



THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATERCOLOR GUILD

Sketchbook

MAY 2019

www.southernazwatercolorguild.com

Membership Renewal is NOW!

Our membership year is aligned with our fiscal year which runs from June 1 – May 31 annually, so your membership is current through May 31.

New and renewal forms are available at the gallery. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please do so on our website, under Membership. According to our Bylaws, dues are requested to be paid by May 31. Only paid members will be listed in the 2019-2020 directory.

As our SAWG year begins to wind down and membership renewals for 2019-20 begin, please consider adding a little something with your membership renewal to help one of our special funds. Anything you give helps support SAWG. *Thank you so much.*

Elections!

Look for the SurveyMonkey "Ballot for election of officers" to vote for your guild's leadership by May 31 - it's already in your email inbox! We need everyone to respond in a timely manner to keep the guild's leadership going strong.

NO May General Meeting

While there is no general meeting in May, please mark your calendar to join us for the "Young at Art" reception on Saturday, May 11, between 2 – 4pm at the gallery. This is always a special show! The summer will be BUSY at the gallery with a variety of innovative shows – so continue to check www.southernazwatercolorguild.com - click on "Calendar".

NEXT GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER - TBA SOCIAL - 6:30pm ST. FRANCIS CHURCH TABLE OF CONTENTS

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July 15

2019 - 2020 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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Michael Holter
- January 13-17, 2020
Tom Lynch
- February 10-14, 2020
Brenda Swenson
- March 9-13, 2020
Ken Hosmer

Young at Art Show

MAY 9 – JUNE 8, 2019
RECEPTION, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2-4PM

Shy Artists' Debut Show

JUNE 13 – JULY 21, 2019
RECEPTION, SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 5-7PM

Frank Rose Exhibit

JUNE 13 – JULY 21, 2019
RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING,
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2-4PM

Veterans' Art Show

JULY 25 – AUGUST 25, 2019
RECEPTION, SATURDAY, JULY 27, 5-7PM

Share Our Walls 2019

SEPTEMBER 5 – OCT 6, 2019
RECEPTION, SUNDAY, SEPT 8, 2-4PM

Marian Kosachik Gallery Exhibit

MAY 9 - OCTOBER 6
A ROTATING SHOW OF WORK BY
MARIAN KOSACHIK PRICED TO SELL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's been a whirlwind year for me – I hope you've enjoyed the many new opportunities and classes offered this year. We had some wonderful workshops! Many thanks to the Workshop Committee who selected wonderful artists this year and have a fabulous line up for next year including Michael Holter, Tom Lynch, Brenda Swenson and Ken Hosmer. Bob and Helen Jennette subsidized the purchase of a brand new, less cumbersome, audio visual system for our artists' presentations. Thanks to Helen Baldrige and Sue Ritz for volunteering to (wo)man the new set up! The SAWG Video Club has been a great success – look to see if there are any openings come this fall. The Club meets the 4th Monday of the month to paint along with a video – the gallery is transformed into a movie theater! New member, Kim Fernandez, will be guiding the set up beginning in May. Open Studio is back thanks to new member Cara Smith! Come paint and schmooze year round at the back gallery every Tuesday from 9 – 12pm! We had great success with our semi-annual new member events and got to know some of our newest additions – over 60 new members joined this year!!! Keep spreading the word about our fabulous group.

Exciting happenings are in the works! A SAWG committee is interviewing UA students for a summer/fall internship to work on our website and digital advertising – look for SAWG on Snapchat, Instagram, etc come the fall! New programs are being developed for the fall – did you like "Introduction to Pastel?" Let Karyn know and she'll offer it again if you missed it. "Framing on the Cheap" was a great success and a second session had to be scheduled. Want to learn how to use your mat cutter? You have to be a current member to enjoy these and many other benefits. Have you renewed your membership yet? Current membership expires May 31st. On the renewal form you'll see a new opportunity to support your guild and be recognized! Look for the new Sponsorship levels and help propel your guild to prosperity and increased member benefits.

