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DATES TO REMEMBER

May '10

- 01 New Members Tea 1:30 to 4 pm
- 03 Meeting - Fine Arts Bld - Expo NM
Board 5:30, Program 7:00 (\$5 Charge)
- 04 Load In Spring Show - Noon to 2 pm
- 06 Signature Members Pot Luck 5:30
- 07 Sp Show Opening Reception 6 to 8
Fine Arts Bld - Expo NM
- 14 WFWS Opening - Salt Lake City, Utah
- 15 June Brushstrokes Deadline
- 15 Los Poblanos Paintout - 9 to Noon
- 15 Art in the School Garage Sale (Lannie's)
- 30 Pickup Paintings 4 to 5 pm
Fine Arts Bld - Expo NM

June '10

- 04 Art in the School Art Sale
- 15 July Brushstrokes Deadline
- 21 Meeting - Albuquerque Museum
Board 5:30, Social 6:30, Program 7:00
- 26 Railrunner to Santa Fe Paintout - 9 to ?
- 28 WFWS Exhibit Closes - Salt Lake City

Please send any information about exhibits you are in or workshops you are teaching to be included in Brushstrokes
brushstrokes@nmwatercolorsociety.org

May Program - Ron Ranson Demo

7 pm at Expo New Mexico

The May program Demo will be our guest workshop instructor Ron Ranson. Remember this program will be at the NM Expo, Fine Arts Bldg Monday night - May 3rd. A \$5. fee at the door. Questions? Call Anne Cox @ 450-9194

President's Message



How the year has flown! By the time this reaches your mailbox, we will already have next year's officers in place. I know that next year will be exciting, with some wonderful programs already lined up, and our own hosting of the Western Federation show in the Spring. Looking back over this year, there are things I'd hoped we would accomplish... some of which happened, and some remain for the future. A big accomplishment was the final refinement and membership approval of the revised Bylaws. We set in place a procedure for keeping the Permanent Collection appraisals updated. And we did a membership survey, the results of which were shared with membership. New life was breathed into the Signature Group. Several newer NMWS members volunteered for responsible Board positions. All these are accomplishments beneficial to NMWS as a whole. A couple of initiatives reached the discussion stage, but as yet no resolution. One of these is the issue of night versus daytime meetings. Many of us are reluctant to drive at night, so we will be looking at possible alternative meeting times, perhaps for some meetings or maybe for all of them. And of course, new issues will arise, to be capably addressed by the next team of officers.

So it's time to say farewell... in my current role as your President. For me, the best part has been to get to know many of you better, and to appreciate the enormous talent and energy that makes our Society one that we love being a part of. In thinking of an appropriate way to end this, my last President column, I can't help remembering the advice of one of my most inspirational teachers, Bud Edmondson. If you have ever taken classes from Bud, this will be very familiar:

I've just put the last brushstrokes on a painting that I think turned out pretty well. Bud ambles over, looks it over for a minute and then looks at me expectantly. I look at him, also expectantly. "What d'you think?" I ask. "Well, it's coming along pretty well," Bud agrees. "You just need to finish it..." And then he demonstrates those signature Bud touches... a bit of dark calligraphic scribbling in the foreground. Some darker touches to liven up the mid-ground. Maybe a bit more attention to a shadow. Bud calls these the 'hot licks'...those seemingly minor but vital touches that say the final word.

So, I try to take Bud's advice when I paint. And for these columns too. They're finished!

Nan Simpson

New Members

- Audrey Montoya
- Timm Stubbs
- Laurie Kibbe
- Sally Quillin
- Fran Lorin
- Dean Woodward
- Louise Treanor
- Virginia Ness

*Submit news for the next Brushstrokes by the end of the day on the 15th of "May" to brushstrokes@nmwatercolorsociety.org or snail-mail it to: Brushstrokes, c/o Woody Duncan 7236 Calle Montana NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1277

MasterWorks of New Mexico

As you read this, the MasterWorks Show 2010 will have ended. I hope many of you had the chance to see this wonderful show. The Water Media division of the large fine arts included 47 paintings representing 31 artists. Best of Show in the Fine Arts Division was **Peter Krusko's** "Placer and Ortiz Mountains". Congratulations Peter! Congratulations are also in order for those winning awards in the water media category. First place, **Tod Tibbals** for "Land Ho"; Second place **Rex Barron** for "The Orange Popsicle; Third place, **Susan Weeks** for "Medusa: Basilica Cistern"; and Honorable Mention, **Robert Gutchen** for "Connie".

