

## FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – JULY - 2017

### NO MEETING, PAINT-OUT GEORGESON BOTANICAL GARDENS, Wednesday, JULY 19, 2017. 7:00pm

This is our annual Paint Out in the Gardens. No official meeting. Just bring your painting equipment, and if the weather is good, set up and paint flowers. There should be Peonies, Delphiniums, and lots of others I can't think of right now.

We usually don't bring food, unless it is a snack for yourself.

I personally will not be able to attend this year, so I hope Nanette or Cheryl will be able to go. Let me know who all came, thanks. I'll be helping Tom with his Watercolor Class for the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Dear Artist Friends,

Summer is finally here, time for all summer activities including travel, fishing, kayaking, exploring and enjoying our wonderful State of Alaska.

We'll put our meetings on hold for Summer and I'd like to encourage you to take advantage of opportunities to paint En Plein Air. Take workshops and classes with well known instructors in the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival and get together and paint, paint, paint...

We all know - practice makes perfect!

Vladimir Zhikhartsev,  
President

### BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! I am on vacation to see my mother who is having her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

A giant thank you also to our fearless hostess with the mostest, MARJ MOBERLY! Marj is the first to arrive and the last to leave each meeting, setting up for the contribution of food and drinks, and making sure we have everything we could possibly need. We appreciate you, Marj!

July means one thing: the paint out up at the Georgeson Gardens on the hill past the U of A campus and Patty Bldg. Let's hope the weather is good.

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

### FROM ELLEN BROWN:

"Turning 85 was such a happy occasion thanks to the Watercolor Society for lunch at Bobby's ,cards, flowers, emails, Facebook messages. Love you all. Lovellen" (To see pictures, go to Facebook and the Fairbanks Watercolor Society page.)

### FROM MEMBER COLLEEN SMAGGE from Soldotna!

I do want to make an announcement. I will be displaying some of my original and reproduction artwork at the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics on July 19 through 22 from 10am to 10pm each day of the event. If anyone is interested in attending WEIO please stop on by, there is plenty to see. Here's their website: <http://www.weio.org/>

### DESIGN ALASKA WILD ARTS WALK ON FATHERS DAY!!

The "**Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk**" was June 18, 2017 from Noon - 4:00 PM. The weather was perfect, I even got a little sunburn on one arm. We saw lots of people, painted a few bookmarks and gave a lot away. I think next year we should have more made up and have a brochure to give away as well. A good winter project for the group. Thanks to Becky Anderson, Ellen Brown, Patricia Mata-Celis, Tom Nixon and even Vladimir who joined us after the Quick Draw. Plan to join us next year. It was just fun!! The day flew by. Lots of interest in Watercolor!!

## THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

### **Labor Day Weekend. Sep. 1, 2, 3, 4. (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon)**

I talked to Susie by phone today, 7/12/17. Everything is now full!! She has one Fox Den room open on Sat. only. Please make your own reservations by calling them or emailing, all their contact info is on their website at Maclaren River Lodge. Email for Susie is [maclarenlodge@wildblue.net](mailto:maclarenlodge@wildblue.net). If you think you might want to go, call to be put on a wait-list. Or something.

Nelda

## 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 – The workshop has been Filled and is closed to new

**WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop:** **Judy Gottschalk** and **Lolita Valcq** are the artists 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](mailto:tnixon@alaska.net) or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

## UPCOMING FWS FALL WORKSHOP with Molly Murrah, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> through Sept. 28, 2017

Cheryl Berrong and I have a workshop booked for **Sep. 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The workshop instructor will be **Molly Murrah**, and she will teach us **Portraiture**. It will be at St. Raphael's church. We are really excited to have this subject taught. Our **MAXIMUM** number of participants will be 20 – instructor's request. We have the registration forms ready. To save your spot, please make a check out for \$150 deposit, and fill out the lower portion of the Registration sheet, give it to me or mail it to the address listed. The Balance will be due on the first day of the workshop. We will notify you what the exact amount will be just before the workshop starts. If we fill the workshop the total cost will be under \$250. If we don't then the price goes up. So, don't hesitate to sign up.

**Side Note:** Molly is going to teach us her method for drawing accurately, so we can have a good portrait. So if you are worried about not drawing well enough for these, she will help us!

We will also have paper available for you to buy again. Arches Bright White CP 140lb.

You can see her work on her web site [www.mollymurrah.com](http://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.

I will attach the Workshop form and Supply list information.

## 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 were available at the May meeting, see Becky.

## BEAR GALLERY CALENDAR, 2017 2017 Exhibits

**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

## 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 of 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 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of our fiscal year. I will have my famous green sheets at the meetings. I did send out forms with previous 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. Thank you so much!!

Notes:

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**HAPPY PAINTING!**

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