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June '11

- 05 Last Day of WFWS 36 Exhibition
Note - We returned to our Monday meeting schedule

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Correction - in the last issue of Brushstrokes there was an error in listing the cost of the WFWS Awards Banquet see page 4 of this newsletter for correct information.

April Program - "Ming Franz"

Ming Franz specializes in Splash ink painting, which combines watercolor techniques with Chinese ink and brush. She teaches workshops and conducts demonstrations at the New Mexico Art League, UNM Osher Life Long Learning Center and in her studio in Edgewood. Ming is the author of *Splash Ink with Watercolor*. Her work has been included in North Light Magazine, Kennedy Publishing and Studio Visit Magazine in the US and Rainbow Magazine in Taiwan. She is a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, and is a member of the American Watercolor Society, the Rio Grande Art Association, Sumi-e Society of America, Chinese American Art Development Foundation, and the American Society Association of Chinese Art. You may view her paintings at: mingfranzstudio.com Ming will be demonstrating her Splash ink with watercolor techniques.

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The NMWS Dues deadline has been extended until April 15th - dues must be paid by then to have your information in the new directory Contact Nan Simpson at nssimpson@comcast.net or 899-5388

President's Message

You might have wondered about last month's column – especially its ending. Obviously knowing art history does not have a whole lot to do with "what looks good over the couch". At least in my mind.

That statement was added at the end of last month's column as a thought for the next month's column and it got printed inadvertently.

So was it confusing? It was to me. At the time I was writing it, my thought process

went from 15th century art to what people think of today as art. When someone goes to an art show or gallery, what "gets them", what grabs them? Are they looking for the old masters? Impressionism? Thoughtful paintings? Avant garde art? Or what looks good over the couch? I hesitate to venture but the palette and subject matter are important to purchasers. Colors and images that go with existing stuff.

How many people buy art because it is provocative? Because it makes people wonder? Makes people think? I would hope many but realistically, probably a few. So, for us artists — are we painting for many, a few, or ourselves? I, personally, hope that we are all painting for ourselves because it is in that mode that our personal creativity can speak. Our art comes from within and our need to express it. Don't copy; don't imitate; be what you are – in your art. And, if no one appreciates it, no one buys it, c'est la vie. You are you and no one is better at it.....

Don't forget - time is running out to sign up for **Dale Laitinen's Workshop** - contact me to reserve your spot.

Happy Painting ... Donna Dionne

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Anne Cox is currently recruiting members for several open NMWS board positions and committee leadership positions. Please step forward to keep our watercolor society running smoothly. People currently serving in these positions are quite willing to assist you in helping learn the ropes.

Contact Anne at acox9mm@hotmail.com or phone at 450-9194

May Brushstrokes Deadline

*Submit news for the next Brushstrokes *by the end of the day on the 13th* of "April" to brushstrokes@nmwatercolorociety.org or snail-mail it to: Brushstrokes, c/o Woody Duncan 7236 Calle Montana NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1277



Western Federation News

Congratulations to these NMWS members who were selected to have their paintings in this years WFWS exhibit.

Rex Barron - "Folds"
Bud Edmondson - "Old Homestead"
Robert Gutchen - "Fred Miller"
Robert Highsmith - "Furrowed Fields"
John Krenik - "Dichotomy Neurology"
Tricia Love - "Basking in the Sun"
Robin Lee Makowski - "Eleven Boobs"
Karin Pitman - "Agave Duet"
Penny Simpson - "Canned Tomatoes"
Sid Simpson - "Architectonic I"
Mary Sweet - "Circle Cliffs Overlook"
Susan Thiele - "Study in Purple"
Todd Tibbals - "Cabezas Seis"
Ruth Vreeland - "Prodigy"
Susan Weeks - "Taxis, Queen Necklace"
Robert Wirz - "Coalescent"
Patricia Baca - "Mothers" (Alternate Selection)



NMWS members are being asked to **VOLUNTEER** to make everything come together right. Delegates and artists from the other ten societies will be coming to Albuquerque. An Awards Dinner is planned just prior to the public opening on May 6th, 2011. Dale Laitinen will conduct a 4 day workshop May 2 - 5. There will be numerous demos each weekend during the exhibition. Artists scheduled to date are Carol Carpenter, Susan Birdsong, Rex Barron, Nancy Wygant, Tricia Love and Bud Edmondson. A final schedule will be posted at the WFWS exhibition and in the May issue of Brushstrokes. Woody Duncan is also doing a hands on watercolor workshops for school children.

