



SOCIETY OF WESTERN
CANADIAN ARTISTS



November 2023

FEATURED ARTIST Marissa Chapman





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Eveline Garneau

We had a taste of winter already! The first snowfall actually started right as we landed at Edmonton's airport coming back from our vacation and my thin coat and capri pants were not enough to keep me warm. Thank goodness my friend who picked us up had a warm van! It was so nice to get away for a little bit, but it's nice to be able to sleep in one's own bed again. As they say, there is no place like home. We went to Kauai and wow, the tropical plants are amazing there. Right next to the condo we stayed at, had a rubber tree plant that must have been 3 stories tall! I have one in my greenhouse and it's barely 2' tall and holding steady. I know I don't keep my greenhouse's temperature tropical but I thought it would do better than that. Now that I see how big it can grow, I might need to make a few changes in it's environment. It surely wouldn't survive outdoors through one of our winters.

That is what is going to be unique with our next book. We are wanting to feature plants that thrive in Alberta's weather conditions. No rubber tree plants but there sure are a lot of others that can be painted. Pick an interesting one to create and send it into swcabook@gmail.com soon!

A huge thank you to David Shone and the rest of the executive that helped manage last month's gathering. I heard that Beverly Bunker gave a lovely, personal critique to all who brought work in. You sure learn a lot from critiques and I am so glad we hold them three times/year.

How are the canvas bags coming along? I think this will be lovely exchange at our upcoming Christmas party. If you still need to get a bag, pick one up at the November meeting. You still have time to create a very useful masterpiece! Maybe use some of the products that we will be shown at this month's program?? More info on that is found below.

So it is getting to be that time when the yard work is done, the summer holiday travels are over and it's time to fill those long evenings with creativity. Have fun painting the canvas bag, a few paintings for the next book project and maybe tackle a mural in your studio! Let's be pro-actively creative this winter season. It will make those cold months go by much faster. And it is so much more rewarding than watching reruns on TV.

Wishing you a wonderful month and see you Nov.13th!

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NEXT MEETING - Nov. 13th

You and a friend are invited to come to SWCA's next meeting, Monday, Nov. 13th at the 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.

Let's help the environment by bringing your own mug for coffee/tea. Refreshments available: \$1 - coffee & cookie, \$.25 - cookie only.

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NOV. 13TH PROGRAM: Golden Product Demo

Samantha Williams Chapelsky will be leading a workshop to share with us the new Golden products and more ideas/techniques from Golden.

A free 2-hour Golden Artist Colors conversation and demonstration! Discover the possibilities of modifying your acrylic paints with Mediums, Gels and Pastes. Gain a broad understanding of each product and the unique qualities each has to offer.

"As my artist's statement explains, my work is utterly incomprehensible and is therefore full of deep significance"

- Calvin



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CURRENT SWCA EXHIBITIONS

SWCA has 2 shows on at the moment!

1 - Misericordia Hospital has almost 100 SWCA works hanging in their main floor halls. This show is on until January so if you find yourself in the neighbourhood, please stop in and enjoy the show.

2 - NoA Gallery in Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre is hosting:



Nov. 2 - Dec. 4
Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre

**Please take an hour
and visit this beautiful show.**



**You and a friend are invited to the
Grand Opening Saturday November 4th - 6 - 8:30pm**

Thank you to Carmella, Valerie and Teresa for organizing this show!

SWCA MEMBERS:

If you experience a doctor's office with blank walls, a hair salon that needs some life, a café that could use some spark - approach the owner and offer to hold an art show there. It's surprising how many unique spaces SWCA has held art shows. We are looking for additional volunteers to join the Exhibitions Committee. The more spaces we hold shows, the more likely we'll have great sales! For more info, please call Eveline at 780-489-1028.

DID YOU KNOW...

Edgar Degas was the first major artist to create masterpieces by combining different media in the same work. He combined watercolour, gouache and tempera with pastel, retouched monotypes with pastel and oils with pastels.

STANDARD'S COMMITTEE NEWS

Report From the SWCA Standards Chair – Shirley Kinneberg

October 16, 2023 - Once again, a successful SWCA Online Jury with 5 members moving up from General Status to Exhibiting Status. Congratulations to the following members:

Issa Faisal Abdalla Marissa Chapman Carmen Lawrence Ellany Maeh Anita Nawrocki

This year has been a successful year with two new Signature Status Members whom moved up in Spring 2023. Congratulations to the following members:

Elaine Mulder Janice Galarneau

And also moving up in the Spring 2023 Jury for Status from General to Exhibiting:

