

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER –January 17, - 2018

MEETING, In the Blue Room. 3rd Floor Civic Center Bldg. @ Pioneer Park, Airport Rd., January 17, 2018, 6:30pm for Refreshments, Meeting at 7:00pm

REFRESHMENTS: Here is the list for this month's meeting. **Mary Clare Andrews-Axel Bachman, Rita St. Louis, Cheryl Berrong and Sheri Nelson-Karikomi.** If you are on the list and for some reason you aren't able to come Wednesday evening, please call Marj at 457-4661 and let her know so she can call another member.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Hello FWS Members and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

2018 is our 20th ANNIVERSARY - an exciting year for all of us! What a wonderful group we have!

I am grateful for all our Members and Officers: Becky Anderson – Vice President, Nelda Nixon – Secretary and Olga Hesketh – Treasurer, whose hard work and dedication helped FWS continue to grow! Also for Members involved in our committees: Historian, Membership, Website, Facebook, Hospitality, Young Artist and Set up committees. THANK YOU!!!

We still need: Blogger, Instagram and Special project committee (Airport Project) See attached.

Let's celebrate our Anniversary with making a very memorable and full of great happenings year! Here are just some of the happenings planned (you will receive more information on these events throughout the year).

YTD Financial report from our treasurer Olga Hesketh.

Since we have quite a few shows planned during this year, I want to start our first meeting with a small presentation program on HOW TO FRAME YOUR OWN ORIGINAL WATERCOLOR PAINTING.

In that DEMO I will stress how to cut mats with a Logan 650 mat cutter and frame a single painting.

Following a short "Artist of the Month" presentation/story about a remarkable watercolor Artist.

Please come to the meeting, learn a lot and use that knowledge to create beautiful Art of the Northern Splendor!

Looking forward to seeing you Wednesday,
Vladimir Zhikhartsev, President

BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! Christmas is behind us, the sun is higher and longer in the sky, and we have a new year ahead of us. Oh, the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead! This year we look forward to increasing our watercolor skills and talents, and showcasing our work, all the while enjoying ourselves and our FWS friendships. On the horizon are our annual show at Well Street Art Company in March, the Art Walk at Creamers Field in June, the Art Walk at the Pioneer Home, various demos, lessons, and paint-outs, a workshop by guest artist Sterling Edwards, all working up to a FWS show at the Bear Gallery in 2019. What wonderful things to look forward to!

Each of you is a valuable asset to the Fairbanks Watercolor Society, and we look forward to enlisting your ideas, opinions, and talents in the coming year to strengthen and expand our organization. We look forward to your active participation as committees are formed for various projects, and appreciate your continued participation in the monthly meetings and tasks entailed. A big thank you to DEB and DOUG McQUEEN for taking on the role of setting up and taking down the room for meetings; many hands make for light work, and the help of many members is noticed and appreciated, and makes this an easier task. A big thank you to MARJ MOBERLY for continuing to be our kitchen maven. Oh, Marj! What would we ever do without you? You keep us together, fortified with coffee and goodies, and running the show! We appreciate you! SHERI KARIKOMI, your ideas,

willingness and enthusiasm to extend the FWS welcome to Fairbanks youth will strengthen the future of the FWS and we look forward to this new component of the FWS. Thank you! OLGA HESKETH and NELDA NIXON, we couldn't be happier to continue to have you on board as treasurer and secretary/newsletter/membership heads. You both do so very much, in front of and behind the scenes. We are all grateful for your ongoing dedication. And VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV, having you as our FWS president has infused the group with wonderful new ideas and leadership. You are a rock star! Wonderful things are in store for the FWS in 2018, so hang onto your hats, grab your brushes, and let's begin!

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

Nelda needs a volunteer to help keep our name tags up to date and printed. Using the Avery setup we have in place. I have tried a couple times, and it never works rights. I can supply the names and the tags, if someone will do it! Please??!

2018 SHOWS We have two shows coming up this year. One in March and one in September. These along with our meeting dates, summer paint out dates will appear in our Website calendar. www.fairbankswatercolor.com

19th Annual Watermedia Show

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

Show guidelines are attached and the title/name tags to attach to the submitted paintings Print both and prefill out the tags except for the # and bring to intake.

