vote on slate of officers and chair people, and John MacDonald demo. Watch for an email with login.

Message From RCAS President — Mickey Archer



I hope you found a lot of eggs! Easter has come and gone and the weather is becoming more tolerable every day.

We will announce the winners of the Spring Show at our April meeting (April 20th) at 6:30PM so I know you will want to ZOOM in. Also, deadline for the Regional show is Thursday, April 15th so if you've not entered, time is quickly approaching.

This month, John MacDonald will be our guest artist and will be demoing EMOTIONS IN OILS, so you don't want to miss it. I think we all want to put more emotion into our paintings.

We have new exhibits hung at Huffhines, the Civic Center and Heights Recreation Center, so stop and see what our membership is doing. Great stuff!

We will vote for a new slate of officers and chair people at the April meeting. It's time to PAY IT FORWARD! RCAS is a totally volunteer society and only you can keep it vibrant and going. If you've not taken on a position or office in the past few years, it's your turn. We still have some key spots open including secretary, data entry chair, co-chair for the membership show, chair and co-chair for the Spring Show and Regional show. If we can't fill these positions, we may not have the shows, so please consider taking an assignment.

Our April and May meetings will be virtual meetings on ZOOM, but I truly believe by fall we will be able to start meeting again at the library. We see more and more vaccinations every week and there is "Light at the End of the Tunnel".

Happy Trails,

Mickey

Welcome renewing members:
Sherry Barber, Prosper TX
Cynthia Coldren, Richardson, TX

Getting to Know You - Dan Myers



Hi, I am Dan Myers, a native Texan. I was born in Dallas and raised in East Texas, then moved back to Dallas and attended Bryan Adams High School. I graduated in 1968.

I always wanted to be creative and paint or draw, but I never thought I could. Although I took a drawing class in high school I did not believe the instructor provided very good instruction, so I dropped the class.

I have been married for 47 years, have 2 grown kids and 5 grandkids as well as 2 dogs. My retirement job began in 2012 when I started working for Home Depot.

Shortly after I started at Home Depot I decided I would try my hand at painting. I acquired some Bob Ross videos and started trying to teach myself to paint by learning how to make "HAPPY LITTLE TREES".

With each painting, I would consider how I like "this part" or "that part" and would attempt to improve on those even though I was aware that the paintings were not very good. I then enrolled in classes through Craftsby.com as an attempt to learn and improve my skills.

I have never attended a painting class in person so you might say I am self-taught. I consider myself an 'Artist In Training'.

I started painting landscapes in oil and have since painted a few abstracts with Acrylic, alcohol ink and watercolor. I enjoy all mediums but my favorite is painting with oil. I would show my work to co-workers and friends and some would ask if I was selling a painting. My answer was maybe some day but not right now, as I was very attached to each painting I created. I have since given several away as my walls had no more room to hang new work.



Little Red Book



Passion Flower

Getting to Know You - Dan Myers

I have entered a few of my works in the Texas State Fair and was awarded 2nd place in 2018 with “ The Little Red Book” and 2nd place 2019 with the “ Passion Flower”. In the ‘State Fair that never was’ (displayed only online) in 2020, I was awarded 1st place in the Watercolor Landscape Division with “View From The Train”.

At this time, I am working on portraits of each of my grandchildren with me in a Santa hat. This has been the most challenging artwork yet! I have enjoyed getting to know and learn from other local artists and look forward to us being able to meet in person again.

Keep on Painting!!!!

Dan Myers



View from the Train



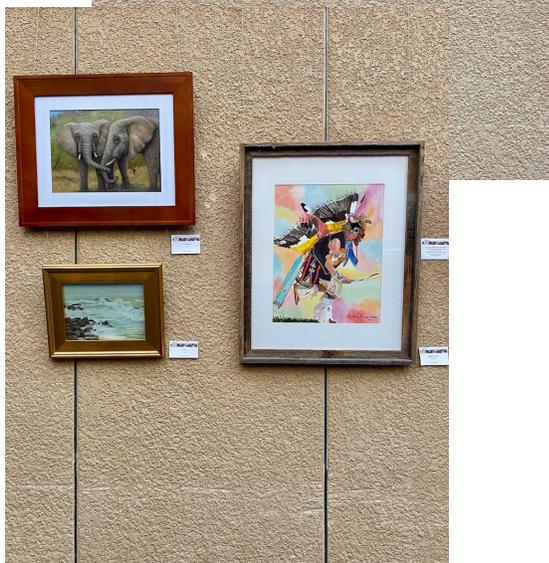
Canadian Rockies



My Valentine Bear

New Civic Center Exhibition

Every month, RCAS Board Members are encouraged to hang a selection of their original works of art at the Richardson Civic Center. If you happen to be in the area of the Civic Center, stop by and check out the show. Below are images of the latest show hung April 6, 2021.



RCAS March Meeting

William (Bill) Schneider demonstrated painting eyes in oils at the March meeting. He began by sketching the outline in straight lines, not the curved outline one traditionally sees. He then painted around the edges in short strokes, so there were some lost edges.



March Art of the Month winners are as follows: 1st place, **Mickey Archer**, *Protege*, watercolor 2nd place, **Trish Poupard**, *Chloe*, watercolor, and 3rd place, **Julie England**, *Garden with Trellis*, watercolor and oil on yupo.



Protege



Chloe



Garden with Trellis

Art and Volunteer Opportunities

The deadline for entering the **RCAS 55th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition and Sale** is April 15th. This show is on-line only. Go to www.richardson-arts.org/exhibitions to apply.



