



SOCIETY OF WESTERN
CANADIAN ARTISTS



DECEMBER 2023

Feature Artist: Diana Billings



"Grapefruit"

8" x 10"

Oil Paint on Board

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, I missed 2 meetings in a row. The second was not intentional. I woke up that Monday with a scratchy throat and by 4pm I tested positive for covid. I have had 4 vaccines, and it still hit me quite hard but my son, Alex, our SWCA webmaster, had had his 5th vaccine and he cruised right through it. He did test positive, but it seemed much milder. So I highly recommend that everyone gets their 5th vaccine.

Thank you David Shone for hosting a second meeting. I hear that all the canvas bags have been handed out and I think this is going to be a wonderful exchange activity at our Christmas party. Have fun painting them! The exchange will be based on a ticket draw - similar to our mini painting exchanges that we had done in the past.

I am so looking forward to the Christmas Party. The Executive has decided to not officially plan a main program but rather a few mini activities. It will be an evening of door prizes, eating, nice music and just enjoying the gift of friendship. Bring a friend! The more, the merrier. We'll need a few extra volunteers to help set up the room so if any of you can come early (6:00pm), we would appreciate the help! As well, if a few of you can stay to help put everything away, that would be perfect.

I heard that November's Program was filled with mega Golden products and that Samantha almost overdosed everyone with all her info. It's good to learn about all the different mediums available and so many of them can be used either under or over all kinds of paint - oils, acrylics,

water colours. It sure can keep things interesting and experimental. I am really sorry I missed it. Thank you

Samantha for your excellent presentation. Still no snow! I am trying not to jinx things by talking about the weather but hopefully the snow will stay away until after our party. So much easier to drive with clear roads...now the construction still makes it difficult but with no snow, it's easier, right?

Merry Christmas!

Eveline Garneau
SWCA President



DEC. 11 MEETING



On Monday, December 11,

**You and a friend are invited to our Annual
Potluck Finger Food Nibbles & Desserts Christmas Party.**

SWCA will provide quite a bit, plus all the drinks. If you are able, please bring a plate of treats to share. There will be a featured artist, a make'n take table, painted canvas bag exchange, fun activities to break the ice and just a pleasant evening of visiting.

Doors open at 6 pm for party set-up

Partying from 7 - 9 pm

**Volunteers to help set-up and take
down are very welcomed!**



Laurier Heights Baptist Church
(Basement) 142 street & 86 Ave.
Parking and entrance is at the rear
of the building; there is also street
parking available.

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*Let's help the environment;
bring your own mug for
coffee/tea*

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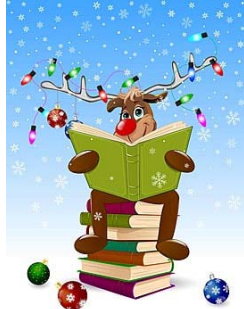
Book Committee

OK - Lock yourself in your warm, cozy studio this winter and pump out a few incredible works depicting the plants and animals that thrive in Alberta. Under the Animals - this includes mammals, fish, birds and insects. Under the plants department - it is all plants that can survive year after year though our winters. We hope to have enough entries (200) by the spring so the judging, layouts and production of the books can happen in time for the Christmas 2024 season. Each member is able to enter up to 5 pieces. Send high res photos of your work to swcabook@gmail.com. Include the Title of the piece, artist name, medium, size and a one paragraph blurb about your piece (history, inspiration, general info, etc).



Library

Library will be closed at the December meeting so volunteer extraordinaire, Cynthia, can enjoy the party as well. Please hold on to any books you may have borrowed and bring them back to the January meeting. No late charges will be issued for this month.



Tis the Season, To be Reading!

SPRINGTIME GARAGE SALE

It has been suggested that we hold another "garage sale"/exchange of art materials that artists no longer wish to have. Can we ask for 3 volunteers to head this event? Spring is the perfect time for this as members will not have to haul things through the snow. This event can be advertised to the general public as well so we can make it a real community event. Maybe an outdoor art show as well? We have a good amount of grids and access to tents. Interested in helping? Please contact Eveline at 780-489-1028.