To volunteer to help make this exhibition an event to remember, we need help sitting the show and also as drivers for the vans we are renting to shuttle out of state visitors. Call **Toni Seidel at 505-821-1791**. Thank You in advance.

Hospitality Plans for WFWS 36

NMWS members should become aware of the many activities planned for the WFWS 36 exhibition schedule. Delegates and artists arrive on Thurs, May 5th - We are planning a special Dinner & a tram ride to the top of the mountain for our visitors. Before that the NMWS Signature Member Group will be hosting and sponsoring a welcoming reception for the WFWS Delegates. The SMG reception will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on Louisiana and Menaul from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., Thurs, May 5th in the Baldwin Room. All Signature members are urged to attend. NMWS members are welcome to be part of tram ride to the top and dinner on the mountain at \$58.00 per person. Then on Friday, May 6th at the **Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown** we plan a **Banquet and Awards Presentation** at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. All NMWS members are urged to attend. After the Awards Dinner we will travel to the Fine Arts Building at Expo NM for the public opening of the exhibition. During weekends, while the exhibit is open, we plan several demos for artist and the public. There will be no charge for the demos. An exhibition of this quality only comes to New Mexico once every 10 to 12 years. Please take full advantage of this opportunity.

A form is posted on page 4 of this issue of Brushstrokes so NMWS members can sign up for several of the activities planned for WFWS 36. Please return this form to Sally Bryant by April 15th so we can prepare for the correct number.

There is still time to sign up for Dale Laitinen's workshop. See page 3 for a form. Contact Donna Dionne 350-4436 for details.

More Southern Chapter News

SC Alternate Space Program

The Amaro Winery Reception will be held in conjunction with the First Friday Ramble on April 1st, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Purchase a glass of wine while you enjoy displays by 12 of our members. Amaro Winery is located at 402 South Melendres Street Las Cruces, NM 88005, 575-527-5310. For questions, contact Janey Walch, 575-639-2191

SC Paint-Outs

Paint-outs are scheduled Fri mornings. No fee to participate, but please RSVP. You should bring all needed to work, and some munchies to share. For information or to RSVP, contact Bob Zeissel at 575 647-1412 or by e-mail at pazalrio@msn.com. 2 paint-outs are currently scheduled: Fri, March 25th from 9 am til noon, hosted by Donna Wood and Fri, May 13th from 9 am til noon, hosted by Beverley Pirtle

SC Member News - Blue Gate Gallery Group Show

The Friday Painters are having a show at the Blue Gate Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, Las Cruces, beginning April 1st. More than half of those showing are NMWS-SC members. The show includes work by: Ann Dyer, Bob Zeissel, Carol Groves, Regina Nelson, Alejandrina Nunez, Joyce Key and Kaye Faircloth.

MasterWorks of New Mexico Penny Simpson had two pieces accepted into Masterworks! Congratulations!

Farm & Ranch Fall Show Follow-up

NMWS-SC would like to thank the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum for its hospitality for our 2010 Fall Show, *Vintage Views of Rural Women*. A few pieces sold, including those by Kaye Faircloth, Carlos West, and Penny Duncklee. Congratulations to all!

Las Cruces Arts Festival

The first Las Cruces Art Festival, a national juried art show held at the new Convention Center on University Avenue, will take place March 25th, 26th, & 27th. Several NMWS-SC members have been asked to demonstrate, including Laurel Weathersby and Marie Siegrist. Marie will demonstrate traditional watercolor techniques on paper on 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25th.

Classes & Workshops

Beverley Pirtle will be NMWS-SC Workshops Chair for 2011/2012 and is working toward arranging a 2 to 3 day workshop for Spring 2012, and a 1 day workshop for the fall. If anyone has any suggestions for instructors who may be good prospects, please contact Beverley at bapirtle@comcast.net.

2011 Spring Show - Deadline for Digital Entries is April 1st!

Our 2011 Spring Show will be at the Branigan Cultural Center in May. There is no theme for paintings. The show will be juried from digital images that are due April 1st. Contact Laurel Weathersby with questions about the show: 575-373-1971

Spring 2011 Workshops at Teacup Garden Studio two Spring Workshops: Sat, March 19th from 10am till 2 pm - \$50: Pouring Liquid Watercolor Saturday, March 26th from 10 am till 2 pm - \$50: What to Do with a Failed Painting? To register or for info on what to bring, contact Laurel Weathersby: 575-373-1971 or teacupgarden@comcast.net.

