

Brush Strokes

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Congratulations!

SIGNATURE MEMBER STATUS AWARDED

The right to add the initials MNWS under an artist's signature indicates they have been awarded Signature status, a prized achievement for artists whose work consistently demonstrates a high level of skill and sophistication of aesthetics.

Following the 2022 Spring Exhibition "Spring Forth", seven member artists were recognized as Signature Members for their achievement in artistic expression and volunteer work to support the mission of the Minnesota Watercolor Society.

To achieve the distinction of Signature Member in the Minnesota Watercolor Society, these accomplished artists each earned at least six points within a contiguous five year period. Points are earned for paintings juried into the Spring Exhibition and for awards given by the jurist in both Spring and Fall Exhibitions. Points are also earned though volunteering/holding a position on the MNWS Board of Directors.

Congratulations to each of you!

Stephen Lackore, Signature Member Chair



Judy Ellenberger Cline, Jack Liebo, Nancy Webert



Kathy Schur, Suzanne Shaff, Mary Holmgren, and Erin Burton

From the President

Hello fellow artists and friends,

I hope you are enjoying our summer weather and all the activities and sightseeing that there is to do. Take photos for painting subjects to try in your studio or try a plein air attempt. My words to consider are:

KEEP IT SIMPLE

I was in a workshop a while ago and one of the sessions was on the 1, 2, 3 and 5 minute painting approach. First we taped off a sheet of watercolor paper to get (4) approx. 5 x 7 inch images on the paper. Then we selected our subject, mixed colors that we would be using, and the timer would start.

I chose a landscape, and in one minute I could get the sky, the foreground and the mid to back ground shapes and colors on the paper. Absolutely no detail, I didn't even think about it.

Then in following we did 2, 3 and 5 minute approaches that allowed for shade, shadow and some

detail. When we looked at them together its amazing to see how well the one minute approach stacked up with the others in which we had more time to add "stuff". It got me to consider how I should approach the later stages of a painting, what's important and what is not.

This exercise got me thinking about a few years ago when I painted with my then 9 year-old nephew during one of their family visits to Minneapolis. We selected a subject and timed ourselves to finish in 7 minutes (because that's when dinner would be ready). We were both pleasantly surprised at the outcome when we had to make immediate decisions about what to include in the scene compared to what was in the subject photo.

So, back to my words to consider, try simplifying your work, don't add all the details so the viewer can fill them in, and you might find that your work is fresher and spontaneous, a winner!!

Thanks for being a member of the Minnesota Watercolor Society, happy painting!

Vic Perlbachs
President MNWS



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Questions? Contact the fall show chairperson Karen Stuhlfeier by email at mnwfsfallshow@gmail.com Your emails will be answered in the evenings.

2022 Fall Members Juried Exhibition Judge Nancy Carlson Children's Book Author and Illustrator

Nancy Carlson has written and illustrated more than 60 children's books since 1979. Here is what the

Publishers Weekly review said about Nancy's book titled *I LIKE ME* : "The foundation of a healthy self-image, the cornerstone of a happy and successful life, is what Carlson's work is all about".

In late fall 2012, Nancy heard two words from a neurologist that would rock the happy life she had created with her husband Barry McCool. Those words were frontotemporal dementia (FTD). So the journey with FTD began!

What does an author and illustrator do when the family has no health insurance, is one rent check away from being homeless, has a husband swearing at her all day long and the IRS breathing down her back? She keeps creating! Nancy continued to do books, but she also created a blog called "Putting One Foot In Front of the Other." Nancy is working on a graphic style memoir about her husband's FTD Journey.

For more information on Nancy
www.nancycarlson.com.