Depy Adams won an Honorable Mention in the Oil/Acrylic division for "Thai Mangosteens". And **Nancy Wygant** won the Winsor and Newton Award of excellence for "Study # 7".

Among award winners in the Watermedia division of the Miniature Fine Arts were: First Place, **David Drummond** for "Blue Robe No. 3"; Second Place, **Susan Kennedy** for "Fallen Trees"; Third place, **Albert Noyer** for "House II Tijeras"; and Honorable Mention, **Judith M. Allen**, for "Watermelon Mountain" and **Bud Edmondson**, for "The Market".

It was noted that the judge for the large fine art division, Peter Allen Nesbit commented that he was particularly impressed with the execution in the water media division—commenting on the lyrical and ephemeral qualities of some of the works, and their exquisite handling of color. Other activities by watermedia artists included: A free public demonstration by **Jae Drummond** where she covered the use of warm and cool colors in figure painting.....and a highly successful three day workshop for 15 people that focused on the painting of the figure in watercolor.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the representative of the NMWS to the MasterWorks Steering Committee this year.

Sid Simpson: (505)899-5388 or email: nssimpson@comcast.net



NMWS Spring Show

There were 164 entries for the Spring show, representing 79 artists. The Juror, Ron Ranson, chose 93 paintings representing 56 artists. The load in for paintings is Tuesday May 4 and the opening reception is Friday May 7 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Come one/come all and celebrate the Societies artist.

Be sure to attend the opening reception and awards presentation on Friday May 7th from 6 to 8 pm.

New Members Tea - May 1st

Attention new members & those who have yet to attend a New Members Tea. Our get together is coming up Sat. May 1st. I will be needing your R.S.V.P.'s. Some of you have kindly already confirmed. Thank you. I would like a complete count by April 25th so as to know the amount of needed food & # of chairs. Thanks for your timely response. We are looking forward to enjoying the afternoon with all of you from 1:30 to 4:00 Sat. May 1st.

In color, **Doe Bennett**, chairperson 299-4945

Teresa Youngblood - Moving

Teresa Youngblood is relocating her frame shop to 4400 Silver SE Suite B. She closed the Quincy site April 15-16 by accomplish this overwhelming feat. She wanted artists to know about her move. Her phone will still be the same — 265-1105

More Southern Chapter News

SC News Continued:

Paint-Outs: On May 19th, we'll meet at Young Park at 1905 Nevada Ave. in Las Cruces. The water feature is reason enough to paint there, plus the trees, birds and buildings. There are no fees and restrooms are available. No paint-outs during June, July and August.

Kudos: Members **Penny Simpson, Martha Randall Brown** and **Penny Duncklee** represented the SC in the 12th Annual Masterworks Show last month. **Ann Mitchell** won First Place in the Rio Bravo Watercolorists "Arts of March" Show in El Paso.

Upcoming Shows & Events: The SC will be well represented at the NMWS Spring Exhibition, with 13 of our members juried into the show: **Ann Mitchell, Donna Ayres, Donna Wood, Gail Cunningham, Nancy Frost Begin, Jan Addy, Janey Walch, June Decker, Marie Siegrist, Pat Bonneau-White, Penny Duncklee, Penny Simpson and Phil Yost.**

Member **Lynne Souza** will have a show of her work during the month of May at the Flickenger Theater in Alamogordo, with a reception on May 1 from 5-7. During May, a collection of paintings by SC Member **Kaye Faircloth** will be on display and available for sale in the lobby of the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau located at 211 N. Water St. in Las Cruces, N. M. Hours at the Bureau are from 8 AM to 5 PM on Mondays through Fridays.

