

**February 2018**



## **VIEWS**



It's 2018 and a busy time of year for MSW. Those of you who were accepted into the Annual Exhibition, please note the change of date to deliver your painting to the Butler Center. You need to deliver them on Friday, February 16. Lyn Whaley and our Exhibition Committee has planned a wonderful Annual Reception for Friday, March 9 at 6pm at the Butler Center, you won't want to miss that. We will see all the wonderful art and prize awards.

Our next MSW membership meeting has been changed to February 22, Thursday (instead of Wednesday) night at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in North Little Rock. Paula Kalina always has wonderful artists for our workshops and this year she outdid herself by bring Iain Stewart. We are fortunate to have him be our program presenter and it will be an exciting presentation. We wanted to have the meeting at the church to accommodate the artist and the church was not available to us on Wednesday night. I hope you all can make it that evening.

Our nominating committee is looking for new volunteers to help in various areas of our organization. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our president-elect Carole Canino or one of our nominating committee members: Jeannie Fry, Marlene Gremillion, Reita Miller, or George Wittenburg. If one of them should call on you, I hope you will be willing to share your time and God-given talents with others.

Stay warm and healthy,

**Annette Garner**  
**MSW President**



Inis Ray - Pine Bluff XXXXXXXXXX includes Jefferson, Cleveland, Grant, Dallas, Lincoln Co.

Linda Larey - Texarkana, TX. TURQUOISE Includes Columbia, Ouachita, Sevier, Miller, Little River, Lafayette, Hempstead, Nevada

Mary Ann Stafford - Maumelle LIGHT PINK includes Pulaski

Charlotte Rierson-- Fairfield Bay BROWN includes Cleburne, Van Buren, Stone, Searcy, Izard, Sharp, Lawrence, Independence, Jackson

Gary Johnson - Fayetteville YELLOW includes Washington, Benton, Carroll, Madison

Kay Aclin - Ft. Smith RED includes Crawford, Sebastian, Franklin, Logan, and Johnson

Cynthia Schanink - Mt. Nebo DARK PURPLE includes Pope, Newton, Yell, Scott

Sheila Parsons - Conway DARK BLUE includes Perry, Conway, Faulkner.

Sandy Barksdale - Cotter ORANGE includes Boone, Marion, Baxter, Fulton.

Bill Branch -Memphis, Tenn., DARK GREEN Phillips, Monroe, and surrounding area

Richard Stephens - Hot Springs LIGHT GREEN includes Hot Springs, Saline, Garland, Clark, Pike, Montgomery Howard, Polk.

John Keller - Searcy ORCHID includes White, Woodruff, Prairie, Lonoke, St. Francis, Cross.

Sarah Merkle- El Dorado LIGHT BLUE includes Union, Ashley, Chicot, Drew, Bradley, Calhoun.



<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	<b>16 - Friday - 10-3 pm</b> <b>Deliver Paintings to Butler Center</b> <b>22 - Thursday -</b> <b>Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ St Luke's Episcopal Church</b> <b>22 - Thursday -</b> <b>Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Program presenter: Iain Stewart</b> <b>Nominating Committee to start work</b>
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	<b>9 - Friday</b> <b>Annual Exhibition Reception @ Butler Center 6 pm</b> <b><u>NO MEMBER /NO BOARD MEETING</u></b>
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<b>18 - Wednesday -</b> <b>Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Arts Center</b> <b>18 - Wednesday -</b> <b>Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Arts Center</b> <b>Program: Selma and Reita critique paintings that did not get into the show.</b>
<b>MAY 2018</b>	<b>16 - Wednesday -</b> <b>Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Arts Center</b> <b>16 - Wednesday -</b> <b>Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Arts Center 16 -</b> <b>Election of Officers</b> <b>Program Presenter: Vicki Kovalleski</b>
<b>JUNE 2018</b>	<b>20 - Wednesday</b> <b>Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>Installation of Officers</b> <b>20 - Wednesday</b> <b>Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Program Presenter: TBA</b>

## WAYS TO BE IN TOUCH

**WEBSITE:** [www.midsouthernwatercolorists.com](http://www.midsouthernwatercolorists.com)

On the website you can find the latest VIEWS, information about workshops and exhibitions, and see galleries of past exhibition paintings by members.

**GOOGLE GROUP:** With membership you will receive announcements, information and the newsletter via this group. If you are NOT receiving it in your email, either check your spam folder or contact Marlene Gremillion to ensure she has your correct email information.

**FACEBOOK:** We are on Facebook, just go and “like” us!!!

**DIRECTORY:** Be sure that MSW has your correct information. Contact Mary Ann Garnett if you have had any changes.

**NEWSLETTER:** Our newsletters are available online through our website and received through the GoogleGroup system. Send information to [Sandymarson44@comcast.net](mailto:Sandymarson44@comcast.net)

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## **Fortunate MSW Members**

As I pen this article I am impressed with how fortunate we are to be members of the Mid-Southern Watercolorists. The goal of the organization is to educate and support water-based art in the community and the membership. I do not belong to any other organization that succeeds as well as MSW in achieving these goals if individual members take advantage of the opportunities.

As you read this article a fortunate group of members, who responded to the invitation to take the four day workshop presented by MSW, will be enjoying the instruction of Iain Stewart at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in North Little Rock.

