

Brush Strokes

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November Meeting

David Smith's Scenic Outdoors Painting Demonstration

Thursday, November 14th at 7 pm

Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55435



David is a popular watercolor instructor, leading local, national, and international classes. He enjoys breaking down a complex watercolor into small steps to allow students to understand not only the techniques, but the thought process behind a finished picture. As well as Smith Studio in Eden Prairie, he has led recent trips to the Denali Peninsula in Alaska, and to France.

David began painting 30 years ago by studying Chinese brush painting. He credits this experience with encouraging fearless brushstrokes in his watercolor. He is particularly interested in capturing the effects of light, shadow and mood in his paintings. He uses multiple different approaches to "convey a feeling of aliveness" in his paintings. He is particularly interested in portraying the beauty of the outdoors, and nature.

David Smith is a nationally recognized watercolor artist. His paintings are represented in galleries and museums across the United States, and he has received many awards. His painting, "Shower of Light" received the Skyledge Award, as well as the cover image of this year's Transparent Watercolor Society of America (TWSA) catalog. He is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, as well as others.

For more information, please visit dsmithfineart.com.



"Shower of Light" by David Smith



"Autumn Light" by David Smith

From the President

Hello Artist Friends and Members!

I was looking at some art and watercolor magazines, and was overwhelmed by the talent of the artists reflected in their paintings shown in the magazines. The realism, the detail, the flow of color, the emotions conveyed, the creativity! Sometimes looking at fantastic, accomplished painter's works can discourage us. We might think "I will never achieve that level of talent or expertise". That thought is usually short-lived in my mind, because then I am inspired by what I see...to learn more, experiment more, and strive for the best I can do as an artist. As I read more about each of the artists, one thing they all have in common is that their art has been and continues to be a journey for them.

Each of us also has the opportunity to take our own artistic journey. Along the way we will have opportunities to grow and learn in our art. To contribute to our journey, we have some talented, knowledgeable, and fun demo artists for our upcoming monthly meetings. Thank you to our program chairs for their work in getting these artists and demos scheduled for us. The artists will awe us, inspire us, and encourage us to strive to try some new things. Upcoming in November is David Smith, and Marilyn Jacobson in December. We hope you can join us for these meetings.

Of course, the most important component of our painting is to have fun and express ourselves. It will show in our paintings the joy we feel will show in our paintings.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you soon and share stories, paintings, and our love of art!

Carol



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Minnesota Watercolor Society Plan to Attend our Creative Demonstrations

December Meeting

Marilyn Jacobson Demonstrates her Intuitive Painting

Thursday, December 12th at 7 pm

Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55435



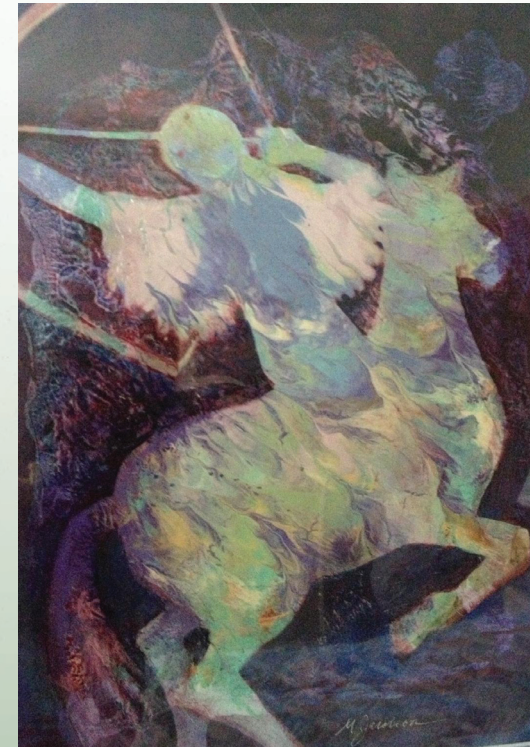
Marilyn Jacobson began her professional career as a Social Worker, but has a lifelong hobby of sketching people and animals. She began working in watercolor after attending a Watercolor Society meeting in 2005 and it has been her medium of choice ever since.

Marilyn is known for capturing personality and mood in her beautiful, glowing watercolor portraits. Two styles are used in her works, Realistic and Intuitive. Painting realistic watercolors, requires slow, deliberate and solo efforts. Her second style is contrasting, but complementary—Intuitive Painting. This Intuitive style of Marilyn's is relaxed, social, and a great way to develop creativity!

