

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies 44th Annual Exhibition
FORM 6a Schedule of Activities, May 2-5, 2019

Welcome to San Diego, SDWS, Liberty Station, and your home away from home, the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Old Town! San Diego has many attractions and we've planned three days of activities to help you see our city. The Marriott Courtyard in Old Town will be your meeting place. We've chosen it for its convenience to Old Town and downtown on the trolley line. Please see the attached information sheet for guidance on making reservations.

The activities we have planned give you choices of how to spend your afternoons, so check out the schedule of events for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bus transportation will be provided for all activities at a reasonable cost (see registration form).

A Continental breakfast is available daily at the hotel for \$18 per person. The Bistro in the hotel also serves a full breakfast menu. Local close-by cafes, such as the Coyote Café and the Old Town Mexican Cafe also serve breakfast in Old Town on San Diego Avenue (2 blocks).

Parking is usually available on the street near the hotel. You will pay \$10 daily or \$21 overnight to park in hotel parking. If you are arriving by air, Uber and Lyft operate at the airport, as well as taxis (\$7-13).

SDWS will have a Hospitality table set up in the patio area of the hotel on Thursday, May 2, 12 – 5 p.m., and Friday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with information, so stop by and meet our members. Please sign up at the Hospitality table for your dinner choice for Friday night at Liberty Station no later than noon on Friday.

Box lunches will be available to order ahead of time for Friday and Saturday, prepared by the hotel, for \$18 per person, per day (see registration form).

Thursday, May 2: A bus will be available at the hotel to take you to Liberty Station on for a 44th WFSW Exhibition Preview at the San Diego Watercolor Society Gallery at **5:30 p.m.** and the bus will return you to your hotel at **7:30 p.m.** Wine and appetizers will be offered at the Preview. Dinner is on your own after returning. There are many restaurants available in the Old Town area.

Friday, May 3: The WFWS Business Meeting for Delegates and Alternates will be held in the Santa Rosa Room at the hotel, **8:30 a.m. – noon.** You will be able to pick up your box lunch in the patio area of the hotel after the meeting. (See registration form for selection.) Group photos will be taken at 12:15 p.m. Friday afternoon's activity is visiting Balboa Park, either seeing the art museums or sketching with Anne Schwartzwald, one of our noted urban sketchers. Or, you may choose to just stroll the park. A bus will pick you up at the hotel at **1:30 p.m.** and will return to the hotel at **4:00 p.m.** On Friday evening a bus will be available at **5:00 p.m.** to take you again to the SDWS gallery in Liberty Station where you will have an opportunity to join one of our SDWS members to visit one of the many restaurants in the area that are within walking distance, or to visit other galleries during Friday Night Liberty. Sign up for your choice of restaurants at the information table by noon on that Friday so that reservations can be made. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Your bus will return you to the hotel at **9:00 p.m.**

Saturday, May 4: There will be a WSWF Networking meeting in the Santa Rosa room of the hotel on Saturday morning from **8:30 a.m. - noon**, where you will have an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new representatives of the member societies of WFWS. Please bring a small painting for an exchange (delegates and alternates only). You will again be able to pick up a box lunch in the patio if you have ordered one, or you can visit one of the local restaurants nearby. Saturday afternoon you will be picked up at the hotel at **1:15 p.m.** for a choice of either a 2-hour narrated Harbor Cruise (\$27) or a paint-out at the harbor with Drew Bandish, an award-winning artist. Or you can just walk the harbor to Seaport Village. Buses will be provided (see registration form). Saturday evening at **6:30 p.m.** will be the Awards Banquet dinner in the Santa Barbara Room at the hotel.

Sunday, May 5: We say goodbye. Taxis, Uber or Lyft will take you to the airport if you are catching a flight. We hope you will leave with good memories of your time here in San Diego, and we look forward to seeing you again at another WFWS event, or perhaps on a future trip back to our fair city! Please check out at the hotel before you depart.