



SOCIETY OF WESTERN  
CANADIAN ARTISTS



March 2024

Feature Artist: Deborah Faul



**“Poppies”**

9x12 Watercolour

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a fun program we had at the February meeting. Five tables (8 chairs per table) were set up with paints, canvases, brushes, water containers, etc. and each table with a different subject reference photo and we had a Paint night! Our motto of "Artist's Helping Artists" was done as we all helped each other with any questions anyone had. Thank you to Laurel Hawkswell who provided the wonderful photo references. We still have lots of paints left over and of course, all the brushes, etc. so we'll be sure to do this again. Quite a few members told me that they really enjoyed it so maybe this could be an annual event! Check out further in this newsletter for some photos of the evening.

I am so sad to announce that long-time member Helen Richards passed away last month. Her story is found further in this newsletter. I want to talk about Helen. She and I first met when I was about 10 years old and very much into figure skating. She was my coach for quite a few years, with each year ending with a large skating production similar to the Ice Capades! At least that is how important we felt they were. She showed us how to present ourselves the best way possible - wonderful costumes, fancy make-up, excellent choreography and she always would be yelling "Smile! They want to see your smiles!" Of course, hers was always the biggest smile there. Her energy was contagious and I know many of her students can thank their lucky stars that

they had her as their instructor. I know I did. Fast forward a couple decades and she's now coming into my art supply store because now she's deep into oil painting and SWCA. She was one of the main reasons I joined SWCA. She made it fun for guests and newcomers. Even though she has not been able to come to the meetings for over 10 years, I hope most of you remember her. She made SWCA better. I will miss her.

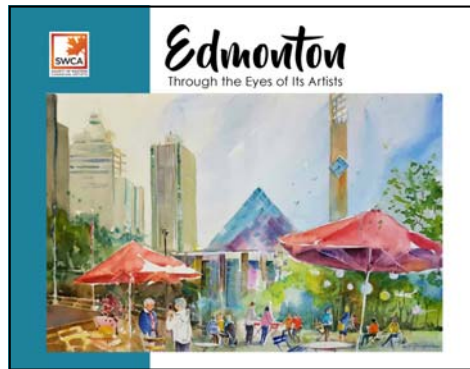
This month we can have our meeting on the second Monday as Easter is farther on in the month. Don't forget to bring your copy of "Edmonton-Through the Eyes of Its Artists" to the March meeting!

Eveline Garneau  
SWCA President

## Next Meeting Monday March 11, 2024

You and a friend are invited to our next meeting: Monday, March 11, at Laurier Heights Baptist Church (basement), 142 street & 86 Ave. Entry is via back door with parking in the back or on the street.

Doors open at 6 pm      Library opens at 6:30 pm  
Meeting begins at 7 pm      Program begins at 8 pm



### March Meeting Program MEET THE ARTIST

We are inviting all the artists who have work in the SWCA book: Edmonton - Through the Eyes of its Artists to come to this meeting. We will acknowledge every artist and let's have a book signing

event! We encourage everyone to bring their copy of the book so artists can sign their artwork's page. This will instantly triple the value of your book and who knows...it might one day become priceless if seen on the Antique Road Show! All artists: bring your own pen!

### SWCA 2022-23 Executive

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# Exhibitions



## Night of Artists Art Walk -

Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17th

We just need 3 more volunteers to fill our last 3 vacant spots. Saturday morning shift, Saturday afternoon shift, Sunday shift. Each volunteer will receive one 2'x 6' grid to display/sell their artwork for the whole weekend. Interested? Call Eveline at 780-489-1028 to sign-up.

At the last Artwalk, We were very successful in spreading the word about how great SWCA is, that we ended up getting almost 25 new members at last year's event. We hope to do the same again this year. We even sold 5 paintings last year and quite a few of our books.



*Artist learning & painting together at our last society meeting*



**June Art Show** in coordination with our garage sale. This will be held at the beginning of June (not necessarily the same day as our meeting). All elements of this event are still to be decided on. We are wanting 3 volunteers to come forward to oversee this event. Contact Eveline if interested.

## Book Committee

This week's upcoming meeting is focusing on the past accomplishments and wish to honour the many artists who provided paintings for the "Edmonton Through the eyes of an Artist". This amazing book has given a great representation of not only the wonderful places in Edmonton but also introduced an incredibly talented and diverse group of artists. It truly is a great endeavor. Now, we are our third series—so please keep the entries coming for our upcoming "Alberta's Flora and Fauna" book!



## Volunteer Needed

**Membership Chairperson Volunteer Needed!** Brenda Heine is not able to come to all our meetings and we feel that this is important as guests wanting to join should be able to do so at our meetings. Brenda is happy to do full training and to mentor anyone interested in this position. If interested please contact Eveline @ 780-489-1028 .

# In Loving Memory of Helen Richards

1928-2024

It is with much love and sadness that the family announces the peaceful passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Helen Richards, on February 11, 2024, the day after her 96th birthday. Helen Voley Frey was born in Edmonton to Latvian immigrant parents and lived here her entire life. She leaves to mourn her loss her son, Tom (Janice); grandchildren, Brayden (Shauna), Jillian (Dustin), and Ryan (Gabi); and great-grandchildren, Dane and Asher. Helen will be greatly missed by her dear friends, Joan and Tim Terry, and their family. She was predeceased by her husband, Tom, in 2019; brothers, Art, Ed; and sister, Dorothy. She is survived by her sister, Mary Fusedale. Helen's first love was skating, both roller and ice. She taught and competed in both and was well known for organizing the Federation of Community Leagues Ice Shows for 18 years. Besides skating, Helen curled at the Royal Glenora Club and Crestwood, and was a member of the Northern Alberta Curling Association. She golfed in the ladies' league at Victoria Golf Course until she was 80. Early in their marriage, Helen and Tom participated in the Elmwood Park community variety shows for many years. Helen was also a proud member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She was on the board of Klondike Days, was Publicity Chair and Social Chair for the Federation of Community Leagues, volunteered for the Commonwealth Games in 1978, Universiade 1983, and more recently, Alberta Culture Days. Helen was also on various committees at Fort Edmonton Park. To honour Helen's many contributions to the City of Edmonton, The Edmonton Jaycees named her Citizen of the Year in 1975.