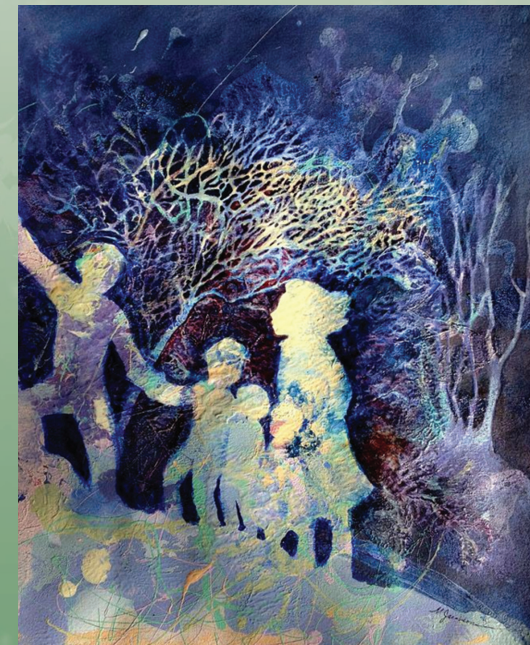
Marilyn will be demonstrating her Intuitive Paintings, which are lively and interesting. Many of the results are whimsical and humorous. Marilyn finds that painting in this style opens her imagination, and opens her to creative possibilities.

Marilyn enjoys teaching acrylic painting at Cheers Pablo. An Award Winning Artist she is a member and contributor and has served on the Boards of the Minnesota Watercolor Society, and the NorthStar Waterrmedia Society. She also is active in the Simpson's Art 4 Shelter fundraiser.

Online: 1-marilyn-jacobson.pixels.com email: portraitsbymarilyn@gmail.com.



Intuitive painting sample by Marilyn Jacobson



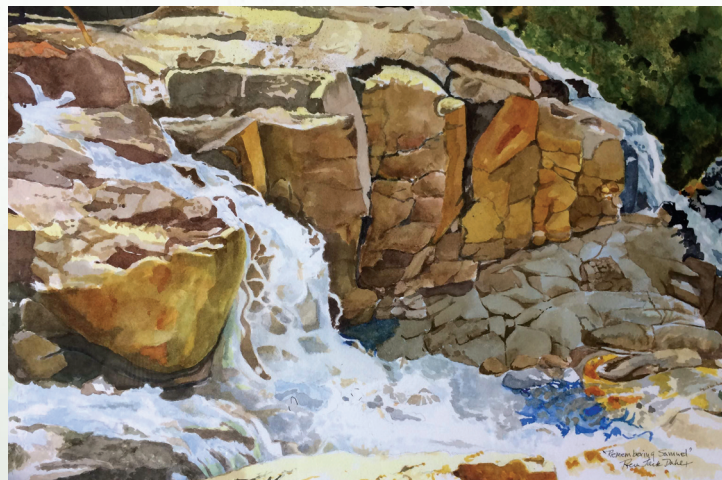
"Shelter from the Storm" by Marilyn Jacobson

Show Awards

Thank you to the Fall Exhibition Juror, Kat Corrigan. You can explore her work at <https://katcorrigan.com>
A big shout out to the Ames Center for hosting our exhibition. It's a terrific space.

Best of Show

"Gooseberry Falls" by Rev. Jack Dahl



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"Foggy Morning Lake Walk" by Richard Green



Honorable Mentions

1. *"A Shepherd's Life" by Tara Sweeney*



2. *"Prom Day II" by Heidi Nelson*



3. *"Tree in the Garden of Eden" by Jean M. Allen*



First Honors

"Fireweed" by Georgia Kandiko



Second Honors

"Tickled Pink" by Erin Burton



Third Honors *"After the Storm" by Missy Moore*



Thank you to the 70 artists who exhibited their work. I'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped with drop-off, hanging the show and those who will help with pick-up. This show could not happen without you! It's been a pleasure getting to know all the artists while I've chaired the Fall Exhibition over the last three years. I'm happy to introduce Janet Bates: she will be taking over for me. She is already getting ready for 2020!

Happy Painting!

