



SOCIETY OF WESTERN  
CANADIAN ARTISTS



June 2023

## FEATURED ARTIST - Donna Dahmer-Chamberland



"In the Center of the Play" - oils





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful show we hosted on Friday, May 12th. at Jeanette Spencer's Urban Village Condo Complex. Eighteen SWCA members showed a huge variety of artwork and we had live violin music, margarita slushies, delicious trays of nibbles, a steady stream of visitors, and even a few sales! There needs to be some thank yous given out as this event would not have happened without their help. Thank you to all the members (and husbands) who helped with the Thursday evening setup (and Friday tear down). Thank you to all the artists who set-up their beautiful artwork as a very pleasing show. Thank you to my son, Alex, who manned both the slushie and popcorn machines for the evening. Thank you to Jeanette's sister-in-law for entertaining us with her beautiful music. And a huge thank you to Jeanette Spencer and Val Burke for organizing the whole thing. Jeanette even took a 6 hour course that allowed us to serve alcohol that evening. It was a great experience and I have great respect for anyone wanting to organize any future shows. Got an idea for a good show location? Bring it forward and maybe something great will happen!

One good thing that happened is that we have left-overs! Jeanette and I discussed that we should share this with the whole membership so our June meeting is going to be a nachos and virgin margaritas evening!! (Yes, there will still be coffee) Don't eat such a large dinner and lets have a nice mixer meeting before the summer holidays. More details further in the newsletter.

In May, I talked about the "Chair-ity" Auction for Wellspring Cancer Centre. I took part on their actual fundraising day by doing airbrush tattoos to all the shoppers that came out to buy gorgeous planters and bid on the chairs. Many of these individuals were cancer survivors and I was so thrilled to hear their success stories. Getting involved in an artistic way sure makes one's heart grow bigger. As artists, I hope you have the opportunity at least once to let your talents bring good to a worthwhile organization. I am sure glad that I did.

As the June meeting is our last meeting until September, please bring a friend to enjoy it too. Did you know that since March, our membership has increased by over 25 members!! This is wonderful! Thank you to the members who have brought friends to enjoy one of our meetings. We really are an art group that follows our motto "Artists Helping Artists". My life is busier these days as I am a new puppy grandma. There is nothing like puppy kisses to make you calm down after a hectic day. Love them. I will be proudly showing off my puppy photos at the next meeting to anyone who wants a smile! Hope you have a fun month! *Eveline Garneau - SWCA President*

## NEXT MEETING Monday, June 12th

You and a friend are invited to come to SWCA's next meeting, Monday, June 12th at Laurier Height Baptist Church (basement) 142 St. & 86 Ave. Parking and entrance is at the rear of the building and there is street parking available. Doors open at 6pm, Library opens at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm, program begins at 8pm.

**FEATURED ARTIST:** Donna Dahmer-Chamberland

**PROGRAM:** Sketchbook Magic by Kim Fjordbotten  
(The Paint Spot)

Kim has just returned from a wonderful trip overseas and she has recorded it all in her sketchbook. She will share with us the ins and outs of creating art-filled sketchbooks as finished works of art. She wants everyone to bring their own sketchbook and pencils to this meeting. Plus she'll have a few to sell if you want a new one.

<https://paintspot.ca/5-tips-for-using-an-etchr-accordion-sketchbook/>



*Sketch Along with  
Kim Fjordbotten*

Let's help the environment by bringing your own mug for coffee/tea/margarita. We will be having nachos and margarita as our treats, free of charge as they are left overs from our last art show.

## SWCA 2023-2024 Executive

President:	Eveline Garneau
Vice President:	David Shone
2nd VP:	Donna Chamberland
Treasurer:	Vacant
Secretaries:	Laurél Hawkswell Lorraine Bérubé

### Committee Chairs

Library:	Cynthia Clarke
Membership:	Brenda Heine
Kitchen:	2 Month Shifts
Workshops:	Vacant/Individual Members
Exhibitions:	Vacant/Individual Members
Standards:	Shirley Kinneberg
Newsletter:	Elaine Mulder
Greeter:	Myrna Wilkinson
Book:	Eveline Garneau
Website:	Alex Garneau
Featured Artist:	Elaine Mulder
Social Media:	Karen Bishop & Rick Bremness

# JURY FOR STATUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Want to be more than just a General Member? Want to be able to go into our exhibitions? The next Jury for Status is now scheduled and has been posted onto the website ([swcartists.ca](http://swcartists.ca)). It is open to General, Exhibiting and Associate members who wish to advance to the next status level. Contact Shirley Kinneberg (Standards Chairperson) at [skinneberg@yahoo.com](mailto:skinneberg@yahoo.com). Event happening at our general June meeting - **June 12th, 2023**. This event may be **Onsite or Online** depending upon the applications. Deadline for applications - **June 5th, 2023**.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

