

WASH newsletter *Mar/Apr 2015*

Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons, Inc.

General Meetings: 2nd Mondays except July, Aug, Dec. ■ Odd months meet days at 1:30 pm. ■ Even months meet eves. at 7 pm.

NEW EYES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patty Larsen

"The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." Marcel Proust

While sitting in a coffee shop recently, mulling over ideas for my next newsletter article, I was surprised (and delighted) to discover this quotation printed on my coffee cup. The quotation seems particularly relevant for aspiring artists or wannabes like me.

As I am one of those who struggles against an ever present temptation to reproduce literally what I see in a landscape or still life, the idea of having "new eyes," of being able to see in a different way is really appealing. I have been thinking a lot about new eyes and what it might mean in creating art.

How does one develop new ways of seeing? I've come up with a very short list of possible approaches that might be helpful. If you are interested in enriching your own "voyage of discovery" perhaps you might want to try one of the following:

- **Take a class or workshop out of your comfort zone** from an artist whose style is radically different from your own.
- **Experiment with a different medium.** (Currently I'm taking Jay Bishop's drawing class at the center. Jay calls the class a "learning to see" class.)
- **Try to reproduce the work of an artist who sees things in a way that never would have occurred to you.** I've tried that a time or two and have found it truly to be an eye-opening experience, particularly in terms of color and composition.
- **Consult art books to stimulate ideas and new approaches in creating art.** As a former librarian I can't pass up this opportunity to recommend three titles: **Art Escapes** by Dory Kanter (2003); **Fill Your Watercolors with Nature's Light** by Roland Roycraft (2001); **Watercolor Painting Outside the Lines** by Linda Kemp (2003). Your public library, as always, is a great place to find such books, or take a look at the many used books SFAC has for sale at very reasonable prices.

SONJA HAMILTON will speak on Monday, March 9 at 1:30 pm.



We're delighted to have Sonja join us for a demo of her techniques. Sonja Hamilton, SWA, is a San Francisco born award-winning artist, teacher, calligrapher, and art show judge, and is noted for her fluid, concise watercolors - whether landscapes, seascapes or flowers. She has a BA degree from San Jose State University, holds a Lifetime Teaching Credential in Art and has taught adult education since 1967. Sonja has led workshops in the US, Canada and Europe. See more of Sonja's art at: www.sonjahamilton.com/

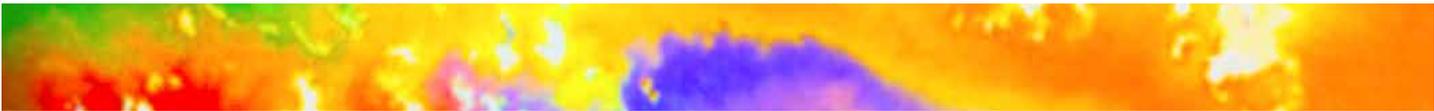
STEVE WALTERS demonstrates on Monday, April 13 at 7 pm.



You'll want to meet Steve Walters, a national award-winning artist who has achieved a high level of excellence in figurative, landscape and genre painting, both in watercolor and oil. His watercolors have been published in both *American Artist* and *The Artist's Magazine*. After 20 years as a commercial artist, Steve was an instructor in watercolor and oil painting at the California Art Institute as well as two city programs in Southern California. Visit Steve's site at: www.stevewaltersstudio.com/

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS We warmly welcome each new member and look forward to learning and painting with you!

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| Barbara Debert , Sacramento | Mario Ramos , Citrus Heights |
| Susan Farrell , Citrus Heights | Cynthia Spita , Sacramento |
| Art Mount , Sacramento | Peggy Petrali , Placerville |
| Janice Ramey , Sutter Creek | Marlene Turner , Roseville |



It means a lot to share good news. We're proud of our members' achievements and awards, so say "Bravo" when you see these artists!

Betty Thompson, Barbara Killeen, Goldie Delsman, Joyce Wilson and Ferole Lee Corbet are showing their art at Danielle's through Mar. 22. Best wishes!

Tim Sloan's art was featured in Feb./Mar. in the Showcase Gallery at the Carmel Art Association. Kudos!

Barbara Little, David Peterson (who also judged), and **Rebecca Jagers** have paintings in Naturology at Rancho Cordova City Hall through Mar. 27. Way to go!

Painting of the Month: Congratulations to **Gail Jones** for Jan. and **Joann Lindelof (Wilson)** for Feb.

SPRING WORKSHOP

Joyce Wilson

The Spring Workshop with Lady Jill Mueller, art shown below, is Sat., Mar. 14 from 9am - 3pm at SFAC. Cost is



\$65 for WASH members and \$75 for nonmembers. A few spaces are still available, so hurry. Call Joyce Wilson at 482.8092. See more of Lady Jill's art at: www.ladyjill.com

A TASK FOR EVERY TASTE

Rebecca Jagers

WASH is a volunteer organization. Do you wish you knew more people in WASH and around the center? Would you like to receive more from your membership at WASH other than going to meetings? There are always needs to be filled and tasks for every taste.

Currently artists are working together to create outdoor umbrellas for the Shades of Carmichael show and the Carmichael Parade of Umbrellas. WASH members are entering shows this spring at SFAC including Animal House, Members Only Exhibition, Where the Wild Things Are, NCA Inner Views, and many more throughout the year. Each of these shows requires committees for publicity, donations, receiving, hanging, and putting on 2nd Saturday events.

There is need in WASH to collect newsletter articles about calls to artists, shows, awards, area workshops, gallery activities, paint outs, and book reviews. These are just a few ways you can get involved and have a more enriching experience. Thanks for stepping up!

SUPPORT WASH SCHOLARSHIP

Jo Kopp

See the WASH website for full information. <http://www.sacfinearts.org/WASH>. Funds for this scholarship come from the raffle sales at meetings—**TICKETS: 1 for \$1, 3 for \$2 and 7 for \$5**. Feel free to donate prizes to be raffled off. Tubes of paint, paper, unusual surfaces, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

LOCAL ART OPPORTUNITIES / CALL TO ARTISTS

Animal House at SFAC – ends Mar. 8

91st Annual Camellia Show "Watercolor Paint In" Mar 8. See: <http://www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org/Events.html>
Contact Rebecca Jagers for details/to participate: 369.2031

Members Only Exhibition at SFAC: Receiving Mar. 20, 1-5 & 21,11-3; Show Mar. 31-Apr. 18; Reception & Awards Apr. 11, 5:30-8:30; pick up art Apr. 18, 3-4. Contact Teresa 687.8908 or Rose 259.1291.

Shades of Carmichael show at SFAC - Mar. 24 - 28

9th Annual Art Studio Trek, Art & Chocolate: Apr. 25 - 26, 10-5. Visit: <http://artstudiotrek.com/>

California State Fair Call to Artists: Deadline is May 6. More info: <http://www.castatefair.org/2015-california-fine-art>

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