Deming Arts Council Invitational

The Deming Arts Council invites NMWS-SC members to show May 3rd - 31st, 2011 at the Art Center. Transportation of work from Las Cruces to Deming will be available on April 26th. There is no theme nor fee for this exhibit. For a prospectus and more information, contact Pat Guthrie at redtamales@msn.com.

Aguirre Springs Plein Air Workshop is sponsored this year by the NM Wilderness Alliance, takes place the weekend before Memorial Day, Friday & Saturday, May 20th & 21st. On Sunday, May 22nd, participants' work will be displayed at a party at Amaro Winery in Las Cruces.

Submitted by the SC Publicist: **Robin Lee Makowski**

If you have news for SC Brushstrokes, please send your material to **Robin Lee Makowski** at Artcfartc5@gmail.com or by phone at 575-585-5470 no later than the 10th day of the month prior to publication.



Dale Laitinen

Line to Design, The Language of Landscape, From Abstraction to Representation

May 2- 5, 2011

Hispanic Arts Bldg at the EXPO Albuquerque, NM

All WFWS society members welcome at this price

Develop your visual language from line to edge to shape to complex shapes and design. Through water media techniques line, edge, and shape this workshop highlights the relationship of line and shape to the abstract underpinnings of natural forms. Through both drawing and painting we begin to see beyond the obvious description of things to the poetry of the subject. Demonstrations, talks, critiques, and individual instruction will not only include the practical applications of technique, color layering, shape making, use of line in painting but ways to access the indefinable reason for painting in the first place.

New Mexico Watercolor Society is hosting the 36th annual Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition May 6 – June 5, 2011. This workshop is part of this grand event, so sign up soon.

[Registration Form](#)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that reservations for this workshop will be on a first come first serve basis and that **if I cancel my participation in this workshop, a refund will be given ONLY when and if the workshop is filled.**

Participants must be members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. Cost of the workshop is \$250. A deposit of \$150 (made out to NMWS) is required when registering and the balance of \$100 is due on the first day of class (May 2, 2011). A supplies list will be emailed to all enrolled in the workshop approximately one month prior to the beginning of the workshop. If you do not have an email address, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your registration and deposit.

Mail to: Donna Dionne at 1905 Ilfield SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105 (505) 350-4436



**All NMWS Members are encouraged to take part
in the several WFWS 36 planned activities
this is a great opportunity to visit and exchange ideas with artists
from the ten other watercolor societies attending WFWS 36
Western Federation of Watercolor Societies
36th Annual Exhibition Hosted by the New Mexico Watercolor Society**

WFWS 36 HOSPITALITY REGISTRATION

Please complete this form and return it by **April 15th, 2011**
Mail to: Sally Bryant PO Box 6830 Albuquerque, NM 87197

Print name (s) of those attending below:

Activity	Cost Per Person	Number	Total \$
<u>Thursday – May 5th</u>			
Dinner and Tram to top of Mountain	\$58.00 per person	_____	_____
<u>Friday – May 6th</u>			
Awards Dinner (at Hotel)	\$40.00 per person	_____	_____
The Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown - 5:00 pm till 6:30 pm			
Opening Reception (Expo New Mexico) (No Charge)			
7:00 pm till 9:00 pm Fine Arts Building at Expo NM		_____	_____
<u>Saturday – May 7th</u>			
Trip to Santa Fe on Rail Runner (Train) join the delegates and artists from the other societies			
Rail Runner Pass	\$9.00	_____	_____
Lunch in Santa Fe (On Your Own)			
Please Include a check made out to NMWS for Total of Above			_____

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ @ _____

Free Donations to New Mexico Watercolor Society! Donate to the New Mexico Watercolor Society(NMWS) when you shop online! This will help the organization fund exhibitions. Every time you shop online at 1,000 participating stores including Amazon, Dick Blick, Jerry's Artarama, eBay, Target, Dell, Staples, Expedia, etc., a percentage of your purchase will be donated for free! The site also has thousands of money-saving coupons! **How?** Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com>. Enter New Mexico Watercolor Society as the cause you want to support. Click on Shop and choose your category and store. Purchase your art supplies, make your vacation reservations, and a % of your purchase will go to NMWS. Each time you search the web with GoodSearch's Yahoo-powered search engine, a penny will go to NMWS.

