



“Andrew in the Shadows”
by Sally Bowers (the First Place in
LSAG Show Drawing Category)

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LETTER FROM WAL PRESIDENT JIM KUYKENDALL



Happy New Year to You! On behalf of all the board members of the Woodlands Art League I want to wish you and your families a very happy new year! I pray 2024 is the best year yet for you!

I also want to thank each of you for everything you have done for WAL! You have given your time, your talents, and your treasure to help us push through a tough time. With your help we have secure enough funds to get us through the next few months. We're not completely out of the woods financially yet, but we are better off than we have been.

We are going to have to work hard to keep our facility up and running. To that end the board is asking all the members to help promote our classes and our workshops. Classes need to be held and attended so if you see a class you're interested in – sign up for it! If we're hosting a workshop you like – sign up for it! One of the main objectives of WAL is to help educate/teach our members and to bring art to the public! We can do that! We have workshops that are being set up now, and class opportunities available. Keep up with these events by looking at the website and on social media.

We are going to be converting the WAL studio to a studio/gallery! Dave Malin is heading up a committee to reduce the excess “stuff” we have in the studio and turn the outer walls into a place for our members to hang their art. We hope to open the gallery to the public on designated days of the week. Members will have to volunteer to work shifts on those days. This will be an excellent way for us to promote our art and artists in the community. Look for more details in the month of January.

Keeping a non-profit up and running has never been easy. We did suffer due to the COVID crisis but that is now behind us, and we must move forward. Decisions had to be made to run WAL like a business, because at the end of the month, we have bills to pay! Together we can ensure our studio/gallery remains a viable asset to the arts community. I would ask you to share any of the good social media events you see posted about WAL with everyone you know. Invite others to attend classes, workshops, and especially our general meetings. You have and continue to make a difference for the Arts and our organizations. I appreciate your efforts and continued services to WAL!

Blessings,

Jim Kuykendall, President of Woodlands Art League

Workshops



1. Nocturne Plein Air Workshop with Krystal W. Brown



3-day Workshop, from **Thursday, February 8, 2024** till **Saturday, February 10, 2024** from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm each day. \$375 WAL members, \$425 Non-members. There is also **Everything Included** Option (more details on the website)
Location: Various locations within 30 driving distance of the Woodlands.

You will observe the sight selection, set up, and process I undergo when creating Nocturnes from life. You will effectively learn how to remove the “Fear Factor” from any nighttime scene in a way that fits in with your unique creativity and skill set.

Participants are invited to paint along or just watch during the demonstration. Questions are welcome. There will be no one-on-one guidance during demo time.

Thursday you will watch the interactive demo of a sunset scene followed by the transition into a nocturne. Come ready to paint and following the demo get busy. Friday we will follow the same pattern and a return to the same scene. Be prepared with at least two panels.

Be sure to check out the supply list under workshops. You will be blown away by what you take away from our time together. Class limited to 8. **Register [here](#)**

Classes



1. All Levels Drawing and Painting with Tom LaRock



Every Tuesday, 2-hour class starting January 2, 2024. Your choice of 10am, 1pm or 6pm classes. This class is intended for beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

Classes are ongoing from month to month and you can start at any time. However, registration is monthly on the WAL website

\$225 for 5 2-hour classes Members or \$275 for Non-Members

There is also a 3-hour class option, please contact Tom LaRock for details.

Questions? Please contact Tom by email at tom@tomlarockart.com or call (281)292-4811 with questions or additional information and the materials list.



Classes



2. Beginner/Intermediate Oil Painting (Contemporary Still Life) with Sally Bowers



Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1 from 3:30 - 5:45 pm or 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Have you wanted to learn oil painting, but didn't want to invest in a lot of expensive supplies? This class might be just what you are looking for! The cost of all the materials you would have to buy would easily exceed the cost of the class. This 4 week class will take you through setting up a still life, lighting, composition, ways to transfer your set up to the canvas, learning to get a proper value structure, mixing color, choosing shadow colors, and tips to "turn form", so that your painting comes to life!

