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DATES TO REMEMBER

May '09

- 1 Western Fed Opening 5 - 8pm - San Diego
- 1 - 31 Western Fed - May 1 to 31 - San Diego
- 4 - 8 Tony Couch Workshop - 9 am to 4 pm M-F
- 4 Meeting - Hispanic Arts Bld - Expo
Board Meeting at 5:30
* **6:30 Early Program** - Tony Couch
- 8 NMWS Spring Show Opening - 6 to 8 pm
Hispanic Arts - Expo - Awards 7 pm
- 15* June Brushstrokes Deadline, 5pm
- 31 Spring Show - Pickup 4 - 5pm

June '09

- 15 Meeting - Albuquerque Art Museum
Board 5:30, Social 6:30, Program 7:00

May Program

Tony Couch Presents the May Demo

You won't want to miss the demo by **Tony Couch** at our May 4 meeting. He is a nationally recognized watercolorist, featured in many books and magazine articles.

Don't forget... this meeting is at the fairgrounds in the **Hispanic Arts Building**. And don't forget either that this **demo starts early... at 6:30 PM**. As is usual for our demos held in conjunction with exhibits, there is a **\$5 per person** charge for this demo.

Fall Juror & Workshop

Fall 2009 - Joyce Faulknor

Registration forms will be available in the June Brushstrokes
Workshop cost will be \$235 (\$100 deposit)
you can view her work at
<http://www.joycefaulknor.com>

Exhibitions Help Needed

We always need help for exhibitions because it takes a lot of hands to make the show go well.

But - this is a request for a special talent, we need someone to contact vendors to request awards for our exhibitions. Please contact Marcela if you can help in this regard.

Thank You

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President's Message

All good things must come to an end. This is my last column as President of NMWS and I would like to come full circle and comment on the Society in much the same way I did in my first column.



As many of you know, I was reluctant to assume the position of President but retrospectively, my worries were unfounded. It's been a great year and I enjoyed being President enormously. How could I not? To be sure, there were bumps in the road, but I think we all looked forward, moved along at a reasonable speed and were able to enjoy a few stops along the way.

Of course, what made the year so pleasurable were the interactions with so many of you, either as participants in a general meeting, a special event or volunteer. It was fun to stand center stage and see you at meetings or see your work at exhibits. I'm a little crazy about watercolor, you see, and it's terrific to be with a group of people with a similar passion.

We accomplished so many things this year because of the talents of all of you. Almost everything changed in some way. Changes varied from keeping social supplies at the Museum, establishing a protocol to manage the permanent collection, reporting of finances and exhibition practices, to name just a few. What was amazing is how this all quietly took place with many people contributing without recognition.

One of my unrealized goals was to initiate some long term strategic planning. I have an excuse, of course. There is so much going on in the organization that meetings were taken up with day to day business. I had hoped to spend some time looking forward, thinking of where and how we might grow and further advance our mission. We are fortunate to have financial solvency that might foster such growth. But we didn't get to this place on our journey. Maybe next time.

For now, thank you for your support throughout this year. I couldn't have done it without you!

Enjoy! *Mary Oelschlaeger*

*Submit news for the next Brushstrokes
by the end of the day on the 15th of the month to
brushstrokes@nmwatercolorociety.org
or **snail-mail** it to: Brushstrokes, c/o **Woody Duncan**
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NMWS Library

Thanks to all of you who have returned books, videos, and DVD's! If you would like for Jackie to order books, videos or DVD's by a particular artist, please call her at 505-890-3354. We have a limited budget, but more money may become available. The instructional library would benefit from a wide variety of books on instructional techniques that range from realism to abstraction, utilizing all watermedia.

Alternate Spaces

We're taking a little break from Alternate Space Exhibits until summer. However there is much to take in these months to satisfy your exhibit urges with exhibits like Masterworks and NMWS Spring show. Keep painting away as we have our: **Four Hills Country Club show in June/ July** and our **Jewish Community show in August**.

"NMWS Dues Deadline"

NMWS Dues Deadline was March 1st of course we will still accept your dues Membership is \$40

(two members in the same household is also \$40) if you joined in October 08 you are paid for 2009 keep your membership current to be eligible to enter exhibitions, participate in workshops, and to be listed in the 2009 directory

Corrections and/or Additions:

Due to lack of a volunteer for position of Awards Manager, our Spring 2009 Exhibition will have the following awards only: Best of Show, First, Second, Third, Honorable Mention and Signature Award of Excellence. Hopefully, someone will volunteer as Awards Manager for the Fall Show - if interested contact Marcela: 892-8597 or marcelawagner@aol.com

Western Federation

Congratulations to **Todd Tibbals** who was the only award winner from NM. He received the Jean Waters Cash Award (\$200). The following members will be attending the opening of WFWS in San Deigo.

