

Spring 2014



GUILD OF NATURAL SCIENCE ILLUSTRATORS NORTHWEST

President's Letter 4.5.14

Sara Cary, our past President, has done a great job in keeping our Guild running smoothly and in programming our workshops and events. Thank you Sara for your hard work in 2013. We hope you are enjoying your new home in PA.

I joined the GNSI NW last October after graduating from the UW Natural Science Illustration program in 2013, along with four fellow graduates who are also new committee members. My preferred mediums are colored pencil, graphite and watercolor, but I'm gaining interest in acrylics. I hold a BA from the University of Texas and a Postgraduate Diploma in Counseling and a Masters in Mediation both from the University of South Australia. I have no previous formal training in art but was keenly interested in Japanese Brush Painting some years ago. I have always drawn and painted regardless of education. I am driven to bring awareness to extinct or endangered birds and wildlife, partly due to a life lived in the outback of Australia, where life was harsh, and so saving wildlife was naturally a part of the way we lived. My personal goal is to illustrate non-fiction children's books.

I'm excited to let you know that I have the upmost confidence in our new committee. We have a great group of committee members, all of them showing excitement and interest in moving forward with their GNSI duties. Together we will work as a team to provide all GNSI NW members with the opportunity to attend workshops, hear special guest speakers, enter exhibitions and attend field trips. We plan to have some fun events this year so stay tuned for updates coming soon.

Thanks for welcoming me onboard.

Susan Pope
GNSI NW President
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President: Susan Pope

Vice President: Michelle Poston

Treasurers: Sylvia Portillo and Lisa Valore

Secretary: Joanne Hansen

Membership Secretary: Véronique Robigou

Newsletter Editor: Barbara Ierulli

Website Manager: Lindsay Holladay

Photographer: Elizabeth Smith



Introducing the New Board Members

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Vice President - Michelle Poston:

I have always been in love with the art, history and natural environment of the world. I enjoy depicting the natural world using my detail oriented skills from fiber arts, while finding the essential personality of each subject, whether it is animal, mineral or vegetable and bringing that to the forefront. I am excited about using my art skills to contributing to the future of GNSI-NW.

Membership Secretary - Véronique Robigou:

I look forward to supporting GNSI-NW activities as membership secretary. I am an artist and scientific illustrator based in Seattle with a background in geology, oceanography and science education. Projects that blend arts, sciences and learning are my passion in the studio, in the field or in any teaching environment.

Website Manager - Lindsay Holladay:

I have a background in biomedical research and science education. I spent years researching malaria vaccines and teaching inner city high school biology before transitioning to natural science illustration. However, my passion for detailed research and educational interpretation can still be seen in every art project I complete. I am currently specializing in editorial science illustration and infographic design. My clients include outdoor magazines, environmental non-profits, and wildlife organizations. I love rock climbing and backpacking around Washington with my husband, and am currently learning to SCUBA dive in the Puget Sound!

Newsletter Editor - Barbara Ierulli:

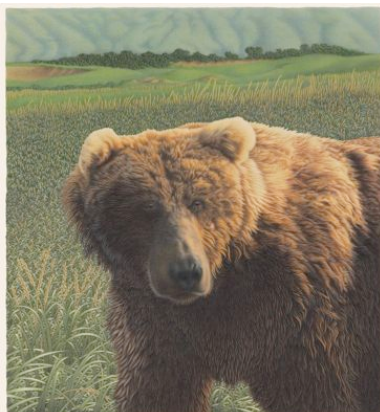
Dear GNSI-NW members, I am coming into natural science illustration as a third career that was postponed about 20 years as I maneuvered myself into a position where I could devote greater time to it. Now having completed the UW NSI Program I am hoping I can jumpstart this career. I hope I can make this an interesting newsletter that you will enjoy perusing.

Photographer - Elizabeth Smith:

Hello, GNSI-NW! I completed the UW NSI certification in 2013. After years of art hobbies and art education I'm now pursuing work as a freelance artist. I enjoy capturing my own reference photos, which is probably why I was nominated for this position.

Member News Update

Congratulations to **Michael Felber!**



Michael's mixed media piece "Brown Bear" was selected for one of fourteen Jury Awards at the "Focus On Nature XIII Exhibition" in Albany, New York.

Barbara Ierulli's painting entitled "Snowy Owls" was also selected to be in the exhibition.

The catalogue is now available to download at the following link:



http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/illustrations/fon/exhibitions/fon13/FONXIII_Catalog.pdf