\$200 for 4 classes Members or \$250 for Non-Members

For more information on what you will learn in the class and how to register, please visit WAL website or register [here](#) for 3:30-5:45 pm class or [here](#) for 6-8 pm class.

Limit 8 students per class.



Classes



3. Bob Ross Painting Class with Larry Weirs

Saturday, February 3rd, 2023: 1-4 PM at WAL location



“Desert Hues” by Larry Weirs

Larry is back! Larry is a certified Bob Ross landscape, wildlife, and floral oil painting instructor and will teach you step by step how to create this winter landscape! *No experience is needed.* You will make it and take it in just a few hours. Let him introduce you to "The Joy of Painting" and you can finish this 20x16 painting in just 3 hours! All supplies are included. Just wear old clothes and join the fun, but register soon to reserve your seat. Class limited to 14. Register on WAL website or [here](#).

Questions? email: lwiers@sbcglobal.net

\$65 WAL members, \$75 Non-members

Classes



4. Painting Groups with Marcela



Painting Groups with Marcela Ornelas

Class is available in English and Spanish. This is a guided painting class, meaning there will be several options of painting to choose from and copy, or you can bring in a personal image and Marcela will guide you through your process!

Materials and light snacks are always provided for this class, just come, bring your friends and have fun!

***Classes can now be scheduled per request (depending on studio availability)**

Cost: \$55.00 for WAL Members, \$65.00 for Non-Members, payable to WAL.

For more information, contact Marcela at marceom12@gmail.com or register [here](#)

Groups

1. Art Journaling Group



Upcoming dates: **Wednesdays, January 10, and January 24, 2024** from 10 am to 12:30 pm at WAL location.

This fun art journaling group meets the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month (except for during holidays and summer months)**. This group provides participants a chance to work in their art journal, get inspired, and meet other people who are also interested in art journaling. All levels are welcome. Bring your favorite art journaling supplies and join the fun!

Just \$5 for WAL members, \$10 for non-members.

Try it for free! There is no charge for your first group meeting!

If you have any questions, please contact Sara at ssaravo@gmail.com.

Groups



2. Paint Out Group

This is the last location where Paint Out Group met in December 2023.



A paint-out is when a group of artists meet-up in a location to paint and draw together. When they meet at a scenic, inspiring outdoor location it's called a "plein air paint-out". It's a great way to share your talents, learn from others and enjoy the company!

Please check the website for the newest information or contact organizers Pam Otfinowski (pamotmail@gmail.com) and Nana Midcap (skipnana98@yahoo.com)



There is a \$5 fee for members and \$10 for non-members and registration required.

Come out to join the fun and be inspired!

Old Town Spring

Groups

3. Portraiture



Portraits are works of art that record the likeness of a live model in an interesting costumes and scenes.

There is no instruction for this group. All levels and mediums are welcome. However, please bring low odor products for turpentine, etc.

Organizers

Please contact the organizer(s) prior to your first meeting to provide them your contact information. **Monday 9:30am - 12:30pm**

Dave Malin is the contact for the Monday meeting group. The cost is \$10. Phone: 936.714.3713

Email: cdavidmalin@gmail.com

Wednesday 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Hilda Rueda is the contact for the Wednesday meeting group. Monthly model fees are divided between participants and paid at the beginning of the month without exceptions.

Email: hildalockley@hotmail.com

LSAG Qualifying Show Winners



Congratulations to LSAG Qualifying Show Winners! The Show took place at Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center on November 18, 2023. Many thanks to the judge Cynthia Reid for selecting the winners!

Category -Drawing:

- **Adult Student Division:** Rowena Hayes received Honorable Mentions (HM) for “Abandoned” and “Bloom”.
- **Non-Professional Division:** Sally Bowers received the First Place for “Andrew in the Shadows.”

Category – Mixed Media:

- **Adult Student Division:** Rowena Hayes received the First Place for “Beauty in the Small Thing” and HM for “A View to Calm.”
- **Semi-Professional Division:** Phyllis Love received the First Place for “Always an Obstacle” and Second Place for “Rush Hour in Neutral”.