As an avid painter, Helen founded the Laurier Heights Art Group 29 years ago, which is still going strong. She was a member of the Edmonton Art Club and SWCA (Society of Western Canadian Artists) and also attended ELLA (Edmonton Lifelong Learners Association) for painting inspiration. Honouring her community involvement over the years, the Laurier Heights Community League Heritage Hall has recently been named after Helen. Helen and Tom travelled many times to Europe, and camped across Canada and the US. Latvia was a destination as Helen embraced her Latvian heritage. She was on the board of Imanta, the Latvian Society of Edmonton. Helen valued family more than anything. She gathered her family, siblings, nieces, nephews, and family friends together at Sunday dinners, family reunions in Banff, Latvian Ligo celebrations, and Christmas Wassailing parties. Helen volunteered for her entire life, and she was a true people person. Through all of her activities, she made many lifelong friends. She was admired by all for her positive attitude and zest for life.

## Bit of History: Henri Matisse



Henri Matisse was born in Le Cateau-Cambresis, France in 1869. His youth was quite normal in that he helped his parents with their general store and even going to law school. It wasn't until he was 23 years old and recovering from appendicitis, when his mom gave him a box of paints to help give him something to do, that he discovered that he loved to paint. After he got better, he took a job as an assistant lawyer but he took art classes in the early mornings. It did not take long for Henri to choose to become a full-time artist, against his father's wishes. But his father flexed and allowed Henri to study art more deeply. During that time, art schools believed in certain rules that had not changed in many years, and that did not bode well for Matisse. He only got along with one of his instructors, who encouraged Henri to try new things and use his imagination as much as possible. He decided to follow his instructor's advise. To learn more about Henri's life, please check out "Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists - Henri Matisse" out of the SWCA library.



Don't wait for inspiration. It comes while one is working.

- Henri Matisse -





# Workshops

## Multi-Media Landscape Relief

**Saturdays March 23 & 30 9:30 am -3:30 pm @ Elaine Mulder's Studio** for the benefit of having the trees and nature outside the window. (located just at the northwestern edge of Edmonton).

Come try your hand in using different mediums and start creating 3D and highly textured artworks. Learn how to incorporate materials you find around you in your creations. Workshop will focus on:

- 1) Studying the depth of field and how to create depth of field in Art Reliefs.
- 2) Creating 2-3 different emulsions - experimenting and learning how to work with them
- 3) Forming 3D textures and shapes using different homemade emulsions and different tools.
- 4) Embellishing creations with additional scraps and objects that add interest to the artwork.
- 5) How to paint 3D Reliefs for objects to appear 3 dimensional and in the correct depth of field.
- 6) Reflecting and discussing how materials can be saved, shared, and repurposed rather than thrown away.



Art supplies will be provided to you as part of the Workshop Fee which would include items such as 11x16 wood cradle board, egg carton mulch, baking soda, white glue, plastic and Gem glue, multicolors of Gesso, wires, *(and even garbage if desired)*.

Participants will be responsible for providing tools, containers, scissors, snips, and an old tshirt. Limited amounts of acrylic paint will also be needed however, the focus of this workshop is not the painting but rather the art of creating and sculpting. A full List of required simple household tools and supplies will be provided on the website.

**Direct enquiries to organizer Teresa Graham at [teresabgraham@gmail.com](mailto:teresabgraham@gmail.com).**



## Encaustics Painting—April 20, 10 am – 4pm



**Erinn Evans** has agreed to teach an encaustic class on animals. Erin did a wonderful program for us a couple years ago and we are thrilled to have her share her knowledge in this workshop.

Erinn Evans is based in Sherwood Park, Alberta. She minored in art at the university of Alberta while earning her Bachelor's Degree in Education. Her artwork often features bold colors and patterns and reflects her love of nature and animals. Painting with encaustics, which is molten beeswax and resin mixed with pigments, allows her to incorporate a variety of materials such as oil pastels, india ink, and decorative papers to create depth and texture. Erinn has taught Encaustics workshops for the Paint Spot in Edmonton, the sociate Signature member of the Federation of Canadian Artists and her work is carried by the Art Gallery of Alberta shop. For more information see [www.erinnevansart.com](http://www.erinnevansart.com), Facebook: Erinn Evans Encaustic Art, Instagram: Erinn Evans Art.



**Direct enquiries to organizer**

**Jani Galarneau at [jgalarneau@live.ca](mailto:jgalarneau@live.ca)**

**Members wanting to learn something new or 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.

**Workshops can be registered on-line at [SWCArtists.ca](http://SWCArtists.ca)**

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## Orchid Fair: Art Exhibition & 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](http://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](mailto: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



"An artist is an explorer."

**Henri Matisse**







## Art Talk on Zoom

March 8, 2024

11 AM – 12:30 PM (MST)



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