

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – MAY- 2017

MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, May 17, 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:

Our wonderful refreshment volunteers for May are: Deb & Doug McQueen, Barbara Schuhmann, Peggy Mantei and Helen Howard. Thank you so much!!! If, for any reason, you are unable to come to the meeting or bring your refreshments, please contact Marj at 457-4661.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Hello FWS Artist friends,

From President's focal point. Time is moving so fast. Outside the new life begins - and we have to mourn a life that ended. Barbara O'Dell has been an important part of our Fairbanks Watercolor Society for many years. With her smile and her good heart she was always ready to help and enjoyed painting with friends. But the spring days just happen to take Barbara with them. That proves just one thing - that our life is so short and fragile. Art, how we all know, was a big part of her life! To commemorate Barbara's life in our hearts and thoughts maybe we can set a new tradition in FWS - Annual Barbara O'Dell Plein Air Paintout in her honor. I would suggest to establish it around this time of the year, in the middle or late May - where also the fresh greens are coming back. A good place would be the South Cushman Park. Just keep going on S. Cushman St. to the end. You can't miss it! Great for En Plein Air. Unfortunately I won't be able to participate because I will be out of town until June 15. That's why I'd like Tom Nixon to lead the group. Thank you, Tom!

Looking forward to seeing all of you again in June,

Vladimir Zhikhartsev, President

BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! Spring has sprung! That is worth celebrating! Come to the May 17 meeting and celebrate with us as we enjoy a demo/lesson by Sue Englebrecht on negative painting! Thank you so much, Sue, for presenting our program! **Be sure to bring your painting gear, and get ready to play, friends!**

A big thanks goes to Tom Nixon who presented a demo/lesson on 3 different ways to create depth with watercolors at our April meeting. It was a full house and lots of fun. Thanks, Tom!

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

1st Annual BARB O'DELL Plein Air PAINT-OUT

Date- TBD At the meeting, we will discuss the time that will work for most folks Who want to participate. It will be an afternoon of enjoying even with a few mosquitoes... bring bug dope...

Place: South Cushman Park

Leader: Tom Nixon

OUR ANNUAL WELL STREET ART SHOW!!

The show is down now, but in case you missed it for any reason, here are the winners....

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

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 of catalogs 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 1st. (see if it has been extended.)

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

WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop: Margaret Kellogg is the artist for the Watercolor Corner in the gift shop of the Bear Gallery. 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.

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!

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 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. 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

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:

Glenda Field announced that the Valley Fine Arts Association is having its 3rd Annual Art Retreat at 12 Mile Lake, Wasilla, **September 8-10, 2017**. Featured are artists Jennifer Bowman (acrylics,) Karen Mattson (Watercolor) and Earl Rider (plein air oil). To register, and for more information, contact

<http://www.eventbee.com/event?eid=141058712#tickets>. Brochures will be available at the May meeting.

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! We always strive to leave the room a little better than we found it. Anyone who can come a little early and help set up, would be helpful. 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 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. 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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