There is no May general meeting, but don't miss the reception for our next show "Young at Art" set for Saturday, May 11, from 2 – 4pm. We will honor accomplished students artists from the Greater Tucson Area. Next up is our much anticipated "Shy Artists' Debut Show" combined with an exhibit of past president Frank Rose's artwork with reception and book signing set for Sunday, June 16 from 2 -4 pm. Mark your calendars! As a special treat, Tucson Council Member, Steve Kozachik has coordinated with SAWG member, Judith Billings. This exhibit will feature a wide variety of wonderful rotating sets of paintings by Mr. Kozachik's late mother, Marian Kozachik, on the walls of our back gallery.

Then comes the piece de resistance! Our "Veterans' Art Show" is being touted all over town! Open to all artists in the community who have worn our country's uniform and open to all media. Don't miss the celebration reception of this AMAZING show. driven and organized by our own veteran and member Sue Ritz, set for Saturday, July 27 from 5 – 7pm. This is sure to be a thriller! Spread the word – entry deadline is July 19th. Our last summer show will be our Second Annual juried "Share Our Walls" show. Open to members and the community that permits any artwork that can be hung on our walls. This was a huge success last year. Mark your calendars for the August 14 entry deadline. All information is on our website.

Voting for your new slate of officers is coming! Many thanks to Marti White for a fabulous job as Vice President of Shows. Janine "Goldie" Aguilar steps into big shoes for this fabulous summer show line up! We are always looking for volunteers to run shows and to docent, especially for shows for nonmembers.

Special thanks go to Elaine Brown who has so brilliantly managed our website and is stepping down after May. A big "Thank you!" to those many members who have donated funds or stepped up to continue on next year to help SAWG run and grow, including your new Workshop Registrar, Kay Sullivan!

A reminder that the Tifft Grant is now available for the coming year. Contact Nancy Holmberg at njholmberg@icloud.com for details!

Have a happy and safe summer, but be sure to check your email and our website for announcements about exciting summer events and opportunities!
Karyn

*Remember - To submit any articles for the Sketchbook to Sandy Walker, walkersj@cox.net.
Deadline is always the 15th of each month.*

MISC. NEWS



BUYING A "MILLIONS FOR TUCSON" RAFFLE TICKET BENEFITS YOU AND SAWG

Every year Jim Click donates amazing prizes and provides sales tickets that are distributed to benefit nonprofits across Southern Arizona. This year your SAWG ticket purchase (\$25 for one, \$100 for five) gives you a chance to win a brand new 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit (worth over \$70,000), OR two first class airline round trip tickets to virtually anywhere OR \$5,000 cash. The best part? Other than your chance to win one of these great prizes? Every cent of your ticket purchase cost supports SAWG's Scholarship Program. There is no out of pocket cost to SAWG – it's a fabulous and painless way to support your SAWG Scholarship program. Donna Lam, a Board Member at Large, will have the tickets at every meeting, reception and SAWG event, ready for your purchase. Contact Donna if you'd like to take a bunch of tickets to sell to friends, family, neighbors, your dentist, doctor, etc at donnalamm@gmail.com.

Good luck!!!



May 9 - June 8

Response to the Young At Art show has been brisk. We are seeing more entries from different teachers and it promises to be a successful show. The show opens on May 9 and runs through June 8 with hours moving to the summer schedule – Thursday – Sunday, 11am to 4pm. **The reception for the show will be Saturday, May 11, 2-4pm.** The participating teachers have been encouraged to show a piece of their own work during the show as well. Several donations of funds have been received and gift certificates will be given to participating teachers. Sue Emer and Tracy Lynn Ross have done a great job putting together and super fun show to give young artists a gallery experience. Please support them with your attendance at the reception or by making a visit to the gallery to see their work.

The SHY ARTISTS' Debut Show! **June 13 - July 21**

Deadline to enter the show is JUNE 7TH. Between now and June 7th you will need to submit the jpgs (photos of your painting[s]) to Nancy Huber: images@southernazwatercolorguild.com. The Entry Form for the Shy Artists' Show, and your check made out to SAWG (\$26 for 1 painting, \$37 for 2 paintings) should be mailed to the SAWG Gallery, 5420 E Broadway #240, Tucson, AZ 85711. Other important dates are listed below and on the SAWG website.