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PAINLESS DONATIONS TO NMWS
If you order from Dick Blick using the link on the NMWS website - our watercolor society will receive a donation from Blick equaling 10% of your order.
Go to www.nmwatercolorsociety.org and click on the Blick link on our home page to place your order.
Support NMWS when you buy supplies.



WFWS Raffle

At the April meeting we will raffle off another painting to help raise funds for this year's Western Federation Exhibition. This month **Lauren Johnson** has graciously agreed to donate one of her wonderful watercolors. Buy tickets for \$5.00 each at the start of the April meeting.

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NEW MEMBERS TEA

Attention all new members & those who have never attended a new members tea. Our 2011 new members tea is scheduled for Sat. **April 16th from 1:30 to 4:00** at Doe Bennett's home. 1829 Dorothy N.E. (North off Indian School Rd. 4 blocks west of Juan Tabo & 3 blocks East of Morris). Please come join us for a lighthearted afternoon, good food & lots of information about the benefits of how our watercolor society operates. You will meet your fellow newcomers as well as some of us "old comers" & go away feeling included & welcomed into a society that offers many assets to your painting experiences. So that we can plan for the number of chairs & amount of food please R.S.V.P. as soon as you know whether or not you can attend.

Thank You -- In color, Doe Bennett 299-4945
everettcoyote@msn.com

Workshops

Cloudfcroft Art Workshops

The brochures are out! Hopefully you have yours, but if you didn't get one and would like one, contact Carolyn at 2sharps@pvtnetworks.net and she will be happy to send you one. You can also see the instructors' information, workshop fees, and instructors' work on the website www.cloudfcroftart.com. Just to give you a little information - some classes are really filling up quickly! Remember: if you sign up now for the Cloudfcroft Art Workshops and pay in full one month ahead of the workshop, you get a 10% discount. Some classes are getting full quick! Call Linda S. at 575-687-2453. www.cloudfcroftart.com This discount does not apply to the \$50.00 registration fee. All these classes are for ALL LEVELS. Here is a list of instructors:

- June 13-17 - David Barranti (drawing)
 - June 20-24 - Cathy McAnally Lubke (Mixed Media)
 - June 27-July 1 - Ken Hosmer (Oil)
 - July 5-9 - Bob Burrige (Acrylics - abstract and collage)
 - July 11-15 - Mary Ann Beckwith (Water media)
 - July 18-22 - Sterling Edwards (Watercolor)
 - July 25-29 - Bob Rohm (Oil or Pastel)
 - August 1-5 - Krystyna Robbins (Oil)
 - August 1-5 - Barbara Nechis (Transparent watercolor)
 - August 8-12 - JoBeth Gilliam (Watercolor)
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Spring Watercolor Class - Sandy Culler

April 16 - May 21 (Six Saturdays) Noon - 3PM
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
\$60 for 6 weeks (Max 15 students)

Come join this fun class & learn to paint or continue to practice! The instructor will do a short demo of a new subject each week to get you started and then you'll produce a painting of your own. We'll paint flowers, still life set-ups, from sketches & photographs, southwestern landscapes, structures in perspective, art trading cards to exchange with class members & we will go out to paint on location for one of the classes. The class is nearly full so sign up now!

Sandy Culler slcnm@yahoo.com Phone 710-4143

Welcome New Members

Robert Clements, Steve Maize,
Nora Sanders and Barbara Smith

MasterWorks of New Mexico

Opening Reception & Awards

Friday, April 1st 5 to 8 pm

For further information call Adair Peterson at 505-294-2727
or email: donaldpvadair@cs.com

also as part of MasterWorks

Todd Tibbals Watercolor Demonstration

(emphasizing composition & shape making)

Sunday, April 3rd 1 to 2:30 pm

Hispanic Arts Building

FREE - No Registration Required

Congratulations to these watercolorists
who were accepted into MasterWorks

Depy Adams, Lannie Alexander, Katherine Arneberg, Pat Baca, Rex Barron, Barbara Bracken, Carol Carpenter, David Collis, Craig Heidrun, Donna Dionne, David Drummond, Woody Duncan, Bud Edmondson, Judi Foster, Frank Fuchs, Lyla Garcia, Linda Grace, Robert Gutchen, Sandra Humphries, Tricia Love, Peggy Maury, Thomas Nagy, Adair Peterson, Mary Oelschlaeger, Don Rehorn, Semiramis, Penny Shawder, Penny Simpson, SueStevens, Todd Tibblas, Harold VanWinkle, Ruth Andrews Vreeland, Susan Weeks, and Jeanne Weitz.