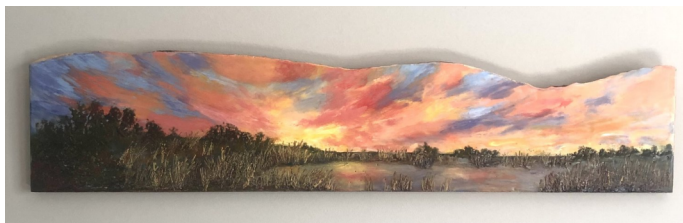
### Call for interest:

Member Jennifer Purves is putting together a workshop hosting Bryony Wynne-Jones from Victoria, BC for September 16-17th, 2023.. Workshop will be on birds found in Alberta (perfect for our next book). Jennifer is wondering if there is enough interest to this workshop. Please contact Jennifer at [japurves@telus.net](mailto:japurves@telus.net).



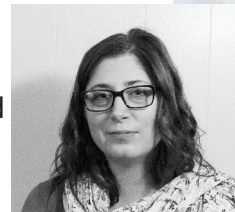
### Call for interest:

Member Jani Galarneau is putting together a workshop hosting Donna Hanson doing encaustics. Workshop will happen either October or November and will be a 2-day workshop. Interested parties please contact Jani at [jgalarneau@live.ca](mailto:jgalarneau@live.ca).



### Call for interest:

Member Meghana Gauthier is putting together a mixed media workshop. Celebrate Canadian Wildlife with Samantha Walrod. You will spend the class completing a joyful layered painting, a finished work that you will be able to take home. Once the class is complete you will have techniques and ideas for mixed media collage and painting in your own work. Date: Saturday, November 18th. Interested members please contact Meghana at [meghana.gauthier@gmail.com](mailto:meghana.gauthier@gmail.com).



Members wanting to learn something new and have a great idea for a workshop? Please consider organizing it and you get to take the workshop for free! SWCA would like to offer approx. one workshop per month. If this interests you, please contact Eveline at 780-489-1028 for more details.

# VOLUNTEERS REALLY NEEDED!!



**TREASURER:** This position would take approx. 1 hour per month in time plus attending a monthly zoom meeting...which you can do in your pj's! Year end is handled by an accountant. Duties can be taught to a volunteer and thus expanding your talents in other areas. Debbie is very willing to shadow you until you are comfortable with the position on your own. PLEASE consider volunteering for this position.

**KITCHEN COORDINATOR FOR 2-MONTH SHIFTS**  
Things are working well this way. Anita made an easy-to-follow instruction pamphlet and volunteers are there to help you.  
Months a coordinator is needed:  
September 2023  
December 2023 & January 2024

**FEATURE ARTIST SET-UP/TAKE-DOWN**  
Elaine is not able to come to every meeting. We need a volunteer to help put up/take down the feature artist's paintings. Hooks & chains are in the storage room and we even have a step ladder to help with this.

**EXHIBITIONS CHAIRPERSON**  
We have no other shows planned after our May 12th event. Please consider volunteering for this position if you have ideas of where we can hold art shows. This committee has excellent volunteers, we just need a leader.

Interested in any of these positions? Please call Eveline at 780-489-1028.

To make our society run smoothly, we REALLY need these volunteer positions filled. Please. All positions can be shared so consider asking a friend to join you in helping our group work in the best way it can.

## NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

As always, we take a break over the summer months as many members are off on holidays or would rather be out in their gardens during the summer months. Have a wonderful summer and paint lots towards our next book project!

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

If you have volunteered in any capacity over the past SWCA year, you are invited to a volunteer recognition evening Monday, July 10 at 7pm at 16102 - 103 Avenue NW. (Eveline's backyard) Please bring your own chair. This invite is for anyone who has helped in any of our committees (Exhibitions, Standards, Library, Membership, Kitchen, Workshops, Social Media, Greeters, Featured Artist and to the SWCA Executive. Please RSVP to Eveline at 780-489-1028 prior to July 5th. Looking forward to enjoying an evening of thanking you!



# OUR MAY 12TH SHOW

Jeanette took some wonderful photos of the set-up show (before guests arrived) Enjoy!



