

Nelda - remember to attach the membership form!! Okay.

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY - 2017

MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, FEBRUARY 15, 2017. 6:30pm

In the Blue Room on the Third floor of the Exhibit Hall in the Centennial Center for the Arts Building (Civic Center / Pickle Barrel) in Pioneer Park on Airport Road. Social time and food at 6:30 and the Meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

REFRESHMENTS:

Here are the great volunteers for February refreshments: **Helen Howard, Ritchie Musick, Ellen Brown**
These were the January folks, they are carrying over to Feb. If you have some little edibles to share, bring them along. We always appreciate it! If, for any reason, you are unable to bring your refreshments, please contact Marj at 457-4661.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOCAL POINT:

Dear Artist Friends,

We have a wonderful year ahead of us!

During this year we will have many opportunities to learn watercolor media in depth through live Artists demonstrations, power point presentations, slow motion videos, etc. By using cutting edge technology helpful to understand the process of creating Watercolor painting faster and using it to advance our painting skills. February 15th I'll do a landscape painting demonstration, following some questions/answers and unveiling educational plans for the group.

Also please plan ahead and mark your calendars for our next meeting March 15th.

In my March presentation I plan to reveal 6 stages of Watercolor Cycle in slow motion short videos, so you can fully understand how it all works together, following hands-on experiences and painting challenges.

Since we're exploring new areas, bring your interested friend, who might greatly benefit from that experience.

See you at the meeting!

Vladimir Zhikhartsev, President

BECKY'S CORNER

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! I missed you all last month, but 40 below temps put the kabosh on our meeting. It was nice and warm by the wood stove! And now, with better weather in the forecast, we are looking forward to our February 15 meeting where Vladimir Zhikhartsev will be doing a wonderful watercolor demo to kick off the year. In addition, Vladimir will be sharing his vision and ideas for the group this year. It's going to be exciting! Invite your friends and we will see you there!

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

Becky Anderson, VP

WATERCOLOR CORNER in the Bear Gallery Gift Shop: Phyllis Tate is the February artist for the Watercolor Corner in the gift shop. 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.

BARB O'DELL Ellen Brown recently visited her at the Pioneer Home. Although she was sleeping during the visit Ellen was glad she stopped by.

PEGGY MANTEI has had some heart issues and has one more in the offing. That is reason we haven't seen much of her. She did call me to let me know. Get well soon, Peggy.

FAIRBANKS SKETCHERS: The Fairbanks Sketchers will meet at Holm Town Nursery from 11:00-1:00 on Saturday, February 11. See their FB page for more details.

FACEBOOK PAGES TO KNOW:

FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY If you haven't yet, give the page a "like" and keep up with events and announcements between meetings. Post your First Friday events here for added exposure.

FAIRBANKS ARTS This is the Fairbanks Arts Association Page.

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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!

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. I send the tickler out on Wednesday afternoon or evening... Thanks.

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 I'm going to **attach one to print out** on all the next newsletters. That way if you can't make it to a meeting you will have the form to send in with your money. (And **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. I try to make it easy for you.

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

VLADIMIR'S WINTER WATERCOLOR CLASSES:

- Intermediate Adults - Fridays, February 10, 17, 24. 10am-4pm
- Beginner Adults - Saturdays, February 11, 18, 25. 10am-4pm
- Kids (8-13 yo.) - Sundays, February 12, 19, 26. 2-4pm To sign up call/text 699-5588 or 455-4432 email: vladimir@acsalaska.net ** www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com

UPCOMING FWS WORKSHOP

Cheryl Berrong and I are pleased to announce we have a workshop booked for the Fall of this year. The workshop instructor will be Molly Murrah, and she will teach us Portraiture. We are still in the talking stages, but the workshop date is confirmed and will take place September 25th - 28th, four days. We have St. Raphael's church reserved and her car and lodging. We are really excited to have this subject taught. Our minimum number of participants will be 20 - instructors request. We will have the registration forms ready by our next meeting in March. We expect the cost to be under \$325 for the four days. 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.

BEAR GALLERY CALENDAR, 2017 2017 Exhibits

February: Fairbanks Arts Members Exhibit

March: Up with Art – FNSBSD Student Exhibit

April: [Spring Juried Exhibit](#)

May: Fairbanks Arts 50th Anniversary // Pioneer Park 50th Anniversary

June: Adam Owen // K.N. Goodrich

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

In other news....

ARTIST IN RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES:

There are many opportunities, please check the Fairbanks Arts Assoc. website as well as the Alaska State Council on the Arts website.

Artist in Residence Program: Voices of the Wilderness

Sponsored by US Forest Service, National Park Service & US Fish & Wildlife Service

Application Deadline: [March 1st, 2017](#)

Residencies open to: Art professionals in all media - visual (two and three dimensional: photographers, sculptors, painters, etc.), audio (musicians, singers, composers), film (video/filmmakers), performance artists, and writers (poets, fiction, essays, storytellers).

Residency period: Typically June through September; dates & length of residencies vary.

Coordinator contact: Barbara Lydon at [\(907\) 754-2318](tel:9077542318), e-mail: blydon@fs.fed.us

2017 Wrangell Mountains Residency Program information:

https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=4071

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Meeting: Feb. 15, 2017, 3rd Wed.
Blue Room, Pioneer Park, 6:30/7pm

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