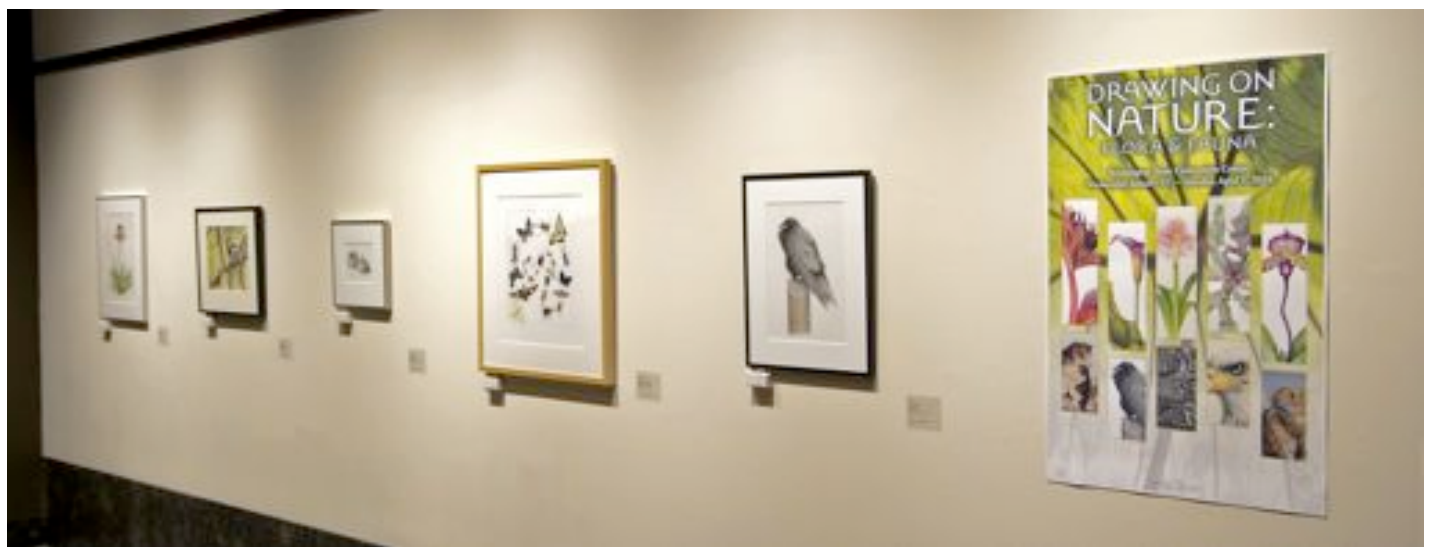
Sharon Birzer's watercolor shown to the left "Raspberry Frost Banksia (*Banksia menziesii*)" will be in the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators 2014 Member Exhibition in Boulder, Colorado at the University of Colorado's Natural History Museum Through September 25, 2014.

Barbara Ierulli will also be exhibiting "*Loxia curvirostra*" at the GNSI Show.

If you are going to the conference or just happen to be in Boulder we'd love to have you stop by and see the work and send us a review of the exhibition.

News and Workshop Updates

Exhibitions news: The Convention Center Exhibition with PNBA "Drawing on Nature" was a great success and fun for all of those who participated. There were a few sales and definitely interest in the work. There are plans afoot for another exhibit in 2016 so get busy. Sylvia Portillo is also pondering renting a booth for the Flower and Garden Show next year so if you are interested please contact her. *Currently some members are exhibiting work at Miller Library in the Urban Horticulture Building with most works for sale. Running concurrently with the Library Book Sale and Master Gardeners Plant Sale crowds are a sure bet.*



Photos from Drawing on Nature courtesy of Susan Pope

Call for submissions: "In the Footsteps of David Douglas" at the Bush Barn in Salem, Oregon with our own Susan Jones as one of the jurors.

Due June 1. To view the application go to the Oregon Botanical Artists website: <http://www.oba-artists.com> Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming exhibition highlighting the legacy of David Douglas, the 19th-century botanist who explored the Lower Columbia and Willamette Valley regions in search of native plants and animals. Botanical artists, natural science illustrators and landscape painters are encouraged to apply with illustrations of species collected by Douglas or scenes of the Lower Columbia and Willamette Valley.

Workshop News: Although I didn't attend the spring workshop on "Identifying Birds" at the Slater Museum word is out that it was very special. Dennis Paulson worked the event around the weather and was able to accommodate everyone for an extensive tour of the collection that included time for drawing specimens. *Susan Pope is still trying to solidify summer and fall workshops so keep checking the website for news.*



Eggs courtesy of Véronique Robigou

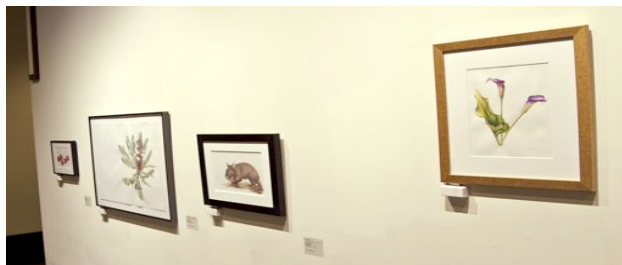
GNSI 2014 Annual Conference is coming up! July 13th-19th in Boulder Colorado
<https://www.conf.gnsi.org>

For all those bird lovers who missed it, David Sibley's talk at Third Place Books with Tony Angell hosting was worth the drive. They both have new books out with the updated "Sibley Guide" including about 600 more species. Might be worth checking out the next time you get by a bookstore. The mobile app will be updated later this fall and if you don't have it yet wait for that one. We find it indispensable and way too convenient.

The Orcas Are Here: Saw one last week 4/22/14 at Colman Dock right beside the ferry. Keep your eyes open this is the third sighting I've had this year from the ferries.

New Board and Committee Activities: The first new board meeting was held on April 1st. This was mainly an informational session and several items are slated for further discussion. Lindsay Holladay has been hard at work on updating the look of our website. Check it out if you haven't recently. Elizabeth Smith has kindly offered type our Constitution and By-Laws into a word-processing format and it will soon be up on the website for easy reading.

Sylvia Portillo has posters and a few other items from the Drawing on Nature Exhibition for sale that you can contact her about purchasing. <mailto:sportil@comcast.net>



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