Shy Artists' Debut Show

- Show Dates: June 13 – July 21, 2019
- Entry Deadline: June 7, 2019
- Check In: June 12, 9-10:30am (include \$5.00 for the reception)
- Reception: June 22, 5-7pm
- Pick up unsold work: July 24, 9-10:30am



If you are gone during the summer, simply bring your painting[s], entry form, your check, and \$5.00 for the reception fee to the SAWG Gallery. Your painting[s] will be safely stored until the show and afterward, until you are available to pick them up.

Please do not pass up this wonderful opportunity to show your work in the SAWG Gallery. Any questions? Let us know. We are available to help you in any way we can.

FRANK ROSE Exhibit and Book Signing **June 13 - July 21**

This exhibit will run during the Shy Artists' Debut Show June 13 – July 21. A reception and book signing will be held on Sunday, June 16, 2-4pm. Please let your family and friends know about Frank's book and his beautiful watercolors of the Catalina Mountains. His work will fill the front gallery and be for sale. Frank is a former SAWG president and author of several books. We are honored to have his work in our gallery and need to get the word out about this excellent opportunity to find great local artwork and a book about our mountains.

Veterans' Art Show **July 25 - September 1**

We're launching an exciting opportunity for you to help prepare a brand new type of show to run July 25th to September 1st. It will feature artwork by veterans. This is our own veteran, Sue Ritz's brain child. She'll be heading up a committee to plan how to reach veterans and encourage sign ups and she needs your help to bring this idea to life. The show would feature all media that can hang on our wall, and not be limited to watercolor. No worries if you're a snowbird – the planning will mostly take place prior to your return to your summer residence. If you ever wanted to really say "Thank you" to a veteran, this is your opportunity. **Contact Sue Ritz at barracks_cover@hotmail.com. She's waiting to hear from you!**

Share Our Walls Show! **September 5 - October 6**

An exciting show for all artists in Southern Arizona, "Share Our Walls" returns for a second year after a very successful show last year. The juried show attracted over 100 entries last September and we hung about 90 artworks in the gallery. Letters have gone out already to all those who participated last year and to all the area arts organizations. This show is open to SAWG members as well as any other artists over the age of 18. All media are welcome as long as the work can be safely hung on the wall. Last year we had oils, photography, ceramics, collage, mixed media, acrylics and watercolors. It was truly an eclectic show! We are looking forward to what we will see in this year's show. Welcoming artists from all disciplines is a way to reach out and connect with the greater area art community. Many of these artists have few places to show their work and are very grateful for this invitation to show on our gallery walls. Please tell any of your non-SAWG art friends and neighbors about the show and encourage them to find the information on the website and enter the show! Cash awards are given for Best of Show, Award of Excellence, Awards of Merit and Honorable Mentions. **Show Chairs: Marti White and Nancy Huber**

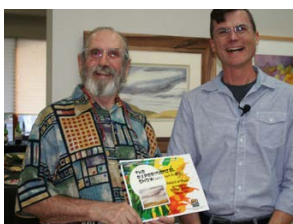
EXPERIMENTAL SHOW

The Experimental Show was up through the month of April. As usual it was an exciting adventure into the creativity of our members. Our awards judge, Ben Johnson had a difficult time making his choices. He spent over an hour and a half studying the work and asking questions regarding how far out of the comfort zone the artists had gone. The descriptions that the artists supplied on their process helped him greatly in making his decisions. His comments about these works at the reception were insightful and informative to those in attendance. Ben has a way of finding nuances in the work that the viewer may not have noticed. It is always enjoyable to have him as the Experimental Show judge. The winners were:

- Paula Weech for Courage of Uncertainty
- Kat Manton-Jones for Portico Repose
- Joanne Lustre for Sunlight Laughing
- Helen Jennette for Gone, But Not Forgotten
- Michael Dutton for Stormy Sky
- Dru Hill for Rodeo Brillante
- Nancy S. Huber for Fractured Moonscape
- Marti White for Bubbles II
- Judy Constantine for Military Macaw



Experimental Show Reception



Peoples' Choice Winner
Helen Jennette for, "A Canopy" from the Fiesta Sonora Show.

