

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – MARCH - 2017

MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, MARCH 15, 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:

Here is our 'goodies' volunteer list for March: Nelda and Tom Nixon, Cheryl Berrong, Trish Rumph and Neville Jacobs. Thank you to all who bring a little something to feed the body, as your art feeds our souls. We always appreciate it! If, for any reason, you are unable to bring your refreshments, please contact Marj at 457-4661.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Hello Artist friends,

We have a great program for our short meeting, full of announcements about classes and shows our members are involved in and is held March 15 at the Blue Room, Pioneer Park at 6:30 pm.

In the March presentation I plan to reveal 6 stages of the Watercolor Cycle in a series of slow motion short videos, so you can fully understand how it all works together, with hands-on experiences and painting challenges with prizes too! This is a fun and exciting way to eliminate serious painting mistakes in future paintings and learn how to paint fast. Since we're exploring new areas, **bring your painting stuff** and bring an interested friend. They might greatly benefit from this experience.

Also if you want, please bring your unfinished painting for friendly critiques and suggestions so you can work on it and possibly get home with a finished painting, just in time for our fast approaching FWS Show in Well Street Art Co. where the intake is going to be in two weeks, March 25th!! See you 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 VLADIMIR! Vladimir will be presenting the six stages of the watercolor cycle at our March 15 meeting, followed by hands on practice, **so BRING YOUR PAINTING SUPPLIES**, and have fun learning, experimenting, and creating. Invite your friends to join in the fun!

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

Becky Anderson, VP

OUR ANNUAL WELL STREET ART SHOW!!

So, I hope by now you have read the special announcement about getting photos of your paintings to Cheryl by this weekend the 11th of March. I was a little wordy so will give you all the particulars here again, BRIEFLY.

Our **Annual Show is still scheduled for April First Friday which is April 7th**. Reception from 5pm to 8pm, and People's Choice prizes awarded at 7:45pm. We'll each be allowed two paintings. All paintings must be for sale. You must be a paid-up member to participate. There are more basic instructions on the guidelines page. Please be sure to fill out the other "Paintings" form, as the tags will be made up from that information. I've attached both of them, and will include paper copies with the mailed Newsletter.

Intake for the show is going to be March 25th, two weeks from now, at **Well Street, Noon to 5pm**. The reason is the poster signing for KUAC will be on April 1st. The paintings will be hung on April 5th. A couple volunteers to help with hanging would be welcome. Contact me, Nelda at 456-3329 or 322-3328.

We will also need some Check-In/Greeters/People's Choice Ballot **Hander-Outers** on the reception table in the foyer during the Reception. We will have a sign-up sheet for ½ hour segments at the meeting, or if you can't make it to the meeting, give me a call to be put on the sheet. We'll have name tags for the members as well.

As I mentioned in the special announcement bulletin I sent out on Tuesday, photographs of your paintings at a minimum of 300 dpi need to be sent to Cheryl by noon this Saturday March 11. Send them to cheryl@clearysubmit.com if she needs more info, she will contact you. Do remember to crop them before you send them to her. And, double check the color to see if it is true and tweak it if you need to. We want your best example!

FAIRBANKS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

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 1st.

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

WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop: Phyllis Tate is the March 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.

Ellen Brown has volunteered to write her beautiful calligraphy messages for the cards we made up at the November meeting. I am wondering where they are. I will check my trusty gray box, but if any of you have them, please let me know, so we can get them to Ellen.

FAIRBANKS SKETCHERS: Fairbanks Sketchers' March Meet-up: Wood Center, UAF

Mar 22, 5 PM · UAF Wood Center · Fairbanks

Fairbanks Sketchers meets in a different place monthly to practice drawing on location. March meet-up at Wood Center in the heart of the UAF campus is a fascinating place to draw: architecture, people and events! Afterwards, for those interested, we'll head into The Pub to sketch more over a beer. (Minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian.) 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 or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV MARCH-APRIL CLASSES SCHEDULE:

- ✓ Intermediate Watercolor Class - Fridays: March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28 - 10am – 4pm
- ✓ Beginner Watercolor Class - Saturdays: March 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 10am – 4pm
- ✓ Kids(9 – 13yo) Watercolor Class – Sundays: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 2pm -4pm

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

Email: vladimir@acsalaska.net web site: 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 25th - 28th, 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 by our meeting in April. We expect the cost to be under \$325 for the four days. 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.

March: Up with Art – FNSBSD Student Exhibit - On display now in the Bear Gallery.
April: [Spring Juried Exhibit: CONVERGENCE \(See next news item\)](#)
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

April 1 & 2, Noon-6:00pm: Art Intake

Fairbanks Arts invites Interior Alaskan artists to take part in 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/>

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 1st 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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Meeting: March 15, 2017, 3rd Wed.
Blue Room, Pioneer Park, 6:30/7:00pm

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