

ANNUAL SOLSTICE PICNIC/PAINT OUT: Wednesday, June 21, 2017. 6:00pm

We'll be in the open, covered area at the Square Dance Pavilion right behind the Civic Center and next door to the Dance Hall. We should start at 6pm, because it is closer to dinner time. Everyone will be hungry!! Bring your family, spouse or friend. It is a fun, eating, relaxed time. Looks like the weather will be good!

REFRESHMENTS:

Food for our picnic will be lots of Fried Chicken from Freddie's. (about 80 pieces) We'll order it to be picked up that evening. For all of you coming to the picnic, please bring a **side dish** to go with our chicken such as; Salads, beans, brownies, cookies, chips, whatever you feel will be appropriate. If you require a different kind of meat, or are vegetarian, please bring something for yourself. FWS will provide paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins and cups and bottled water. If you like a certain soda, please bring it. We'll have ice. Please remember to take your dishes with you when you leave... Thanks everyone! We also take a group picture, thanks to Elda Hueth...

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Dear Artist Friends,

Summer is finally here, time for all summer activities including travel, fishing, kayaking, exploring and enjoying our wonderful State of Alaska.

I want to thank Tom Nixon for leading our members in Barbara O'Dell's paintout. I heard many wonderful comments about it.

We'll put our meetings on hold for Summer and I'd like to encourage you to take advantage of opportunities to paint En Plein Air. Take workshops and classes with well known instructors in the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival and get together and paint, paint, paint...

We all know - practice makes perfect!

Please plan ahead and mark your calendars for FWS annual picnic and the all members' picture taking. Bring your paints, if you want to paint, and a friend to celebrate life with us.

Also I'd like to congratulate Ellen Brown for her 85 Birthday!

See you all June 21!

Vladimir Zhikhartsev,
President

BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! I am so thrilled at the many GUESTS we have had at our Watercolor meetings this year, and hope you will continue to encourage your friends to join us for the summer soirées. More friends = more fun!

A big thank you to TOM NIXON who so generously stepped in to provide a demo/lesson at the May meeting when our scheduled presenter became ill just a few days before our meeting. Tom, you are so steadfast in your support of the FWS, I just can't thank you enough! We appreciate you!

A giant thank you also to our fearless hostess with the mostest, MARJ MOBERLY! Marj is the first to arrive and the last to leave each meeting, setting up for the contribution of food and drinks, and making sure we have everything we could possibly need. We appreciate you, Marj!

June means one thing: the Annual FWS Picnic! It's always a great time, so come on out and play on June 21! Nelda provided the details in the Refreshments section. Any questions, call her 456-3329.

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

FROM ELLEN BROWN:

“Turning 85 was such a happy occasion thanks to the Watercolor Society for lunch at Bobby's ,cards, flowers, emails, Facebook messages. Love you all. Lovellen” (To see pictures, go to Facebook and the Fairbanks Watercolor Society page.)

FROM MEMBER COLLEEN SMAGGE from Soldotna!

I do want to make an announcement. I will be displaying some of my original and reproduction artwork at the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics on July 19 through 22 from 10am to 10pm each day of the event. If anyone is interested in attending WEIO please stop on by, there is plenty to see. Here's their website: <http://www.weio.org/>

DESIGN ALASKA WILD ARTS WALK ON FATHERS DAY!!

The "**Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk**" will be June 18, 2017 from Noon - 4:00 PM. I have again reserved two booths over in the same area near the foot bridge, as in the past. We bring our painting stuff and paint book marks or trading cards, and give them away to folks walking by. I think Becky and I talked to lots of people and gave away lots of little bookmarks. We'll also have info sheets for folks, to see if they are interested in our society. Some posters and our name placards. You could sell items, if you want your own booth, but would need to contact Friends of Creamers in the Farmhouse and leave a message. Sorry this is such late notice. Tom will be there after church about 1pm. Becky and I will be there from 12 to 4pm. We have Patricia and Ellen coming as well. It would be wonderful to have a few more of you there, maybe just for 1 hour stints. Please let me know when you can. You could give us a break. Looks like the weather will be decent. Last year it rained. The time really flies. They usually provide sandwiches and water, or you could bring your own snacks. I think Vladimir will be around but won't know till he gets back on the 15th. There will also be a Quick Draw about 2:00pm with an auction after the paintings are finished and framed. It is just fun!!

