

Nelda - remember to attach the membership form!! Okay.

Be Sure to Read Becky's Note...re: the weather....

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2017

MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, January 18, 2017. 6:30pm

In the Blue Room on the Third floor of the Exhibit Hall in the Centennial Center for the Arts Building (Civic Center / Pickle Barrel) in Pioneer Park on Airport Road. Social time and food at 6:30 and the Festivities will start after 7:00 pm.

REFRESHMENTS:

Here are the great volunteers for January refreshments: **Helen Howard, Ritchie Musick, Ellen Brown**
If, for any reason, you are unable to bring your refreshments, please contact Marj at 457-4661.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Hello FWS Artist friends!

Thank you for your trust in me to be your new president! We have wonderful plans for the new year.

In 2017 we will continue to improve members skills with invited instructors (one or more) best in their field and via local instructors for beginner watercolorists.

Our monthly meetings give us a chance to reconnect with friends, make new friends, socialize and watch a demo of a watercolor painter at work or have your peer group friendly critiques. Also for educational purposes it would be nice to see a small presentations about international master watercolor artists and their works and interesting facts of their life.

Spring 2017 brings the return of the Members' Show at Well Street Art Co. Each member brings in a painting he/she would like to share, and we can give critiques and suggestions on how to improve them. This will be our 15th year for this event, one we look forward to each year.

New members are welcome and they will greatly benefit from our monthly meetings, paint outs and innovative teaching methods...

More at the meeting January 18

Vladimir Zhikhartsev, president
www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com

BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, mighty artists! Happy New Year! This new year brings us a new FWS president, VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV! We are grateful to Vladimir for filling this role and we are excited to hear new ideas and goals he will be sharing with us over the course of the year.....HEAR YE, HEAR YE: in anticipation of the great deep freeze forecasted for our [January 18](#) meeting, we have decided that from now until eternity, **FWS MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED WHEN TEMPS REACH – 30 by the National Weather Service at the Airport. We suspect this will be the case for our [January 18](#) meeting**, so our original January program, Vladimir's painting demo, (which you have probably seen advertised) will be POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY so all of you can safely attend. If by a fluke the deep freeze has passed, we will have a January meeting, but our program will be FREE PAINTING, i.e. enjoying each other's company as we paint on our own projects. Bring your reference photos, your painting gear, and your enthusiasm! I highly suspect the meeting will be cancelled, however, so keep an eye on the Fairbanks Watercolor Society FACEBOOK PAGE for a cancellation notice, and please be safe and warm. We anticipate announcing the cancellation by [Sunday, January 15](#), to make sure everyone gets the word.....This means we can look forward to VLADIMIR'S PAINTING DEMO AT OUR [FEBRUARY 15](#) MEETING. Tell your friends---the more, the merrier. Thanks, Vladimir! Our Christmas party on December 21 was great, with a lot of fun, great food and great friends! How fun it always is to be in a room of Fairbanks Watercolor Society friends! Thanks, all!

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

Nelda's Note: Thanks everyone for all the notes and prayers for me and my family re: my son's death. At least I can escape into painting to keep my head from thinking about him all the time. I know time will ease this, and painting helps... Thank you all..

WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop: Cheryl Berrong and Neville Jacobs are our featured artists of the Watercolor Corner in the Bear Gallery for the month of January. 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.

BARB O'DELL We are grateful for Barb O'Dell! The Fairbanks Watercolor Society recently celebrated Barb and her contributions to the FWS over the years by presenting her with a certificate of appreciation, a booklet of pictures and messages from members, and a small gift. Thank you, Ellen Brown, for representing the FWS in this presentation!

FAIRBANKS SKETCHERS: First meet-up of 2017 at the UAF Museum says, "Get a look behind-the-scenes at the labs where researchers make discoveries about the science, culture, health and environment of Alaska. This is a great day to visit the museum and meet the people who make the exhibits possible year round." Fairbanks Sketchers is free to anyone who wants to try drawing on location. Bring a sketchbook and pens/pencils and try it out! Free admission [on January 28th](#) for their Open House, [12:00-4:00](#)

FACEBOOK PAGES TO KNOW:

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY If you haven't yet, give the page a "like" and keep up with events and announcements between meetings. Post your First Friday events here for added exposure.

