

Western Region Teachers & Educators of Art Materials

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Annual Meeting!

The TEAM—Western Region membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, from Noon to 1:00pm, at the Creative Painting Conference, at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

This is the annual general meeting of the region to install the Region officers for 2018. Also, there will be information regarding the Region and the upcoming event plans.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

December Elections!

December is election month. Look for your ballot by December 15. It must be returned by December 31, via email.

BE SURE TO VOTE!



Web Masters for Artteachers.org Harold Champagne, Smokey Beare, Kathy Amery

*We are looking for
content contributions
for our newsletter.*

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*Forward suggestions
and articles
to
Prez
for consideration*

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We want to support the activities of our Region Members. Send us the info and we will give you a boost.

Here are activities in the Western Region or by Members in the upcoming months:

John Heinrichs: Learn to paint with John in Sacramento, CA, November 18, 2017, December 9, 2017, and January 20, 2018. Info at <https://heinrichsartstudio.com>

PAINT! PAINT!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR CORNER

We are always looking for good articles from our region and TEAM. We publish 4 times a year and would like your input.

You can send to westernregionteam@gmail.com (subject newsletter) or jgheinrichs@gmail.com

Western Region Officers for 2017

John Heinrichs, President, jgheinrichs@gmail.com

Smokey Beare, Vice President, smokey_beare@yahoo.com

Secretary position is open

Kathy Amery, Treasurer, luv2p8@gmail.com

Roy Gould, Member-At-Large, roy@roysart.com



FOLLOW WESTERN REGION ON FACEBOOK!

Did you know you could see all the exciting things going on in the TEAM Western Region on Facebook?

FAQ SECTION

Do you have to be a teacher to be a member of artteachers.org?

The answer: NO. We are connecting teachers and students through our website. Teachers and students may be members.

How can I know what's going on in my area?

The answer: Members can submit upcoming events to our web masters and we will post it on the website for you. Depending on the time it could make the newsletter.

How often as a member will I get a newsletter?

The answer: We have established the newsletter will come 4 times a year.

TEAM Western Region Members

Kathy Amery
Gloria Bauguess
Smokey Beare
Wilson R. Bickford
Linda Crayton
Carol Earle
Roy Gould
John Heinrichs
Terry Knull
MarJean Krupp
Eileen Lacerte
Mary Lillie
Mark Menendez
Ruth Read
Rose Starling
Ruth Stewart
Valerie Stewart
Julie Stokes
Mary Welfen

Honorary
Joyce Ortner

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Regional Event!

The TEAM—Western Region is in the midst of planning a regional event! Yep, the first one in a very long time and we are looking for potential instructors. The Board has a target date for this event on July 27-28-29, 2018. Exact location to be announced, however the area will be in the Los Angeles, CA, vicinity. Roy

Gould has graciously accepted the Chair for the committee planning this event. The details will be announced at the Annual Membership meeting in Las Vegas, NV, on February 27, 2018.

Contact Roy Gould at roy@roysart.com if you want to help out or would like to be considered as one of our featured instructors!

Improving Your Art

By Wilson R. Bickford

I know that many of you “paint”, but do not really “draw”.....EVER! That approach will definitely work in many situations. But, drawing skills are the cornerstone of art. Even when you are “painting”, you are actually “drawing” shapes with your brush. Sketching is probably the best way to sharpen your drawing skills. As with anything, improvement comes with practice. Personally, I have always had the ability to draw, even from an early age. However, that doesn’t mean that my skills have not improved over time. To put it simply, “You learn by doing”.

A small sketchbook is a handy accessory which will permit you to hone your skills virtually anywhere, at any time. On the bus, at the Dentist’s office, during your lunch break, anywhere! Get one that’s compact enough to fit your pocket or purse. Also, a hard pencil (H designation – good for lighter lines), a soft pencil (B – makes a darker mark which is great for shading) and a small eraser. That’s it!

One nice benefit is that you can enlarge your smaller sketches on a photocopier, and in turn transfer them to a larger working surface for a finished artwork.