We still need artists to sit the show, please see me during the large painting intake. I will have my calendar and parking permits. I wish the artists that will be in Masterworks good luck. Forty-seven paintings are in the WC portion of the show. Thirty-four artists got one or two paintings in. There is still need of food items for the Watercolor table. If you can help call Jo White at 281-2428

Thanks, Adair 505-294-2727 donaldpvadair@cs.com

NMWS Members News

Lynda Burch has been juried into the 26th Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition for April 16-May 8 in Irving, Texas. The competition drew 500 entries and 80 were accepted by Juror Marileigh Schulte. Lynda's piece is a watermedia collage entitled "Phantom".

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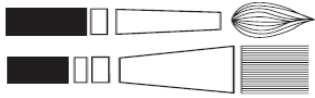
Through March 31st, the Local Color Group has a show hanging in the Jewish Community Center (5520 Wyoming NE). The Gallery for a Cause Spring show has its opening reception on Sunday, March 27 from 1:30 to 4:00. The Gallery is located within the the New Mexico Cancer Center, 4902 Lang Ave NE. In addition to the 175 works of art, there is food, drink and music. In April 2-23, 6 watercolorists - Carol Carpenter, Dan Stouffer, David Chavez, Kirby Roll, Ann Smith and Mary Oelschlaeger - are featured at Weems Gallery, Louisiana Plaza, 7200 Montgomery Blvd NE. These events, plus MasterWorks and Western Federation Watercolor Society exhibitions should keep us all well fed through Spring. Enjoy!

Painting Supplies

Penny Sullivan has taken over the job of making watercolor paper available to members from Ray. Members can contact Penny at **503-0993** to make arrangements to pick up paper from her home in Rio Rancho. Paper will be available at meetings and workshops. If you know of a large amount that you are needing, please give her a call and she can get this together for you. You can also e-mail Penny at pencil6127@yahoo.com

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Southern Chapter News

Membership Dues

For those of you who have not paid your 2011 dues yet: the new deadline to pay your dues and be included in the NMWS Directory is now April 15th. Please contact Donna Wood immediately regarding your dues: donnacamino@yahoo.com

Monthly Meeting Programs Information

NMWS-SC Monthly Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month (with a few exceptions) from 2 p.m. til 4 p.m. at the Good Sam's Arts & Crafts Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle in Las Cruces. Members & Guests are welcome. Most programs and demonstrations are free. Meetings, demos, programs, and any fees or exceptions to dates and/or times will be listed here in Brushstrokes.

April 10th Program: Three Short Demonstrations that were well-received at the February program at the Mesquite Street Gallery. The presenters will be Jan Addy (Pouring Watercolor), Donna Wood (Dying Tissue Paper for Collage), and Beverly Pirtle (Choosing Brushes.) Our members will be able to circulate and see all three demonstrations at the April meeting.

***May 15th Program: Note:** Because our usual meeting date falls on Mother's Day, the May Meeting will be held on the Third Sunday, May 15th. Same place, same time. The program on May 15th* will be Julie Ford Oliver demonstrating and telling us about the beautiful medium of Egg Tempera. Don't miss it! For more information contact Beegee Brandhorst, beegee88011@comcast.net or Marie Siegrist, msiegrist2@comcast.net

New Members

The annual NMWS-SC **New Members' Tea** will be held at Adobe Patio Gallery, 1765 Avenida de Mesilla in Old Mesilla on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. til Noon. All new NMWS-SC members are welcome to join your board members for a meet 'n' greet. Bring a painting to share with the group for a show & tell. Please send a warm welcome all our new members, many who joined at Sunday's meeting: Mary Curry, Connie Clark, Mildred Grossman, Lu Bleveans, and Olivia (Livvy) Solomon.

Happy Painting - Carolyn Bunch

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