

Brush Strokes

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James Turner Demonstrates YUPO

Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7pm
Hopkins Center for the Arts



This demo will explore the unique characteristics of watercolor on YUPO, a smooth inorganic (plastic) surface that accepts paint in a very different way than paper. Because the paint sits on the surface instead of being absorbed, it flows, mixes, and can give a very fluid abstract liquid look to washes that can be very appealing (and frustrating, if you are trying to control it.) The surface also allows colors to be more intense, giving a stained glass look that is amazing and makes lifting easy, allowing a push-pull method of composition similar to working with opaque paints. I will try to demonstrate as many of the techniques for working on YUPO as possible consistent with finishing a demo painting.

"I was trained and practiced full time as an MD anesthesiologist until 3 years ago, but have been drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting and otherwise involved in making art all my life. I took up watercolor painting seriously about 25 years ago. I have attended workshops with several nationally known artists.

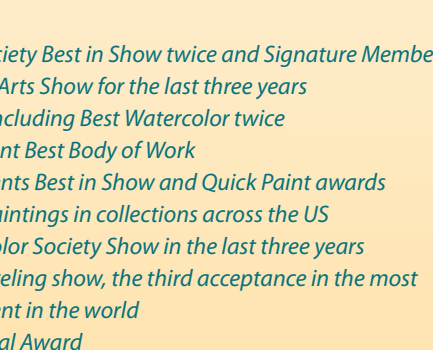
I cannot now look at the world without thinking about color, texture, value, and design. I am driven to paint and my favorite times are spent in front of an easel. For me, it is really and truthfully about the process of creation. It's great when a painting succeeds and I and others can look at it and appreciate and enjoy it, but I love painting even when the results are not so great when the new idea doesn't pan out. Maybe because of this I love to try things I haven't tried before, new techniques, new media, new compositions because it's FUN. I paint because it's magic, and I love doing it, and my favorite painting is always the next one." James Turner.

Instructing:

- Teaching at Minnetonka Center for the Arts, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Workshops for the Minnesota Watercolor Society and for other local societies
- Volunteered as a watercolor teacher at the Mound Westonka Middle School (12 years)
- Assisting/teaching at the Mound Westonka High School in their Advanced Art Program Curator for the Performing Arts Center at the High School (volunteer) exhibition space.

Multiple awards:

- Minnesota Watercolor Society Best in Show twice and Signature Member
- Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Show for the last three years
- Plein Air Painting events including Best Watercolor twice
- Grand Marais Plein air event Best Body of Work
- Red Wing and Hudson events Best in Show and Quick Paint awards
- Several Solo shows and paintings in collections across the US
- Annual American Watercolor Society Show in the last three years
- Signature Status AWS traveling show, the third acceptance in the most prestigious watercolor event in the world
- FrancisNeil Storer memorial Award



From the President

Hello Members of the Watercolor Society,!

Happy Spring, I hope you are finding time to paint some colorful scenes now that we have warmer weather and the blooming landscape. It's also time to think seriously about some plein air locations.



The board of Directors continues to work on making the MNWS the best it can be- here are a few highlights of what is happening:

- Planning for Members Day 2022 is underway. The event will be scheduled for a Saturday in June. Look for emailed updates soon.
- Signup and payment for membership, workshops, and shows will be easier than ever with the use of a new internet- based software that will be phased in for use during this year.
- In the fall, membership meetings and artist demonstrations will continue to be offered in-person and by zoom. Our technology team will stay on top of any improvements needed to make the viewing experience the best it can be.
- Board positions Job descriptions are being finalized. This should make it easy to understand the expectations of each MNWS function for new volunteers (and old, for that matter).
- Last but not least, the board is studying our income versus expenses versus value to the members, with an eye to how the MNWS can offer greater value to its members..

Board members are listed on this newsletter page. Please contact one if you have questions, suggestions or simply to say thanks.

The spring exhibition "Spring Forth" continues its run as you read this and is still viewable at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. If you have not seen it yet, you have until May 20 to visit the gallery to see this excellent show. Look for Covid protocols there before you go.

Membership Renewals were encouraged by May 1st, I hope most of you took advantage of that. If not, please do at your convenience.

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." Pablo Picasso

Thanks for being a member and happy painting,

Vic Perlbachs
President MNWS

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Save the Date!