FAIRBANKS ARTS This is the Fairbanks Arts Association Page.

FAIRBANKS ARTISTS; **FAIRBANKS SKETCHERS;** **FAIRBANKS ARTS;** **COMMUNITY ARTS EVENTS**

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!

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. 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. I send the tickler out on Wednesday afternoon or evening... Thanks.

DUES

We are in the New Year, so dues for 2017 are due. January 1st is the beginning of our fiscal year. It is okay to pay anytime now. It is easier now with a 20 dollar bill or a check. I will have my famous green sheets at the meetings and I'm going to **attach one to print out** on all the next newsletters. That way if you can't make it to a meeting you will have the form to send in with your money. (And **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. I try to make it easy for you.

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!

Vladimir Zhikhartsev January Classes Schedule:

Intermediate Watercolor Class - Fridays: 13, 20 - 10am – 4pm

Beginner Watercolor Class - Saturdays: 14, 21 - 10am – 4pm

Kids(8 – 13yo) Watercolor Class – Sundays: 15, 29 – 2pm -4pm

To sign up call: h.455-4423 or c.699-5588

email: vladimir@acsalaska.net

BEAR GALLERY CALENDAR, 2017 2017 Exhibits

January: [John Hagen 'Wild Things'](#) // [Northern Portraiture Open Entry Exhibit](#)

February: Fairbanks Arts Members Exhibit

March: Up with Art – FNSBSD Student Exhibit

April: [Spring Juried Exhibit](#)

May: Fairbanks Arts 50th Anniversary // Pioneer Park 50th Anniversary

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

In other news....

ARTIST IN RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES:

Artist in Residence Program: Voices of the Wilderness

Sponsored by US Forest Service, National Park Service & US Fish & Wildlife Service

Application Deadline: [March 1st, 2017](#)

Residencies open to: Art professionals in all media - visual (two and three dimensional: photographers, sculptors, painters, etc.), audio (musicians, singers, composers), film (video/filmmakers), performance artists, and writers (poets, fiction, essays, storytellers).

Residency period: Typically June through September; dates & length of residencies vary.

Coordinator contact: Barbara Lydon at [\(907\) 754-2318](tel:9077542318), e-mail: blydon@fs.fed.us

2017 Wrangell Mountains Residency Program information:

https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=4071

RASMUSON INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARDS

A Presentation with Jeff Baird, RF Program Officer:

Join Fairbanks Arts for this special presentation with Rasmuson Foundation Program Officer, Jeff Baird, as he shares information about the Individual Artist Award Program.

Rasmuson Foundation honors the merit and significance of a life dedicated to serious artistic exploration and growth & acknowledges that artists need opportunities to explore at various stages of their artistic careers. With this in mind, the Rasmuson Foundation has three award programs for individual artists living and working in Alaska: Project Awards, Fellowships and the Distinguished Artist Award.

Online application for IAA programs are open [January 1 to March 1](#) and there have been some changes to the program, so please join us on: [Monday, January 23rd from 5:30-7 pm](#) in the Bear Gallery

This event is free to attend, but you must RSVP to info@fairbanksarts.org or [456.6485 ext. 225](tel:4566485)

Deb Horner sent a note to the membership of the FWS regarding the BLM Artist in Residence. I've attached the application that BLM has provided. I suspect that some members might be interested in applying. The deadline is 1/15/17. I've included the attachment for AIR WMNRA.

THIRD FRIDAY AT THE GRANGE!

Greetings everyone,

Please join us on January 20th from 5 to 9 PM as we start our eleventh year of monthly shows at the North Pole Grange Gallery. *Two Dimensions: **The Art of Malik and Areta Mayfield***, is a one night only art show featuring two local artists with formal training and international exposure who view life and culture through different styles of artistic expression. Meet these talented artists and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends, food, and beverage. Contact John, 322-0623.

Be sure to watch for an official weather notice about next Wednesday's meeting, we'll let you know on Sunday. Nelda

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Meetings: 3rd Wed. Blue Room
Pioneer Park, 6:30pm/7:00pm

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HAPPY PAINTING!

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