## A BIT OF HISTORY - Georgia O'Keeffe

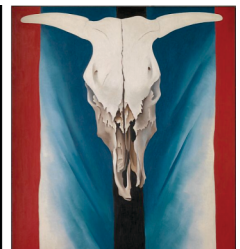
Georgia O'Keeffe was born on a large farm in Wisconsin, November 15, 1887. Her parents encouraged her young artistic talents and by the time she finished high school, she knew she wanted to become an artist. Something that not many women of that time felt they could do. She studied at both the Art Institute of Chicago and then the Art Students League in New York. There she learned the techniques of traditional painting but within 4 years her painting direction altered dramatically after studying the abstract works of Arthur Wesley Dow. For two years she taught art in West Texas and loved the wide open spaces. Here she found the close-up beauty of bones/skulls and created abstract charcoal drawings to better express her feelings and ideas. She sent a few of these drawings to a friend in New York and that friend showed them to Alfred Stieglitz, an art dealer and well known photographer. In 1916, he became the first person to exhibit her work and they would eventually fall in love and marry.

They lived in a tall New York skyscraper and she began a series of paintings depicting New York skyscrapers, quite a modern subject of that time and she also began her close-up depictions of flowers and by the mid-1920s, Georgia became known as one of America's most important and successful artists.

In 1929, she made the first of many trips to northern Mexico. It's landscapes and Hispanic cultures of the region inspired a new direction in her artwork. For the next 2 decades she spent most summers living and working in New Mexico and 3 years after her husband's death, she made it her permanent home.

She started a whole new life there with lots of international travelling which inspired her to paint spectacular views in her interesting style, from mountains to interesting views of clouds, to seashells and of course, flowers.

To read more about Georgia O'Keeffe's life, check out the book from our SWCA Library.





The Loft Art Gallery & Gift Gallery of the Art Society of Strathcona County is open  
Saturdays & Sundays from  
12 noon to 4 pm.  
at the Ottewell Centre (the Red Barn),  
590 Broadmoor Blvd, Sherwood Park.  
Solo Artist for May and June is  
**Linda McEachern**



Also new beautiful artwork by member artists, and artist-made gifts in the Gift Gallery... Ideal for gift giving!  
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or in a tent for art walks. Black cloth covers  
also available. \$25 per grid piece.  
\$30 per grid with black cloth cover.  
Attachment clips also available 10 for \$5  
Additional grid hooks available.  
Contact Eveline at 780-489-1028

### Draw at the Zoo!

THE ARK PROJECT

**SUMMER SALE**  
**SAVE 40%**  
June 3 – 30, 2023

**SUNDAYS 10 AM – 2 PM FEE \$80**  
with Kim Fjordbotten | supplies included | proceeds for the animals

Learn how to draw by observing real animals. Each session will include an introduction of the animal(s) by a Zoo handler, and a close-up study to see and discuss details we will capture in our observational. Kim Fjordbotten will demonstrate 2 – 3 techniques for participants to try, followed by real-time drawing from life while the animal is moving or acting natural. After the break we will work from photos to continue rendering and completing our drawings.

Click or scan code to register!

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Member Thea Avis wrote in:  
I just spent the day at the Telus Science Centre. HAVE YOU SEEN THE CURRENT LEGO EXHIBITION?  
It is a must. Nathan (whatever his name) has created Klimt's The Kiss, The Scream, Michelangelo's David, The famous Easter Island stone heads, Nefrititi, the Mona Lisa - omg omg omg....  
Maybe we should go?

This section is meant for artists, art groups, etc. to share their art news. Be it shows, workshops, special awards received, please send info/photos/ads to Eveline at [signworksplus86@gmail.com](mailto:signworksplus86@gmail.com) by the end of the 3rd week of the month. We'll fit it in!

A COUNTRY SIDE ART TOUR HOSTED BY

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## ART COLLECTIVE

JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> | 11AM - 5PM

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TOULA PRINS  
ELAINE MULDER  
GRACE BERKENBOSCH  
ALANA GUSHULIAK  
KAREN ARNETTE

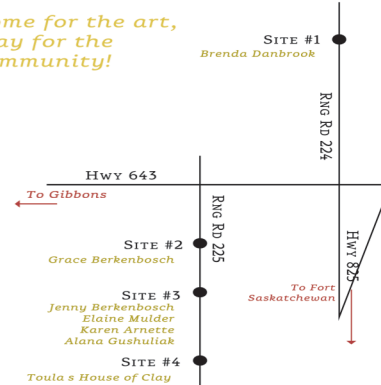
### COUNTRY SIDE ART TOUR & SALE DETAILS:



- Sat + Sun, 11am-5pm
- All work will be for sale.
- Art displayed at several countryside studios within close range of each other.
- Interactive google map

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