

**FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER –September - 2017**

**MEETING, In the Blue Room. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Civic Center Bldg. @ Pioneer Park, Airport Rd., September 20, 2017 6:30pm for Refreshments, meeting at 7:00pm** This will be our first meeting after

Summer! Anxious to see everyone. We will be doing Show 'n Tell of what we have done over the summer. Come join the fun.

**REFRESHMENTS:** It is a short list: **Trish Rumph**. Hope some of our snack lovers will come through and bring a little something. If possible, please bring a little something to add to what Trish brings. Please contact Marj at 457-4671 if you are unable to contribute this month. She can contact other members.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:**

Dear Artist Friends,

It was a wonderful summer with a lot of painting activities. Autumn brings us bright, brilliant colors to continue our watercolor journey.

Some of us started seeing fall colors on Labor Day weekend September 1<sup>st</sup> - our Annual Paint Out in Maclaren Lodge on Denali Hwy. Several dedicated painters showed up and we all had a wonderful time painting En Plein Air and doing show and tell after that. I love the opportunity to get together and be totally free of anything – just paint, paint, paint...

Free classes en Plein Air at Creamers, LARS, and the Georgeson Garden went well; bringing new, active people to the group.

I'd like to welcome our 15 new members: Hope to see you at the meetings.

Amber Masters  
Amber Wynen  
Bob Sands  
Carol Nordin  
Cathy Hanks  
F.E. Seymour  
Garry Chandler  
Hillary King  
James Beset  
John Olson  
Kelley Stables  
Mary Clare Andrews  
Melanie Werdon  
Robin (R.J.) Nelson  
Shelly Showalter

You all will benefit from our meetings and painting activities.

In our October meeting I'll unveil a new tool to understand and learn Watercolor painting techniques faster.

Special thanks go to our new Web Master Elena Savostianova! Check it out –

**OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!!!** [www.fairbankswatercolorsociety.org](http://www.fairbankswatercolorsociety.org)

Also, many thanks to Twila Everitt, who built our previous website.

Unfortunately I won't be in Fairbanks for our September Show & Tell meeting, so I pass it on to our Vice President Becky Anderson. Thank you Becky!

Vladimir Zhikhartsev,

President  
c. 699-5588

### **BECKY'S CORNER**

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! Fall is in the air! That means our regular meetings will begin, with the kickoff program being our annual SHOW AND TELL! So bring the goodies you have created this summer so we can oooh and abhhhh! This is always a fun and inspiring time! See you soon!

There are a few more spots available for the MOLLY MURRAH FWS WORKSHOP. Sign up quickly to reserve your spot! Nelda is the go-to gal for this. Thanks, Nelda!

The annual 64th PARALLEL art show at the Bear Gallery is in October. Check out the Fairbanks Arts Association website for more details.

The FAIRBANKS SKETCHERS will be meeting on October 1 at Lulu's Bread and Bagels from 9:00-12:00. Lulu's is located at the Chena Pump Plaze (Lemongrass strip) at [364 Old Chena Pump Rd.](#) Check their FB page or the event invitation on the FWS Facebook page. Free, open to all interested.

From my corner of the studio to yours, that's the scoop!  
Becky Anderson, VP

### **VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES:**

The Patterns of Influence art show and Interior Artisans art show have been combined and is now known as the SPRING JURIED EXHIBITION. The voted theme of this April, 2018 show is **WHIMSY**. How fun will THAT be? So put on your whimsical hats and see what you can create! This show is open to all mediums. Intakes will be the last weekend of March, with the opening on Friday, April 6 at the Bear Gallery.

There will be a new **PORTFOLIO REVIEW PROCESS** beginning this year, for 2019 solo shows at the Bear Gallery. Rather than a public panel, the review process will go through CaFE (CallForEntry.org) and, while still using a panel of seven judges, it will now be a blind review process. Applicants can opt to receive panelist feedback. The deadline for entries continues to be the end of October.

Speaking of solo shows at the Bear Gallery, our very own FWS VP, BECKY ANDERSON, (yeah, ok, that's me) will be having a solo art show in June of 2018. Woot! Woot! The Shameless Self Promotion guru strikes again! If you are waffling on whether to throw your hat into the Portfolio Review ring, let me know and I will be happy to talk you into it.

The 33rd annual juried art show, 64th PARALLEL, will be in October. I encourage all to consider entering up to four pieces in the show. It's one of Fairbanks' favorite art shows of the year, and with the juror choosing only 64 pieces, it's also one of the best, in my opinion. The show is open to all mediums. The juror will be Oregon Artist Emily Nachison. That's the scoop from the VAC meeting!

**IN OTHER NEWS....** Directly from the Arts Association: (Some may be repetitious.)

### **Upcoming Events**

On View now through Saturday, September 30th  
**Nancy Burnham and Deb Horner**

Bear Gallery, 3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park. Contact 456-6485, ext.