Workshops 2019 - 2020

Sign up July 15!

November 11-15, 2019 -

Michael Holter - Workshop

Michael Holter was recently selected to the Faculty at the 2019 Plein Air Magazine Convention and Expo in San Francisco, CA, April 23-28, 2019. Michael's experience spans a wide range of creative endeavors, from art teacher, creative director and businessman in fine arts and commercial art including owning and operating two galleries. He is a Signature Member of the National Watercolor Society. See his work at his website: www.MichaelHolter.com



January 13-17, 2020 -

Tom Lynch - "How to Save a Painting"

Tom Lynch produces successful workshops promoting "exciting watercolor adventure in color, contrast and light!" Tom is open and candid and his paintings show the same "intensity, expression and direct appeal." His accomplishments speak volumes about his background and his pursuit of excellence in his work including signature status in many national watercolor societies. Visit his website at www.TomLynch.com



February 10-14, 2020 -

Brenda Swenson - "Negative Painting with Watercolor"

Brenda is the author of two watercolor books. Her artwork has been featured in Splash, Watercolor Magazine and many other publications. Brenda has achieved signature status in WW, NWS, and SDWS. She is active in the arts community and is recognized for her judging, demonstrations and shops nationwide and abroad. See her work at her website: www.swensonart.net



March 9-13, 2020 -

Ken Hosmer - "Energizing Your Color"

Ken Hosmer is known for his "unique use of color and as a skilled teacher, highly respected for a calm, supportive" nature. Ken has produced workshops for over 30 years, published articles, books and videos. He is a Signature Member of the Southwestern Watercolor Society. You can view more about Ken including his paintings at his website: www.kenhosmer.com



Workshops 2020 - 2022

Don Andrews - November 10-13, 2020
 Andy Evansen- Jan 12-15, 2021
 Mark Mehaffey- February 9-12, 2021
 Graham Berry - March 9-12, 2021

Stephen Quiller- November 9-12, 2021
 Dan Wiemer - Jan 11-14, 2022
 Randy Hale - February 15-18, 2022
 Steve Griggs- March 15-18, 2022

American Frame Discount

If our members use the code ALLIANCE2019 when you place an order, you should get the discount.

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 ALLIANCE PROGRAM

As of: April 20, 2019 Bank Balances: SAWG

Wells Fargo Bank:		Restricted Accounts:	
General Fund Checking	\$23,095	Scholarship Checking	\$ 10,032
General Fund Savings	\$28,784	Western Fed	\$11,836
Total	\$51,878	Hollander Scholarship	\$11,593
		Total	\$33,463

Scholarships Awarded!

At a reception at the gallery on April 8th, nine talented art students were awarded scholarships for the fall of 2019. Renee Vandivort received the Outstanding Achievement Award of \$1500, which is funded by half of the anonymous donation received earlier this year. The Laura Hollander Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 was given to Caessa Wittwer. This scholarship was established by Laura's estate in 2013. All other scholarships were funded by dues and fundraising throughout the year. Angel Delarosa received an Award of Excellence of \$1000. Another Award of Excellence of \$1000 went to Sydney Wayment. An Award of Merit of \$500 was given to Jana Welch. Alejandra Flores will also receive an Award of Merit of \$500. Another Award of Merit of \$500 went to Rohan Ather. Nina Dominguez received our Award of Recognition of \$250. Our second Award of Recognition of \$250 went to Kiana Chan.

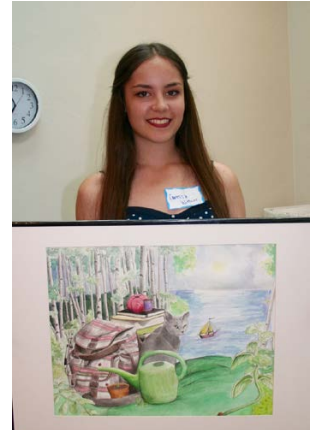
These students were from five different high schools: Ironwood Ridge, Pueblo, Amphi, Cholla, and Flowing Wells. Their hard working teachers, Danielle Rutherford, Dolores Carrion, Sarah Hoy, and Lisa Sekulich were all recognized with gift certificates to Arizona Art Supply.