PLANNING FOR THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Labor Day Weekend. Sep. 1, 2, 3, 4. (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon) We checked out some spots like the Perch, Carlo Creek Lodge, McKinley Cabins, etc. The places we checked were either full on Labor Day weekend or so terribly expensive, they didn't make much sense, for a "play and paint" weekend. So we contacted, by email, Maclaren River Lodge on the Denali Hwy off the Richardson Hwy at Summit. We have been there before a couple times many years ago. Although it is a 5 hour drive from Fairbanks, it is a great place to stay! We stayed in the Fox Den (Atco) rooms and this year they are \$60 a night. They also have some larger rooms with more beds, and one bunkhouse with lots of beds. Go online, to Maclaren River Lodge and see what you think. Our meals will be extra. I talked to Susie by email. Tom and I have booked our Fox Den room and will go down Friday day. We'll be there the 1st Fri. night, 2nd Sat, and the 3rd Sunday night, and leave for home Monday the fourth. The Fox Den rooms are available 1st thru the 3rd. A couple of the larger rooms with more beds aren't avail. until Sat. 2nd. You could travel down on Sat. if that works better for you. They look pretty nice on their web site. Great scenery, great mountains, and the weather might be a little cooler because of the higher elevation. Please make your own reservations by calling them or emailing, all their contact info is on their website at Maclaren Lodge. Email for Susie is maclarenlodge@wildblue.net

Please keep me posted on your progress. So far, beside Tom and I, Anne Aleshire and Patricia Mata-Celis are going to Maclaren River Lodge for Labor Day weekend! More people, more fun!

Nelda

FAIRBANKS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL II

7/14-7/30/17, Watercolor classes with Vladimir Zhikhartsev, Mick McAndrews and Tom Nixon. Chena Hot Springs & Fairbanks. All levels.

7/23-7/28/17, Ketchikan, AK. **Midnight Sun Watercolor Floating Camp** –

Alaska Island Adventure - Plein Air with instructor Vladimir Zhikhartsev. Beginner to Intermediate level.

Cove setting; wildlife, sea life, islands, woods. Outdoor sessions to paint, explore the local magnificent vistas. \$1575 plus transportation to Ketchikan. Deposit due now. (It has been extended.)

We still need one more person. Please! Contact: [907-474-8869](tel:907-474-8869), www.fsaf.org

WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop: **Judy Gottschalk** and **Lolita Valcq** are the artists for the Watercolor Corner in the gift shop of the Bear Gallery. Stop by and see the Beauty! **Opportunities await!** 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.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

TOM NIXON has on-going adult watercolor classes, from early beginner to intermediate. He also has private classes, which are a good way to get back into painting, if you are rusty or just need a little nudge. If you are interested in any of his classes or would like a private lesson, contact him at 456-3329 or tnixon@alaska.net or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

UPCOMING FWS FALL WORKSHOP Of course this is after Labor Day!!

Cheryl Berrong and I have a workshop booked for **Sep. 25th – 28th, 2017**. The workshop instructor will be **Molly Murrah**, and she will teach us **Portraiture**. It will be at St. Raphael's church. We are really excited to have this subject taught. Our **MAXIMUM** number of participants will be 20 – instructor's request. We have the registration forms ready. To save your spot, please make a check out for \$150 deposit, and fill out the lower portion of the Registration sheet, give it to me or mail it to the address listed. The Balance will be due on the first day of the workshop. We will notify you what the exact amount will be just before the workshop starts. We will also have paper available for you to buy again. Arches Bright White CP 140lb.

You can see her work on her web site www.mollymurrah.com. Portraiture covers a lot of diversity, from animals to people. It will be exciting to learn something new and 'how to' go about it. I will attach the Workshop form and Supply list information.

IN OTHER NEWS:

Glenda Field announced that the Valley Fine Arts Association is having its 3rd Annual Art Retreat at 12 Mile Lake, Wasilla, **September 8-10, 2017**. Featured are artists Jennifer Bowman (acrylics,) Karen Mattson (Watercolor) and Earl Rider (plein air oil). To register, and for more information, contact <http://www.eventbee.com/event?eid=141058712#tickets>. Brochures were available at the May meeting, see Becky.

BEAR GALLERY CALENDAR, 2017 2017 Exhibits

June: Adam Owen // K.N. Goodrich

July: Wayne Jex // Cynthia West

August: Colleen Firmin Thomas // Kristin Link

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 "Blurbs (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

DUES

We are in the New Year, so dues for 2017 are due. January 1st is the beginning of our fiscal year. I will have my famous green sheets at the meetings. I did send out forms with previous newsletters. If you need one, please email the request-thanks. (**Please**, I need the form filled out to post from and to keep your information current. You can just mark SAME – if nothing has changed.) You are also welcome to pay more than one year, just mark the years you are paying. Thank you so much!!

Notes:

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