Dave Cook - Delegate
Woody Duncan - Alternate
Todd Tibbals
Marty Loscerbo

Dave and Woody will make a written report to the NMWS Board upon returning from San Deigo. A report will be available to members on the NMWS web site soon. We are developing plans now for hosting the WFWS exhibition in 2011 in New Mexico. Your help will be required.

Dave Cook WFWS Delegate
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Western Federation Exhibit is in New Mexico in 2011

Opportunities and Art News

Judy at Arts Alliance has lots of info on studios and other facilities which are requesting art and artists. If you are interested, I suggest you request her information immediately, by adding Judy@abqarts.org to your address book.

The APS Metro Youth Art Exhibit announced the merit awards.

The recipients of the NMWS award are:

Seena Vigil, Manzano HS
Heather Lovato, Cibola HS
Briana Eatmon, Cibola HS

Thanks to NMWS for its continued support of students and their art. Sue Ann Mika

The Artists' Materials EXPO: Creative Expression 2009
Sept 17, 18, 19, 20

it's worth your time - details at
website for the Art Expo is <http://www.expoartisan.com/>

Jeanne Hyland of Santa Fe is the winner of the "Hide and Seek" Creativity Challenge in the February 2009 issue of Watercolor Artist (North Light books) for her painting, Poppies.

Mary Jane Milz was accepted by the New Mexico Museum Foundation site : newmexicocreates.org

Student Award Recipient "Seena Vigil" Thanks NMWS

One of the high school students that recently received a merit award from NMWS, sent us the following note of thanks: "Thank you for giving me a merit award for the watercolor portrait I did of my parents. Thank you for encouraging me as an artist and others like me. I appreciate it greatly. Sincerely with gratitude, **Seena Vigil**

David Drummond will be painting southwest landscapes, including his treatment of water, on Saturday, May 2 at Weems Art Gallery (7200 Montgomery Blvd, NE in Montgomery Crossing Plaza.) His demo kicks off a two week show of featured artists Drummond, Oelschlaeger and Blumenshein. David will paint from about 10:30 to 2:30.

The demo is free and open to the public.
Come by anytime and stay as long as you like.

New Members

Heidrun Craig
Donna Loftus

Gary Sorenson
Deborah Dalgran

Please let **Sally Boyd** (Membership VP) know of any changes in your contact information. ie: address, phone, e-mail, etc. **505 -821-7484** saboyd@Q.com



The artwork submitted to MasterWorks' just keeps getting better and better. A guest commented to me that it amazes him that there are so many talented artists in the State of New Mexico. We can all be proud of being part of such a well balanced presentation of something that we all love.

Congratulations to Semiramis! She took **Best of Show** this year for her painting *New Mexico Cactus #1*. We would also like to congratulate the following NMWS' artists that also won awards at this year's show: **Carol Bryant, Carol Carpenter, Sharon Craft, David Drummond, Joy Eaton, Bud Edmondson, Ming Franz, Jane Fritz, Katherine Gauntt, Pam Hostetler, Susan Kennedy, Nan Simpson and Todd Tibbals**. What a great representation of our membership.

To present such an outstanding show to the public, takes cooperation and involvement from the Society's that sponsor this show. NMWS need two (2) members to represent the Society. **Patti Derganc** has agreed to stay on as file manager, but needs 2 other members to handle the other jobs. Meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month at Barbara Lohbeck's house and will begin for the 2010 show at noon on June 4th. Lunch will be provided. There are no meetings in December or May. I can't emphasize enough the importance of MasterWorks to NMWS. It draws in potential buyers who may think that they are only interested in one medium but discover an appreciation for watercolor instead. It is one of the shows that qualifies members towards Signature Membership in NMWS. MasterWorks also promotes the NMWS Spring Show which not only follows in May but is in the same venue which is easy for visitors to remember. MasterWorks is there to help the sponsoring societies by making available the databases for the own promotions. Most of all, it is fun and a way to meet other artists. You can call, **Linda McKay** at 294-2935 or welinda@comcast.net to obtain a list of the responsibilities as a Society Representative, if you think this is a roll for you. We need to have the NMWS Representatives in place by May 10th.