FALL INTO COLOR White Bear Center for the Arts

Awards Ceremony Thursday, Oct 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
Show running Thursday, Sept 29 – Friday, Nov 4, 2022
4971 Long Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Spring Show Awards

People's Choice

Susan Zavadil, 'Appaloosa'



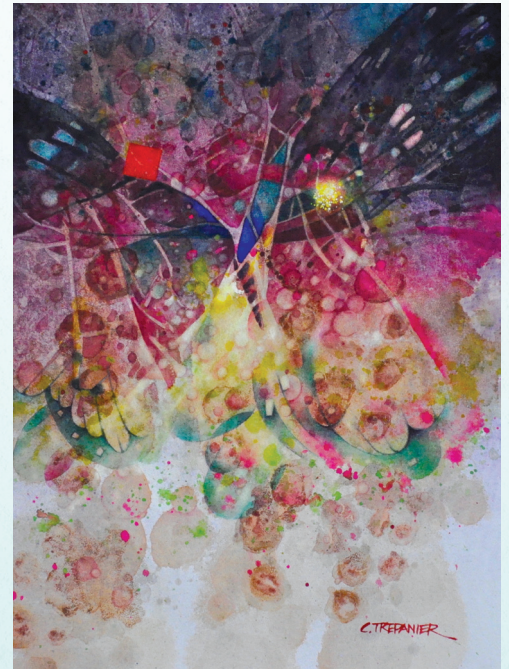
First Honors

Susan Shaff, 'Havana Honey'



Second Honors

Claudia Trepanier, 'In The Light'



Best of Show

Tara Sweeney, 'Day Dreamer'



Third Honors

Janice Morris, 'Dragonfly for Healing'



Emerich Stordahl Founders

James Turner, 'Girl from the North Country'



We want to thank the many volunteers who made this show a reality. Please consider volunteering, we have many positions open right now, see page 7.

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Questions? Contact Julie Schroeder, brushcolour@yahoo.com
Please include contact information.

Honorable Mentions

Carol Humpage, 'Vigil Store'



Nancy Webert 'Another Good Day'



SPRING FORTH was a beautiful show at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, thanks for hosting our exhibition. Many thanks to our juror, Richard Kochenash for all his hard work. It wasn't easy to chose winners from all the great art submitted. Thank you to all who submitted their artwork! Congratulations to all of the winners.

Rick Lundsten, 'Secured'



Missy Moore is stepping down as co-chair for this event. We want to thank Missy for her years helping with this exhibit. We are welcoming our new Co-Chair, Buffie Shannon for the next show.

Merit Award Heidi Nelson, 'Big Finish'



Merit Award

Mary Holmgren, 'Stormy Day on The Gulf'



Thank you,

Julie Schroeder and
Buffie Shannon,
Co-chairs of the Spring
Show
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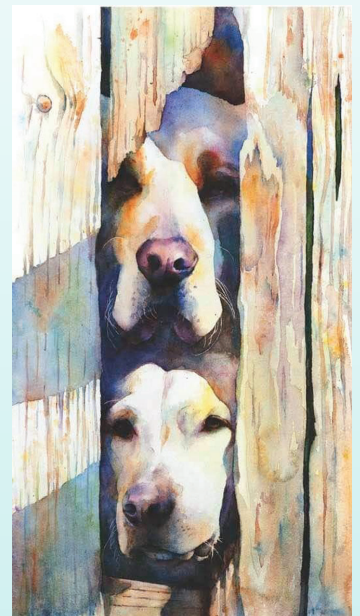
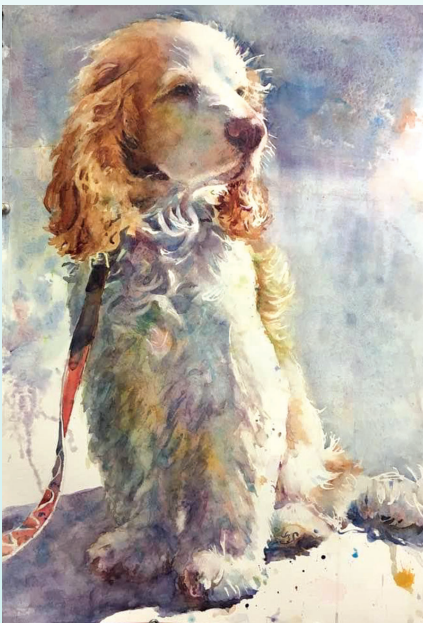
2022 Spring Juried Exhibition **SPRING FORTH**

April 25 – May 20 Minnetonka Center for the Arts 2240 North Shore Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391

2022 Fall Workshop

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.

