

Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society

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Newsletter

One Last Pat on the Back ...

Last year, we began by tossing out Life Saver candies. We worried whether this organization could be revived after its long Covid hiatus. Some members working from home were inundated by childcare, home school, illness, and even grief. Others feared being in close quarters with people, needing to protect themselves and family members. Many artists never returned.

When asked to serve SVWS as co-chair, Barbara Gautcher said yes. I'm so very thankful she did because I was terrified with Janet Lee Wright stepping away. Along with Lynda Chandler, we found our way and worked hard to give you what you wanted out of this club. Meetings focused on rebuilding relationships (especially after the isolation of Covid), learning new ideas from each other, and of course, the art. New members had to be found, rethinking & rewriting Signature Membership and our Bylaws.

Barbara was the eye of our storm. Always cool, calm, nonjudgmental, reliable, and a "no problem attitude." While I gallivanted around Spain for 7 weeks, she took on the Member Show and the Madison Hotel exhibit and all the other administrative chores with aplomb. The girl's skin covers an interior of steel girders. She is rock solid.

As our year draws to a close, SVWS is strong and growing. Thank you to all who offered your services in the coming year. As our 2023 officers step forward, there will be no need for those old Life Saver candies. If you haven't completed a Member Bio, please do. We all need your strengths, talents, and gifts.

Mindy Morrison



"Wisemen" Rob Kloetzer's 2021 Christmas Card Entry

Mark Your Calendar

December 3: Our annual **Potluck Party Social @ 10:00 PLUS "Winter Holidays" Greeting Card Contest.** Members will vote on their favorite hand-painted holiday card. Please bring a dish to share. No regular meeting.

The **Friday Paint Party** will continue December 2, 9, but will be cancelled Dec 16, 23, & 30. It will continue in January. The Saturday Paint Party will resume in January.

December 5: **Gallery Day** - Signature members refresh art at Taste of Thai & Hardesty-Higgins House

January 7: 10:00 Monthly Meeting @ The Youth Center, 700 W. Market St., Harrisonburg.

"Good composition is like a suspension bridge. – each line adds strength and takes none away." Robert Henri

"Before you compose your picture, it's a good idea to ask yourself why. you're doing it." Anonymous