

NOVEMBER, 2020 Newsletter

No In-Person Meeting on Nov. 18, 2020

Greetings Distinguished Members of the Fairbanks Watercolor Society,

2020 elections are not over until all the votes are counted. You will soon be receiving an online ballot for the most important election of 2020, the Fairbanks Watercolor Society's Officer Elections. This electronic poll will close at midnight on November 18th the third Wednesday of the month. This electronic election will fulfill the requirement to conduct our officer election during the November meeting. Please take the time to complete your ballot and submit it prior to midnight on the 18th. More details are contained in this newsletter.

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Happy Thanksgiving Greetings to You All!

Hope you are dealing well with challenges of 2020 that affect our time together with Family and Friends. I really miss meeting up with my Painting Peeps, but know those days will return.

This month, we encourage you to take the time and participate in our FWS online officers election.

In lieu of wearing an "I voted!" sticker, perhaps work on a quick sketch or painting you might share. Be fun to see what you come up with.

Looking forward to seeing your virtual shining faces at our Christmas Party in December. We have planned a fun version of our traditional gift exchange party. Details to follow.

Take good care of yourselves and stay safe.

Pamela Scarlett Twitchell

Profound and timeless thought:

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

This past month, we were able to present the First and Second Place awards From our 2020 Annual show which was held at Well St. Art Co, in the spring just as COVID hit.

Matt Moberly received his First Place plaque for his "Extract of Birch". I delivered it to his workplace and encouraged him to hang it in his office. I hope he did.

Tom Nixon received his Second Place plaque for his "Dreamscape" at our dinner table. I did the 'Ta-Da' with a flourish, so you will just have to picture it in your mind.

Vladimir did the designing and producing of the awards and they were quite beautiful !

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 tnnixon@alaska.net or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, AK. He loves Facebook!

As John mentioned, this is the way **our election** has to be this year, I will send out a ballot to all our members with the slate of proposed Officers & Other Special Members. I will send it out this coming Sunday on the 15th of November. With a resend on the 18th for the folks who didn't open the one sent on the 15th. I hope everyone will be able to vote on the slate. (Usually, in the past, the nominating committee would present the slate to the attending members at our November Meeting and all would vote Yea or Nay. This will be the best way to include everyone.

I hope you will be pleased with the slate. You will have to open the email to find out who is on it. :)

Nelda's Note: I have recently received my Watercolor Magazine. This one is particularly interesting, I hope you will be able to take advantage of some of the lessons and classes that Cheryl has listed below her History buff notes. I found in recent paintings, I was 'pouring paint' to achieve some wonderful blends. I learned this from books by Barbara Nechis, classes with Karlyn Holman, Lian Zhen and probably other tid bits I've read. Everything helps!! It is amazing these things and methods pop up in your mind when you need them!

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November and December Class Schedule:

IN-PERSON WATERCOLOR CLASSES:

Serious Beginner – Saturdays Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 26 **10am–1pm.**

Intermediate – Saturdays November 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 26 **2pm-5pm.**

Private Classes – Fridays November 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 25 **10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm or 4pm-6pm** (choose in-person or online).

Kids/Teens (9-15yo) in-person watercolor Classes on Sundays November 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 27, **2pm-4pm.**

All In-person classes are 'masks-on' and limited to 6 students selected on First-come-First-served basis. I'll disinfect classroom before every class and we will keep distancing to comply with City of Fairbanks safety measures.

For out of town students I'm still offering

**Beginner- Intermediate ONLINE CLASSES
on JITSI MEET (room WZiWATERCOLOR)**

on Sundays November 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 27, **10am-1pm.**

For more information or to sign up for a class please call/text

[907-699-5588](tel:907-699-5588) or email me at vladimir@acsalaska.net

Check out class schedule on my website: www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com

Our Members in the news. (Repeat)

Kelley Hagerty Lammers has moved to Lake Chelan. She and Doug will be operating a Crisp Apple Farm. You can reach her on Facebook

Teresa Thomas is a new member and joined us in Delta for the retreat. She lives at Raven Landing

Nadia (wife of Vladimir) is also a new member, she joined in Delta as well.

Welcome, welcome both of you! Also to Terry Terrill who brought her dues up to date.

HISTORY NOTES –

HISTORY NOTES – 20 years ago and still going strong.