The students presented their work March 2nd to the scholarship selection committee consisting of Marty Plevel, Tracy Lynn Ross and Sue Emer. Their work included watercolor, Prisma color, charcoal, colored pencil and oil. As always, those attending the reception were impressed with the quality of work. Congratulations to all of the recipients!

Scholarship Change

Look for more information in future newsletters as Sue Rumsey and Dick Butler are investigating different ways of supporting budding artists. With changes in how young artists develop and move forward, we are hoping to find a more relevant and far reaching way to bring the joy of art to young minds. Stay tuned!

Submitted by - Sue Rumsey





DOCENT ORIENTATION DATES FOR SPRING 2019

If you are new to SAWG or haven't been a docent in awhile please sign up for a docent orientation session. It is easy to docent and an orientation session will make your experience more fun and will help the Gallery run more smoothly.

Docent Orientations for the next three months will be:

May 8 • June 12 • July 10 Other dates will be available if necessary.

To sign up please email Kitty Sturrock at kittysturrock@gmail.com or call 262-893-4982

SUMMER VOLUNTEER DOCENTS NEEDED

Step Up! We need you! Docents are needed for all of our summer shows, June through September. The Gallery hours are Thursday to Sunday, 11-4. Contact Shannon Russell, Docent Coordinator, shandanrus@cox.net, with your available dates.

Docent reminders and housekeeping notes:

Any items, including food or beverages, brought to the gallery while working or during an activity must be removed at the end of the day or after the activity. Thanks so much for your cooperation and assistance in keeping our gallery neat, clean and beautiful!

Gallery stats...

Gallery Stats for March with a comparison to 2018 and 2015 (River Gallery):
 2015 \$1,754 (includes calendar sales)
 Art Sales \$1,139

Total Revenue:	2019 \$3,537	2018 \$2,627				
	Art Sales \$1,927	Art Sales \$1,430				
Total Visitors:	2019 - 249	2018 - 149				
	Members only - 52	Members only - 75				
By Day of Week:	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	2019 37	2019 29	2019 33	2019 43	2019 58	2019 49
	2018 27	2018 16	2018 23	2018 25	2018 28	2018 30
By Time of Day:	9-11: 2019 22	11-1: 2019 77	1-3: 2019 99	3-5: 2019 51		
	2018 2	2018 68	2018 52	2018 27		

Submitted by Monica Hart 4/12/19

March 2018 & 2019 was the Fiesta Sonora Show
 January 2015 was the Experimental Show



Remember to recommend freinds to join our facebook page

Upcoming Mini Workshops!

“Framing on the Cheap”

Taught by Karyn Vampotic and Mike Dutton

How to use thrift shop frame purchases, learn what supplies are necessary and other information necessary to prepare the frame for your artwork. Participants will bring a small (4x6) painting to practice with.

When: Monday May 20, 2019 This class is full, but contact Karyn at president@southernazwatercolorguild.com to be on the wait list. 9 -10:30am at the SAWG Gallery workshop space. All materials provided by instructors, FREE.

Instructor: Karyn Vampotic is the President of SAWG and has been framing her own work for three years.

Mike Dutton is a current member and ran a framing business for many years.

“Another Pair of Eyes”

This is a two hour critique session at the gallery designed to assist new or intermediate members artists who want to understand how to make your painting stand out. Two SAWG Signature or Saguaro members will evaluate members' paintings in a positive and encouraging manner, designed to promote members' confident entry into shows.

When: May 18th , 10-12pm at the SAWG Gallery

A\$5.00 voluntary donation to SAWG gallery is appreciated.

Instructors: May 18th Marty Plevel and Nancy Bautzman will lead the session

Class is limited to ten participants. Registration is required. Contact Marty Plevel at mplevel@comcast.net or call (520)465-0385

Calling beginning painters!

SAWG member Kathy McLean has a class just for you:

“Step by Step Watercolor for Beginners”

You may know someone who has wanted to try painting with watercolor but has never quite gotten started. Bring them to this class where Kathy teaches them in an orderly progression to complete a painting in one session. They will take home a painting and lots of enthusiasm to learn watercolor.