NMWS Officers for 2009 - 2010

NMWS officers elected at the April meeting for the 2009-2010 NMWS year are as follows:

President: **Nan Simpson**
 1'st VP, Programs: **Anne Cox**
 2nd VP, Exhibitions: **Marcela Wagner**
 3'rd VP, Membership: **Jude Rudder** (working with our Treasurer, Janine Wilson)
 Secretary: **Sally Boyd**
 Treasurer: **Janine Wilson**

Congratulations

Art Related News

David Drummond, Mary Oelschlaeger and pastel artist **Sarah Blumenshein** are being featured in Weems Art Gallery, Louisiana Plaza, Louisiana & Montgomery NE
 Show opening is May 2
 extends through May 16

NMWS Signature Group

The NMWS Signature Member Group was established in 1988. It has been inactive since 2007 but has been re-activated. We would like to introduce its new NMWS board members:

Bob Wirz - general chair
Sally Bryant - membership
Sharon White - social
Kathleen Landreth - special events
Lannie Alexander - special projects
Pam Hostetler - secretary/treasurer.

We are working on establishing goals and activities for the members. NMWS signature members will be receiving an invitation to a special activity soon."

Classes and Workshops

The Cloudcroft Art Workshops

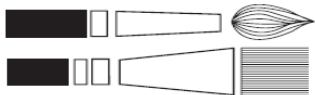
Nestled at 9,000 ft above sea level, surrounded by the Lincoln National Forest, the Village of Cloudcroft has everything you expect from New Mexico Art plus hiking trails, wildflowers, hummingbirds, endless starry skies, cozy bed & breakfasts, convenient campgrounds, cool breezes off the pines, and more. **The Cloudcroft Art Workshops** (www.CloudcroftArt.com), held weekly from June 15 - August 14 in the Old Red Brick School House (now the Nivison Public Library) offer an outstanding faculty of artists in a variety of media again this summer.

Caroline Jasper - Oil and Acrylics
 Ken Hosmer - Watercolor
 Don Getz - Watercolor/Journaling
 Frank LaLumia - Watercolor
 David Barranti - Drawing
 Krystyna Robbins - Oil
 Gary Greene - Watercolor pencil
 Bert Dodson - Drawing
 Charles Harrington - Acrylics
 Mike Mahon - Pastels
 Mary Ann Beckwith - Experimental Watermedia
 Cathy McAnally Lubke - Watercolor and Acrylics
 Carlyne Hershberger & Kelli Money Huff - Mixed Media/Colored pencil

If you would like a brochure or additional information, please email cloudcroftart@zianet.com or call Robert or Jane Bailey at 575-687-4064 to register now.
 Reserve your space early.

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Southern Chapter News

Programs: Again, please note the change in date for our meeting this month. It will be held Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m., at the Good Sam's Arts and Crafts Room in the Admin Bldg on Buena Vida Circle. Although the program artist announced earlier had to postpone her presentation, our own Laurel Weathersbee will demo on the topic "Spider Web Techniques" a month early.

SC Annual Spring Show: This show was our best yet (not just a personal opinion). You may view the winners at www.nmwatercolorssociety.org. And for all in the show, remember Pick Up is on April 28, between 10 am - Noon.

Paint-outs: May - Laurel's Teacup Garden Studio. Flowers and cactuses should be blooming and mountain vistas will be beautiful - May 20, Wednesday at 9:30 am. Call either Laurel, 373-1971, or Penny, 523-1889, for directions.

Commendations: Six (6) of our SC members will have pieces hanging in the NMWS Spring Show in the Hispanic Arts Building at Expo NM in Albuquerque beginning with a reception, Friday, May 8, 6 - 8 pm. They are: Jan Addy, Nancy Begin, Gail Cunningham, Marie Siegrist, Penny Simpson and Janey Walch.

Congratulations: to YOUR 2009-2010 BOARD: President - Marie Siegrist; V.P.- BEEGEE Brandhorst; Secretary - Kaye Faircloth; Treasurer - Melanie Stone Jack. Committee Chairs are: Membership - Donna Wood; Publicity - Donna Ayres; Exhibitions - Nancy Frost Begin; Hospitality - Carol Groves; Paper Sales - Lucia Wilcox; Video Library - Bev Pirtle; Workshops - Bob Zeissel; Paintouts - Callie Barker; Historian - Pat Bonneau-White; File Manager for Juried Shows - Laurel Weathersbee; and SC Internet Content - Jan Addy.

Jan Addy, President, NMWS-SC

If you have news for SC Brushstrokes, please send your material to Jan Addy no later than the 14th day of the month prior to the publication month.