From the **Nov 2000 Newsletter**

Jack's Palette: (this is a lengthy message that I took the literary liberty of condensing down to the really juicy stuff...hope Jack will forgive me) Jack's opening remarks "This month, **Larry Phillips** and his team are preparing our slate of nominee's for the next year's officers." Jack's closing remarks: "So, I will gladly be a candidate for President for one more year, then I would like to take my watercolors on the road for awhile. As you contemplate this year's FWS election, let's think to the future. Paint more, enjoy more, **Jack Taylor** President". For the slate of officers you'll have to wait for the December Newsletter.

Workshops and classes going on were: **Jack Taylor** was teaching at the Ice Festival Warmup Building Nov 11 and Nov 18. **Gael Murakami** was teaching classes at Ben Franklin. **Karen Austen** was at UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden classroom. **Sue Cole** was teaching evening classes at Ryan for Adult Community Ed. **Ellen Brown** was teaching children's classes during Christmas Break at Ben Franklin.

Program for the Nov. Meeting in the Blue Room: Cartoonist, **Jamie Smith**, will have a discussion and slide show of his work. Also, nominations of next years officers, and review of members paintings to select postcard images for the show in March. **Larry Phillips** needed volunteers for the phone tree. Call 488-4682

New Members: were **Barbara Annan, Iris Wood, and Barbara Welch**. Renewing member: **Mark Knapp**. Address correction for **Lela Ryterski** of Ft. Yukon, AK. A side note here: The member list enclosed in the newsletter showed 97 members!! Pretty impressive.

The history snoop.
Cheryl

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES Some old, some new, some borrowed, and some blue. Some free and some not
As you have probably discovered there are new opportunities for learning popping up online. Daily – Hourly – by the Minute. Some of our past, and future, workshop instructors have online opportunities, and list them in their newsletter.. So do some of our art suppliers. Take a look at the following, and remember we have our own excellent instructors right here in Fairbanks. Tom Nixon and Vladimir Zhikhartsev.

Blaine Art Supply, Anchorage, AK <https://blainesart.com/> classes and art supplies (our favorite stuff!!)

Sterling Edward, Lewisville, NC <https://www.sterlingedwards.com/> Sign up for his newsletter and you'll also see workshops he is doing for various watercolor groups (like us) via Zoom. Some free some not, but quite reasonable.

David R. Smith, Eden Prairie, MN <https://www.dsmithfineart.com/> Sign up for his newsletter, A Watercolor Journey. He also is on YouTube, and in the FASO newsletter, AND the watercolor magazine.

Eric Wiegardt, Oyster Beach, WA <https://ericwiegardt.com/> He has lots of great classes, workshops and demos, some short some long, and a style that just vibrates. All via Zoom.

Cheap Joe's, Boone NC <https://www.cheapjoes.com/> They have supplies, workshops, , and all kinds of cool "stuff". Cheap too. Also, on you tube.

Dick Blick, stores primarily on the west coast. (they merged with Utrecht, from Brooklyn, a couple of years ago) <https://www.dickblick.com/>

I've been on a personal mission to explore as many online learning opportunities as possible and will have more new ones for you next newsletter.

KBWS (Kachemak Bay Watercolor Society) shared the following:

"Dear Members,

I am forwarding this message I received from Lynda about some free online classes offered by the Watercolor Magic magazine. Several of us have signed up. I have met a couple of these famous artists when I used to attend Springmaid Art workshops in SC. If you can't access the information below, click on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-gift-of-watercolor-magic-tickets-120520097857>

I'm hoping it will give me some inspiration for new paintings. In the meantime, we hope you are working on some small paintings for our Scholarship Card project and will turn them in to HAFCO before November 25.

Donna"



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OKI've consumed enough space this time around.

More info as I come across it.

Cheryl

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 **Tickler** by the Monday before the Friday and for the **Newsletter** before or by the 10th of the month!! Please type all announcements for the newsletter **in Arial**,

14pt, single line spaced! (if you can) – 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 receiving it, please, please call 456-3329.

Membership info:

On January 1st Dues will be due for 2021. 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, just mark it on the form.... You can also [download a form](#) right here! (If you can, Use green paper to print it on! haha!) Or you can let me know by email and I can mail you a green form.

[Click Here for Membership Form](#)

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

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