

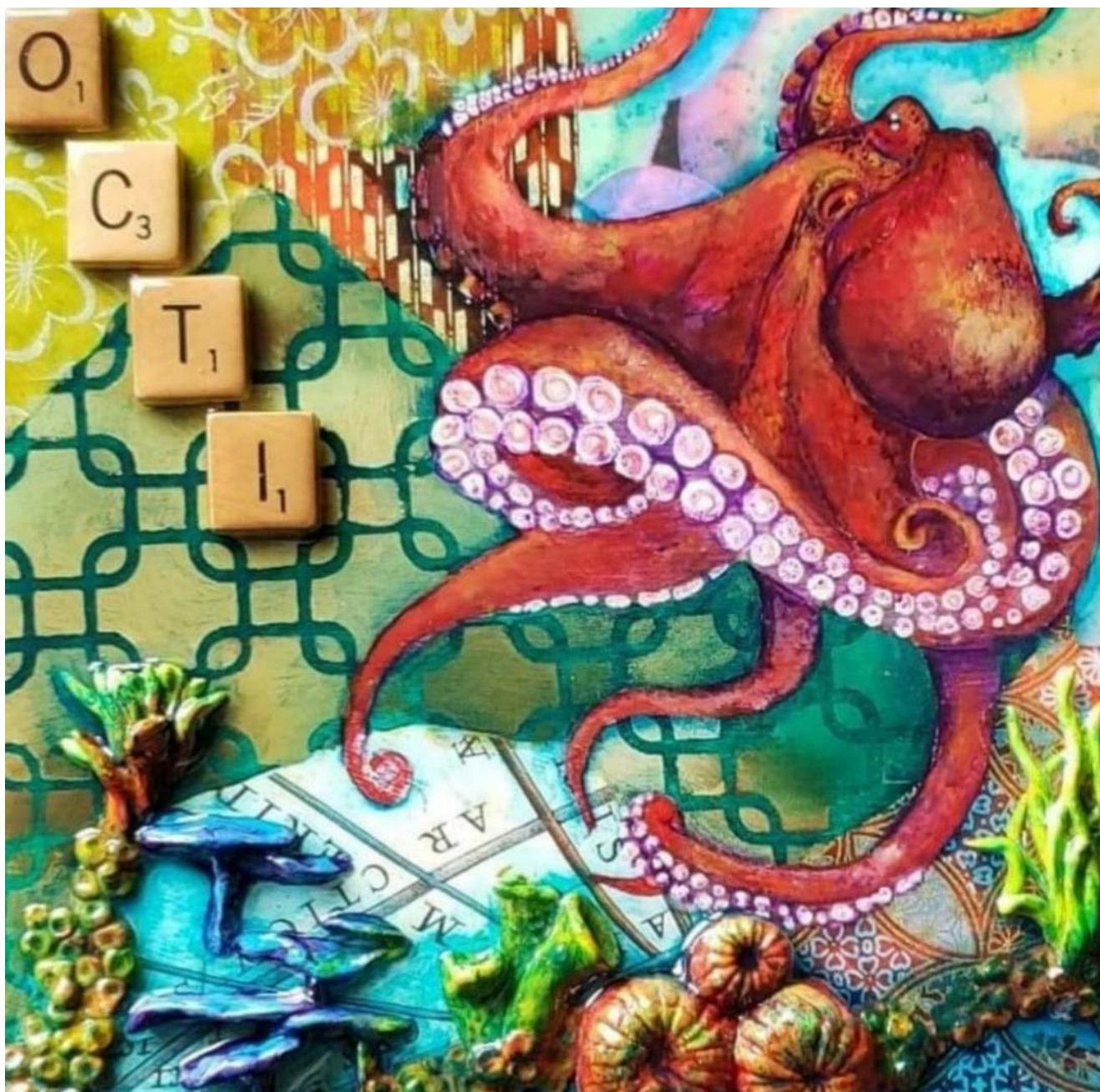


SOCIETY OF WESTERN
CANADIAN ARTISTS



December 2022

Feature Artist: Jani Galarneau



Octo

Mixed Media 5"x5" wood block

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well that was a very interesting last meeting. When we arrived at the church and opened the door, we heard an alarm going. This had never happened before. Turned out the panel claimed the alarm was something to do with the electricity and that was very apparent for the rest of the evening. Very quickly, the church sent over a few individuals to check out the problem but they were not able to fix things immediately. Downstairs we had quite the light show with the fluorescent light fixtures flickering in several areas. We reconfigured how we set up the room and it turned out to be a nice and cozy evening as we had to keep most of the lights off. The kitchen lights and one set of the room lights worked just fine though and we enjoyed an excellent critique given by Rick Rogers. Earlier, when we went on to try to hook up the zoom, we found that it just did not work. We thought it was to do with the electricity, but we later discovered it was due to an issue with Telus the previous week and the church had changed to a new wifi passcode ...which we did not have. So my apologies to all who tried to attend the meeting via zoom. I have the new passcode now and we hope the next meeting will go perfectly. Because of the difficulties, the church has notified me that we get next month rent-free. We have wonderful "landlords" and wish them a huge thank you!!

