



# KERRVILLE ART CLUB NEWSLETTER

## November 2021

### Marsha Reeves Watercolor Demonstration *rescheduled for November 16, at 1 P.M.*

The featured demonstrator at KAC's upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 16th, (originally planned for October) will be watercolor artist Marsha Reeves. Our meeting's guest artist describes her style as impressionistic, allowing the tendency of the watercolor medium to run, bloom, and drip as an integral part of her paintings.



While her personal artistic journey began with some drawing and painting courses in college, she taught high school science for many years before returning to art, and now finds that her interest in science and the natural world often finds expression in her paintings.

She belongs to several local and regional watercolor societies, and is a signature member of the Texas Watercolor Society.



The demonstration will begin promptly at 1 PM, followed by a brief business meeting. Visitors are always welcome; our meetings are free and open to the public.

### *Welcome to our newest member*



The Club's September meeting attracted three guests, and one new member, Kandi Stimson. She and her husband Jay just moved to Kerrville from Colorado, but are both Texas natives from Victoria.

In her own words, Kandi Stimson "took her first watercolor workshop seven years ago, and it was love at first sight! Her passion is to paint images or scenes that stir something or make her heart smile. She did give pastels a go earlier this year, but repented and returned to her first love. She looks forward to meeting everyone and painting the town!"

On behalf of Kerrville Art Club, welcome, Kandi! We're pleased to have you join us and are looking forward to your participation!



*Above, at right, a dog portrait by Kandi Stimson titled "Fetch!"*

## Last month's demo — by Kristin LaRue

In a last-minute switch, Kristin LaRue — abstract artist, and member of Kerrville Art Club in the early 2000s — was our guest presenter for the Club's October meeting.

She displayed several of her finished works, including the dynamic tree painting shown at right, and us gave a high-spirited, lively demonstration of her bold painting style, using acrylics and acrylic latex (shown in the photo directly below), which included jars with sample colors that are available at Home Depot for \$7.



For our session, Kristin focused on one of three panels she had prepared ahead of time. As she worked, she described her process of refining and layering, and her intention to express symbolically --- through shapes, composition, colors, values, and textures, a symbolic structure that underlies the world we know.



Working on different blocks of color, she associated most with specific landscape images: the flat fields east of El Paso, the Guadalupe River, the sky. In dark areas of the painting, she might add an element of light, to “lead us out.” Then, letting the painting lead HER, midway through the demonstration, she decided to flip it upside down. Throughout the hour, she continued to



explain her processes, suggesting that artists do better when we “stop thinking, and just have fun.”

## —In brief—

—The **final sales count** is in for Kerrville Art Club's 2021 **Show & Sale** exhibition. Twelve framed, and thirteen unframed works were sold from our show: a resounding commercial success!

—Due to a misunderstanding relating to procedures for the Club's **Artist of the Month** contest, there was no competition in October,. (By way of clarification, all AoM entries must be framed and “exhibition-ready,” as outlined in KAC's Exhibition Guidelines). As a result, only two qualified entries were submitted at the meeting, one short of the required minimum. Looking forward, be sure to read through the AoM procedures outlined in the current KAC Yearbook (including references to the criteria for Fine Art, Originality, and Exhibitions) —and **bring in YOUR entry to the November meeting.**

—Our next **Member Challenge will be in December.** No theme has yet been chosen, so you have an idea or suggestion, please bring it up at the November meeting!

—**Discount cards for Hometown Crafts** purchases should be available for current members to pick up at the November meeting.

## Member News—and a new exhibiting opportunity

Works by **Mary Zirkel** are in the current display of art at the terminal building at Kerrville Municipal Airport/ Louis Schreiner Field. According to Carole Dungan, the airport's executive assistant managing the displays, the airport hopes to provide ongoing exhibiting opportunities for local artists. The airport does not plan to charge a commission on any sales, and Ms. Dungan mentioned that artworks in a variety of genres and styles are welcome, with aviation and wildlife-related themes specially relevant, naturally enough! For more information, you may contact her at (830) 896-9399.