

## FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – MAY - 2018

**MEETING: Blue Room. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Civic Center Bldg. @ Pioneer Park, Airport Rd., May 16 , 2018. 6:30pm for Refreshments/Social, Meeting starts at 7:00pm**

**REFRESHMENTS:** Here are the awesome refreshment volunteers for May: **Melanie Werdon, Trish Rumph, Elena Savostianova and Peggy Birkenbuel.** And many thanks to all the others who bring a bit of tasty.

If for some reason you aren't able to come Wednesday evening, please call Marj at 457-4661 and let her know.

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:**

Hello Artist Friends,

On third Wednesday, May 16 (our last meeting before summer) I will be doing a painting demo on Flowers.

Please come and bring a friend along with you to see what's involved in the process of painting flowers.

Also part of our May meeting will be dedicated to outdoor gear set up for Plein Air painting. – So bring your set ups for outdoor painting and check out some of the others. It is fun to see other's.

This is a great opportunity for beginner and intermediate level folks to learn watercolor painting techniques and use it right away on location.

Mark your calendars - two Saturdays May 19 and May 26, I'm offering narrated watercolor painting demonstrations for Plein Air painting enthusiasts.

First one “**Chena River** “ painting demo will start around 12(noon) May 19.

We can meet at the Carlson's Center parking lot.

Next demo will be about “**Tanana Lakes**”. (Which is where our June Picnic/Paint-Out is going to be on June 20<sup>th</sup>.)

We will gather there around 12(noon) on May 26. Bring a friend!

Places and times for June's demos TBD. Please check the event calendar on our website for more details. [www.fairbankswatercolor.com](http://www.fairbankswatercolor.com)

I encourage you and a friend to join us again this summer to paint on location with us in various Fairbanks Parks and recreation areas. You will learn how to improve your composition, values, edges etc.

We all know that the secret to be a successful painter is - practice, practice, practice.  
Let's do it together!

Thank you.

Vladimir Zhikhartsev, President

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Now here's Becky and Nelda:

### **BECKY'S CORNER**

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! Have a wonderful time painting flowers with Vladimir at the May 16 FWS Meeting! I am entrenched in my studio preparing for my June 1 art show at the Bear Gallery, so I will miss you at the May meeting! You are all invited to my Metal in Motion show. It's going to be magical.

Until then, that's the scoop, from my corner of the studio to yours.

Becky Anderson, VP

### **NELDA'S NOTE:**

We'll have our **BARB O'DELL MEMORIAL PAINT-OUT AT CREAMER'S** on May 28<sup>th</sup>. (My Birthday!!!) It is Memorial Day, and a holiday for most, so we could meet about 1pm down near the Farm House. The tent should be up, we'll start there. We'll have lots of practice in with the practice we'll be getting at Vladimir's demos.

The **CASH AND CARRY TABLE** is ongoing, so bring your new or gently used supplies, books, etc. you would like to sell, marked with a price and your name so people know who to pay. Also, bring your small bills for goodies you may want to bring home with you. I love this new feature!

And last, but not least—**CRITIQUES**—be sure to bring any work you would like critiqued with you to the meeting. Helpful critiques are a huge benefit, and it's fun to see others' works as well! This will be done at the end of the meeting by Vladimir.

**ANOTHER HOUSEKEEPING REQUEST:** Our friends/members the McQueen's who were in charge of our set-ups and take-downs have been unable to do this for us due to new work scheduling. So..... We'd like a reliable volunteer or two who will take charge of that. Every meeting is a little different. They would need to arrive at 6pm. Make sure tables and chairs are set up. Probably best to contact me before the 6pm mark and see what **type** of set up we will need for the meeting. May will be our last meeting until September. Would sure be good to have help in place by September, if not this coming week. We will talk more about this at the meeting. Or you can contact me before the meeting, 456-3329. Nelda

### **WORKSHOP UPDATES**

Our workshop this fall (Sep 23-27), with Sterling Edwards is full and we have three on the waiting list. Those interested in knowing more about Sterling and his art can go to <http://sterlingedwards.com/> Check out his website, gallery, and bio. Sign up for his newsletter!!! There is good stuff in there.

We are working on 2019 and 2020 workshops. Take a look at these two artist websites:

David Smith <https://dsmithfineart.com/>

and Eric Wiegardt <http://ericwiegardt.com/>

If you want a registration form to get on the waitlist for Sterling Edwards, contact Nelda, 456-3329 or 322-3328.

### **CLASSES BEING OFFERED:**

**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](mailto:tnnixon@alaska.net) or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

Tom and Vladimir will be teaching at the **MACHETANZ ART FESTIVAL** in

Palmer/Wasilla at the Mat-Su College on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have flyers at the meeting, if anyone is interested.

Tom also was invited to teach his 'Beginning Watercolor for People with No Time or Talent' 4 day workshop class at **Dillman's Resort Art Retreat** at Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin, August 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. Most likely, this will be cancelled as there have been no registrations. Dillman's has offered \$100.00 off each registration fee if four people sign up for his class together. Odds aren't great, but it sure would be fun. If you know anyone going in that direction this summer or who might be interested in a week's retreat, please pass along the word. You can find them online at [www.dillmans.com](http://www.dillmans.com)

### **UPCOMING SHOW OPPORTUNITIES**

**Design Alaska Art Walk at Creamers Field** will be held this year on **June 17**. (Father's Day) Our Watercolor Society always has a couple booths. You are invited to come and talk to visitors who come by, set up to paint, people like to see what we are doing. We will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting, for one or two hour increments. It will be from 12 to 4pm. Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Nelda and Patricia will be there for all of the day. Becky will be early on, a couple hours. We always enjoy lots of company. Bring your outdoor setups, but there will be tables and chairs. They even provide a lunch and waters. I asked for 6 meat sandwiches. If anyone wants a veggie sandwich, who will be helping, let me know and I can add that. Hopefully we'll have good weather. But, also is a good thing to bring bug spray and/or an umbrella, depending on the weather. Also, Friends of Creamers is looking for volunteers to help with some of the back work... If you've a mind give them a call. Find the number on their Web site, Friends of Creamers. Thanks for your help, it is so much appreciated!

