May 2020

President’s Message

Welcome from the new co-host of Saturday Night Live!!! Whoot!

I thought I was in a comedy skit last month during our first members’ ZOOM meeting online. It was a great success with close to 80 people attending. Thank you Maryland Hall for the tech support from Draper, and our local guest artist, David Lawton, for his professional, educational critiques.

Please join us online again on Wednesday, May 13. First, at 6:30 p.m. we will have an Art Salon presentation of paintings in process (more on this below). Followed at 7:00 p.m. with our meeting and reports. Then we will have an art demo video you won’t want to miss.

We are living through historic moments in time battling against COVID-19. Let’s use our Stay-At-Home time as an opportunity to paint more, learn more, and grow stronger not only as individuals but together as members of the Annapolis Watercolor Club art community. We will support one another!

Happy painting!

Linda Luke

AWC Member Zoom Salon

Treasurer's Report

As of April 29, 2020, AWC’s accounts are as follows:

Checking: $8,080.40
Savings: $5,038.06
Total $13,118.46

Sheryl Paris, Treasurer

Exhibits

Some good news!

The current AWC Exhibit has been extended to May 15 at the Unitarian Universalist Church off of Bestgate Road, in Annapolis. The church is closed to the public because of COVID-19, but you can view the artwork, and make purchases by Clicking Here.

Joan Machinchick, Exhibits Chair
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Remember when we asked AWC members to bring a watercolor painting that they were currently working on to our monthly meetings?

We had six tables set up for our Art Salon that began at 6:30 p.m., before our regular meeting. Then we asked people to set up their work on small table easels, and our committee provided paper and pen in front of each painting for everyone to note observations and encouragement.

Now, that we are relegated to getting together via Zoom for our meetings during this virus outbreak, we are going to have a Zoom Art Salon.

To participate, please email a JPG image of your “art work in process” to Connie Robinson (socialmedia@annapoliswatercolorclub.org) In your email, please provide your name and size of work. Feel free to email Connie with questions.

Connie will collect the images to show at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, prior to our regular meeting time of 7:00 p.m.

Connie will ask viewers to leave written “comments” in the Zoom platform. At the bottom of the Zoom screen, you can click “CHAT”, and you will see participants’ names listed. Please type in your comments about the art shown on screen, and you can share with all participants. Verbal comments are not necessary, just like our regular art salons, but you can chat if you wish – one at a time. All of this will be reviewed when we get together. See you on ZOOM!

Connie Robinson,
Publicity Committee/Social Media/Art Salon

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Membership

Welcome to our newest members who joined us last month in our first ever online ‘Zoom Spring Fling’. We are now over 150 members! A new milestone!

Here’s a message to our current members: Call someone special to you that may need a hug today, and encourage them to join our friendly club whether or not they paint. In these days it’s vital that we make connections to others.

Karen deGraffenreid,
Membership Chair

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Submit to the Newsletter

Hello Artists!

During this trying time of social distancing, I hope you are all well. I expect that a lot of you are in the studio creating as I am! While our exhibition and in-person capabilities are limited, if you are painting in the studio or plein air and posting your work online, please send me a link to your website for the “Member News” section of our newsletter. We can support each other online and share what’s going on in the studio remotely. Stay well!

Send articles by the 19th of each month to: catherine.dolch@gmail.com

Cat Paschal Dolch,
Newsletter Editor

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Join the Art Salon Team

We are actively looking for members to join the Art Salon team. The Salon is a lot of fun and doesn't require much work. Later this year, when we return to the physical world, providing salon support will include setting up and taking down the display area at Maryland Hall and mingling with the participating artists. That's the best part: encouraging comments and participation. Please participate in the Zoom Art Salon, and let me know if you would be interested in joining our team. mhshank71@gmail.com

Mike Shank,
Art Salon Committee Chairman
Recent Workshop

The Pam Wenger workshop scheduled for May 2 has been canceled due to the COVID-19 situation, and will be rescheduled when we are able to start socializing again.

The Workshop Committee is looking forward to scheduling future events and is seeking recommendations from you. Please email Nancy Flack at ncflack@yahoo.com with suggestions of artists that you have taken a workshop with, or who came highly recommended to you from someone else. If there are any artists that we have previously scheduled and you would like to see repeated, please let us know that too.

Nancy Flack, Workshop Chair
Susan Engel, Workshop Vice-Chair

Plein Air

While spending time at home and keeping each other safe, we can still venture into our yards and onto our porches. Think about getting a beverage and taking a few minutes outside. While doing so, really look around and notice the things you enjoy about your yard, or maybe your neighbors’ yard. Have you considered plein air painting in your own yard? Why not? Even at home there are so many subjects to paint outdoors!

June Poole, chair of the Sunshine Committee, is inviting members to create watercolor artwork cards (with envelopes) to send members who are in the hospital or recovering from an illness, for a condolence, or other major life event. Also, please send June an email with the name, mailing address, and event for someone to receive an AWC Sunshine Card!

