

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – AUGUST - 2017

NO MEETING, PAINT-OUT CREAMER'S FIELD, Wednesday, AUGUST 16, 2017 6:30pm

This is our annual Paint-Out at Creamers. No official meeting. We'll meet at the tent near the Farmhouse. Just bring your painting equipment, and if the weather is good, we'll get to paint. There should be Sandhill Cranes, and lots of fresh air! Be sure to check out Vladimir's note – Focal Point below.... Fun too!!

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Dear Artist Friends,

For existing and potential members. For all who want to explore water-media and to advance the appreciation of watercolor painting and to enrich our organization with new ideas and skills; I want to invite new talented/interested people to join Fairbanks Watercolor Society and, as a starting point, I'd like to offer a series of three hours En Plein Air evening classes on the following topics:

- Still life in the field (Creamer's Field) 6pm-9pm Tue, August 15
- Landscape (Tanana Lakes Recreation Area) 6pm-9pm, Thu, August 17
- Flowers (Georgeson Botanical Garden) 6pm-9pm, Tue, August 22
- Birds (Creamer's Field Pavilion) 6pm-9pm Wed, August 23
- Musk Ox (Large Animal Research Station) 6pm-9pm Thu, August 24

All water-media artists are welcome – beginners or experienced.

All classes are free of charge and all materials are provided for new members! So, Members come and bring or tell a friend.

Please contact the number below so we can have sufficient materials available, and so we know who to expect.

Thank you,

Vladimir Zhikhartsev,

President

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BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! What a busy season summer is! Many of us took classes at the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, and/or other workshops this summer, and it will be exciting to see these new skills, tips and tricks in art projects. Bring all your goodies you've created this summer and would like to share to the annual SHOW AND TELL program at the SEPTEMBER 20th meeting! It's such a fun time to share and admire each other's works!

But, in the meantime, Check out Vladimir's offer for some painting outdoors, before and after our regular paint-out on our Aug. 16th meeting night. One or two or all classes are bound to work for you. Should be enlightening!! Pack up your paints and join us at Creamers Field for **our annual PAINTOUT** event, Wednesday, AUGUST 16, 6:30! It's always a fun time to paint together and enjoy the beautiful setting. See you there!

The annual Labor Day Weekend Paintout is coming up! Nelda will give you the scoop. Thank you, Nelda!

VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES:

The Patterns of Influence art show and Interior Artisans art show have been combined and is now known as the SPRING JURIED EXHIBITION. The voted theme of this April, 2018 show is WHIMSY. How fun will THAT be? So put on your whimsical hats and see what you can create! This show is open to all mediums. Intakes will be the last weekend of March, with the opening on Friday, April 6 at the Bear Gallery.

An addition to the Bear Gallery Art Shows is an annual 'COMMUNITY CURATED EXHIBIT.' In May, 2018, Igor Pasternak will be curating an art and anthropology show of flies and fly tying. Stay tuned to the Fairbanks Arts Association newsletter for more info.

There will be a new PORTFOLIO REVIEW PROCESS beginning this year, for 2019 solo shows at the Bear Gallery. Rather than a public panel, the review process will go through CaFE (CallForEntry.org) and, while still using a panel of seven judges, it will now be a blind review process. Applicants can opt to receive panelist feedback. The deadline for entries continues to be the end of October.

Speaking of solo shows at the Bear Gallery, our very own FWS VP, BECKY ANDERSON, (yeah, ok, that's me) will be having a solo art show in June of 2018. Woot! Woot! The Shameless Self Promotion guru strikes again! If you are waffling on whether to throw your hat into the Portfolio Review ring, let me know and I will be happy to talk you into it.

Instructor Elizabeth Eero Irving will be presenting a WORKSHOP: CREATING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST PORTFOLIO August 19, 2:00-4:00 in the Bear Gallery. Elizabeth's workshops are always chock full of good information. Don't miss it!

The 33rd annual juried art show, 64th PARALLEL, will be in October. I encourage all to consider entering up to four pieces in the show. It's one of Fairbanks' favorite art shows of the year, and with the juror choosing only 64 pieces, it's also one of the best, in my opinion. The show is open to all mediums. The juror will be Oregon Artist Emily Nachison. That's the scoop from the VAC meeting!

IN OTHER NEWS....

SUSAN ENGLEBRECHT is August's featured Watercolor Corner artist in the Bear Gallery. Stop by! Susan's work is wonderful, and we look forward also to her presenting our program at the October FWS meeting. Thanks, Susan!

if you're not a FAIRBANKS ARTS ASSOCIATION member, consider being one. There are many perks, including a free third entry to juried art shows, receiving the news-filled newsletter, and supporting the organization which is an umbrella to many, many art organizations here, including ours.

The Fairbanks Arts Association is looking for VOLUNTEERS..... volunteer opportunities include being a docent, intake personnel, volunteering lighting and hanging art shows and more! Contact Alyssa Enriquez, visual and literary arts coordinator if interested.

A huge THANK YOU SHOUT OUT goes to FWS NELDA NIXON! Nelda wears many, many hats including writing and sending the First Friday Tickler and the FWS newsletter---no small feat. In addition, Nelda is instrumental in organizing the annual FWS Labor Day weekend paintout, the annual FWS art show, and organizing the FWS Watercolor workshops. Thank you, Nelda, for all of this and more!

Congratulations to Fairbanks cartoonist and FWS program presenter JAMIE SMITH AND DIANE HUNT ! Jamie and Diane tied the knot on Sunday, July 30. May many years of happiness and a house full of laughter be in your future.

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

THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

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

Everything is now full!! She had one Fox Den room open on Sat. only. Please contact them directly by calling or emailing, all their contact info is on their website at Maclaren River Lodge. Email for Susie is maclarenlodge@wildblue.net. If you think you might want to go, call to be put on a wait-list. Or something.
Nelda

WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop: Susan Englebrect and Gael Murakami are the artists for the Watercolor Corner in the gift shop of the Bear Gallery for August. 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 is in the process of setting up Fall classes. 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 FALL WORKSHOP with Molly Murrah, Sept. 25th through Sept. 28, 2017

Cheryl Berrong and I have a workshop booked for **Sept. 25th – 28th, 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. 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 this workshop, she will help us!

We will also have paper available for you to buy again. Arches Bright White CP 140lb. It will be \$6. or \$7.00 a sheet depending on the shipping charges.

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.

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

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 1st is the beginning of our fiscal year. I will have my famous green sheets at the meetings and paint outs. 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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**Paint Out – Creamers Field
August 16 , 2017, 7:00pm**

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HAPPY PAINTING!

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