

**FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER – October 18 - 2017**

**MEETING, In the Blue Room. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Civic Center Bldg. @ Pioneer Park, Airport Rd., October 18, 2017 6:30pm for Refreshments, meeting at 7:00pm**

**REFRESHMENTS:** So, this month on the Refreshment list we have: **Cheryl Berrong, Tom and Nelda Nixon, and Nanette Woodman**. Looks like we are pretty well set. Additional goodies are always welcome, if you have something left over, bring it along!

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.

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

Dear Artist friends,

Lots of good things ahead of us In the Fairbanks Watercolor Society!

To work efficiently and productively toward our goals, we need new committees:

Facebook, Instagram, Blogger, Historian, Juried group shows and Special projects.

We will discuss it at the meeting. But, please feel free to raise your hand if these are some committees you would like to help on. We need lots of helpers... many hands make easy work. Thank you in advance!!

Fairbanks Art Association's Portfolio Review annual show always has been Instrumental to our art community.

I think it would be great if we apply for a **FWS group show** in the Bear Gallery for the year 2019, to showcase our best achievements. Seems like a lot of time to prepare, but deadline for submitting proposals is fast approaching – October 31, 2017.

So please submit 2-3 of your best works digital images to [vladimir@acsalaska.net](mailto:vladimir@acsalaska.net) before **October 24, 2017**

Remember, these works are just for the portfolio review. You will then have a year and a half to do more work for the show, if we get in.

If you cannot provide professionally done images, please bring 2-3 of your **UNFRAMED ORIGINALS** to the Oct 18 meeting and I'll be happy to help you with photography according to CaFE specifications.

We are going to have a great meeting with Susan Englebrect hands-on painting demonstration.

Please bring your painting gear and a friend if you want.

See you at the meeting!

Vladimir Zhikhartsev,  
President, c. 699-5588

**BECKY'S CORNER**

Greetings and salutations, oh mighty artists! Have I got great news for you!

SUSAN ENGLEBRECHT will be presenting an exciting program at our October meeting: **NEGATIVE SPACE PAINTING!**

Say whaaaat? Yes, indeed! Negative Space Painting! I am so looking forward to this! So be sure to **BRING YOUR PAINTING GEAR** so you can put the tips and tricks into practice on Wednesday. Thank you so much, Susan! It's going to be a great night!

Our September meeting and program was a lot of fun, too! We kicked off our regular meetings, after taking a summer break, with our annual program, **SHOW AND TELL**. Everyone brought in artwork they worked on over the summer and we all got to ooooooh and aaaahhh and ask questions. So much fun! Thanks for sharing, all!

Congratulations to all who have work in the 64th **PARALLEL** annual juried art show at the Bear Gallery. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to stop by. The juror had to whittle down 211 wonderful entries into a cohesive show

of 64. Wouldn't that be tough to do?! The next juried art show will be in February. The Spring Exhibition is an all medium show and replaces two shows: Interior Artisans and Patterns of Influence. The community voted on a theme and the winner is "Whimsy." I'm so excited for this show. It's going to be fun!

And speaking of the Bear Gallery....

BIG NEWS! VLADIMIR ZHIKHARTSEV 'S solo art show at the BEAR GALLERY is opening on the First Friday of November on the 3rd. How exciting! Congratulations on a wonderful show ahead of time, Vladimir, I know it is going to be grrreat!

#### **CALL FOR ART:**

**The NORTH STAR BALLET** is requesting submissions for their Snow White production. The chosen piece will be used on the poster, program and other uses. More than one entry is accepted, and the winner receives \$500. For more information, see the post on the Fairbanks Watercolor Society Facebook page. Deadline is October 31.

**The 2018 NENANA ICE CLASSIC POSTER CONTEST** opened October 1. The deadline for submissions is November 8. See the post on the Fairbanks Watercolor Society Facebook page for more information. You can always find the most up to date information on opportunities, activities, calls for art and more on the FAIRBANKS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY FACEBOOK PAGE.

**PORTFOLIO REVIEW** is coming up! Portfolio Review is the process by which artists are chosen for solo shows at the Bear Gallery. The Portfolio Review is incorporating a new process this year. You can find more details in last month's newsletter or through the Fairbanks Arts Association. It's a fun and interesting process, and I encourage you to throw your hat in the ring if you are interested in a solo show. The deadline for portfolio submissions is October 31.

Whew! I think that's it! I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday!

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

Becky Anderson, VP

**NEWS FROM MATT:** We have a letter from beloved member and former Pres. Matt Moberly who moved to Marysville, Ohio with his wife Mary Lou. He has kept some up to date on his doings on Facebook. He recently took a job at Lowes working in the gardening department. He is outdoors and loves it, getting lots of steps. I did read it at our September meeting, but this is for all who weren't there.

