

Brush Strokes

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January Meeting

SONJA HUTCHINSON

For the love of Big Blooms

Thursday, January 12th

7pm Zoom Meeting

Sonja has a fun-loving approach to watercolor and her demo on January will feature tips on how to approach those big blooms you might dream of painting. For her, watercolor is where spontaneity and intention collide.

Sonja's interest in watercolor was ignited through an invitation to paint at the Linden Hills Community Center in Minneapolis over 20 years ago.

She teaches classes and workshops at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, the U of M Landscape Arboretum and Hopkins Center for the Arts.

Her recent "Human Spirit" works express moments of kindness, joy, personal growth and empowerment. They are unbound from a single person, gender or race. They reinforce connections we share and depend upon for our own well-being.

Sonja has served as President of the Minnesota Watercolor Society from 2016 – 2018 and served on the Board of Directors for 13 years from 2008 to 2021. Her watercolors have earned numerous awards in local and national juried exhibitions and she has earned Signature Membership in the Minnesota and Red River Watercolor Society's.

You can find Sonja's work in Studio 321 of the Northrup King Building in Northeast Minneapolis or online at nemma.org/artists/Sonja-hutchinson/



From the President

Hello Artist and friends of the Minnesota Watercolor Society,

I wish you a Happy New Year and all the best in your painting endeavors. I have two challenges for you in the new year to step out of your comfort zone.

Please plan to join in on the January and February zoom members meeting demonstrations for inspiration and to get your creative juices flowing. In March we will be back in person at the Zeller Studio. As always, the meetings are on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM, so mark your calendars.

Challenge #1 - I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and try a new approach to your painting. You may be pleased with the results!

The new year is bringing a few changes to the Board. Erin Burton is stepping into the Signature Membership Chair, replacing Stephen Lackore, who served in the position for five years. Suzanne Shaff is taking Nancy Webert's place as a co-chair of Workshops. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Stephen and Nancy for their service.

As of my writing this column we are preparing to have a membership vote at the January zoom meeting to elect Executive Board Officers. Our new Secretary, Nancy Giere, will replace Sandra Schildt, and for myself, Vic Perlbachs, as President for a second term. Hadji Bensfield has completed her second term as Treasurer and the Vice President position is open. A big thanks also goes out to Sandra and Hadji for their service as elected Officers.

Challenge #2 - I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and run for the Vice President or Treasurer positions, or any other openings that will come up on the board this year. It's a commitment of a few hours a month and you will work together with your artist peers to make MNWS better. I guarantee you will get more reward from the experience than you invest.

Thanks for reading this, thanks for being a MNWS member, and have a great 2023,
Happy New Year and Happy Painting,
Vic Perlbachs
President. MNWS



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February Meeting

DANIEL KUCHENBECKER

“Step by Step Landscape Painting Construction”

February 9th, at 7 pm. Zoom Meeting



Daniel Kuchenbecker (Daniel Lloyd Art) is a Minnesota-based artist who makes work for exhibition and purchase in painting, pottery, and design. Daniel has a bachelor's degree in art education from UW-Stout and a graduate degree in Learning Design and Technology from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. He has been teaching art for 11 years,



This demonstration will be of a landscape, covering the step by step process used to construct the painting, as well as an introduction into composition focusing on how to make strategic decisions with reference images.

A picture of the painting and an underdrawing will be provided on the Facebook page before the demo in case people want to paint along.



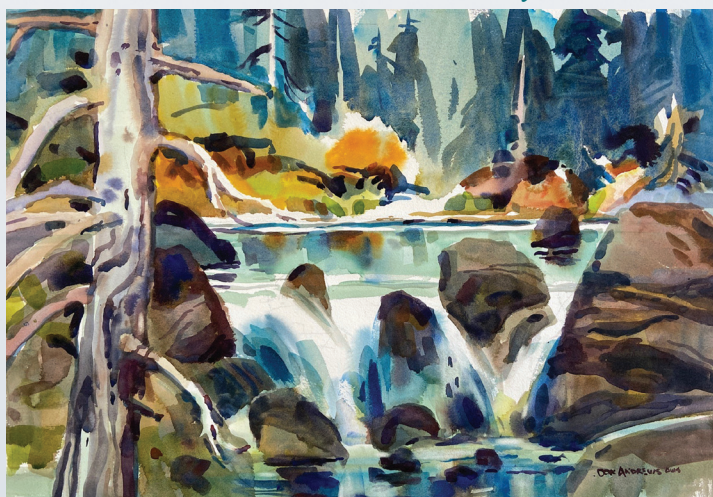
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Three Day Spring Workshop