Also, having a sketchbook will allow you to track your progress as you look back on your earlier attempts. Seeing improvement will definitely boost your confidence and enthusiasm, which will ultimately lead to even more earnest effort.

Try sketching simpler subjects first, such as trees and rocks. Eventually, up the ante by drawing that old barn down the road or the facade of the local café.

Do not confuse sketching with “finished drawing”. Sketches are done more quickly and less painstakingly. Sketches are meant for reference purposes and to simply record a subject. As your ability grows, you will find that you can “tighten up” your looser sketches into finished drawings, if you choose to. Since drawing and painting are truly related, you will see a significant improvement in the quality of your paintings as your drawing skills develop.

Here is a recent pen & ink drawing, “GARFIELD” (with watercolor wash), that I did for a customer.

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JOIN ARTTEACHERS.ORG (T.E.A.M. - WESTERN REGION)!**

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PREZ SEZ



Again, the Board of Directors have been very busy in recent months as they have met several times to continue the planning for the Annual Membership meeting at the Creative Painting Conference in Las Vegas, NV, and to continue with planning for the first TEAM—Regional Event held

in a very long time.

Dates have been established as follows:

Annual Meeting: February 27, 2018, Noon to 1:00pm, at the Tropicana Hotel. Exact room to be determined.

TEAM—Western Region Event: Tentative July 27—29, 2018, Los Angeles, CA, vicinity. Details to be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Also, we are preparing the ballot for the annual election during the month of December. If you are interested in being a part of a dynamic group dedicated to growing the Western Region and promoting the activities of the Region's Members, please contact the Region President at jgheinrichs@gmail.com Come join us as we grow!

JOHN HEINRICHS



Region History!

The T.E.A.M., Western Region has had an interesting history.

When T.E.A.M. first was formed, it was derived from the nucleus of the Alexander Art Certified Instructors. Due to the constantly changing art and crafts industry, the teachers united to meet the needs of aspiring painters and form the organization now known as Art Teachers (T.E.A.M). Instructors come from many diversified certification entities and the region is not aligned with any one group, providing a benefit to all artists and instructors.

There were six original regions and the Western USA was divided into the Northwest and Southwest Regions.

These regions were again realigned and now there are five regions with the Southwest and Northwest regions combining into the Western Region.

The Western Region includes the following States: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Just some interesting historical facts.

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Your Region Needs You!

TEAM—Western Region needs your input regarding future planned region activities.

Some of the activities to consider include a painting conference over a weekend at a location within the Region boundaries.

How likely would you be to attend such a conference if the instructors were from within the region? Let us know.

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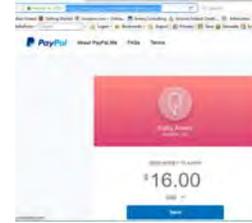
To join Art Teachers (T.E.A.M.—Western Region), you do not have to be a teacher. All you need is an enjoyment of art. We will train you to become a better painter, business person and teacher.

TEAM-Western Region has it's own bank account!

2017 we implemented PayPal account.

This means you can go to <https://www.paypal.me/westernregionteam/16>

When you do this is what you will see.



Click next and you are on your way to paying your dues.

TEAM will get an email notifying us that you paid .

We encourage all artists and instructors in the Western Region to join. The annual dues are very small and there is access to some great instructors. It is also an opportunity to interact with other artists in the region. We also accept Art Teacher members from other regions who wish to provide information on their itineraries throughout the year. In many cases, these teachers have workshops and classes in the Western Region.

If you are a first time member you will need to fill out and submit your membership information online at artteachers.org so we can add you to our website. The web site url for applications is: <http://artteachers.org/applications.htm>

Two ways to pay

Pay your dues with Paypal—<https://www.paypal.me/westernregionteam/16>
You don't have to have a paypal account!

Or just send a **check made out to** Western Region Team
To Kathy Amery for \$15.00
5666 W Pierson St
Phoenix, AZ 85031

If Paying by Check Mail \$15.00 to Kathy Amery write in memo Dues.

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