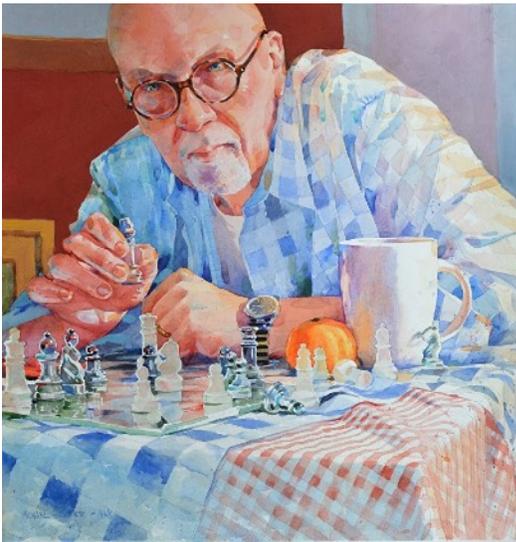




# THE SketchPad

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Michael Holter Self Portrait

### Welcome back RCAS Members!

We had all hoped to be greeting each other in person this fall and sharing in the camaraderie we enjoy at our monthly membership meetings. However, restrictions at the Richardson Public Library dictate that we hold our meetings by Zoom this fall. Later this year we will re-evaluate our ability to hold in person meetings in the spring.

On a positive note, **Michael Holter** will be the demo artist for the September 21st meeting!

Our North Texas community is very fortunate to have a nationally known artist like Michael in our midst who is willing to share his talents with us by Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Michael Holter ([michaelholter.com](http://michaelholter.com)) is an award-winning artist who works in watercolor and oil. His paintings can be found in private and corporate collections in the U.S. and across the globe. Holter holds a B.A. in art education and an M.A. in visual communication. He's a member of the Salmagundi Club and a Signature Member of the National Watercolor Society, the American Impressionist Society, the Watercolor Honor Society, the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, the Outdoor Painter Society, the Southwestern Watercolor Society, the Missouri Watercolor Society and the Society of Watercolor Artists.



# Message from RCAS President — Cheryl Mabry



From myself and all the members of the Board we are so excited to start the 2021-2022 season for Richardson Civic Art Society. We look forward to all the art and art education that we will share this year.

September always brings to mind going back to school and new adventures in learning. And yet some of the most valuable experiences and lessons we may encounter will not always be the most enjoyable. Allowing ourselves to make mistakes and begin the process of trying again is hard for the instructor as well as the student.

Making mistakes is hard. Frustrating! Discouraging! Struggling! Yikes! Not the way we planned to spend our day. And as every teacher or parent knows, it is a work of patience to let a child or student, of any age, take the time to work through correcting a missed step. It would be so much easier to fix it for them, and yet we have to allow them to work through it. Guiding but not stealing the experience of finding the solution on their own. Allowing each of us the joy of accomplishment that comes at the end of a struggle. But being late for church because your child is learning to tie their own shoes, the worst. But the pride when they tell a friend, wait I can show you how....and learning continues....

Recently I heard another artist state that “paint was cheap” so of course my immediate reaction was “well you must have more money than me” but then he explained that compared to the amount of time that you will spend on learning, painting, scraping off, re-drawing, starting over etc. you will invest much more in the amount of time that you dedicate to your art, learning, than you ever will invest in for paint. So when you are having one of those days when nothing is going as planned, be thankful for the lessons that you are learning, and wipe the brush, sharpen the pencil, get out another canvas and keep learning.

See you for the September demo with Michael Holter.

Cheryl Mabry, President

**Next Meeting:** September 21 at 6:30 pm. Watch your email for the Zoom invitation and log in.

# Getting to Know You - Kim Kort



Art has always been a part of her life in some form. Ever since early childhood, art has been a way to express fears, desires, misunderstandings, and share her view of our beautiful world. Every day is a new discovery of colors, shapes, and beauty. The world has always been a canvas for Kim, and she expresses her views through acrylic fluid art movement.

Kimberly believes that the rules are there are no rules. Every day is a new discovery of colors, shapes, and beauty. The world has always been a canvas. For the past five years, Kimberly expresses her views through acrylic fluid art movement. Fluid art helped calm the debilitating migraines that she had suffered for years. Painting is also a

cathartic release for Kim. She has had debilitating migraines that sometimes incapacitate her for days and has experienced them for over twenty years. Painting helps calm the pain and spurs more creativity by organizing the chaos that envelopes her brain. The paint spilling out then forms into a beautiful expressive creation.

Kimberly is a midwestern Kansas girl who transplanted to Texas. The world became more beautiful and vibrant after marriage and having two children. Watching her children experience and see the world through traveling, museums, and everyday life, Kimberly has poured paint to express what they have seen and capture those visions and moments.



