

September, 2020 Newsletter

No Meeting on Sep. 16th.

Starting tomorrow, Friday, Sep. 11, and continuing the 12th & 13th. Anne Aleshire has organized a **Paint-Out / Mini Workshop** up at Angel Rocks Campground, about 42 mile on the Chena Hot Springs Rd. She is a member of the **International Plein Air Painting group**. Any and all painters are welcome to come up to Angel Rocks. You can paint, participate in the workshop (Sorry, I don't have times or details), just paint, take a hike and/or paint! She will be there in her motorhome for all three days. If you want to get in touch, or call when you get there to see where she is, her cell phone number is 907-322-1206. I know Patricia is going. Sorry I didn't get this info out sooner. I've been in mask making mode... have a few to go yet.

Greetings Distinguished Members of the Fairbanks Watercolor Society,

This summer has provided many opportunities for living in Alaska and getting out to appreciate the stunning outdoor scenery. Our paint out scheduled for this month, August, at Creamers Field will be another such opportunity. Hope you are planning to participate. We will not meet in September but will provide a newsletter.

Also, next month is when we receive a slate of officers, for the next year. Then somehow we will vote in November on our meeting day. It will be simpler if we continue for the next year with the current officers. But, the nominating committee may have changes. We'll let you know in October.

John Poirrier,
President, Fairbanks Watercolor Society

NELDA'S NOTE:

We have had a marvelous 'rest of the summer':

Festival was really fun, even if we did it a little differently, due to Covid.. We were inside and missed the rain squalls. But, often came out to sunshine, so we can't complain.... Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, Looking forward to next year, with regular 5-8pm hours again. Hopefully we'll be in the UCPC church again. It was a great venue, even an elevator for us.

Also; This was my last year being **Coordinator for Visual Arts** at the **Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival**. I started thinking about it last year. It has been an honor and a joy to do this job and I strongly encourage anyone interested in our Visual Arts community, to contact James Menaker at the Festival Office 474-8869, as I know he has been scouting a bit. Leave a message for him that you are interested. Please be specific in your message. Time is of the essence, he may have filled the position since we last spoke.

A number of us, Matt Moberly, Nadia & Vladimir Zhikhartsev, Gregg & Sue Englebrecht, Anne Aleshire & granddaughter, Patricia Mata-Celis, Helen Howard and our newest member Teresa Thomas, Tom and I (Nelda) Nixon all traveled to Delta Jct, where Terri Crowson and husband Wayne and Ruthie Abbot joined us for the pot luck Steak dinner on Sat., Aug. 22, and again on Sunday. We had our usual Show and Tell, the evening sun was a great spot light for us! on the outdoor new deck. We grilled and ate, had lots of room and told some good stories.

It was a great weekend! The weather behaved while we were there, we saw mountains and vegetation and of course tons of beautiful flowers and vegetables at the Garden B & B. What a wonderful place to stay. We all drove down to Donnelly Dome and saw mountains galore! They were spectacular.

It was so great we all voted and we'll be going back next year, the dates will be the weekend of Aug. 27th (Friday), Aug. 28th Sat., the 29th, Sun. and go home Monday, 30th. Or you can always come for one day or two. It is only a two hour drive. Many of us have already made reservations, and Bonnie and Rick will hold rooms for us again.

Then last Saturday, 5th, Tom and I and Wego (our 12 yr old black and tan miniature Dachshund/Pomeranian) went down to Denali and drove in quite a few miles. We had wonderful weather, lots of color, we had a little lunch, even brought some for Wego, after his little walk he just slept in the car. He was a good traveler and we got some good painting done and lots of pictures.

I'm still cleaning out and sorting stuff Give me a call if you'd like to know what I have-Mostly Ladies stuff and I have a really good treadmill that i bought from Tammy Phillips when she left. I also have a pair of ladies good leather Motorcycle boots, steel toe and everything. Worn about 3 times. Let's see, the size is 8 M and they are black. Really sturdy leather, plain and practical. Also, really pretty, in a motorcycle way!

Let me know if you are interested. Nelda 456-3329 or my cell is 322-3328. It is amazing what you find in the bottom of your closet!



TOM NIXON is back to studio classes. So good to see our regular students again!! If you have any questions please contact us at 456-3329 or tnixon@alaska.net or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, AK. He loves Facebook!