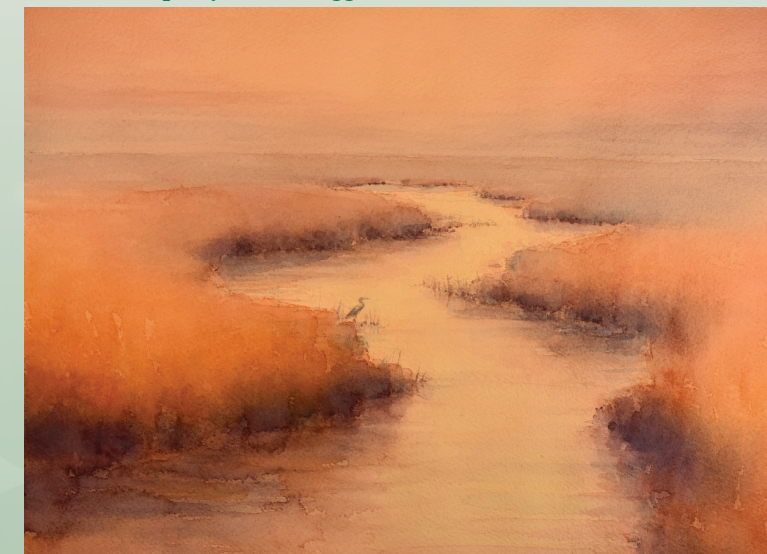
*Therésa Weseman,
MNWS Fall Exhibition Chair*

Merit Awards

1. *"Minnehaha Falls" by Lori Grafing*



2. *"Dreamscape" by Donald Aggerbeck*



This year's show was held from Thursday, September 19 to Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Ames Center, 12600 Nicollet Ave. Burnsville, MN 55337.

2019 Fall Juried Exhibition
MINNESOTA DREAMIN'

Inclination /ˌɪŋkləˈnæʃ(ə)nəl: inclination; plural noun: inclinations
1. a person's natural tendency or urge to act or feel in a particular way; a disposition or propensity.
– an interest in or liking for (something).



"Eastward", by Jeannie McGuire



"Kenneth", by Jeannie McGuire is the American Watercolor Society's 144th Gold Medal of Honor.

Exhibition Time Line:

Thursday, January 2
Submission Period Opens

Tuesday, March 10
Submission Period Closes

Monday, March 23
Selected Paintings on MNWS.com

Saturday, April 11 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Drop Off Period for Selected Paintings
-No Late Drop offs

Saturday, April 11 - Wednesday, April 15
Hanging of Show

Friday, April 17 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Opening Reception, Awards at 7:00 pm

Friday, May 15
Exhibition closes at end of day

Saturday, May 16 10:00am - 1:00pm
Pick up Paintings - No Late Pick Ups

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania based artist, Jeannie McGuire, AWS, will judge the paintings to be accepted into the MNWS 2020 Spring Inclinations Exhibition.

This juried show is open to all MNWS members who have paid their dues through April 30, 2020. If you are not currently a member of the society, you can join when you submit your painting(s). Each member may enter up to two paintings. The entry fee is \$30 for the first painting and \$5 for the second entry. Entry fees are not refundable. Complete exhibition rules and entry information:
<http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com/springexhibition/>

This exhibition was named "Spring Inclinations" to honor the emotions evoked when one views Jeannie McGuire's watercolors. Jeannie's work has been described as a brilliant combination of emotion, movement, and natural design. As springtime brings the promise of new life and an awakening of the senses from the cold Minnesota winters, our art can awaken emotions and touch the soul. Whether it is a brooding portrait, or a beautiful scene, powerful art evokes an emotional response. McGuire uses her own photography, acquired snapshots and life drawings to spark her creativity. Her artistry has been expanded upon from her days as a commercial graphic designer and photographer.

Ms. McGuire's works have been displayed and awarded on an International level including invitational exhibitions in the USA, China, France and Italy and a feature exhibition in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art in Eugene Oregon, as well as represented in numerous art magazines. McGuire further dedicates herself to her craft by instructing figurative design watercolor workshops in an effort to encourage fellow artists. Professional organizations include the American Watercolor Society, Pittsburgh Watercolor Society and various small groups of collaborative artists.

Questions: Spring Exhibit Co-Chairs Missy Moore and Diane Pearson
Email: mnwsspringartshow@gmail.com Please include contact information.