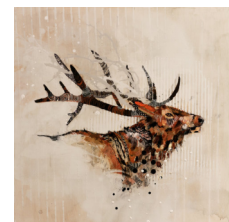
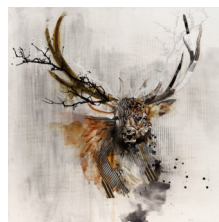
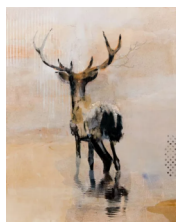
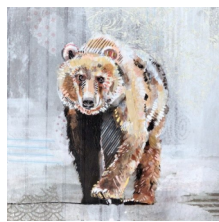
Lorraine Berube Diana Billings Carmella Haykowsky

The next planned Jury For Status will happen Spring 2024.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

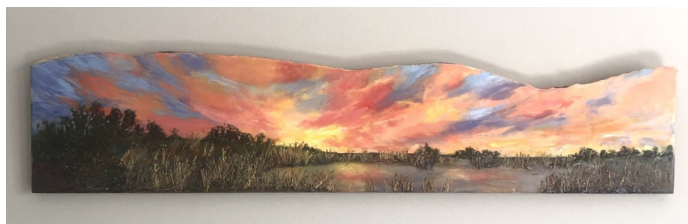
You are now able to read about & register for upcoming SWCA workshops online!
Check out swcartists.ca for more information.

CHANGE OF DATE - Please note that the Samantha Walrod - Mixed Media 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.



Have an idea for a workshop?

SWCA members wanting to learn a specific medium/method can organize a workshop and then be able to take the workshop for free! For more information regarding responsibilities of organizer, etc., please contact Eveline at 780-489-1028.

NEXT MONTH:



You and a guest are invited to our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Monday, December 11th

- Potluck desserts and finger foods.
- Painted canvas bag exchange.
- Fun games and friendly conversations.
- Make'n Take Table

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Any members that can
come & help set up the room
please arrive at 6pm.



BOOK COMMITTEE NEWS

Entries for our next book adventure are continuing to come in. Please keep in mind that the theme is Plants and Animals native to Alberta or that can survive in Alberta climates. We have approx 70 entries so far. We will stop accepting entries once we reach 200 so look through artwork that you may have done in the past, or have fun painting over the winter and send a high res photo of each to swcabook@gmail.com. Each member is able to send in up to 5 images.

BIT OF HISTORY - Michelangelo

Michelangelo Buonarroti was born in Caprese, Italy in 1475 during a time known as the Renaissance. When he was born, his mother seemed to be too ill to look after him so his father arranged to have him live with a family of stone cutters. By the time he was 13, he travels to Florence and becomes an apprentice to Florence's most popular artist, Domenico Ghirlandaio. By age 15, he decides he is more interested in sculpting and he is invited to study sculpting at the palace of wealthy art lover, Lorenzo de'Medici. But in 1494, many citizens of Florence, including Michelangelo leave the city for fear of the French King Charles VIII's army who attacks the city. He travels and ends up in Rome and there he creates The Pieta at the young age of 24. People cannot believe how talented he is. This is only the beginning of his amazing life. To find out more about Michelangelo's life, check out the book out of our SWCA library. "Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists". Written and Illustrated by Mike Venezia



the bigger picture

Art news and opportunities in the community.

ART SOCIETY OF STRATHCONA COUNTY ART EVENT & SALE – November 4 and 5 12"x12" and Under A Miniature Show and Sale

At the A. J. Ottewell Centre, 590 Broadmoor Blvd.
Sherwood Park

A Unique Show and Art Sale!! All art is 12" x 12" and under!

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Main cash desk - just fill your basket and make one payment.

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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!!

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 Until December 17, 2023.

Will reopen on March 2, 2024.

Feature Artist for November/December is

PENNY ANDRUS !

New beautiful artwork by member artists,
And artist-made gifts in the Gift Gallery

Ideal for gift giving!

Support your local artists with a visit to the Loft!!
www.artstrathcona.com or artsoc@telus.net

Art Show and Sale

526 Ronning St. NW
Fri Dec 1 (4-8)
Sat Dec 2 (10-8)
Sun Dec 3 (10-5)



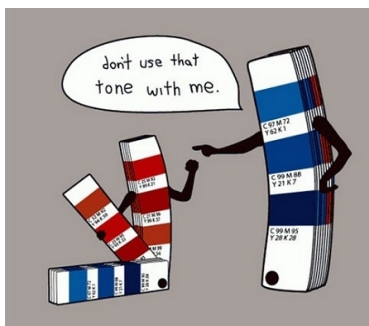
Watercolours, Woodcarving, Pottery and Mosaics...

The Heine Art Group
bheine.art@gmail.com

How artists see math problems...



If you have 4 pencils and I have 7 apples, how many pancakes will fit on the roof? Purple, because aliens don't wear hats.



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 by the end of the 3rd week of the month. We'll fit it in!