Speaking of the next meeting - on December 12th, you and a guest are invited to enjoy an evening of delicious desserts, good companionship and artistic entertainment. Attending via zoom will definitely not be good enough...but we'll still set it up...just in case.

Part of the November meeting was the chance to show off the "Alberta - Through the Eyes of Its Artists" book in its printed form! See more about the book news below.

SWCA is honoured to be chosen to be the first art group to take part in a show at the brand new Night of Artists Gallery & Gifts. More information below.

Looks like there is lots to read about in this newsletter, so grab that hot chocolate and get cozy as you get caught up on SWCA news. See you in December.

Eveline Garneau, SWCA President

Christmas Party December 12

Party at Laurier Heights Baptist Church in the Basement. Our entrance are the double doors located at the rear of the building. Parking also available at rear.

- Doors open at 6 pm for set up.
- Meeting begins at 7 pm.

Let's help the environment by bringing our own mug to enjoy your beverage of choice.

As well, we are a scent-free zone due to allergies. Please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes.

Program - 4 members painting. We would like 4 members to come forward and volunteer to paint for our entertainment. We hope that you either paint quite quickly, or that you start a painting at home and then do the finishing touches at the meeting. Finished artwork will be auctioned off and proceeds will go to the Edmonton Food Bank. So far Jani Galarneau & Laurel Hawkswell have volunteered...could we have 2 more? To get more details, please contact Eveline if interested.

Volunteers needed!

**Want to help get the room ready for our fun-filled evening?
Please show up an hour early and we will put you to the work!**

Next meeting: January 9, 2023

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Exhibitions:	Vacant
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Book Committee

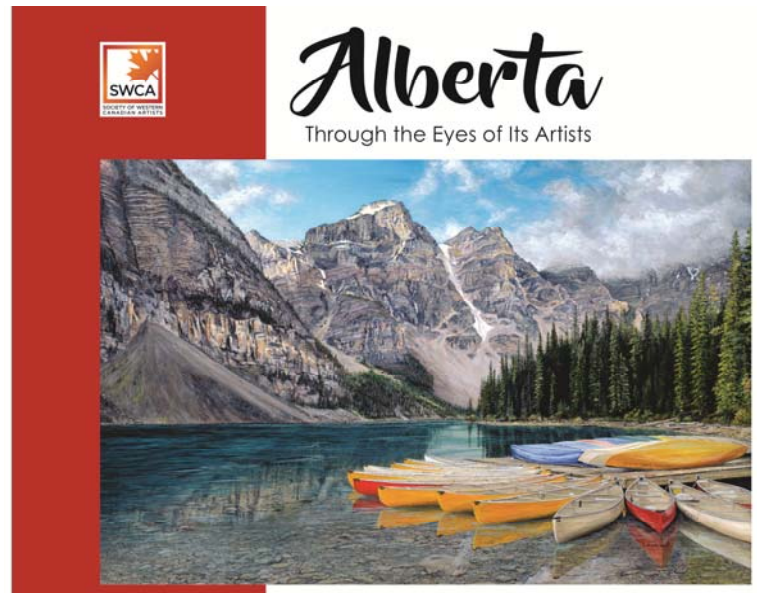
Just a shout-out to all the members of the book committee as we have just finished another fantastic project. Thank you to David Shone, Diana Templeton, Eveline Garneau, Joanne Milson, Judy Rikley, Lesley Lambert, Ruth Harris and Teresa Graham.

The sample books were shown at the November meeting and everyone thought it is a beautiful Book! 158 works of art, 54 artists and a huge bunch of Alberta Facts, altogether make for an excellent Christmas gift. Member's pricing is \$25/book and retail pricing is \$39.95. Books can be pre-ordered at swcartists.ca. The first run of 350 books have been ordered and should be in the first week of December. For those who have pre-ordered, you will get a message as to when they arrive at Eveline's shop and are ready for pick-up. So far over 150 books have been pre-ordered.

We are now starting to make a list of potential Alberta locations that might like to carry/sell our books. If you live outside of Edmonton and can think of a shop near you that might be a good fit for our books, please send us their contact info and we'll see where this goes.

OFFICIAL BOOK LAUNCH at the Night of Artists (NoA) Gallery & Gifts.

Both the "Edmonton - Through the Eyes of Its Artists" and "Alberta - Through the Eyes of Its Artists" will be available at the Gallery. As we pay a commission on all items sold, no membership pricing is available at the gallery - only retail pricing. If you want membership pricing but don't want to pay online - there will be books available at future monthly meetings, or you can call Eveline to arrange purchase and pick-up.



NEXT BOOK PROJECT THEME:

Flora & Fauna of Alberta. So pull out those reference photos of your garden flowers, your photos of the elk in Jasper, that photo of that giant spider you found inside your garden shed, the autumn shot of elms lining your street, the photo of that butterfly on your favorite ivy...and let's get painting!

Or if you already have a few paintings completed that suit this theme, please send them in to swcabook@gmail.com.

Interested in joining this committee for our next project? Please contact Eveline. There is still talk of possibly doing a "Western Canada" themed book, so if you are not interested in painting plants and animals, then please start having. Have fun painting special spots of Western Canada.