Exhibitions

A Whimsical Life

The end of our Night of Artists Gallery Show Exhibit coincides with the Gallery's First Year Anniversary!

You and your friends are invited to come celebrate the Anniversary: Saturday, Dec.2. 6pm

Take down of the SWCA show is happening 10am Wednesday, December 6th. If you have work in the NoA Show, please make sure to be there at that time to help with tear-down.

Check your emails for Eventbrite invitation.

Misericordia Exhibition

Our Misericordia Show is up until January and there are almost 100 pieces for all to enjoy. If you find yourself in the neighbourhood, take in this large show. We are sure it puts smiles on everyone's faces as they walk/get wheeled through it. Very nice!





Workshops

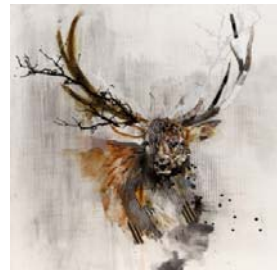
**YOU ARE NOW ABLE TO REGISTER
FOR WORKSHOPS ONLINE!**

swcartists.ca has all the information on the following workshops



CHANGE OF DATE: Samantha Walrod—Mixed Media

Please note that the Samantha Walrod workshop has been moved to Saturday, February 17th, 2024. Hours: 10am- 4pm. Full information on this workshop's content is found in October's newsletter or online at swcartists.ca.



Call for interest:

Jani Galarneau is starting to put together a workshop hosting Donna Hanson doing encaustics. Workshop will happen early next spring and will be a 2-day workshop. Interested parties please contact Jani at jgalarneau@live.ca.



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.

Next Month's Meeting

Critique hosted by Teresa Graham.
Bring in up to 2 pieces of work to be critiqued. They do not have to be finished.



“Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists” Pablo Picasso



We all know him as Pablo Picasso. In actuality, his real name was Pablo Diego Jose Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno Maria de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santisima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso. Wow! In Malaga, Spain, where Pablo was born 1881, people named their babies to honour their parents, relatives and saints. Pablo's parents probably wanted to make sure they did not leave anyone out. Pablo Picasso was introduced to the art world at a very young age as his father was an art teacher at the local school. By the age of 15, he was already quite an incredible painter as seen in this piece: The Alter Boy. 1896



But he was one to always try new things and he went through quite a few different styles each lasting several years: The Blue Period, The Pink Period, Cubism, etc. He was influenced by African Art and from ancient Roman Sculptures. He was not just a painter, but dived into ceramics and sculptures as well. He is one of a few artists that during his life, actually became quite famous and rich from his work and was able to enjoy this for most of his long life. To learn more about Pablo Picasso, check out the book: Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists: Pablo Picasso from the SWCA library.



Did You Know

The French artist Edgar Degas did not share a love of painting outdoors like his fellow impressionists. Instead, he preferred working in dance halls or the dressing rooms at the Paris Opera.





The Heine Art group is having their annual art show. Come in out of the cold, have a glass of mulled wine and enjoy all the lovely art. We would love to visit with you!

Watercolours, Pottery, Woodcarvings and Mosaics...

The Heine Art Group
bheine.art@gmail.com



Orchid Fair: Art Exhibition and Competition, 2024

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, 2024 at Hole's Enjoy Centre in St. Albert
between Friday, March 22 and Sunday, March 24, 2024.
(Entries to be delivered on Thursday, March 21, 2024.)**

Registration forms and regulations will be made available early in the new year at various art supply stores and art schools. You may also check www.orchidsalberta.com for updates. Registration forms should be available on the site early in the new year as well. Please notify J. Auschrat at 780-484-4290 or at cakesliver@shaw.ca by **Monday, March 18, 2024** if you intend to submit an orchid art piece for show and judging. You should receive confirmation of your registration shortly after contacting us. If not, then please try again. Arrangements can be made if you wish to sell your art piece.

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