Next Month, Starting on **October 6th**, Thursdays, Tom is starting a beginner/refresher Class. He has now an opening for 1 new watercolor student. He already has 3 signed up. He asks that you commit to 3 weeks in a row, so you learn at the same rate. The class runs from 10am-12:30 pm.
If you are interested, give us a holler either by phone 456-3329 or email tnixon@alaska.net, or contact Tom directly on Facebook, under Tom Nixon.

VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV

Vladimir's August-September Watercolor Class Schedule:

ONLINE Beginner Watercolor Class – Saturdays, 10am–1pm:
September: 12, 19, 26
ONLINE Intermediate Watercolor Class - Saturdays, 2pm–5pm:
September: 12, 19, 26

More info, sign up or schedule Private Plein Air Classes on Sundays call or text 907-699-5588 cell: 907-699-5588
email: vladimir@acsalaska.net
www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com

I left these in, in case you didn't see them last month: LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

The following is a list of links, names and dates of demos and YouTube classes with artists we know and have had workshops with: Some are free, some aren't. Those that aren't are very reasonably priced.

DAVID R. SMITH Join David R. Smith, award winning watercolorist and international instructor for a **FREE watercolor demonstration on Wednesday, July 15th at 6pm (Central Time)**. He will demonstrate the beauty and spontaneity of the fluid medium while inspiring you to get your brushes wet.

Simply click the following link at the designated time and enjoy the show: <https://youtu.be/oeKTr1Uf93s>

If interested in learning from David, he will teach some online workshops over the summer. Click [here](#) for more info. or go to David's webpage. See you Soon!

STERLING EDWARDS Sign up for his free newsletter. His June Newsletter advised that he is finally producing digital downloadable and streaming videos in his studio. Aided by Diane. He has some Workshops going as well. Find out more by contacting him directly.

"Mastering Negative Painting" video I'm proud to announce that this painting is now available as a new video on our website; www.sterlingedwards.com. The video is 1 hour and 36 minutes in length and can be downloaded or streamed. When you're on the website click on "**Videos**" at the top of the page to see this and my other videos.

ERIC WIEGARDT Eric is offering a virtual classroom experience via **Zoom!**

Our live online classes are taught via Zoom. Students have the opportunity to interact with Eric and other participants, watch live demos and receive feedback and instruction. You will have access to a class chat forum where you can share work, comment and ask questions. Once you've enrolled, you'll receive instructions about how to access the class. We are planning on three separate classes in July:

1. **Wednesday afternoons at 4:30pm**
2. **Saturday mornings at 9am**
3. **Saturday late mornings at 10:30am**

You can sign up <https://ericwiegardt.com/workshops/workshop-sign-up/> for the one that fits your schedule the best! Move down past the Switzerland trip Wiegardt's Painterly Workshops.

Cheryl talking here: One month's worth of sessions is \$125 (I am signed up for 4 sessions at 8:45am each Sat in August. That equals \$32.25 per 1hr 15 min session. You can sign up for 3 months worth also. \$375. He uses Zoom and two cameras....His wife Ann is the tech operator, and is very very helpful.

Eric's website is <https://ericwiegardt.com> He has other workshops online that you can sign up for as well as supplies, paintings, videos.

PROFESSIONAL ARTIST <https://www.youtube.com/user/streamlineartvideo>

You can subscribe, or just check it daily in the morning for what and who is demo-ing. Everyday since Covid started they have had a free video demo by a nationally known artist. FREE: All mediums. Friday on 7/10/2020 there will be a demo by Thomas Schaller 3:00p Eastern Time.. I watched Albert Handel and then Jeff Legg's "Green Bottles & Apricots" and Andy Evanson "Secrets of Painting Watercolor Outdoors" and the interview that followed. Very good.

HISTORY NOTES – 20 years ago !!:..... The History buff is taking a break (pun) this month, look for something in the next newsletter in November. She is healing well!!

Here is a REMINDER ABOUT "Blurbs for the Newsletter (or) Advertising for your First Friday Shows/Exhibit!!" It is extremely important that I have info for the Newsletter before or by the 10th of the month!! Please type all announcements for the newsletter **in Arial, 14pt, single line spaced!** – makes my job easier and faster. I can accentuate the important things. Please send to me, Nelda, at tnnixon@alaska.net If I don't acknowledge, please call 456-3329.

Membership info:

On January 1st Dues were due for 2020. Each year it is \$20. I will have the green sheets with me most of the time. You can pay a couple years ahead if you like,

Your Officers wish you Happy Painting!! And Happy Healthy Days!

just mark it on the form.... You can also
[download a form](#) right here!
(Use green paper to print it on! haha!)

I'm still working on mailing the
membership cards that John made up
for everyone.

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