MNWS MEMBERS' DAY 2022

Saturday, June 18, 2022, 9:30 am – 4 pm Rain or Shine!

Hyland Park Lake Reserve Visitor Center

10145 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington, MN 55438

MNWS Members Day is back—
with a post Covid price
reduction celebration!

Registration fee is \$10.00

Get inspired for a summer of painting!
Plan to join us for a summer day
immersed in watercolor!

Please consider volunteering
opportunities for:

- Check-in
- Artists Assistants (3)
- Refreshments
- Clean up

Watch your MNWS email for our exciting lineup of demo artists, registration information and volunteer opportunities. Space is limited to 60 so register early!



Fall Workshop 2022

Animal/Bird Fall Workshop with Kim Johnson Nechtman *Friday, Oct 21 and Saturday, Oct 22, 2022*

Zoom format, 10 am -3 pm CDT with 1/2 hour lunch break



Self Portrait of Kim Johnson Nechtman

Get loose, go outside the lines, and don't be afraid of watercolors! During this two day Zoom course, Kim will guide us through three different approaches to bird/animal subjects: a very direct painting approach, a wet-into-wet approach, and a unique "throwing paint" approach. Students will let their fears evaporate, learning instead to relax and open up their creativity and imaginations. We will explore making shapes, using color combinations, simultaneously designing foreground and background, and taking advantage of soft and hard edges. Students will gain confidence in reaching the point where they realize their painting is complete.

Cost: \$225 members, \$275 non-members

Registration opens Monday, August 1, 2022, more information in the summer newsletter.

Refund minus \$25 up to September 15, after which no refund.

Minnesota Watercolor Society

Contact any Board Member listed on page 2 of our newsletter for more information on volunteering

Lifetime Members

61 Lifetime Members

Thank you for 20 or more years of continuous membership in the Minnesota

Watercolor Society

since April 30th, 2002.

We hope you will

enjoy your lifetime

status with your dues

waived, and still enjoy

the benefits of MNWS, along with many

artist friendships you have shared.



The 13 members below will be recognized and presented their Lifetime Member pins at the May and September MNWS meetings. Photograph of the recipients will be posted in our next newsletter.

Congratulations!

Lynne Baur

Bonnie

Featherstone

Linda Garrett

Jeanne Long

Gini MacDonald

Marilyn Meyer

Richard Persons

Susan Rldeout

Kathleen Sovell

Carol Stott

Carol Urness

Janice Vaughan

Carol Wingard

Anne Bendt, Membership Chairman

Currently there are Board opportunities for:

Vice President. Contact Vic Perlbachs at vperlbachs@gmail.com

Hospitality. Contact Vic Perlbachs at vperlbachs@gmail.com

Coordinate treats for our in-person meetings, help set up information tables.

Signature Membership. Contact Stephen Lackore at slackore@yahoo.com Position opens up 2023.

Treasurer. Contact Hadji Bensfield at blessedbygod123@aol.com Position opens up 2023.

Do you love art? Volunteering:

Connects you with others

Builds self-confidence and self-esteem

Is important for physical health and mental health

Is important for a sense of purpose

Helps you forget your own problems

Meets people in your community.

Strengthens our community

Please consider volunteering as a Chair!



Fall Show

FALL INTO COLOR

2022 Fall Member Exhibition

Thursday, Sept 29–Friday, Nov 4, 2022

White Bear Center for the Arts

4971 Long Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS:

Thursday, July 21 at 10 am

REGISTRATION CLOSES:

Friday, July 29 at midnight

DROP OFF PAINTINGS:

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

AWARDS CEREMONY:

Thursday, October 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

PICK UP PAINTINGS:

Saturday, November 5, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

The MNWS Fall Exhibition is a non-juried show open to all active members who have paid dues through May 31, 2023. The first 70 paid entries will be accepted. Each member is allowed one entry. The \$30 fee is non-refundable and helps support the Minnesota Watercolor Society.

Registration will only be available online and we need a high quality jpeg file of your painting between 400 KB and 12 MB.

The show will also be available online and White Bear needs the files as soon as possible in order to have time to put this together. The White Bear Center for the Arts is a wonderful venue for our show and we look forward to your participation.

Paintings may be offered for sale or shown as NFS – not for sale. The White Bear Center for the Arts will exclusively handle all transactions and collect a 30% commission. If your painting is NFS we will need a value for it for insurance purposes.