# Getting to Know You - Kim Kort



Kimberly likes her art to evoke different emotions and each time people see it they can interpret it differently based on their feelings and emotions. Kimberly wants her art to help people get into a deeper thinking of what the eyes see and how the mind deciphers it. Art is in the eyes of all the beholders.

Kimberly believes in giving back to the community. She participated in one of the largest art giveaway events this year called International Art and Found Day. From over 36 countries and over 400 artists placed their paintings out in their cities. The intention is for people who might not ever buy an original painting will now own one. Kimberly placed three of her own paintings on various park benches and next to trees all wrapped up with a message “Free Art looking for a forever home” All three were found and messages were sent back via Instagram that they were in their new forever home. Each message expressed excitement and gratefulness.

Kimberly also donates paintings to various non-profit organizations to be auctioned off to help raise money for various causes. In 2019, Kimberly gathered artists from around Dallas to donate prints or original paintings to hang on the walls of a new counseling center in South Dallas, The Family Place, a Dallas shelter for people affected by domestic violence. Kimberly believes that art should be enjoyed, help heal, and provide a respite for the mind body and soul.

Kim joined the Executive board of Texas Jewish Arts Association at Secretary, sits on the board of the Richardson Civic Art Society as a Program Committee Co-Chair, and is a member of the Plano Art Association and Visual Arts Guild of Frisco. [www.kkartcreations.com](http://www.kkartcreations.com)



If you have never been featured in The Sketchpad or if it's been a long time since you were, please contact Judith Pafford at [judith.pafford@gmail.com](mailto:judith.pafford@gmail.com) to get on the “Getting to Know You” list for future editions.

# New Huffhines Rec Center Exhibition

RCAS members hung a new exhibit of 31 paintings at the Huffhines Recreation Center on September 7th. They will be on display and for sale through November 30th.



# RCAS Summer Show Results

The RCAS member Summer Show and Sale was on display June 27th through August 20<sup>th</sup> on the third floor of the Richardson Public Library. The public had the opportunity to vote for the Peoples Choice Award. Mickey Archer's painting *Shrimp Busters* won the first place People's Choice and Ted Houston's painting *Homage to DaVinci* won second place People's Choice. These two paintings will hang at the Filter(ed) Gallery and Coffee House in McKinney. Rosalinda Stone's painting *Deep Woods* sold at the show. Congratulations Mickey, Ted, and Rosalinda.



Mickey Archer, *Shrimp Busters*



Ted Houston, *Homage to DaVinci*



Rosalinda Stone, *Deep Woods*

## North Texas Giving Day - 9/23/21



North Texas Giving Day is 9/23/21. Please support RCAS in this annual fundraiser to allow us to continue our great offerings. Donations accepted now through 9/23/21. We thank you for your support! [Click Here to Donate!](#)

# New Solo Show at the Heights Rec Center

RCAS member Denise Weeren hung her solo show of 17 oil and acrylic paintings at the Heights Recreation Center on Tuesday August 17. The show will hang through October 12th.



Denise Weeren  
Acrylic / Oil Painting

Like every artist I've known, Denise Weeren has been dabbling in art since childhood. However, when it came time to choose a career, she and her family determined that Nursing School was the more stable and profitable field of study. So after graduation, she took occasional art classes and was strongly encouraged to continue studying art by her instructors.

It was not until her children were all off with careers of their own that Denise decided to become serious about art again. Taking that extended break from art gave her time to decide where she wanted to go with her talents. She enjoys portraying nature - landscapes and the animals who reside in those habitats.

Denise has been a member of the Richardson Civic Art Society since 2016 and served as a board member from 2017 - 2021.



Inventory Sheet			
Denise Weeren	8/17/21	Heights Solo Artist Show	
Still Waiting For You	acrylic on canvas board	18 X 14	\$200
Nursery Hunting	acrylic on canvas board	20 X 16	\$200
Quietly Getting a Drink	acrylic on canvas board	20 X 16	\$200
Mom's Special Place	acrylic on hardboard	36 X 24	\$400
Calling Out for Love	acrylic on canvas board	20 X 16	\$250
Hurricane Ridge in Olympic Park	acrylic on canvas		\$250
The Raven's Perch	Oil on canvas	20 X 24	\$250
Dining Alfresco	Oil on canvas	20 X 16	\$250
Misty Morning Sip	acrylic on canvas board	16 X 12	\$200
Fallow Deer	acrylic on canvas board	18 X 14	\$200
A Better View	Acrylic on canvas	24 X 18	\$600
Snow Leopard	acrylic on paper	11 X 14	\$200
The Textbook Guardian	acrylic on paper	24 X 18	\$200
Winter Came Early	acrylic on paper	24 X 18	\$200
An Experienced Soul	acrylic on paper	24 X 18	\$250
The Little Predator	acrylic on paper	14 X 11	\$250
A Loyal Friend	acrylic on paper	14 X 11	\$250

