

# Saturday, September 10

**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Painting Demo by Juror of Awards Qiang Huang OPA Location:** Southwest Art Gallery, 4500 Sigma Road, Dallas, TX.

Qiang Huang was born and raised in Beijing, China and now resides in Austin, Texas. His interest in art was developed when he was very young, and influenced strongly by his uncle, Hong-En Huang, a professional painter and art educator Huang's early education was focused on science and technology. He moved to the United States in 1985, obtained a Ph.D. in physics in 1993 and held a career in optical engineering. During this time Huang was active in the local art communities and he attended art classes and workshops with notable artists such as David Leffel, Sherrie McGraw, Scott Burdick, and Carolyn Anderson. Huang began teaching



workshops in 2008. In the summer of 2012, Huang attended the graduate school of the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and studied with the well-known figurative artist Zhaoming Wu. Qiang has been featured in several national art magazines including *Southwest Art, The Artist, American Artist, Workshop Magazines*.

#### 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break - On Your Own

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Western Regional Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony Location: Southwest Art Gallery, 4500 Sigma Road, Dallas, TX.

Please join us in celebrating this year's Western Regional Exhibition which represents the highest level of excellence in oil painting by artists from across the Western half of the United States and Canada. OPA Signature artist and Juror of Awards Qiang Huang OPA will announce this year's award winners at approximately 4:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Artists' Dinner at Mesero – Prestonwood

Location: 5505 Belt Line, Dallas, TX. Phone: 972-788-8180

Cost: Guests will select from the menu and a 20% gratuity will be included.

Join us for a fun evening to celebrate the opening of this year's Western Regional Exhibition. Mesero features delicious contemporary Tex-Mex food and craft cocktails in a modern, stylish atmosphere. Check out the menu online at <a href="https://www.mesero.net/menu">https://www.mesero.net/menu</a> Gluten free options are available.

# Sunday, September 11

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Painting Demo by OPA Past President Suzie Baker OPA

Location: Doubletree Hilton Hotel Dallas by the Galleria

Suzie Baker is an award-winning artist whose paintings are regularly on display in magazines, prestigious national shows and plein air invitationals. She currently serves on OPA's Board of Directors as the organizations Immediate Past President. She holds signature status in OPA, as well as other distinguished art organizations including the American Impressionist Society, American Women Artists, and others.



In addition to being a still life and portrait artist, Suzie has been painting en plein air since she was a teenager. A sought-after instructor, for her humorous and informative style, Suzie teaches through her instructional video, Color Magic, and in workshops around the United States, Europe and close to her home in the Houston, Texas area.

## **Lodging and Travel Information**

**Travel:** The closest international airport is the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. If flying, you will need to rent a car.

**Hotel:** The Doubletree Hilton Hotel Dallas by the Galleria is extending a courtesy discount to OPA members. Please note, this is a discount off the current hotel rate at the time of booking and is based on availability. Please be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible to receive the best rates.

#### Click Here to Reserve Your Room

Doubletree Hilton Hotel Dallas by the Galleria 4099 Valley View Lane Dallas, TX 75244 972-385-9000

Free Wi-Fi and free parking. Restaurant on property.

#### **Registration Information**

Please email Cameryn Creech at **mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com** to RSVP. Be sure to tell us what events you plan on attending. If you are bringing a guest, please be sure to provide us with their first and last name.