

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 6 Happy Hour at Olive Branch  
4:30 to 6:00
- Feb 18 Refresh Olive Branch Exhibit  
9:30 to 11:00
- Mar 4 Critique at MCC with Alan Scott  
Pick up paintings  
3:00
- Apr 27 Spring Workshop Reception
- Apr 28 -  
May 1 Spring Workshop



**Amy Haga and Barbara Haynes at our Jan.  
meeting**

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*Happy February Creatives!*

Hello CTWS Watercolor Artists!

There has been a bit of regrouping within the Board of Directors recently. Lisa Koets has resigned from her Presidency and I am stepping in as the 'heir apparent'. Sandy Sadler will be serving as our 1st Vice President.



A big thank you goes to Lisa Koets for her leadership as President and 1st Vice President over the last year and a half. It takes a lot of time, effort, skills and fortitude to lead our group and we are very appreciative of her service. And a thank you to Mark Henry for his consistent calm wisdom since September; your service is most appreciated. One addition thank you goes to Laura Kvalheim for her sustained diligence and attention in providing her fine leadership and always eloquent suggestions to the Board. We are so fortunate in having such a passionate group of leaders that are dedicated to upholding CTWS as a professional, integrity-based creative group in the past, the present and into the future. A lot of things go on behind the scenes in order to make CTWS the fun, educational and creative organization that it is and has been. We appreciate all of our leaders!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting with your HEARTS on!

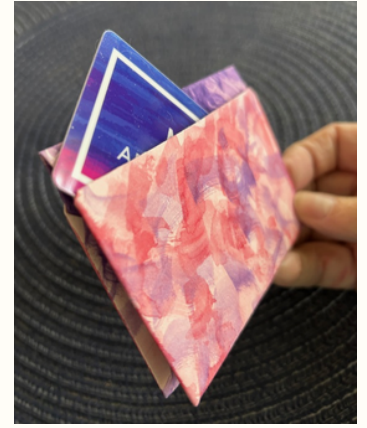
**Cheryle Chapline**

Monthly Meetings are the Second Wednesday of most months, at Episcopal Church of The Holy Spirit, corner of Wooded Acres & Lake Haven, behind Target. Meetings begin at 9 a.m. unless we tell you differently.

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# FEBRUARY MONTHLY PROGRAM

*Suzi Ickles*



## Watercolor, just for fun!

Program for the Central Texas Watercolor Society, February 11, 2026

Presented by **Suzi Ickles**

When you need more than just a card, these paper creations are the perfect solution. They are different, sculptural, and provide ample space for your artwork and lettering or for people to sign like a guest book. The options and sizes are endless. We will learn the basic fold, the best adhesives for different purposes, how to put it all together, create some watercolor patterns, and finally make it "lovely" with ribbons and yarn.

### Supplies to bring:

- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Watercolor set
- Various brushes
- Water container
- Paper towels
- Bone folder if you have one
- Tape runner if you have one

### Supplies provided by Suzi

All papers needed to complete the projects  
Plenty of decorative yarn/ribbon for ties



Suzi Ickles loves all things paper (a "papyrophiliac"), and maybe most of all painting and folding it. She has been an "artist" her whole life, and after graduating from SMU with a degree in graphic design, she worked in printing and advertising. Then Suzi taught middle school math and art at China Spring ISD, retiring in 2019. She prefers making small items that can be given away as acts of kindness, like cards, books, tokens, rocks... She does a little bit of many things, but prefers watercolor and acrylic, origami, bookmaking, Procreate on her iPad, gelli printing, and gathering with friends to create. Suzi has belonged to the Central Texas Watercolor Society since 2020, and her mother Marie Ferrell had been a member from the 1980s until 2000. Suzi enjoys taking lots of online and Zoom classes and is always learning something new and chasing shiny objects! - **Patty Davis**

# JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

*Lisa Tennant*

At January's meeting we had the good fortune of experiencing Lisa Tennant's art and processes for creating her iconic views of Neon signage. We learned how to stretch our watercolor paper 'the real way' and followed Lisa's method of masking with Pebeo and masking tape (I got a few side glances during that portion of the presentation as a few people I know 'hate' to tear and place tape for masking...HA!). Then, Lisa went on to demonstrate her techniques in applying paint to create a simulation of the texture of weathered paint on the old Neon signs. Thank you, Lisa and thank you to Patty Davis for arranging to have her here.



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## SPRING CTWS MULTI-DAY WORKSHOP

*Cheryl Evans*

I will be sending information via email in the coming weeks about our upcoming Spring Workshop with Cheryl Evans. Cheryl presented her very fun demo of collage, watercolor and other items at one of our regular meetings last year and everyone had a blast. Such a fun activity! For the workshop, Cheryl will be dealing directly with watercolor painting, especially concentrating on painting negative space...the void around objects. Sometimes forgotten but, oh, SO important for the success of the painting. Did you know that negative space, it's value and hue, define the positive space? So much opportunity to influence the mood, the prominence of (or lack there of) objects, implying a shape in a background, defining focal points, etc. And, you have been dealing with negative space whether or not you know it. Cheryl will be showing us how to use it to it's full advantage. Dates for the workshop are Tuesday, April 28 through May 1. The Reception prior to the workshop is on Monday, April 27.

- **Cheryle Chapline**



CURRENT EXHIBIT : *Spring MCC Exhibit*

The Spring MCC Exhibit is up, and it is stunning! Thank you to all artists who are exhibiting. Mark your calendar for March 4th at 3:00 p.m. when critiques and awards will be awarded to the top five paintings. Thank you to Alan Scott of Washington Street Gallery who will be our judge. Between now and March, please try to visit the exhibit at Ball Performing Arts Center on the MCC Campus! - **Cindy Boney**

# PAINTING OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to **Gail Arneson**, our 'Painting of the Month' winner, with her lovely textured landscape "Tranquil", rising to the top of a number of other beautiful and well done paintings. Congratulations, Gail!

Note: Members can win Painting of the Month one time per year. Don't forget that October starts a new year.



Carol Vicha	2/1
Kim Kazanas	2/7
Candace Ingram	2/17
Angie Lilljedahl	2/18
Steven Umbach	2/19

## NEW MEMBERS



Cindy Pittmon



Tom Scott



Denise Anderson



Steven Umbach



Kelly Stibbens



## CURRENT EXHIBIT: *Olive Branch Collective Works*

Please note the date change for our Happy Hour at Olive Branch. It will be held on First Friday, February 6th, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Frank Exum has agreed to provide music for our mixer. This will be the 'official' kick-off for the 'heART of Texas' Collective exhibit at Olive Branch. The event has been added to local community calendars to help promote the event. You should have already received a promotional graphic to send to family, friends, and post on social media, if you are inclined to do so. Please come out and support our exhibiting artists and enjoy time visiting with each other! The exhibit will be refreshed as planned on February 19th. Paintings that have sold will come down, and the remaining paintings will be dusted and 'moved' to new places within the dining room to give a 'fresh' look to the exhibit. If you have sold a painting, please plan to come and collect your painting. If you are asking the buyer to pick up the painting, be certain I have their information! Finally, I will send an email soon requesting suggestions for a new theme for our exhibit starting in June. As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. - **Cindy Boney**