

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – December 20, - 2017

WHITE ELEPHANT CHRISTMAS PARTY, In the Blue Room, 3rd Floor Civic Center Bldg. @ Pioneer Park, Airport Rd., December 20, 2017 6:30pm for Sandwiches & Cookies, meeting/program at 7:00pm

REFRESHMENTS: This month we all bring Christmas Cookies to share and FWS will provide Sub sandwiches from Safeway for the group. So come hungry! Wear any Christmas fun stuff. Ugly sweaters are welcome, antlers, santa hats, and little decorations for our little 4 ft lighted tree.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Hello Artist Friends,

With the holiday season not far away, I hope you all are enjoying this winters' mellow temperatures. The great Christmas-looking scenery everywhere you go in Fairbanks and the very magical Aurora Borealis at night time! December's meeting is our annual Christmas party with a small gift exchange and stories to share.

One of these stories will be to remind us of our past – the beginning of FWS and to meet and honor our founding members, to hear their voices and their stories. We would not be here except for their vision.

Come join our festivities and enjoy our program ending with a short presentation about Great International Masters watercolorists, presented by your president this month.

Looking forward to seeing you all December 20!

Vladimir Zhikhartsev, President

BECKY'S CORNER

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merrrrrry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanza! Joyous Everything! Come celebrate everything at the FWS Holiday Party! Wear your hats, antlers, reindeer noses, ugly sweaters, pretty sweaters everything festive! It's always a fun night, so come join the party! See you there!

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

Becky Anderson, VP

NOTE FROM NELDA

OH CHRISTMAS TREE!! It started with finding a small tree with white lights. So, I thought I'd bring it for our party, just a little thing – 4 ft or so on a plastic stand. "Great idea, everyone who comes can bring a small watercolor ornament they've made at home, to hang on it." So dig out your paints and make a little ball or star or whatever you'd like and paint it up on watercolor paper! We'll hang it on the tree... (paperclips work well-or hangers or a piece of string or ribbon). Should be a little fun thing to do between now and the 20 th – an 'at home' project! They shouldn't be too big, maybe 2" max We'll save them and add to them each year. Should be fun My main note **is about our CHRISTMAS PARTY**, and what is requested of you! As in past years, those who wish to participate, please bring a wrapped "Art related" gift, cost or used current value under \$20. Remember, you might end up with it, so make it something you would like! Something useful or fun. No pranky gifts, please. Tom will read our Christmas poem, which is called a white elephant poem...with a twist or two. You will sign in, in the book, and use that number as it comes up in the poem. Lots of fun and laughter...

Bring your Better Half. If they want to play, bring a gift for them to add to the table and they will get a number as well.

MULTIPLE FRAMES AVAILABILITY: Deb Mutchler of Salcha has over a 100 frames For Sale. All different sizes, from 8x10 to 20x40, wood or metal. Time to clear them out. You could buy the lot or, one or two. Call her, 488-3543

2018 SHOWS

We have two shows, lined up so far, with more to come. Submitting your work in a show is an excellent way, to show off your work, support and promote the Watercolor Society, and sell your work (raise money so you can buy more paint & brushes).

19th Annual FWS Water-media Show

This is our annual opportunity to show off our very best. We will have People's Choice. Note that 2018 is our 19th year. 2019 will be our 20th show and that will be time for a celebration!!!

March 2nd – 31, 2018 – Well Street Art Company

Post card submittal due by Feb 14th, 2018
Intake is Sat. Feb. 24, 2018, Noon to 6pm.
First Friday opening Mar. 2nd from 5:00p-8:00p

See the attached guidelines. Any questions, call Nelda 456-3329 or Cheryl 389-2114

Pioneer Art Walk 2018

The Fairbanks Watercolor Society has been invited by the Pioneer Home Foundation to show their artwork at the Pioneer Art Walk on first Friday Sep 7, 2018, 6:00p to 8:00p at the Pioneer Home. The Artwalk is an Annual fund raising event, with proceeds going to benefit the residence of the Pioneer Home. This is an adult event with hors 'd' oeuvres, wine, music, silent auction and outcry auction. The fundraiser funds come from the outcry auction, silent auction, and ticket sales. The outcry auction usually has paintings donated by artists such as Randy Compton, myself, Vladimir, metal and glass artists, and some fine cooks (fabulous pies). Artists would handle their own sales and they get to keep 100% of the sales. No commissions. More information and details coming at the January and February meeting.