226 [gallery@fairbanksarts.org](mailto:gallery@fairbanksarts.org)

**This exhibition is free and open to the public.**

Saturday, September 16th, 7pm

**Literary Reading Series: UAF Master of Fine Arts Creative Writing Faculty**

*Readers include Gerri Brightwell, Kyle Mellon, Daryl Farmer, and Sara Eliza Johnson*

Bear Gallery, 3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park. Contact 456-6485, ext.

226 [literary@fairbanksarts.org](mailto:literary@fairbanksarts.org)

**This event is free and open to the public.**

Saturday and Sunday, September 30th-October 1st, 12-6pm

**32nd Annual 64th Parallel Juried Exhibition Artwork Intake**

*Prospectus and submission information [here](#)*

Bear Gallery, 3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park. Contact 456-6485, ext.

226 [gallery@fairbanksarts.org](mailto:gallery@fairbanksarts.org)

Monday, October 2nd, 7pm

**32nd Annual 64th Parallel Juror Lecture: Emily Nachison**

*Each year the juror of 64th Parallel gives a public lecture about their art, process & career as an artist.*

Blue Room, 3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park. Contact 456-6485, ext.

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[gallery@fairbanksarts.org](mailto:gallery@fairbanksarts.org)

**This event is free and open to the public.**

Friday, October 6th, 5-7pm

**32nd Annual 64th Parallel Opening Reception**

Bear Gallery, 3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park. Contact 456-6485, ext.

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**This event is free and open to the public.**

Saturday, October 7th, 7pm

**Literary Reading Series: Nick Jans**

*Award-winning Alaska writer and photographer Nick Jans will read from his collection of essays titled "The Giant's Hand: A Life in Arctic Alaska"*

Bear Gallery, 3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park. Contact 456-6485, ext.226

[literary@fairbanksarts.org](mailto:literary@fairbanksarts.org)

**This event is free and open to the public.**

Tuesday, October 31st, 11:59pm MST

**Portfolio Review Submission Deadline**

*Submission information [here](#)*

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Congratulations to Fairbanks cartoonist and FWS program presenter JAMIE SMITH AND DIANE HUNT ! Jamie and Diane tied the knot on Sunday, July 30. May many years of happiness and a house full of laughter be in your future.

**WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop:** the featured artist in the Watercolor Corner for September is Betsy Bear. Please see next notice:

**Opportunities await!** **Helen writes:** I need an artist for the Gift Shop Watercolor corner for October and November,  
Helen.. Are you interested in being the featured artist of the Watercolor Corner in the future? Contact Helen Howard. She is always looking for people to sign up. Call 374-2014 or 378-4378.

**FWS FALL WORKSHOP with Molly Murrah, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> through Sept. 28, 2017**

Thanks to all of you who answered my call for additional sign-ups. I am pleased to tell you that we now have 16 or possibly 17 people for the workshop. Which means we have at least 3 seats still open for our maximum of 20. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as you can at 456-3329. I can send you a Registration form if you were not able to print one off on the last notice I sent out. It will be a fun four days.

**CLASSES BEING OFFERED:**

**TOM NIXON** has on-going adult watercolor classes, from early beginner to intermediate. He is in the process of setting up Fall classes. If you are interested in any of his classes or would like a private lesson, contact him at 456-3329 or [tnnixon@alaska.net](mailto:tnnixon@alaska.net) or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

**IN OTHER NEWS:**

**BEAR GALLERY CALENDAR, 2017 2017 Exhibits**

**September:** Nancy Burnham // Deb Horner

**October:** 32nd Annual 64th Parallel Juried Exhibition, Juror: TBA

**November:** Vladimir Zhikhartsev // Ina Timling

**HOUSEKEEPING**

Thanks to all who help set up and take down chairs and tables for the FWS meetings. Many hands make light work. Keep up the great work! We always strive to leave the room a little better than we found it. Anyone who can come a little early and help set up, would be helpful. Thank you.

**Here is a REMINDER ABOUT “Blurb (or) Advertising for your First Friday Shows/Exhibit!!”** It is extremely important for you to send me your blurb for your own First Friday Exhibit. It should go along with your planning to hang your show. Put in on your checklist. All I need is your **name, where** it is, the **address, a title** (if you have one) of the show, the **times of the reception, and how long** it will hang. I can edit it and add a little now and then. It is one way you can advertise your own show.

I love doing the **Tickler** (ie: Tickling your memory for First Friday stops!) for our members and even other folks. Usually I only send it out once, so remembering after you get your tickler is too late! Just send a couple sentences the Monday or Tuesday before First Friday of your show. I send the tickler out on Wednesday afternoon or evening... Thanks, NN

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Return Service Requested

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6:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Blue Room  
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