

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – February 21, - 2018

MEETING, In the Blue Room. 3rd Floor Civic Center Bldg. @ Pioneer Park, Airport Rd., February 21st, 2018. 6:30pm for Refreshments/Social, Meeting starts at 7:00pm

REFRESHMENTS: Here is the list for this month's meeting. **Trish Rumph, Margaret Kellogg and Tom & Nelda Nixon.** If you are on the list and for some reason you aren't able to come Wednesday evening, please call Marj at 457-4661 and let her know so she can call another member. And....Thank You very much, we really appreciate you!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Hello Artist friends!

We have wonderful mellow temperature in February this year with a lot of outdoor and indoor activities. Snow covered trees along the Chena River looks stunning and ready to be painted. Gorgeous!

We have several things for members...

As suggested by Cheryl Berrong, to keep track of upcoming events we will add a calendar to our website www.fairbankswatercolor.com

Members can simply see what is going on and plan in advance their participation in FWS events.

- Mark your calendars folks - February 21 our guest Artists will be visiting Russian Ice carvers, who are willing to share their drawing and painting skills with us.
- **Konstantin Kuziarin** from Krasnoyarsk will be presenting a demo on life portrait drawing in charcoal pencil and dry brush and **Vadim Polin** from Khabarovsk will be showing his paintings.
- Our Annual FWS Members' Show in Well Street Art Gallery coming up soon, so, please bring your paintings for friendly critiques(if you want).
- Sterling Edwards Workshop is sold out - He is a terrific teacher of watercolor and will meet your expectations.

- Patricia Mata-Celis is working hard to find reasonable cabins or lodges for our Annual Plein Air Paint-out in late summer. Thank you Patricia!
- Ellen Brown's Airport Kids Dinosaurs playground project has some wonderful progress. Thanks to Melanie Werdon, who came up with very detailed draft of the Dinosaurs playground and Barbara Schuhmann, who came up with colorful sketch/proposal, which I will be happy to announce at the meeting. So, if you have any ideas for that project to share, please bring your drawings, sketches (color or b/w) to the meeting. Thank you!

New members are always welcome and they will greatly benefit from our monthly meetings, paint-outs and innovative teaching methods...

I want to welcome four **new members**: Sara Simpson, Kathleen Prescott, Cristina D'agostino, Rosemary Pooler

FWS Membership Benefits:

- Receiving a Monthly newsletter full of helpful information about educational programs and art classes
- Meet the Artist - free painting demonstration with local, nationally and internationally-known painters
- Enter the Annual FWS Membership Exhibition at Well Street Art Co., March 2018.
- Enter FWS Members Show at Pioneer Home, September 2018
- Enter FWS Members Show at Bear Gallery 2019
- Plein Air paint-outs at various locations during summertime
- Participating in FWS Annual picnic with membership group picture
- Workshops with nationally-known instructors
- Website and social media advertisement and promotion
- 20% discount (on framing supplies only) at Ben Franklin Art Supply store in North Pole
- Every third Wednesday (except summer months) monthly meetings with hands-on experiences, useful information and painting-in-progress friendly critiques, usually in Blue Room at Pioneer Park

Looking forward to see you at the meeting,

Vladimir Zhikhartsev, President

BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! What a fine showing we had last month for the framing demo! A big thank you to Vladimir! We are all getting our work for the March show in fine order. It's always so exciting to show at Well Street Art Company, so be sure to bring your work in during intakes, and participate in the Annual Fairbanks Watercolor Society Art Show. A big thank you to those who sent in images for consideration for the postcard advertisement, too.

Kismet! Two Russian artists are visiting Fairbanks and Vladimir is sharing them with us! Thank you, Vladimir! Konstantin Kuziarin will be presenting a demo on portraits in charcoal for our February 21 program, with the second guest sharing several of his works with us. How exciting! Don't miss this opportunity, Friends!

Later in the evening (and every month) we will be providing friendly critiques to anyone who would like to bring paintings in. What a wonderful opportunity to get constructive feedback on your works in progress!

Shorties:

- We are so happy that Ellen Brown is well and back in the fold. We love you, Ellen!
- Fairbanks Sketchers will be meeting on Saturday, March 24, 2:00 at UAF's greenhouse at IAB. See their fb invitation on their page or the FWS fb page for more details. Open to all.
- Fairbanks Arts Association is offering a wonderful intensive workshop on professional development for artists by Creative Capital May 12, with registration deadline April 1. See fairbanksarts.org for registration info, and the FWS fb page for more e-vite information.
- The Morris Thompson Cultural Center has openings for artists for First Friday. Call 459-3701 or FirstFriday@morristhompsoncenter.org for more info, or check out specifics on FWS fb page.
- Other announcements and art opportunities are posted on the FWS fb page as they come up. Do you see a trend here? Fairbanks Watercolor Society FB page. Check it out.