Sixteen SC members will have their paintings on display and for sale at the Adobe Café in the Caballero Plaza on the Avenida de Mesilla in Mesilla through September 14: **Janey Walch, Jan Addy, Donna Ayres, Laurel Weathersbee, Bill Coon, Cynthia Copeland, Beegee Brandhorst, Barbara Howe, Lynn Souza, Lois Smith, Melanie Jack, Pat Bonneau-White, Mary McCoy, Carlos West, Phil Yost and Donna Wood.** This is the first of hopefully many Alternative Space shows the SC will present. Special thanks to our Venue Committee members **Penny Simpson, Janey Walch, Pat Bonneau-White and Jan Addy** for creating this opportunity for our members.

Other News: SC members who do figurative work may be interested in Toby DeVoss's figure drawing workshop at Teacup Garden Studio on Saturday, May 29, noon to 4:00. Contact **Laurel Weathersbee** at 575-373-1971 or email teacupgarden@comcast.net for full info.

Donna Ayres, Publicist, NMWS-SC

If you have news for SC Brushstrokes, please send your material to Donna Ayres at donnaaleeyres@gmail.com no later than the 13th day of the month prior to the publication month.

Painting Supplies

If members need paper they can call **Ray Bonda** anytime: **884-4543** (they can pick up the paper at his home near Candelaria and Louisiana) Ray is usually at meetings and workshops to sell paper to members at our cost.

Permanent Collection

Karin Cook will be looking after the NMWS permanent collection now. The 85 paintings are housed at REDW on Jefferson. We exhibit about a dozen pieces at the fall and spring shows.

**Western Federation
of Watercolor Societies
35th Annual Exhibition
Salt Lake City, Utah
May 14 - June 28, 2010**



Twelve New Mexico artist were selected by, juror, Carol O'Connor to be in this years WFWS exhibition hosted by the Utah Watercolor Society. Congratulations to these NMWS artists.

Patricia Baca Nancy Frost Begin
Marcella Boushella Dave Collis
Erich Fisher Lyla D Garcia
Linda Grace Robert Highsmith
Hazle Orr Nan Simpson
Todd Tibbals Sharon White

Selected NMWS Members Watercolors on Display in Utah



“Still Life in Yellow and Black” Marcella Boushelle



“Box Cars” Erich Fisher



“Ancient Mystery” Dave Collis



“Village Ways” Todd Tibbals



“In the Drivers Seat” Sharon White



“Mildly Interested” Lyla D Garcia

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies (WFWS) was formed 35 years ago through the foresight and work of Dr David Gale (1915 - 1980) of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. Today, the WFWS includes over 4,500 artists in eleven regional watercolor societies and guilds. New Mexico began this wonderful annual exhibition - we need to help insure it's continued success.

WFWS 36th Annual Exhibition will be held in Albuquerque in May of 2011. November 15th of 2010 will be the entry deadline for the 2011 juried exhibition. Dale Laitinen has agreed to be our juror. We want to encourage “every” NMWS member to enter WFWS for next years show. Please start painting now to create your best work to enter this November.

Check out the WFWS website at:

<http://www.wfws.org>

NM Watercolor Society Spring Workshop May 3 - 7, 2010 (only two spots remain)

Check Ron Ranson's website at www.ronranson.com for a list of his 2010 workshops and sample of his paintings.

RON RANSON Workshop Registration
May 3 - 7, 2010, 9:00AM – 4:00PM
EXPO NM Fine Arts Building

Phone Donna Dionne (873-4229) if you would like to take one of the remaining spots

Understand that reservations for this workshop will be on a first come first serve basis and that

if you cancel your participation in this workshop a refund will be given ONLY when and if the workshop is filled

Participants must be a member of NMWS. Cost of the workshop is \$350. A deposit of \$200 (made out to the NMWS) is required when registering and the balance of \$150 is due on the first day of class (May 3, 2010). A supplies list will be emailed to all enrolled in the workshop approximately one month prior to the workshop date.

Ron Ranson is a professional watercolor artist who recently moved from England to Portland, Oregon.

His style is impressionistic as well as representational. His work is renowned for its purity of design and clear transparent colors. He uses his signature hake brush to produce strong and colorful paintings with a limited palette.