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

Don't forget!

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Questions Membership or Lifetime membership?

Contact: Anne Bendt, MNWS Membership Chair at
abendt12@gmail.com

It's Not Too Late to Join or Renew your Membership!

Online Payments accepted via PayPal or check on the MNWS website at: www.minnesotawatercolors.com/join/
Or just fill out this form and mail it today! Make sure your membership is up to date to enter our Fall Show.

Minnesota Watercolor Society Membership /Renewal Application 2022 Form

Name _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

☐ Single Member \$35

☐ Couple/Family \$45

☐ Seniors (65+) \$30

☐ Student \$20

☐ I would like someone to call me about volunteer opportunities

US MAIL REGISTRATION: Checks only. Send registration to:

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

Congratulations!

LIFETIME MEMBERS AWARD

Six of 15 Lifetime members received their Certificates and Pewter Lifetime Pins at the May 12th MNWS Demo/Meeting. The remaining 2022 Lifetime members are invited to receive their certificates, pins, and photo opportunity at our opening Fall MNWS meeting Thursday September 8th. Left to right: Gini MacDonald, Susan Rideout, Richard Person, Carol Stott, Carol Wingard, and Kathleen Sovell.



Board Opening

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.

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

Positions are open now and more will be open in the coming season. Board positions are for two years. Add to your points for Signature status by volunteering for a board position. Job descriptions are available, contact any board member on page 2 for more information. You can shadow a board member to learn how to serve.



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watercolor artist by providing a
supportive environment with education,
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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!

MNWS New Members

Kim Austrian

Susan Chambers

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Susan Drey

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Robyn Rose Walker

262 PAID MEMBERS

**MNWS Programs are held the second Thursday
of the month at 7 pm September – May only.**

Hopkins Center for the Arts 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins,
MN 55343. Check website for locations that may vary.

Fall Workshop

Kim Johnson Nechtman
Friday, Oct 21 and Saturday, Oct 22, 2022



Fall into Color Member Fall Exhibit

White Bear Center for the Arts
Thursday, Sept 29–Friday, Nov 4, 2022



NorthStar Watermedia Society

*Meeting on the third Thursday of most months at 7pm,
Rose Room, Roseville Skate Center,
2661 Civic Center Dr. Roseville, MN 55113
<http://northstarwatermedia.com/>*

PLEIN AIR PAINTOUT LOCATIONS

*Open to ALL Painters. Non-members are welcome. Wednesday
mornings through out summer. Gather 9am, but join us at any
time during the morning. Bring a bag lunch. Questions?: Call
Ann Sisel, 612-275-0774 or Leona Olson, 612-859-7075.*

July 6 Mississippi River Hidden Falls Park, 1313 Hidden
Falls Drive, St. Paul, 55116

July 13 Como Park Zoo or Conservatory
1225 Estabrook Dr., St. Paul. Opens at 10am. Paint outside.

July 20 Pickerel Lake at Lilydale Regional Park, 400 Water
St., Lilydale (West from Wabasha Street) or 35E to 13 to
Lilydale Road

July 27 Lakewood Cemetery Chapel and grounds
3600 Hennepin Ave So., Minneapolis.

August 3 Sucker Lake, Vandals Heights. HWY 96 South on
Rice St.

August 10 Lyndale Park Rose Garden, 4124 Roseway Road,
Minneapolis. northeast of Lake Harriet - 3,000 plants and a
Florentine fountain.

August 17 Irvine Park, 251 Walnut St., St Paul Historic
Homes, New England Style Public Square. 1 hour parking

August 24 White Bear Lake, North side or downtown.

August 31 Keller Lake in Keller Regional Park, Maplewood.
South of HWY 36 on HWY 61.

September 7 Muriel Sahlin Arboretum at Roseville
Central Park on Dale Street at Arboretum. 2525 Dale St N,
Roseville, MN 55113