* The Fairbanks Community Museum upstairs in the Co-Op Plaza Building has a nice gallery, and Bob Eley has a few months open; May, August, October and November. Contact Bob at beley54@gmail.com, call the Museum at 457-3669 or Bob's cell [907-325-3061](tel:907-325-3061).

From my corner of the studio to yours—that's the scoop!

Becky Anderson, VP

POSTCARD FOR THE 19TH ANNUAL WATERCOLOR SHOW

Congratulations to Anne Aleshire!!! Anne's painting was chosen for the 19th Annual Watercolor Show post card. We will have the flyer/poster ready for the meeting and we'll all get to see the painting. Thanks to David Mollett of Well St. Gallery for making the selection. A special thanks to all who submitted painting pictures. They were all so good and we're really looking forward to seeing them in the Show.

Cheryl & Nelda

SHOW REMINDER

Intake for our 19th Annual Watercolor Show is on Sat 2/24/18 from 12:00p to 5:00p at Well St. Gallery. And Friday Mar 2, 2018 from 5:00p-8:00p is the first Friday reception. A reminder that this is our 20th year as the Fairbanks Watercolor Society, and we will be celebrating with cake and sparkling water.

And let's not forget People's Choice award too.

Cheryl & Nelda

Nelda's Note: We need a **Photographer** to photograph all the paintings in our March show at Well Street Art Company after they are on the wall. I think the camera used will need a filter of some sort because the paintings will be hanging on the wall and all the paintings will be under glass. We must have these pictures, so we have a paintings pool to enter for future group shows.

NEW EMAIL SET UP. You might have noticed - This is a new email system. It is called Mail Chimp. It will improve as I learn it more. I can add photos, when we have them. I can do columns and colors and boxes, but this one is going to be my plain old way. We have a new logo which Vladimir has designed. I will have it on our next email. If you don't want to receive our emails (Newsletters and Ticklers) you can unsubscribe at the bottom - though I can't imagine why you would.

Chuckle please. Nelda, newsletter editor.

19th Annual Watermedia Show - March 2nd – 31, 2018 – Well Street Art Company, [1304 Well St., Fairbanks, AK](#)

This is our annual opportunity to show off our very best. We will have People's Choice. Note that 2018 is our 19th year. 2019 will be our 20th show and that will be time for a celebration!!!

Show guidelines are attached and the entry title/name tags to attach to the submitted paintings. Print both and prefill out the tags except for the # and bring to **intake Saturday, February 24th, 2018. 12 Noon to 5pm** at Well Street Art Co. [1304 Well St., Fairbanks, AK 99701](#)

First Friday opening Mar 2nd from 5:00p-8:00p

Intake is Sat. Feb 24, 2018 12:00p to 5:00p

See the attached guidelines. Any questions, call Nelda 456-3329 or Cheryl 389-2114 or 750-3332

WORKSHOP UPDATE:

2018 WORKSHOP with STERLING EDWARDS IS SOLD OUT!! Waitlist

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

ELLEN BROWN sent a note with Tom's Birthday card, asking to put her note in the next newsletter saying: "Please thank everyone for cards for my 85th birthday and the Get Well cards. They were deeply appreciated and she thanks you very, very much."

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV February-March Classes Schedule:

Intermediate Watercolor Class - Fridays: February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- 10am – 4pm

Beginner Watercolor Class - Saturdays: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- 10am – 4pm

Kids (9 – 13yo) Watercolor Class – Sundays: February 17, March 4, 11, 18, 25

– 2pm - 4pm

To sign up for classes email vladimir@acsalaska.net,

Call/text: c.699-5588 or leave a message at h.455-4423

or sign up online: www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com

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 or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

HOUSEKEEPING

Our new Housekeeping committee chairperson is Deb McQueen, she will be the director for the set up and take down. Thanks to all who have helped set up and take down chairs and tables in the past. You are a great help to Deb. Many hands made light work. Keep up the great work! We always strive to leave the room a little better than we found it. 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. 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. It goes to everyone on our emailing list, about 140.

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 before First Friday of your show, when you send in the Latitudes notice to the News-Miner. I send the tickler out on Wednesdayafternoon or evening... Thanks, nn

It is time for 2018 dues.... The New Year means dues are due! \$20 on January 1st, I will have the green sheets with me at the meeting... and I have the form attached. There is also a form on our website. www.fairbankswatercolor.com

Meeting: 3rd Wed..Feb. 21, 2018
3rd Floor Blue Rm, Civic Center
In Pioneer Park, on Airport Rd.

HAPPY PAINTING!

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