Ranson teaches his students to use freedom of expression and simplicity. Painting decisively and quickly, Ron is a master of timing. Ron teaches students of all levels of experience, so whether a complete beginner, an intermediate painter who needs help or a change of direction, or an experienced artist who would like a more advanced class, there are only two places left. Please consider signing up for his workshop - May 3rd through the 7th.



Signature Member Potluck

The Signature Member Group is planning a potluck to preview the spring exhibition is Thursday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Building, Expo NM. Signature members and spouses are invited. Bring your favorite dish. We hope you will all come and visit with workshop instructor and judge Mr. Ron Ranson. Please don't forget to RSVP so we know how many tables and chairs to order. Call Sharon and leave a message at 508-1022 or email RSVP to abqwhites@aol.com (<mailto:abqwhites@aol.com>).

If you have qualified for signature status with this NMWS spring show, Masterworks or WFWS, please call Sally Bryant at 345-5077 to request an application. To qualify for signature status, an artist must have exhibited in five NMWS juried exhibitions (only 2 shows per year are counted for eligibility; only one painting per show is eligible. The total of five shows must have been reached within five years.

Bob Wirz, our SMG General Chairman, has been recuperating from heart surgery and is now home. We hope he continues to improve and will be at the potluck.

We continue to need volunteers to help with the routine management of the Signature group. Please consider taking on a position with the Signature Committee next year. It is always nice to have others bring new ideas to the committee.



Thanks to Tom Stoner for the great cartoons

If you were reading this month's copy of Brushstrokes via e-mail or on the NMWS website all of the paintings in this issue would be in full beautiful color.

Opportunities to Help NMWS

The following **opportunities** are available for members to volunteer for. Please step forward and do your small part to help your watercolor society serve it's members. Contact any current board member if you can help in any of these positions.

- Historian (maintaining a scrapbook)**
- Social (arranging treats at meetings)**
- Equipment (projecting demonstrations)**
- Holiday Party Position**

Let us know of your interest by phone (899-5388) or email

nssimpson@comcast.net

NMWS Board Elected in April

The following board positions for 2010 - 2011 were voted on by members in attendance at the April 19th meeting. The Slate was put together by the nominating committee headed by **Anne Cox**.

- President - Donna Dionne**
- Programs, 1st VP - Anne Cox**
- Exhibitions, 2nd VP - Toni Seidel**
- Membership, 3rd VP - Nan Simpson**
- Secretary - Sally Boyd**
- Treasurer - Janine Wilson**

Art Around Albuquerque

The Art Around Albuquerque Committee continues to look for sites for group shows. If you have any suggestions, please send them to **Lannie Alexander** at alexwirtz@q.com or give her a call at 255-3134.

This month, the committee is highlighting two more ABQ sites that are most appropriate for individual shows. They are:

Chocolate Cafe 2933 Monte Vista Blvd NE 254-0463
Contact: Gary Cline No commission Exhibits hang 2-3 months

Artichoke Cafe 424 Central SE 243-0200 or 238-1213
Contact: Terry Keene 10% commission

The committee is currently working with The Wooden Cow in planning a show for November. It makes for a busy Fall with the Jewish Community Center show coming up in September and Fall NMWS show in October. So keep those masterpieces coming!

APS Metro Art

Congratulations to the three students who received awards from NMWS.

They are:

- Shaelin Jornigan**, Cibola HS
- Sebastian Duran**, Volcan Vista HS
- Zachary Harwood**, Cibola HS

The show was well attended and I know the students are very grateful for our participation in this event.

Thanks, **Sue Ann Mika**

REMINDER: 2010 dues are \$40 and now overdue if you have not renewed. This may be your last Brushstrokes if you do not renew!