A world renown artist Iain selected 50 of the 124 water-based painting entries by 74 artists. Iain will come to Little Rock to make the selections of awards to be on given at the MSW 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition. Each of you are invited to the opening reception at Butler Center. There you will have the first opportunity to view the entries chosen by the judge for the exhibition. Also, during the reception you will enjoy the announcement of the winning entries for the eleven cash awards and the three art materials awards. The exhibition will continue until Friday, June 30 at the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies

Gratitude is due to all the MSW members, individual friends of MSW and corporate supporters who donated to make the exhibition possible. Entry fees only cover 20% of the cost of the exhibition. As a committee we particularly want to bring to your attention the gracious and generous support of the art suppliers from whom we obtain the materials essential to producing our artwork. Please, as you replenish your supplies express gratitude to Arkansas Art Outfitters, Blick Art Materials, Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, and Golden Paint Artist Colors. Each of these suppliers have donated gift certificates for specific arts materials awards.

As the year progresses watch for the mini-workshops on Saturdays that are possible because of the generosity of MSW members who give us of their time and talent to help us improve our art work. Finally, we enjoy an excellent website with links for various arts material suppliers and arts videos. Also, found on our website an archive of our newsletter with all its information and reference to activities outside of our organization.

In closing I reiterate MSW offers many opportunities for enhancement of our talents and the camaraderie of sharing with other members as we travel our individual art pathways.

**Peyton Bishop**

**Online Juried Shows.Com**

**Log in, go to Published Shows to view MSW Annual Show**

**Small Works on Paper Now** in its 31st year, Small Works on Paper is a juried visual art exhibition that showcases artwork no larger than 18 x 24 inches by Arkansas artists who are members of the Arkansas Artist Registry. [The Arkansas Artist Registry](#) is an online gallery showcasing the artwork of Arkansas artists. Membership to the Arkansas Artist Registry is free and open to all Arkansas artists.

The Small Works on Paper exhibition travels to 10 venues throughout the state in a yearlong show, offering Arkansas artists an extraordinary opportunity to showcase their artwork to patrons all over the state. An out-of-state juror selects a maximum of 40 pieces of artwork to tour with the exhibition. Up to \$2,000 is available for juror-selected purchase awards, which become part of the Small Works on Paper permanent collection. For additional information, contact [Cheri Leffew](#).

### **2018 Small Works on Paper Touring Schedule**

January 4-27	Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Little Rock
February 5-23	Harding University, Searcy
March 5-16	Arkansas Tech University, Russellville
April 2-30	Community Creative Center, Fayetteville
May 3-29	University of Arkansas Rich Mountain, Mena
June 4- July 13	The Arts Center of the Grand Prairie, Stuttgart
August 2-18	South Arkansas Arts Center, El Dorado
September 4-26	Henderson State University, Arkadelphia
October 2-27	Batesville Area Arts Council's (Gallery on Mail) Batesville
November 2-19	DeltaARTS and Arkansas State University Mid-South, West Memphis



**JEANNIE FRY**

Jeannie Fry's watercolor and collage "Here, Fishy, Fishy" was accepted into the 31<sup>st</sup> Small Works On Paper exhibition. This is the first time Jeannie has been accepted into this exhibit. Fry stated the painting is one of her "whimsical" creations.





## CHARLOTTE RIERSON

Charlotte Rierson's painting was chosen to tour with the Arkansas Arts Council's Small Works on Paper. It is her 5th year to have a painting selected. This year she painted a miniature series on Alaska. The name is "Alaska Miniature series I, Ziva." The subject of the painting was inspired by her son, Jim Peacock. When he graduated from U of A he decided to be a bush pilot in Alaska. He was there a little over five years and had so many wonderful stories & photos she decide to express the beauty & adventures in a miniature series called "Ziva" which means brilliance & radiance.

## KATHY BAY

This is an image of the SWOP piece titled "Change of Scenery" 7"x7" collage on paper



When I created this piece and 5 others I had not created small collage pieces in quite sometime so for me it was a "throwback" experience. Creating images through the use of collage allows one to explore elements and principles of design. A short time past creating the 6 small pieces I used them as references for large acrylic paintings (48"x48") on canvas. The idea of using the small pieces as points of departure was unexpected and the endeavor proved to be quite satisfying. I am thrilled to be a part of SWOP Exhibition!



## **North Central Arkansas (NCA) Art Gallery**

Some of you may remember when MSW exhibited in the North Central Arkansas (NCA) Art Gallery and had lunch. It was first housed in the Indian Hills Country Club lobby. The gallery featured artist leagues from all over the state and professional as well as student exhibits.

Our member Charlotte Rierson worked with getting the local artists as well as artists from all over the state to exhibit their art. She has also been writing articles for the local paper since the beginning of the gallery in 1993. This year the Art Gallery will be celebrating 25 years. Charlotte says working with the arts has been her life's passion. She would like to invite you to participate in the next exhibit April 10. The Gallery is now housed in the beautiful facility at the Fairfield Bay Conference Center. Some of our artists are already exhibiting their art there. Mary Ann Stafford, Diana Shearson, Sandra Marson, Joyce Hartmann, Sarah Johnson, Gary Johnson, Suzann Waggnier, Annette Garner, Jeanne Fry, and Charlotte are some of our members.

If you would like for Charlotte to send more information about the exhibit April 10 and deadline to receive registration is April 2- contact Charlotte Rierson, P.O. Box 1643, Fairfield Bay, AR. 72088 or e-mail [chardon@artelco.com](mailto:chardon@artelco.com)