LSAG Qualifying Show Winners (Cont. 1)



Category –Oil/Acrylic:

- **Adult Student Division:** Bobbi Feiertag received the First Place for “Bug” and Second Place for “Lady.”
- **Non-Professional Division:** Sally Bowers received the First Place for “Reflecting on Breakfast,” the Third place for “Frat House Party Line,” and HMs for “Rita” and “Wei.” Max Taylor received the Second Place for “Golden Light” and HM for “Rocky Tide Pools”.
- **Semi-Professional Division:** Emily Chiles received the First Place for “Come Sit with Me” and Second Place for “Victory.” Carol Scheferman received the Third Place for “Doing a Double Take” and HM for “A No-Show?”

Category – Digital Photography:

- **Non-Professional Division:** Bob Jefferis received the First Place for “Soaring Redwoods,” Second Place for “Orchid Royalty,” and Third Place for “Sunny Sunday Strollers.”



“Golden Light” by Mark Taylor

LSAG Qualifying Show Winners (Cont. 2)



Category – Photography:

- **Non-Professional Division:** Bob Jefferis received the First Place for “Catching the Sun” and Second Place for “Lost in Memories”

Category – Watercolor/Acrylic:

- **Non-Professional Division:** Julia Kent received the First Place for “Avery Island Boathouse” and Second Place for “Texas Shrimp Boat.” Deb Roberts received HM for “Southern Magnolia Two.”

- **Professional Division:** Beth Weaver received HM for “Marsh Scape.”

Category – Pastels:

- **Professional Division:** Tetyana Aleksenko received the First Place for “The Woodlands Waterway” and Second Place for “Armadillo.”



“Texas Shrimp Boat” by Julie Kent

With questions contact walexhibitsdirector@gmail.com

LSAG Qualifying Show Winners (Cont. 3)



Category – Abstract/Experimental/Non-Objective:

-Semi-Professional Division: Carol Scheferman received the First Place for “The Tempest.” Phyllis Love received the Second Place for “Independent Processing” and Third Place for “A Better Brain Wave.”

Category – Sculpture:

- Semi-Professional Category: Mark Frary received the First Place for “Firework Series #1” and Second Place for “Watchtower Series #3.”

Please visit the Woodlands Art League to see selected artwork of the LSAG Show winners, most paintings are available for sale!



“Marsh Scape” by Beth Weaver

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For Hyatt House

18645 Residence Dr, Shenandoah, Texas 77385

Get creative for our upcoming exhibit featuring family-friendly art.

Save the Dates!

12/12/2023-1/5/2024: Registration open

1/6/2024: Art Drop-Off / Pick-Up / Hanging Art

4/13/2024: Art Take-In / Pick-Up / Hanging of Art

- Registration link: <https://wal.wildapricot.org/event-5524096>
- Make sure to complete payment at registration
- Must be a current paid WAL member to exhibit
- Join or renew at www.woodlandsartleague.org

If you have any questions about the WAL Exhibit at the Hyatt House or other exhibits, email walexhibitsdirector@gmail.com

WAL Fundraiser Continues. Thank you for your support!



IT'S THAT TIME!

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Dues Increase



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The Board recently voted to increase dues for the 2024 year. There will only be three classifications of membership. Individual, Senior, and Family memberships will be offered. Membership dues will continue to be due as they have in the past. Effective January 2024 the new dues will be:

- **Individual Membership** **\$50.00**
- **Senior Membership** **\$40.00**
- **Family Membership** **\$75.00**

It has been some years since the dues were increased, and as everyone knows, expenses have continued to go up. Even with the increase, Membership in WAL continues to be a great bang for the buck!



Thank you

Your membership has made a difference. **Thank you** for sharing your unique skills with our community of artists. Just this year, together we have helped artists by holding adult workshops, public exhibits, kid's classes and our first drama class!

Special thank you to our sponsor, **The Woodlands Art Gallery and Studios**, for ongoing support!

We hope that you take advantage of this donating opportunity and help us build a more colorful future. We are working to secure funds to help us bring more arts to The Woodlands in 2024. [Your tax-deductible donation of \\$25, \\$50 or \\$100 or more](#) will allow us to continue classes and programs for both children and adults.

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