Members News

For Sale

Set of 5 Graftic Display panels with 4, 18" extenders, plus cross bar and fabric covers \$350.00 - **Sandra Quinlan** 255-3946

Lynda Burch has been juried into the International Society of Experimental Artists 19th Annual Exhibition in Grand Rapids, Mi. June 2-29 at the Forest Hills Fine Art Center. Her selection entitled San Francisco de Asis was juried into the show by Juror Edee Joppich. Lynda has also been accepted into the International Society of Acrylic Painters

New Mexico Art League Monthly Second Thursday Open House 6:00 PM – Demonstrations 6:30 Pm Thursday, May 13th Feng Shui Master Carol M. Olmstead

Splash Mexico with **Ming Franz** - Explore the Mexican Riviera
For more information contact Betty at 928-541-1449
perfectdestinations@earthlink.net or Ming at 505-281-4956
ingfranz11@yahoo.com

Lannie Alexander is collecting items for a very important Garage Sale to support **Art in the School** - Please look around the house to see what you can donate to a good cause.

May 15th 9 AM - 2PM 4017 Smith SE

For more information, contact **Lannie Alexander**
255-4023 alexwirtz@Q.com

Woody Duncan had a watercolor accepted into the Watercolor Society of Alabama's 69th Annual Exhibition
The exhibition runs May 15th through July 17th

A contingent of 15 NMWS members and family plan to attend the opening of the WFWS exhibition in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Plans are being presented in Utah about our hosting of WFWS 2011, next May in New Mexico.

WHAT IS A PAINTOUT ?

For anyone new with NMWS, the society has typically held monthly "paint outs," which provide an opportunity for members of NMWS to get together and paint somewhere on location together once a month. Typically, we spread out and paint for a couple hours, and then have a short discussion and/or critique at the end. Depending on who attends, there can also be short informal critiques, if not lessons, member to member. It's a great way to get to know other members of the Society and also a good way to hone your skills of drawing/painting from actual subjects rather than from pictures.

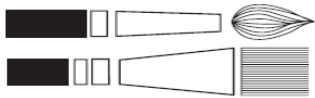
In April, we painted a variety of subjects at the UNM campus. Future Paint Outs scheduled include:
May 15 - Los Poblanos Lotus Pond, 9-noon (note that this date is a week later than our May meeting, and NOT on Mother's Day weekend)
June 26 - Railrunner to Santa Fe (9am-?) Watch for details about where to meet.

July 24 - Location and time to be determined

If you are planning to attend any of these events, please plan to let me know a few days prior to each event so I will know generally how many are planning to attend or can let you know if anything changes. Fine to contact me by email, karinmp@prodigy.net or phone, 270-2380 (cell). I look forward to painting with you! **Karin Pitman** Paint Out Chair

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Southern Chapter News

I wish to express a sincere thank you to the Board, Committee Chairpersons and all the Committee members for all your great work during the 2009-10 year. I would also like to thank the General Membership for all your support and willingness to lend a hand when needed. Now it is time to welcome the new Board and Committees who will take the reins for 2010-11. The Officers are: **Carolyn Bunch**, President; **Beegee Brandhorst**, Vice President/Program Chair; **Kaye Faircloth**, Secretary; and **Bill Coon**, Treasurer. The following Board Members/Committee Chairpersons and Committee members have also graciously agreed to serve: Membership, **Donna Wood**; Publicity, **Donna Ayres**; Exhibitions, **Sue Van Frank**; Hospitality, **Arlene Tugel**, **Mary McCoy** and **Gail Makowsky**; DVD Library, **Beverley Pirtle**; Paper Sales, **Linda Keener**; Workshops, **Mayanna Howard**; Paint-Outs, **Bob Zeissel**; Historian, **Pat Bonneau-White**; File Manager, **Jeri Desrochers**; SC Internet Content, **Jan Addy**. Congratulations and best wishes to you all for a wonderful year ahead.

Meetings & Programs: Because our normal meeting date conflicts with Mother's Day, we'll meet one week early in May. The May meeting will be on **Sun, May 2, 2 pm**, at the Good Sam's Arts and Crafts Room in the Admin. Bldg. on Buena Vida Circle. After a brief business meeting, there will be a discussion and demonstration of many watercolor painting tips, tricks and special techniques. During the last few months, members have submitted their favorite tips and tricks, which have been compiled into a booklet, "Everyone Has One . . . What's Yours?" Copies of the booklet will be distributed to attendees at the meeting. Don't miss this special event! This will be our last meeting for the 2009-2010 year; there are no meetings in June, July and August.

.....see page 2 for additional SC news

Marie Siegrist

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