PAINTING WITH NO STRESS



"Beach People", by Don Andrews



"Water", by Don Andrews

Learning to paint with watercolor should be fun! Don's Landscape Workshop is geared specifically for artists eager to paint and study in a no-stress studio environment.

Each day, Don will address a major visual concern; light, color, granulation, organizing nature and utilizing negative space are just a few subjects to be covered.

Don's class isn't geared to any specific level of achievement; rather artists at all levels will benefit from a more personal understanding of the painting possibilities available in the exciting world of landscape painting. This workshop will be packed with demonstrations, discussions, individual help and personal and group critiques.

Don Andrews is a nationally known watercolor artist and workshop instructor. He is a graduate of Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida and a resident of Bastrop, Texas.

Don is an active member and past board director of the American Watercolor Society. His paintings have received numerous awards in national watercolor competitions, including three awards

from the American Watercolor Society.



Don has conducted painting workshops throughout the United States, and Europe for over 35 years. He is the author of three books, and twelve videos on painting in watercolor and is featured in the Watson Guptill publication "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Watercolor" and has had

numerous feature articles published in the Watercolor issue of American Artist Magazine. www.donandrewsstudio.com

Don Andrews

"Landscape Color and Design"

Wed., April 5th through Fri., 7th, 2023

At Zeller Studio, 1421 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343

Questions: Suzanne Shaff suzanneshaff@gmail.com or Kelly Kastner at Kelynch26@msn.com

Workshop Dates and Times:

Wed., April 5th through Fri., 7th, 2023 9 am to 4 pm daily

Registration opens: January 5, 2023

Registration and Payment:

Go to www.minnesotawatercolors.com/workshop-registration/

Registration Fees:

\$350 for members and \$390 for non-members Payment via Paypal

Cancellation Fees:

\$25.00 up to March 15th. No refund will be issued after March 15th

Venturing into Abstract Painting

By Carol Wingard

Lately I have been having fun with creating small 'abstract' watercolor paintings. This has led me to do some limited research on abstract painting (primarily through Google). I have to be honest, it was like going down a rabbit hole. Lots of varying information, and different directions to take in defining and looking at abstract art. I have captured highlights of interest to me, and hopefully, for you too.

Per Wikipedia, Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944) is credited as 'one' of the pioneers of abstraction in western art. He was a Russian painter and art theorist. Kandinsky's definition of abstract art is *"art that does not attempt to represent an accurate depiction of a visual reality but instead use shapes, colours, forms and gestural marks to achieve its effect"*.



Wassily Kandinsky – Line-color Composition

Here are a few (not all) abstract art styles I found listed, or you could even classify them as different abstract techniques. I hope to incorporate some of these into my experimental abstract paintings.

- Abstract Expressionism: Paint, Splatter, Drip and Splash (ex: artist Jackson Pollock)
- Block Color: (ex: artist Piet Mondrian)
- Cubism: (ex: artist Pablo Picasso)
- Line Art (ex: artist Joan Miro)
- Surrealism (ex: artist Salvador Dali)

One quote about abstracts from my online research I especially liked is: *"True to its name, the definition and approaches to producing abstract art are, well, abstract."* (obsessedwithart.com).



Wassily Kandinsky – On White II

Here is a challenge for other MNWS watercolor artists: Paint an abstract and post it on our Minnesota Watercolor Society Facebook page. It would be fun to see the different creations!

Carol Wingard is currently serving on the board of MNWS as Historian, and has been past President.

“AWAKENINGS” SPRING SHOW!



2023 Spring Juried Exhibition

Thursday, April 6th – Sunday, April 30th

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum 3675 Arboretum Dr, Chaska, MN 55318

Don Andrews MNWS 2023 “Awakenings” Exhibition Judge.

