**Society of Western Artists – Show Rules for SWA Members**

The rules apply to all regular member shows. Annual Show Rules will be listed on the Annual Prospectus.

All show Prospectus & Entry Forms will be emailed to you & are available on the website under **SWA MEMBERS SHOWS**

* **OPEN TO SWA MEMBERS ONLY**
* **RECEIVING TIMES:** Receiving starts at 10:00 AM and closes at 1:00 PM. Judging starts at 1:10 PM so come early so there won’t be a rush at 1:00. SWA uses 3 judges for each show. They choose the paintings accepted into shows and award prizes.
* **ENTRY FEES (Non-refundable):** 1 painting for $15.00 2 for $25.00 3 for $40.00 4 for $50.00 Make checks payable to SWA. Volunteers helping on receiving day may submit a second entry for free.
* **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Up to 4 entries may be entered, 3 of which may be used.
* **ENTRY FORM:** Complete all personal & painting info on Entry Form for each entry. Tape each Entry Form to the back of your painting in the upper left hand corner. There are 2 Entry Forms on the page.
* **SIZE:** Minimum size 10” and a maximum no larger than 48” in any direction, including frame. Same painting may be entered in only two non-consecutive shows plus one Annual Show.
* **SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE:** Entries must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can mail your show receipt to you. Keep receipts of your paintings accepted into shows for your Signature Award.
* **BIOGRAPHY:** Bring a short biography that includes your contact information.
* **DIGITAL IMAGE:** Take a digital image of your painting before you frame it. Images of winning paintings will be used for publicity on posters and the website.
* **COMMISSION:** A 10% donation to SWA for all sales. Sales are between artists and buyer. Sold paintings must stay in the show until it is over. **To sell your artwork, you need a Seller’s permit.** For permit and pertaining information go to: http://www.cdta.ca.gov/services/#Register-Renewals
* **GALLERY STAFFING:** Artist must staff the Gallery one day for each painting accepted. If unable to staff, you need to get a substitute from the SWA membership or pay $50/day for professional staffer.
* **ARTWORK:** Paintings should be original art and conceived by the artist. Photographs are the copyright of photographer. If you use another person’s photos, you MUST have permission to use them.
* **NO CLASSWORK** or work done under supervision
* **NO COPIES,** computerized art or work printed by any commercial process.
* Art must be completed within the last three years.
* NO OIL PAINTINGS under glass/Plexiglas
* No painting over photographs
* **FRAMING: SEE “RULES ON FRAMING FOR SWA SHOWS”** On back of this page & on the website.
* **LIABILITY:** Insurance is the responsibility of the artist.
* **SALES:**  Donation of 10% to SWA on all sales. All sales are between artists and buyer.

**AWARDS:** Cash prizes will be awarded. Each work is judged on its own merit: the overall impact of the work, concept, originality, presentation, composition, design, drawing, value, color/painting technique, and framing/matting.

**Your signature on Entry Form indicates compliance of Show Rules. Violation of these rules will result in disqualification for a signature award.**

 **5 SWA SIGNTURE AWARD POINTS FOR ACCEPTANCE IN SHOW.**