Spring Inclinations 2020 Spring Juried Exhibition Friday, April 17 – Friday, May 15

Minnetonka Center for the Arts, 2240 North Shore Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391

Minnesota Watercolor Society

Make plans to attend this exciting Workshop

Jeannie McGuire Spring Workshop

MN Watercolor Society and Minnetonka Center for the Arts Spring 2020 Workshop
"Figurative Design With Watercolor" with Jeannie McGuire Four Day Workshop \$525
April 14–17, 2020 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts
Lottery application begins Sept. 9, 2019 through Minnetonka Center for the Arts
Application must be received by midnight, January 26, 2020
Lottery winners notified by phone January 27, 2020

Pittsburgh-based artist, Jeannie McGuire, utilizes free application and stylistic expression in her award-winning watercolors. Personal photography, appropriated snapshots, and life drawings provide her creative spark. Her work has been described as "a brilliant combination of emotion, movement, and artistry." Impressionistic in nature, but anchored in recognizable subject matter, her figurative approach is truly unique. Her work was awarded the American Watercolor Society's 144th Gold Medal of Honor, is widely exhibited internationally, and featured in numerous art publications—most recently, International Artist Magazine, 2018.

Minnesota Watercolor Society and the Minnetonka Center for the Arts will co-host Jeannie McGuire's Figurative Design workshop featuring her unique projects and experimental approach. You'll be invited to: imagine a story, character and persona of people in reference photos; find a signature style; strengthen drawing and painting skills; discover the freedom of an intuitive approach to create memorable paintings. You'll explore: the interplay between figurative subject(s) and backgrounds, natural design in reference materials, cropping impact, pigment maintenance, high ratio of pigment to water, intentional and spontaneous marks, use of titanium white, and the freedom to change your mind. Each day begins with a project-specific demo such as: unconventional exploration of eyes and faces; single-figure focus with nonspecific background; integrating figurative grouping with background elements. Artists receive lots of personal attention and plenty of painting time.

<https://jeanniemcguire.com/> Please find more information on our website at: www.minnesotawatercolors.com

Lottery Application for Jeannie McGuire 4 Day Workshop Please Print

Application is by lottery for MN Watercolor Society (MNWS) and Minnetonka Center for the Arts (MCFTA) members only.

Name _____

Members of both must identify with one or the other for purposes of lottery: ☐ MNWS Member ☐ MCFTA Member

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

DEPOSIT: ☐ \$100 Deposit must be included to secure a spot in the Lottery, deposit is refunded if application is not drawn.

2ND PAYMENT: \$425 due in full upon winning and acceptance by credit card or by check to MCFTA by February 3, 2020

If chosen and payment is not received by February 3, 2020 your spot will be offered to the next applicant drawn.

WITHDRAWAL FEES after Registration: Before Feb 9th, \$100 • Feb 10th to March 1st, \$260 • After March 1st, \$525

EMAIL Registration: registration@minnetonkaarts.org **TELEPHONE Registration at MCFTA:** With credit card 952.473.7361 ext. 160

US MAIL Registration: Checks only. Send this completed form to: MCFTA, 2240 North Shore Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391

Questions? Email Beverly Wood at bjwood48@hotmail.com or Tara Sweeney at tarasweeneyart@gmail.com



"Observer", by Jeannie McGuire



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*"To further the development of the
watercolor artist by providing a
supportive environment with education,
exhibition opportunities, promotion
of public appreciation and
greater visibility of the art."*

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*To become a member of the MNWS please visit our website at
<http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com/join/>*

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MNWS CALENDAR

WELCOME!

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Suzanne Kane
Linda Heaton
Laura Madigan
Catherine Wheaton
Eileen McCormack
Robin Evans

**We have 302 current
paid members**

Check our facebook page for
more member happenings at

[www.facebook.com/groups/
MinnesotaWatercolors](https://www.facebook.com/groups/MinnesotaWatercolors)

Programs are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm September–May only.
Usually at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55435
(Corner of 70th Street and Highway 100) Check our website for locations that may vary.

November 14th, Thursday

Demo Artist: David Smith
Scenic outdoors

December 12th, Thursday

Demo Artist: Marilyn Jacobson
Intuitive Painting

January 9th, Thursday

Demo Artist:
Calvin DeRuyter

February 13th, Thursday

Demo Artist:
Marilyn Garber

March 12th, Thursday

Demo Artist:
Lisa Fertig

2020 Spring Juried Exhibition

April 17 – May 15

NorthStar Watermedia Society Meetings

*Meeting on the third Thursday
of most months at 7 pm in the
Rose Room located at the
Roseville Skating Center
2661 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, MN 55113*

**November 21 - Demo Artist:
Rick Mittelstadt**

**December 19 - Demo Artist:
Jim Turner. Holiday party
and art swap**

<http://northstarwatermedia.com/>

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Ruth Holland and Dan Weimer! As of May 1, 2019 they achieved Lifetime Status with 20 or more years of continuous membership in the Minnesota Watercolor Society. From all your Board members, we extend our Congratulations! Thank you for your unfailing support of the Society.