This year we have been invited to show at the Pioneer Art Walk, at the Pioneer Home. The date of the show is Sep 7, 2018.....that's First Friday at the Pioneer Home. It's a wonderful opportunity to show off your work and if your painting(s) are bought, you get 100% of the sale. It's a little early yet for details of drop off and pick up times etc. And, we do need to be thinking about a **title for the show** still. Please....

### **BEAR GALLERY WATERCOLOR CORNER**

Do you have paintings you would like to be shown for sale in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop?

Each month we change the show to coincide with the gallery shows. Paintings must be properly framed with wire hanger. And please make the wire about an inch and a half below the top of the frame so the gallery hooks are not visible when the painting is hung. The artist provides a brief bio with a photo and a sample photo of his/her work. These get shown on the video screen in the entrance to the building. The bio is printed in the monthly e-newsletter put out by Fairbanks Arts Association.

This month, for May, Margaret Kellogg is scheduled. This is a great opportunity to show your work to all the visitors the Bear Gallery has.

Contact Helen Howard, [hmh@acsalaska.net](mailto:hmh@acsalaska.net) or phone her at 374-2914 (leave message on machine). Choose your month.

**LABOR DAY RETREAT/PAINT-OUT:** After our committee of one (Patricia Mata-Celis) made many calls, checking prices and availability, we have settled on the Bluesberry Inn in Cantwell. We will have more info in next Month's newsletter. We'll have to make our reservations in June or July. You can check out their web site and have a look.

Here is the web site. <http://www.bluesberryinn.com/index.php> It is pretty self-explanatory. **You will need to call** to make your own reservations. Be sure to say you are with the Fairbanks Watercolor Society. He is expecting a call. What is nice is: you can pay with a check or cash when you check out. No credit cards. If you don't want maid service, there is a discount. Lots of little perks. If we fill all the cabins (4), one of the restrooms in the lodge will be just for us! He is really looking forward to us coming to stay there for our retreat!

Tom and I will be stopping by there the first part of June, so will have even more info at our June picnic and in subsequent newsletters.

This is a carryover from last month: The following is submitted for publication in the next FWS newsletter:

### **LET'S PAINT THE SOUND!!**

Murray and Phyllis Tate are proud to offer a special 5-day private artists' cruise in Prince William Sound aboard the 52-foot Nuliaq with renowned art instructor Vladimir Zhikhartsev. Space is limited to 5 individuals and you should expect to share a room. You will paint both on and off the boat, as weather permits. Daily classes will include demos as well as individual attention. The length of classes and painting time

will vary due to travel time between locations and desires of group. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

**DATES: June 24 – 30, 2018**

**ITINERARY:** Arrive in Valdez on Sunday afternoon, June 24. We will depart at 5 pm (earlier if everyone is there), have dinner and spend the night in a scenic bay on the Sound. For the next 5 days we will cruise to various bays and inlets to explore and paint the beauty of the Sound. Weather and travel time will determine our painting time and locations. Our schedule will be flexible and subject to change depending upon the majority's wishes. Expect to return to Valdez early Saturday morning, June 30, 2018.

**ROOM & BOARD** – Two staterooms (1 w/bunks and 1 w/Queen bed) with full baths are available. In addition, the pilot house and salon tables can be made into beds. Artists should expect to share a stateroom and/or bed. You might want to team up with an artist friend who would like to make the trip with you. We provide all linens, blankets, pillows, etc. and all meals which we try to keep light, nutritious and healthy (lots of seafood). We do have deserts, but don't provide junk food or hard liquor so plan to bring your own if you want either!

Storage space is *extremely* limited so please make every effort to reduce your painting supplies, clothing, and gear to a minimum -- *only* bring what you can carry in one trip or don't mind storing outside. Also, please use soft sided luggage!

**COST:** Price is \$1750 per person. A deposit of \$500 due May 20th will reserve your space. Balance of \$1250 due June 20th. Checks should be made out and mailed to Phyllis Tate, PO Box 71027, Fairbanks, AK 99707. Refund available if you cancel AND we fill your spot.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. Email: [minchumina@yahoo.com](mailto:minchumina@yahoo.com) or text (907) 699-1025. We will be traveling out of state April 11-May 17 so answers may be slow! We can provide pictures from last year's trip when we return, if you like. Just let us know.

**Here is a REMINDER ABOUT “Blurbs (or) Advertising for your First Friday**

**Shows/Exhibit!!”** It is extremely important for you to send me at [tnnixon@alaska.net](mailto:tnnixon@alaska.net) your blurb for your own First Friday Exhibit. Or call me at 456-3329, if you don't have email. It should go along with your planning to hang your show. Put it 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

The New Year means dues were due! \$20 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, I will have the green sheets with me at the meeting. There is also a form on our website [www.fairbankswatercolor.com](http://www.fairbankswatercolor.com) (click on Get Membership Form) under Membership.

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In Pioneer Park, on Airport Rd.

### **HAPPY PAINTING!**

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