All entries must follow MNWS Exhibition Rules which are posted on the MNWS website. Artists are strongly encouraged to completely read and understand rules before registering to avoid having a painting disqualified at drop-off.

MNWS Registration website:

<http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com/exhibitions/>

Questions? Contact the fall show chairperson Karen Stuhlfeier by email at mnwsfallshow@gmail.com Please allow her time to get back to you. She is unavailable during the week while she is at work and will return your emails in the evening.

Don't forget to see the

SPRING FORTH

2022 Spring Juried Exhibition

In Person Viewing through Friday, May 20th

Minnetonka Center for the Arts

2240 North Shore Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391



Membership Renewals Are Due May 1st!

MNWS Annual Membership year is May 1st through April 30th of the following year.

by Anne Bendt, Membership Chairperson

With over 350 members, the Minnesota Watercolor Society (MNWS) is one of the largest associations of watercolor artists in the Midwest. Since its inception in 1983, MNWS membership has mushroomed with artists looking for educational information, support and encouragement. Monthly meetings, a newsletter, workshops, demonstrations, "paintouts" and exhibits provide a wealth of opportunities for artists to learn and grow. MNWS also maintains an excellent library of books for member use.

Renewals can be completed in one of the following ways:

1. Online Payments accepted via PayPal or check on the MNWS website at: www.minnesotawatercolors.com/join/
2. Mail your check with the completed Registration Form to:
Anne Bendt, MNWS Membership Chairperson
1120 Tonkawa Rd, Long Lake, MN 55356-9240

Please update your Member Profile at:
<http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com/member-registration/>

Membership Renewal fees are:

- Students \$20
- Seniors 65+ \$30
- Single \$35
- Couple/Family \$45

Any artist, from beginner to advanced, is welcome to join the supportive environment of MNWS.

Questions: Contact Anne Bendt at: abendt12@gmail.com

If you do not renew now, this will be your last newsletter and email communication of MNWS activities.



Cut or Copy and complete

Minnesota Watercolor Society Renewal/Membership Application 2021 Form

Name _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

☐ Single Member \$35 ☐ Couple/Family \$45 ☐ Seniors (65+) \$30 ☐ Student \$20

☐ Check here to remove your name from exhibition award donors' mail list of artists product information.

☐ Check here if you are willing to volunteer.

US MAIL REGISTRATION: Checks only. Send registration to:

Anne Bendt, MNWS Membership Chairperson, 1120 Tonkawa Rd, Long Lake, MN 55356-9240



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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."*

Minnesota Watercolor Society Mission Statement

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

MNWS CALENDAR

Welcome New Members

Sarah ten Bensal

Susan Branch

Christian Deroski

Rick Eiden

Nancy Giere

Beverly Hawkins

LouAnn Hoppe

Greg Meyer

Sheri Murphy

Sue Pavlatos

Susan Rupp

Bonnie Smith

**We have 346
current members**

Programs are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm September–May only. Usually at Hopkins Center for the Arts 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343. Check website for locations that may vary.

SPRING FORTH Exhibit

Minnetonka Center for the Arts
Now – Friday, May 20

James Turner Demo YUPO

Thursday, May 12 at 7pm
Hopkins Center for the Arts

Members' Day, Hyland Park
Lake Reserve Visitor Center
Sat., June 18, 9:30 am – 4 pm

Our members offer painting
classes, listed on our website at:
[minnesotawatercolors.com/
member-classes/](http://minnesotawatercolors.com/member-classes/)

Check our facebook page for up-
to-date events and inspirational
artwork shared by members and
guests at: [www.facebook.com/
groups/MinnesotaWatercolors/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/MinnesotaWatercolors/)



"Fragrant Beauty"
by Darlene Mowry.
Detail



NorthStar Watermedia Society

May 1: Registration open for NorthStar
National Juried Exhibition.

Call for Entry: May 1 - June 28

Online entries only at callforentry.org

Exhibition Dates: August 28 - November 3

Exhibition Location: St. Paul's Monastery
in Maplewood, MN

Reception/Awards: September 18

The prospectus will be on the NorthStar
and Call for Entry websites starting May 1.

May 12: Demo: Frank Zeller. In-person
demo and celebration at the Roseville Oval

June 1: Plein air painting begins on
Wednesdays throughout summer

June 28: Deadline for registration for
NorthStar National Juried

northstarwatermedia.com/