Exhibitions

SWCA is honoured to be invited to be part of the new Night of Artists (NoA) Gallery & Gifts GRAND OPENING this Month!! Call for artists went out mid November and by the time you are reading this newsletter, a wonderful show of approx. 50-60 paintings, gift cards, book marks, etc. will be on display at Bonnie Doon Shopping Mall for the month of December. We hope that Christmas shoppers will stop in and see all the work displayed in this gallery, as several of our members have permanent booths within the gallery there as well. Grand opening weekend will be the first weekend of December. There are also plans to have an Art Walk in March that will go through the whole mall. This is an excellent opportunity for all SWCA members as there will be no weather issues!! Spread the news to friends and family and invite them to check it out.

Workshops

Cynthia Clarke, who organized the Joyce Boyer workshop sent in the message below:

Just a short note to say how easy it was to help facilitate a workshop like the recent one for Joyce Boyer. The information needed and the correct forms to start the process, were quickly sent out by Deb, our treasurer. Once I approached the artist and a date, artist fees, and a "Bio" of the artist, photos of sample paintings and a materials list were provided, it was simply a matter of advertising the workshop through our newsletter and providing the information to prospective participants. Eveline's generosity in providing the space and opening/closing the facility, is a great savings for us all! If you know of an artist you think would be willing to put on a workshop for us, please pass this information on to Eveline and/or consider being the presenter. By doing this, you get to partake in the workshop free !!!

This is such a great opportunity to share our motto of "Artists Helping Artists"!

We hope members will start thinking of a couple workshops for early next year. What would you like to learn? How perfect it would be to have that answered.

On behalf of

Society of Western Canadian Artists

*We would like
to wish you a*

*Merry
Christmas*



Volunteers Needed

There are several areas where we need volunteers.

KITCHEN COORDINATOR - To handle the workings of the coffee break held at each meeting. You will have 2 volunteers to help you each month. Responsibilities would be to purchase necessary items (cookies, cream, coffee) as needed, on the way to the meeting. Anita had put together a very good list of to-dos so it is easy to follow and fun to do.

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR - we are just had 2 excellent workshops and both organizers got to take their workshop for free! Consider organizing a workshop or a bunch of them. The whole group benefits from interesting workshops.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR - again, this is a position that can be shared with a buddy. Have some great ideas for programs at our meetings? Let us know and the executive will help you in any way we can.

FEATURED ARTIST HELPER - we need a volunteer that will help the featured artist of the month hang/take down their work at our monthly meetings. Elaine Mulder is our Featured Artist Coordinator, but she is not always able to be at the meetings, so we need a fill-in helper. Please?

Interested in any of these positions? For more info, Please contact Eveline at signworksplus86@gmail.com.

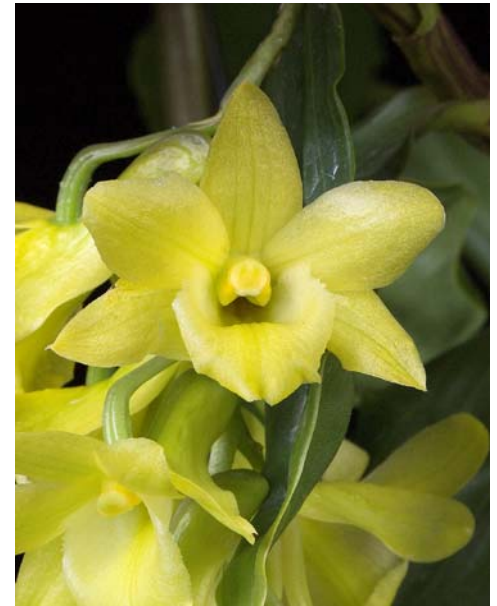
Orchid Fair 2023: Art Exhibition and Competition

The Orchid Society of Alberta is once again inviting artists of all ages (youths, adults and seniors) and of all abilities (amateur and professional) to submit 2D and 3D orchid art for display and judging to our annual orchid sale and show. The main focus of your piece must be an orchid(s).

Orchid Fair, 2023 will be held at Hole's Enjoy Centre in St. Albert between Friday, March 31 and Sunday, April 2.

Further details to follow in the next SWCA newsletter. Please notify J. Auschrat at 780-484-4290 (Leave a message with your name and phone number) or at cakesliver@shaw.ca by Monday, March 20, 2023 if you intend to submit an orchid art piece for show and judging.

The Orchid Society of Alberta would like to thank the members of SWCA for their continued support—J. Auschrat.



GRAND OPENING

*December 10th, 2022
2 to 9pm
10054 164 Street, NW
Edmonton, Alberta*

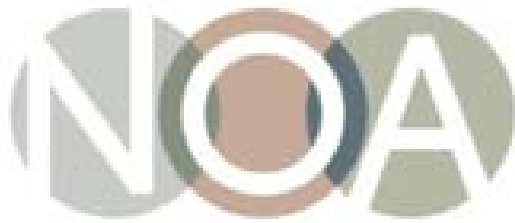
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or Submit as an Artist