As the class is limited to 8, register in advance at the Gallery on the class sign up sheet. Select one Friday afternoon:

May 3, 10 or 24, from 1-3:30pm. Class meets at the Gallery.

All supplies will be provided. Cost is \$35, payable to Kathy McLean at the class.

Kathy has taught class successfully many times. Anyone is welcome to this very beginners' class, especially those with no experience.

SAWG Video Club

will meet on Monday May 20, 1-2:30. Gather with other SAWG members to paint along with an art video. For more information, Contact Karyn Vampotic at president@southernazwatercolorguild.com

NEW: ART BOOK GROUP

READERS this is for you! The Gallery Art Book Club has started! Formed by Monica Hart, this book club will meet at the SAWG Gallery monthly throughout the year. Both fiction and non-fiction books will be chosen by the club members with the assistance of Janis Mathews, organizer of the Dusenberry Library Art Book Club.

The club is limited to 12 members, and is currently full. For more information or to be on the Wait List,

Contact Monica Hart at Gallery@Southernazwatercolorguild.com .

When: 3rd Wednesday of every month

Time: 1:30-3:00pm

Location: SAWG Gallery

Cost: Voluntary \$5 donation each meeting

Hosts: Monica Hart and Janis Mathews

Publicity

WE'RE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Publicity has been busy promoting the special exhibitions we will have this summer. Effective May 2019 Judith Billings will be curator for the late Marian Kozachik's paintings. Publicity has sent press releases to the major media outlets and we are posting on our free online sources.

We are delivering flyers for the Call to Artists for the First Annual Veterans' Art Show, July 25th – August 25th. A Press Release has gone out to media for this show. We are requesting an article in Tucson Newspaper, or Tucson Weekly and working to get an interview with KGUN Morning Blend and /or coverage on KUAT PBS for this Show. We are always looking for new media contacts, if you personally know someone in the media, reach out to them on our behalf. Personal contacts are always the best "in." Sue Ritz, a Veteran herself, has spearheaded the Veterans' Art Show and is keeping us supplied with flyers in the Gallery. Pick up some and spread the news. Deadline for entry is July 19!

We will be hanging Frank Rose art in our Gallery this summer, and hosting a book signing event. This gifted artist is a SAWG member and his book was featured at the Festival of Books this year.

Survey results show advertising monies spent have not generated a "call to action," but reinforces our name as a viable art gallery along with other local familiar names, Chris Bubany, Diana Maderas, Jane Hamilton, etc. Members inviting people into the gallery, foot traffic, receptions, workshops, events, generate most traffic. The docents' live painting at the front of the gallery have definitely attracted people to stop in. Keep it up!

We had a group of eight residents from the Del Webb community, Rancho Del Lago, visit our Gallery Wed, April 17 for a hands-on workshop. SAWG Saguro Fellow and Del Webb resident Eulalie Brown and Sandra Montgomery led the residents in a "taste of watercolor", trying out the medium. We provided the basic materials.



Risa Waldt gave a talk at Fellowship Square Retirement Community about the Guild and the Gallery Shows. She handed out the Veterans' Art Show Flyers, Show Cards, and Workshop Brochures, and invited the residents to visit the Gallery. The Program director will schedule a date for the visit and a hands-on workshop.

The Bravo Vino Fund Raiser to benefit the Arizona Opera League was a great success. There was good traffic and many people were interested in our Plein Air Artists' paintings. We must stay alert to these opportunities to support a cause which gives us exposure and a chance to mingle with the public. The booth fee is well worth it. Let us know!

Publicity has two new members on our committee, Cara Smith and Carol Bjelland. Welcome!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

William David Hilyer
Beverly Beck Taylor

NO status updates this month.

REMINDER
Member News
goes in the
Seat
Announcements

Please remember to turn in your form once you reach a new status. We'll help when needed, but it's up to you to track your point shows. For more details CHECK online under Membership.

Welcome!

We would like to give a hearty Welcome to our 66 new members joining SAWG this year. This organization exists to promote watercolor for the benefit of our members, and we look forward to working with all new and returning members in the year to come. Remember, Dues are Due! Please look in your email for information regarding your annual dues.