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

First Friday opening Mar 2nd from 5:00p-8:00p

Intake is Sat Feb 24, 2018 12:00p to 5:00p

Post card submittal due Feb 14th, 2018

See the attached guidelines. Any questions, call Nelda 456-3329 or Cheryl 389-2114 or 750-3332

Please note that the post card submittal can be sent to cheryl@clearysummit.com anytime between now and the Feb 14th deadline. Just be sure that it is of a painting you will be entering in the show. When taking the picture use the highest resolution, JPG, and preferably a horizontal (landscape) format. I-phone's take great pictures.

WORKSHOP UPDATE:

2018 WORKSHOP with STERLING EDWARDS

Sterling Edwards will be our instructor for the Watercolor Workshop Sep 24-Sep 27.

Time is 9:00am to 4:00pm with an hour for lunch.

St. Raphael's Father Bibb Community Hall

Visit Sterling's website at <http://sterlingedwards.com/> You can sign up to receive his newsletter here.

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.

Cheryl's note: "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. 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!!!

Attached is the registration form, description, a brief bio The class is half full, so it's time to get your deposit in to hold your spot.

Cheryl & Nelda

ELLEN BROWN - AIRPORT PROJECT! Attached is a wonderful page of measurements done by Melanie Werdon. She has all the measurements for each part of all the surfaces. It took a lot of work to put this all

together, so lets use it and come up with some designs for Vladimir. The 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. – Now we have the measurements... We'll also have a sign done by us.

Finished painting: Acrylic paint Questions: talk to Vladimir.

Bear Gallery Winter Hours: Noon-6pm, Tuesday-Saturday

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!

ANN TREMARELLO is the guest artist in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop Fairbanks Watercolor Corner through January.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV January Classes Schedule:

Intermediate Watercolor Class - Fridays: January 19, 26 and February 9, 16, 23 – 10am-4pm

Beginner Watercolor Class - Saturdays: January 20, 27 and February 10, 17, 24 – 10am-4pm

Kids (9 – 13 yr o) Watercolor Class – Sundays: January 21, 28 and February 11, 18, 25 – 10am-4pm

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

email: vladimir@acsalaska.net

or sign up online 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!

FROM FAIRBANKS ARTS ASSOC.:

We have two other events going on this month that I hope you can share as well.

Curator Lecture with Phoebe Rohrbacher

Monday January, 22 from 7-8pm. Blue room, 3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park.

For more information, contact Fairbanks Arts Program Coordinator at 456-6485 x226 or

visit: www.fairbanksarts.org

This event is free and open to the public.

Join Fairbanks Arts for a special discussion with Phoebe Gonzales Rohrbacher, curator for the current Bear Gallery group exhibition, *Interior Visions: Selections from Fairbanks Resource Agency's New Progressive Art Projects*.

Rohrbacher facilitates the art program at Fairbanks Resource Agency (FRA), a program she co-created with Lisa Sawyer and has continued to develop.

This exhibition shares the artwork created through this program and is inspired by the nationwide movement to include people with developmental disabilities in contemporary art.

A visual artist herself, Rohrbacher has had solo exhibits in Juneau and has participated in group exhibits in Seattle and NYC. She was a recipient of a 2010 Rasmuson Individual Artist Award and a 2007 Juneau Arts and Humanities Council Grant.

Since 2008, she has worked in various capacities with individuals who have developmental disabilities. Before coming to FRA, she worked as an art facilitator at the Canvas, an integrated art studio in Juneau, Alaska.

ALSO:

Organization for the Artist Workshop with instructor Elizabeth Eero Irving

Saturday, January 20 from 2-4pm

Bear Gallery (3rd Floor, Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts), Pioneer Park, [2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701](#)

\$15 for current Fairbanks Arts members, \$20 for non-members

For more information contact 456-6485 ext. 226 or gallery@fairbanksarts.org or [.fairbanksarts.org](http://fairbanksarts.org)

Recording and organizing your artist/artisan's career information is crucially important, just as it is for any business person. This workshop will discuss saving your art career facts and figures, as well as multiple options for how to organize that information. It will also cover the important documents critical to any working artist's career: resume, applications, and digital images as well as approaches to organizing your information and more complex systems to track a lifetime's work. Handouts with examples and details included.

Rhea Johnson

Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Fairbanks Arts Association

(907) 456-6485 ext. 224_ Visit us on Facebook_ <https://fairbanksarts.org>

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 "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

It is time for 2018 dues.... The New Year means dues are due! \$20 on January 1st, I will have the green sheets with me at the meeting... and I have the form attached.

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Meeting: 3rd Wed. Jan.17, 2018
3rd Floor Blue Rm, Civic Center
In Pioneer Park, on Airport Rd.

HAPPY PAINTING!

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