Hi Nelda.

Just wanted to update all the FWS members as to what we been doing.

Maybe you can read it at the meeting tomorrow?

Had a great 10 day driving trip after leaving Alaska, with our 2 cats.

We were able to spend close to a full day in Yellowstone Park.

Lots of bison, some white tailed deer, and elk.

At the end of May, we went up to Marblehead for 3 days. Love the lighthouses.

Took pictures of egrets and blue herons, also saw an eagle.

We stayed in a great little bed and breakfast. Drove along the coast of Lake Erie, wow THAT is a big lake !!

Getting settled in here in Marysville nicely, population is about 20,000, small town, love it !!

Lots of old brick buildings, and storefronts. This area is a photographers dream !! SOOOOO much new subject matter. Lots of inspiration for painting also.

We just spent the last 4 days up in the Adirondacks, upstate NY.

We stayed at Timberlock Lodge, very rustic. Had a cabin, there was NO electricity or wi-fi.

Fantastic food 3 times a day !!

Took a 2 day painting workshop with Sarah Yeoman while we were there.

She just got her signature status in the AWS. American Watercolor Society.

Learned some new things, did lots of painting.  
Her and Mick McAndrews are painting buddies.  
Was a very nice break from all things electronic.  
Marylou had a great time relaxing and reading, and visiting with everyone.  
I also had the opportunity to photograph the Milky Way while we were there !! Wow that was fun.  
Sarah invited Marylou and I over to her summer house on Indian Lake.  
We sat on her deck with a view of the lake and visited for a few hours.  
I can easily compare it to the wonderful feeling that we all had at Rick and Bonnies place in Delta.  
We will go back!!  
Just wanted to tell everyone hi, I miss you all very much, and think of you guys often.  
Take care, and we send our love to you all.  
Matt

### FWS FALL WORKSHOP with Molly Murrah

We had a wonderful workshop. The four days went fast, and the group pictures of our work were pretty amazing. I know there are a few on our web site. Elena was out to the church and taking pictures of us. Molly sent a couple pictures she took. I will try to include one in this newsletter This dog belonged to her friend and she asked for pictures... I was pretty impressed with us all.... What do you think?

(Dog Picture attached) It was fun to learn how to transfer the drawing. We all practiced on this one and also some others.

**AND.** One of our members Peggy Mantei, who took this Workshop accidentally lost her lower plate. It was wrapped in a napkin because she had blisters and couldn't wear it. She dropped it in her little garbage bag by mistake. Then the bags and tablecloths were collected at clean-up, delivered to the transfer site. By the time she discovered what happened it was too late. The bins had been emptied.

But, I got a call from Peggy few days ago, and she was so happy! Someone, anonymously, left \$400.00 in her mailbox as a little help toward new teeth. Long ways to go, as they were new and \$5,000. But, she wanted me to thank whomever left the money and tell you it will go in savings toward the teeth.

And we got another note from Molly about the soft brush she uses for the wash. I am including it here: Ladies, we talked about a good 2" wash brush and I found one yesterday at Daniel Smith's Vendor Day that I think you all might like. It's a **da Vinci Series 5080 CosmoTop Spin Size 50 (2") brush**. This brush is completely synthetic, but it's VERY soft and it has ridges in the fibers so it soaks up and holds a LOT of water. This series is da Vinci's best selling series of brushes.

Amazon has it for \$61, but this includes a smaller brush that you also might like. Check out this link: <http://amzn.to/2fDCO9c>

If you look it up online you will probably find other places where you can get just the one brush on sale somewhere. Anyway, wanted to let you all know...

**Molly Murrah**

Thanks Molly!!

I also have the Vellum paper address, if anyone needs it. (Nelda)

### CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

**Vladimir Zhikhartsev October Classes Schedule:**

**Intermediate Watercolor Class** - Fridays: 13, 20, 27 - 10am – 4pm

**Beginner Watercolor Class** - Saturdays: 14, 21, 28 - 10am – 4pm

**Kids(9 – 13yo) Watercolor Class** – Sundays: 15, 22, 29 – 2pm -4pm

To sign up call: h.455-4423 or c.699-5588, email: [vladimir@acsalaska.net](mailto:vladimir@acsalaska.net)

To see ALL class schedules and to Book online go to:[www.vladimirzhikhartsev.com](http://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](mailto:tnnixon@alaska.net) or friend him on Facebook at Tom Nixon, Fairbanks, Alaska. He loves Facebook!

**BEAR GALLERY CALENDAR, 2017 2017 Exhibits**

**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

Notes:

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Meeting –October 18, 2017  
6:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Blue Room  
Pioneer Park, on Airport Rd.

**HAPPY PAINTING!**

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