# RCAS Membership Show



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See Prospectus on the RCAS website for rules and submission information at: [www.richardson-arts.org](http://www.richardson-arts.org)  
The Membership Show will be on display October 2 - November 6, 2021 at the Richardson Public Library Third Floor Gallery



## **Juror: Winter Rusiloski Bio**

Winter Rusiloski was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and grew up painting the rural landscapes of Pennsylvania and the northeastern coast. She earned a BFA in Painting and Related Arts-Dance at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, studying abroad in Cortona, Italy with the University of Georgia. She earned an MFA in Painting with a fellowship award at Texas Christian University studying abroad at the Hungarian Academy of Fine Arts in Budapest. Rusiloski joined the Baylor University Department of Art and Art History as professor of painting in the fall of 2016 following 12 years of teaching at the college/university level.

Winter Rusiloski has been investigating abstracted landscapes for the past twenty years, participating in both national and international exhibitions. She has had 11 solo exhibitions and more than 30 national and international juried exhibitions since 2016, winning numerous national and international awards. Rusiloski's paintings are included in public and private collections throughout the United States, the UK and South Korea. Her exhibition highlights include: The Texas Biennial 2009, three time Hunting Art Prize Finalist in Houston, Texas, Paint Part 2-Out of Abstraction, a survey of Abstract Art in Texas at the Arlington Museum of Art, The Texas Oklahoma Art Prize at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art, The 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> September Competition at the Alexandria Museum of Art, Gateway to Imagination at the Farmington Museum and Contemporary Landscape at the CICA Museum in South Korea. Rusiloski's work was also included in international exhibitions and publications including Studio Visit Magazine, Dallas Art Fair, and Art Santa Fe. Artspace 111 in Fort Worth, Texas represents her work. She, her husband and six children live in West, Texas.

# Members in the News

**Steve Miller's** painting *Forgotten Warrior* won third place in Oils at the Annual Grand Prairie Arts Council Juried Competition now hanging at the Uptown Theatre in Grand Prairie through September 2021. The piece is a 16 X 20 oil on panel.



**Kimberly Kort** had a solo reception at CANVAS hotel in Dallas on August 12th. She is currently the in-house artist at CANVAS hotel in downtown Dallas and has over 20 paintings hanging up in the lobby and rooftop lounge areas. Kim is also chairing two shows for the Texas Jewish Arts Association; first is at the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas September exhibit (this will become a revolving exhibition every three months inside the newly renovated building in Dallas) and the second show is at Dallas Love Field Airport near the baggage claim area with 13 glass cases. Her art is also hung at the Filter(ed) gallery (coffee and gallery) in McKinney, Texas. All of her trays are made from resin and acrylic and are food-safe to serve and entertain.

**Judith Pafford** won the Administration Award of a gift certificate to Frame Destination at the Plano Art Association 125 Exhibition for her painting *It Never Ends* which hung at the Eisemann June 2 through June 27. Her painting *Desert Moments* was juried into the Southwestern Watercolor Society 58th Annual Membership Exhibition, which is being held September 1- October 2 at the Blue House Too Gallery in Allen, TX.



**Cecy Turner's** painting *A Bit of Sunshine* was selected for the Southwestern Watercolor Society 58th Annual Membership Exhibition by judge, Ruth Armitage. The show is being held September 1st through October 2nd at the Blue House Too Gallery in Allen, Texas.

# Members in the News

**Kay Byfield** announces ArtSpeaks Studio courses will be starting during the second week of September, 2021. The available courses will include:

- **Introductory Watercolor 2**, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm starting 9/8/2021 for four weeks. Each of the four lessons will last two hours. The focus of the course is to introduce beginning painters to the materials and the means of applying and mixing paints. The cost is \$120 for the course. Students should bring their own painting supplies. During this course we will learn how to design and paint our own watercolors.
- **Express Yourself in Watercolor**, Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm starting 9/13/2021 for four weeks. Designed for painters who have had experience with watercolor but would like to increase their confidence in using the medium and designing their own unique artworks. This course will go beyond painting basics to introduce more sophisticated concepts of paint design, application, and content. Lessons will include problem challenges for students, demonstrations, and presentations of the range of possible solutions. The cost is \$120 for the course.

These courses are available ONLINE as well as IN-STUDIO.

Sign up for these classes on the ArtSpeaks Studio website at <https://artspeaksstudio.com/shop/>

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Your **Richardson Civic Art Society** runs on volunteer power. There are still a few open positions shown in **yellow**. If you are able to spare some time in support of your art society, please contact Cheryl Mabry, [mabrycheryl2@gmail.com](mailto:mabrycheryl2@gmail.com).