Online Gallery Opportunities

Enter Online Exhibit at Maryland Federation of Art: “Six Feet of Separation” (Entry Deadline May 22)

A new “normal” is here. Whether you are in your home or in the yard or on a bike – it’s all about keeping yourself and others safe. Express how you are coping (or not) and staying creative. Entries, following exhibition guidelines, are open to all original 2-D or 3-D artwork related to the theme. The artwork will be displayed in MFA’s online Curve Gallery from May 25 – July 22, 2020.

Click Here to Enter “Six Feet of Separation”

The Carroll County Arts Council is looking for artwork made during the COVID-19 shutdown for their upcoming online catalog exhibit, “Quarantined: Creating While Stuck.” (Entry deadline May 17.)

They are hoping to highlight the different kinds of creativity taking place during this unique period. Whether you have used this time to finally start a long-planned
What’s in your neighborhood or front/back yard?
Do you or your neighbors have birdhouses with colorful birds that come to visit?
Are there beautiful trees or flowers in yours or your neighbors’ yard?
Have you painted a picture of your beloved pet yet?
Is there a neighbor with unusual yard art that makes you smile?
Ever paint a picture of your house before?

GIVE IT A TRY!

Next time you go for a walk, don’t forget to take your phone. That way when you see something you enjoy, you can take a quick picture. I did this the other day while walking my Westie. We saw the most beautiful patch of parrot tulips, which are rather rare and not seen very often. I quickly came home to sketch out what I saw, and now I can sit outside in my own yard and enjoy painting from both memory and photo.

How about doing a backyard Plein Air Zoom?! Coming Soon…

Juanita Green
Plein Air
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P.S. Please continue to send your ideas for places to go outside and paint for our future plein air excursions.

Online Learning Opportunities

Streamline Art Video Daily Demonstrations: Watch an art demonstration every day at 3:00 p.m. on Facebook or YouTube with Streamline Art Video! If you want inspiration, and something to do, here is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon! Watch a FREE demo by a noted artist every day!

To Learn More, Visit: streamlineartvideo.com
Facebook | YouTube

Keiko Tanabe Watercolor Paintings: Spanish Landscapes in Watercolor New DVD from Veopintar: 20% discount on direct downloads (until May 15). Use code “Stay home.”

Facebook | YouTube
DVD | Download

Artists Network: Join us for our FREE live streaming drawing series, live on our YouTube channel every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3PM Eastern. Use #CreativeBoost and Draw with Us LIVE!

YouTube | Website

A Little Inspiration

Thanks to AWC Member Barbara Sparks who submitted these encouraging, artistic quotes. Hope they spark some inspiration in all of us!

“I don’t paint things, I only paint the difference between things.” - Henri Matisse
"What I wanted to do was paint sunlight on the side of a house." - Edward Hopper

"In painting, you must give the idea of the true by means of the false." - Edgar Degas

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once they grow up." - Pablo Picasso

"A drawing must bring life to the space which surrounds it." - Henri Matisse

"An artist lives everywhere." - Greek proverb

"I try to apply colors like words that shape poems, like notes that shape music." - Joan Miro, Spanish painter

"When you lose simplicity, you lose drama." - Andrew Wyeth

"When you draw from Nature, stand 3 times as far away as the size of the object you are drawing." - Leonardo da Vinci

"All colors are the friends of their neighbors and the lovers of their opposites." - Marc Chagall

"Nothing can be accomplished without solitude." - Pablo Picasso

"A painting is not the result of working toward a goal. It is a stroke of luck, an experience." - Pablo Picasso

Exhibit Your Work in West Annapolis Artworks' The Show Must Go On-line Gallery

Su Anne Martinez and Cat Paschal Dolch are thrilled to coordinate “The Show Must Go On-line” a directory of local artistic talent. We are encouraging collectors to engage with artists directly. The gallery is taking no commission, and is supporting artists with the exhibition of their work by providing the platform and a featured daily work.

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Connie Robinson
How To Participate?

Local Artists are encouraged to submit one piece of work. Please email catherine.dolch@gmail.com with your submission.

A very special thank you to Su Anne Martinez for opening her site and making efforts to host local artists and allowing us to continue sharing our work while in isolation.

Please Include the following information in your email:

- Artist Name as you would like it displayed
- Title
- Medium
- Price
- Whether it is framed or unframed
- Your contact info (to be displayed on the website) Phone, Email, Website, Social Media. These are not all required, but want to cross-promote your work as much as you'd like.
- Your preferred method of payment. (West Annapolis Artworks is happy to facilitate payment for artists who are not comfortable processing credit card orders.)
- Framing: Su Anne, the owner of the gallery, is happy to help frame pieces if you need it but framing is not required.
- Donations in Lieu of Payment: If you have a charity you would like to raise funds for, rather than accepting direct payment, we are giving artists that option as well. Please send information about the organization to be included in your online gallery entry.
• **Delivery / Pickup:** We are encouraging a contactless delivery / pickup of artwork, and West Annapolis Artworks has offered their patio space as a perfect place for this to be done. Artists coordinate directly with the buyer, but this location is an option if you'd like to use it.

Please let me know if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing what you are creating!

**Cat Paschal Dolch,**  
**Newsletter Editor**