

## FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER –APRIL- 2017

### MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, April 19, 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 Meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

### REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshment bringers for April meeting: Pam Wagaman, Phyllis Tate, Patricia Mata Celis, Margaret Kellogg. We always appreciate You!!! If, for any reason, you are unable to bring your refreshments, please contact Marj at 457-4661 or this month only Nelda 456-3329. (Marj is out of town for the April Meeting.)

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Hello FWS Artist friends,

Anyone who has had the opportunity to visit Well Street Art Co. during the April 7<sup>th</sup> First Friday opening reception of our Annual FWS Group Show will echo those thoughts as they recall the wonderful array of colors, compositions, and patterns expressed in all the works shown.

Show was a Great success!

It is always lovely to see what everyone has been up to and to celebrate their successes. Seeing how other painters use that challenging watercolor medium might spark new thoughts for some and suggest new directions for others. Congratulations to People's Choice Awards winners and THANK YOU to all volunteers, who were involved in accepting the paintings to the Show, counting the Peoples votes, advertising the Show etc!

And of course our special thanks goes to Nelda Nixon and Cheryl Berrong for arranging and actually hanging 32 paintings from 18 Artists.

Thank you!

More at the Meeting!  
Vladimir Zhikhartsev, president

### BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! After a fun and fabulous meeting last month, we are keeping up the momentum with painting with Tom Nixon! Tom will be presenting 3 different ways to create depth in your painting at our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, **so BRING YOUR PAINTING STUFF**, and have fun learning, experimenting, and creating. Invite your friends to join in the fun! We always have room for one more and painting stuff to share with those who don't have materials.

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

### OUR ANNUAL WELL STREET ART SHOW!!

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNERS**, Fairbanks Watercolors Society Annual Show at Well St. Gallery, April 7th, 2017.  
First Place went to **#3** "Creamer's Evening" by Tom Nixon \$100. Prize  
Second Place went to **#30** "Crossing Kobuk River" by Vladimir Zhikhartsev \$50. Prize  
Third Place went to **#15** "Iris" by Matt Moberly - Honorable Mention

Wonderful turnout! Thanks to everyone who came and voted. If you weren't able to see the show, it will hang through April and gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12 noon to 6 pm. Stop in to see the paintings.

### FAIRBANKS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL I

I am excited to share that the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival catalogs have finally arrived at our office! While some have already been mailed out to everyone in our database, we would really appreciate if you are able to swing by the office to grab a portion of catalogs to pass out around town. Even if you don't have many places in mind, we have a list of locations and it's always great to have some on hand in case you are out and someone shows interest in FSAF.

If you aren't local and would like a handful mailed to you for sharing, please let us know and we will get them out to you as soon as possible. Thank you all for your help. We appreciate you and hope to see you soon! ~ Dori Nix

## 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 by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: [907-474-8869](tel:907-474-8869), [www.fsaf.org](http://www.fsaf.org)

**WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop:** Helen Howard is the April artist for the Watercolor Corner in the gift shop. 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.

### **FAIRBANKS SKETCHERS: Fairbanks Sketchers' April Meet-up: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 5pm - Arctic Bowl.**

Fairbanks Sketchers meets in a different place monthly to practice drawing on location Fairbanks Sketchers is a free, open drawing group that welcomes anyone interested in practicing their sketching skills. No teachers, fees, membership or expectations---we just like to hang out and draw. We welcome sketchers of all ages, skill levels, race, religion, orientation, and life situation. Inspired by the international group Urban Sketchers, we're out to record our wierd and wonderful Fairbanks, one drawing at a time.

### **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](mailto:tnixon@alaska.net) or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

### **VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV MARCH-APRIL CLASSES SCHEDULE:**

- ✓ Intermediate Watercolor Class - Fridays: April 14, 21, 28 - 10am – 4pm
- ✓ Beginner Watercolor Class - Saturdays: April 15, 22, 29 - 10am – 4pm
- ✓ Kids (9–13yo) Watercolor Class – Sundays: April 16, 23, 30 – 2pm -4pm

To sign up call: home.455-4423 or cell.699-5588

Email: [vladimir@acsalaska.net](mailto:vladimir@acsalaska.net) web site: [www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com](http://www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com)

### **UPCOMING FWS WORKSHOP**

Cheryl Berrong and I are pleased to announce we have a workshop booked for the Fall of this year. The workshop instructor will be **Molly Murrah**, and she will teach us Portraiture. We are still in the talking stages, but the workshop date is confirmed and will take place September 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, four days. We have St. Raphael's church reserved and her car and lodging. We are really excited to have this subject taught. Our **MAXIMUM** number of participants will be 20 – instructor's request. We will have the registration forms ready soon. We expect the cost to be under \$325 for the four days. You can see her work on her web site [www.mollymurrah.com](http://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.

### **BEAR GALLERY CALENDAR, 2017 2017 Exhibits**

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....

### Bear Gallery April 2017 Juried Show: Convergence

Fairbanks Arts invites Interior Alaska to view our new spring juried exhibit. This year's theme is "Convergence." The exhibit is open to the following categories: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Glass, Printmaking, Video, Jewelry, Photography, Mixed-media, and Fiber. For more information visit: <https://fairbanksarts.org/fairbanks-arts-spring-juried-exhibit/> The show will hang through the end of April.

### 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! Anyone who can come a little early and help set up, would be helpful.

**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 or 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 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of our fiscal year. I will have my famous green sheets at the meetings. I did send out forms with the last three newsletters, but am only including the show forms with this newsletter. 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. I try to make it easy for you. Thank you so much!!

Notes:

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**HAPPY PAINTING!**

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