Our spring juried show, “Awakenings” is open to all MNWS members who have paid their dues through May 31, 2023. 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. Please read the complete exhibition rules and entry information:

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

Information about Don Andrews can be found here: donandrewsarws@yahoo.com <http://donandrewsstudio.com/>

“Awakenings” Exhibition Time Line

Submission period opens:

Friday, January 27th, 2023

Submission period closes:

Monday February 6th, 2023

No late entries will be accepted

Inform accepted work:

Monday, February 27th

List of accepted work on website:

Friday, March 10th

Drop off work at MN Landscape Arboretum:

Wednesday, March 29th 11am – 1pm

No late drop offs

Opening Reception with Awards:

Thursday, April 6th 6pm – 8:00pm

Show closes:

Sunday, April 30th

Pick up work at MN Landscape Arboretum :

Monday, May 1st 11am – 1pm

No Late Pick Ups



Questions: Spring Exhibit Co-Chairs, Julie Schroeder 651-352-5695 and Laura Berg 651-398-1218

Email: Mnws.springshow2023@gmail.com Please include contact information.

Congratulations!

CHROMA People's Choice 2023



Kim Austrian's painting "Foggy Sunrise on the Farm" captured the most votes and won the People's Choice Award at the 2022 MNWS Fall Exhibition at The White Bear Center for the Arts.

Thank you to everyone who participated and attended this year's exhibition. We appreciate everyone's support. Putting a show together requires some work, but it is also a very rewarding thing to do.

If you're interested in helping with the show next year please contact Karen Stuhlfeier at stuhlfeier@gmail.com. If you're interested in volunteering I'd love to give you more information.

Karen Stuhlfeier and Lori Murphy-Graefing
Fall Exhibition Co-Chairs

Minnesota Watercolor Society

Working towards Signature Member Status is a great goal that helps you, the artist, and our organization.

Signature Member Awards

Congratulations to our newest
Signature Membership recipients!!



From left to right: Anne Juhl Legeros, Sandy Melander-Schildt

During the November 10th member meeting Anne Juhl Legeros and Sandy Melander-Schildt were awarded Signature Member status.

Since 2008 the Signature Member program has honored members for their achievement in artistic expression and volunteer work to support the mission of the Minnesota Watercolor Society. Currently, there are 81 artists recognized as Signature Members.

Congratulations to Anne and Sandy!

Stephen Lackore, Signature Member Chair

Currently there are Minnesota Watercolor Society 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 info tables.

Treasurer: contact Hadji Bensfield at blessedbygod123@aol.com

Please consider serving, it's a great way to meet artists and make friends!



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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!

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New Members

Miriam Attias
Sushila Anderson
Mary Elling
Kathleen Davis
Peter and Kris
Hargreaves
Debra Ingram
Daniel Kuchenbecker
Jim Maki
Suzie Marty
Tracy Porter
Phil Plumbo

**We have 331 current
paid members
We now have
43 Lifetime 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 vary.

January 12th, Thursday

Demo Artist Online: **Sonja Hutchinson**

February 9th, Thursday

Demo Artist Online: **Daniel
Kuchenbecker**

April 5th – 7th, at

Zeller Studio, Hopkins

Don Andrews Workshop

April 6th – 30th, at

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

"Awakenings" Spring Show

Thurs., April 6th, 6- 8 pm, at

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Opening Receptions with Awards

NorthStar Watermedia Society News

*Meetings are held on the third Thursday of most
months at 7pm.*

*Rose Room, Roseville Skate Center,
2661 Civic Center Dr, Roseville, MN 55113*

Dec 15: In-person, live-streamed meeting,
demo by Suz Galloway

Jan 19: Virtual meeting with Zoom demo by
Heidi Sandecki: Botanical drawing

Feb 16: Virtual meeting with Zoom demo by
Fealing Lin

Feb 24-25: Online workshop with Stephanie
Bower

The Northstar Watermedia Members Show is
scheduled for May 2023.

Please contact Suzanne at suzanneshaff@gmail.com for details on NSWS events.

<http://northstarwatermedia.com/>