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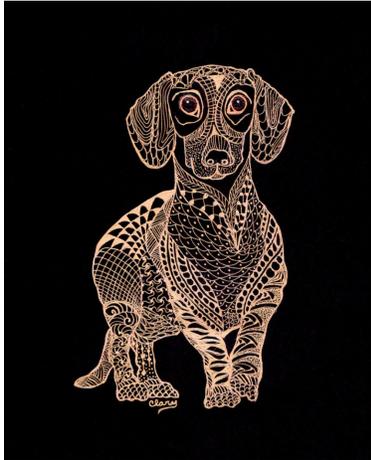
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Your **Richardson Civic Art Society** runs on volunteer power. The slate of officers and committee chair persons for 2021-2022 will be presented at the April 20th meeting and inducted at the May meeting. **There are still a few open positions.** If you are able to spare some time in support of your art society, please contact **Linda Clary**, linda@clary.org, **Cheryl Mabry**, mabrycheryl2@gmail.com, or **Mickey Archer**, michaelarcher7@gmail.com.

Members in the News

Brutus by **Linda Clary** has a new home. He was purchased at the March 2021 RCAS Art Exhibit at the Huffhines Recreation Center in Richardson, TX. This 9"W x 12"H drawing was done with a bright copper metallic gel pen on black Strathmore drawing paper. The eyes are enhanced with brown colored pencil around the pupils. The new owners bought him as a gift for a friend who had recently lost one of their pet Dachshunds. They hope it will bring them some small measure of comfort.



Brutus

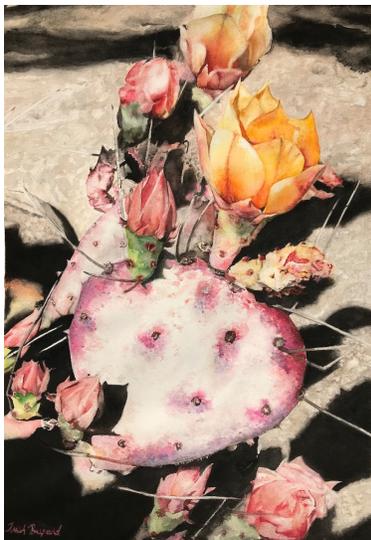


Kim at Dunn Brothers Coffee

Acrylic Fluid Artist, **Kimberly Kort**- KK Art Creations has a solo exhibition at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Addison, Texas. (3725 Beltline Road, Addison, Texas) This exhibit hangs from April through June, 2021. Kimberly Kort's tag line is "Pour Art on Your Walls."

Trish Poupard's painting *Huntington Cactus* has been accepted into the National Watercolor Society's 2021 Members Exhibition. The exhibition will be on line May 1 through June 27, 2021. The exhibition will be streamed on You Tube also.

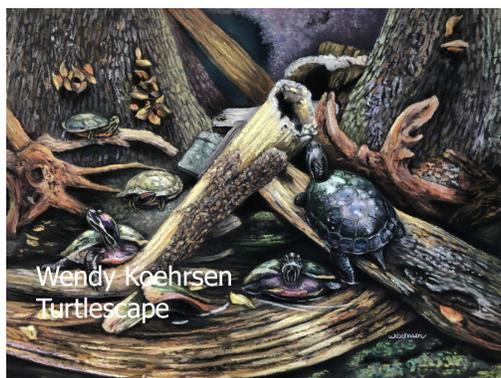
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Huntington Cactus

Members in the News

Wendy Koehrsen's pastel painting *Turtlescape* was accepted into a juried national show sponsored by the Arizona Pastel Artists Association. The show is online now at www.aapa.wildapricot.org. She also has pastel paintings on display and for sale at the Art Gallery at the Filtered Craft Coffee Shop in downtown McKinney and the Drawing Board in Richardson. wendy-koehrsen@pixels.com



Capturing the Quietness

Cecy Turner's oil painting, *Capturing the Quietness*, was accepted into the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society 2021 Best of America Small Works National Juried Exhibition. The show takes place from May 7th through June 1st at Principle Gallery in Charleston, SC.

<https://www.cecyturner.com>

Sixty-five original works of art in five categories entered into the **2021 Spring Show** are viewable on the RCAS website, www.richardson-arts.org. The award winners will be announced at the April 20th meeting.

A Message from VP Cheryl Mabry

Happy Spring Everyone!

I hope you are as excited to get out and smell the roses as I am!

But not just smell them, also paint them, draw them, sculpt them and photograph them. I have always loved Spring but this year seems extra bright and wonderful coming off of last year. I don't think I have ever been so excited to get outside in the sun, say Hello to my neighbors and friends, and go out in person. (Note to self, "quarantine is not for me!") Even though I saved a lot on lipstick, I am looking forward to seeing everyone's faces again.

I wanted to communicate how grateful I am as your Vice President, for all the cooperation from our Board of Directors and membership that I have seen over this past year. In 2020 we have had to tackle issues we have never dealt with before. And we did it with style and grace. As RCAS members you need to know that your Board of Directors have worked diligently to keep our organization active. We wish to thank each of you as members for your added efforts as well, and look forward to having you as members for the upcoming 2021-2022 year.

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly our whole life would change." Buddha

So here's to the Spring daffodils in our yards. I can't wait to see the creativity that this Spring inspires in each of you. This is going to be a great year.

Happy Spring Y'All, Cheryl Mabry Vice President



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Civic Center Display	Mickey Archer/Jonesy McConnell
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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 MacDonald - Emotion in Landscapes
May 18	Jeff Legg - Oil, Still Life