WORKSHOP UPDATE:

2017 is almost behind us and it went by so fast!!! Lots of fun and creative happenings, and we have more to come in 2018.

Our Fall Workshop will be Sept 24-27, 2018 with **Sterling Edwards** as our instructor. Take a look at his website www.sterlingedwards.com You can sign up for his newsletter if you like. Also, Zoltan Szabo www.zoltanszabo.com was a good friend and a mentor to Sterling. So do take a look at his website as well.

I had the opportunity to attend Sterling's workshop in Sitka in August of 2016 and it was excellent. Great communication, conveys his techniques, and his artistic approach very well. We will have details and the registration form with price etc. out soon, hopefully at the meeting/Party. This workshop will be listed on his website and in Cheap Joe's Workshopper and you will see it on our website as well. As always we want our members to have first dibs, so check it out and be ready to sign up!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Cheryl & Nelda

SPECIAL NOTICE

Art from the End of the Earth: "Snow, Bergs and Penguins"

First Friday, January 5, 2018, Hoarfrost Distillery

FWS member Deb Horner will exhibit new works from her recent trip to Antarctica. Her route followed that of famed explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, including the Falklands, South Georgia Island, and the Antarctic Peninsula. Both land and seascapes, including icebergs, snow-covered mountain ranges, and vast vistas are part of the show. And of course that icon of the southern seas, penguins!

Deb will give a talk at the First Friday opening, titled "Sketching in Sketchy Places," beginning at 6pm.

The talk will include slides from her trip. She will describe some of the unique places where she sketched during her trip.

TOM AND NELDA NIXON'S Miniature Show at the Fairbanks Community Museum Gallery, upstairs in the Co-Op Plaza will continue to hang through January. Hours are 11-3pm, daily. Call first 457-3669, to check if they are open. You can take the paintings with you!

ELLEN BROWN - AIRPORT PROJECT! Please put this info in newsletter. Watercolor society might get to decorate the area in Fairbanks International Airport at the dinosaur play area at the foot of the escalators/ stairs where arriving passengers come down. Submit a Painting to our president, Vladimir, who will give them to the airport manager. He will decide whether to have this take place or not.

When: January Meeting of FWS January 17, 2018

Size of submission to Vladimir- Your choice

Suggestion: Make a quick trip to airport – see the area.

Finished painting: Acrylic paint

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

Vladimir Zhikhartsev December Classes Schedule:

Intermediate Watercolor Class - Fridays: December 15, 22, 29 10am – 4pm

Beginner Watercolor Class - Saturdays: December 16, 23, 30 - 10am - 4pm

Kids (9 – 13yo) Watercolor Class – Sundays December 17, 24 – 2pm -4pm

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

email: vladimir@acsalaska.net or www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com

TOM NIXON Teaches adult, beginner and intermediate 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 or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

HOUSEKEEPING

Our new Housekeeping committee chairperson is Deb McQueen, she will be the director for the set up and take down. Thanks to all who have helped set up and take down chairs and tables in the past. You are a great help to Deb. Many hands made light work. Keep up the great work! We always strive to leave the room a little better than we found it. 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

It is almost time for dues.... The New Year means dues are due. \$20 on January 1st, I will have the green sheets with me at the meeting...

Notes:

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Return Service Requested

CHRISTMAS PARTY Meeting
December 20, 2017, 6:30pm
3rd Floor Blue Rm, Civic Center
In Pioneer Park, on Airport Rd.

HAPPY PAINTING!

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