

Brush Strokes

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Portrait Painting “Watercolor Shorts” Demonstration by Deb Zeller

Thursday, March 9th, 2023 at 7 pm

At Zeller Studio, 1421 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343

**Please join us for our LIVE event - yes we are
back in person at the ZELLER STUDIO with
Artist and Owner of Zeller Studio, Deb Zeller**

This demonstration will also be on zoom. Deb will demonstrate portrait paintings or “watercolor shorts” with a live model. This is your chance to bring your sketchbook, pencils, or small travel paints, as you join Deb, giving your hand to a few “Shorts” as she demonstrates and teaches!

Deb began her art career at age thirteen when she received a set of oil paints for her birthday. Over the decades she has developed her skills in drawing, painting, glass fusion, encaustic (beeswax) painting, photography, and bronze sculpture.

She also heads the Minnesota Figure Study Collaborative which meets every Wednesday, involving artists across the state who gather together to work from live models creating over a dozen quick sketches and paintings during their sessions.

Check out Deb’s Bio, Art, and Zeller Studio information at
<https://www.zellerstudio.com/gallery-events>

March Meeting



From the President

Hello Artists and friends of MNWS,

Well, I think we have turned the corner on our long, cold winter and we can start thinking about spring! Whether you are painting another winter scene or pulling out a photo reference for a summer scene, shades and shadows are important parts of the piece.

Shade is the side of a subject facing away from the light. Shade is lighter than shadow, but darker than the subject itself.

Shadow is the shape created by the subject blocking the light. The shadow is darker than the shade.

Have fun and experiment with shadow colors. Mix a neutral or include colors of the surface that the shadow is cast on. Either method works well and adds drama and detail to your work.

Spring Show – Congratulations to those who entered the show, and to those who were accepted into the show! And to those receiving an award – WOW, what an honor! The show runs from March 30 through May 20 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and the awards reception is on April 6 from 6 to 8 PM. Mark your calendars for this event and come out to see the show sometime during its run. Don Andrews is the juror and is also conducting the spring workshop on April 5 – 7 at the Zeller Gallery in Hopkins.

Board of Directors news – The board is in discussion about having a strategic planning event to explore making our members' experience the best it can be, and what our future holds. Please feel free to contact any board member with your comments and ideas on this important topic.

Thanks for being a MNWS member, Thanks for sharing your art, and have fun painting!

Vic Perlbachs

President, MNWS



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AWAKENINGS

2023 Spring Juried Exhibition

Opening Reception with Exhibition Judge Don Andrews

Thursday, April 6th, 6 – 8 pm

*The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum,
Reedy Art Gallery, 3675 Arboretum Dr, Chaska, MN 55318*

Don't miss this exciting exhibit!

Join us! The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is one of the favorite venues for the Spring Exhibition.

Members and guests are encouraged to attend the opening reception on Thursday April 6th from 6 pm-8 pm.

The awards will be presented by Don Andrews, an award winning and nationally known artist and workshop instructor. All are welcome to attend the reception. It will be a fun filled evening with snacks and refreshments.

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

"Awakenings" Exhibition Time Line

NO LATE DROP OFFS OR PICK UPS

will be allowed. As this is a juried show, please pay attention to the matting & framing rules on the MNWS website.

ACCEPTED PAINTINGS:

posted on MNWS website,
Tuesday March 7th

DROP OFF PAINTINGS:

Wednesday, March 29th 11am – 1pm

OPENING RECEPTION WITH AWARDS:

Thursday, April 6th 6pm – 8:00pm

PICK UP PAINTINGS:

Sunday May 21st 11am-1pm



Tara Sweeney 'Day Dreamer' Best in Show Spring 2022

2023 Spring Juried Exhibition Hours 9 am – 4 pm Mon – Fri
Thursday, March 30th – Saturday, May 20th, 2023

Questions: [Julie Schroder brushcolour@yahoo.com](mailto:Julie_Schroder_brushcolour@yahoo.com) or [Laura Berg at ljbbberg@comcast.net](mailto:Laura_Berg_at_ljbbberg@comcast.net)

Don't miss this Three Day Spring Workshop



PAINTING WITH NO STRESS

Don Andrews "Landscape Color and Design"

Wed., April 5th – Fri., 7th, 2023

At Zeller Studio

1421 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343

Don Andrews: www.donandrewsstudio.com



Paintings by Don Andrews

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.



Workshop Dates and Times:

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

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

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

Introducing Board Members



SUSAN CHAMBERS
VICE PRESIDENT

Susan Chambers has been drawing since a young girl. She started taking watercolor classes at Minnetonka Center of the Arts and was a member there. Susan studied under Michael Coyle, who taught the Atelier-technique, drawing, pastels, Plein Air oil and under Bruce Miller, wildlife artist. Susan also pursued a successful acting career. During Covid, she started painting again in watercolor. Her work has been in the MN State fair fine-art exhibit, and juried shows. She's very excited to be here at the MN Watercolor Society.



NANCY GIERE
SECRETARY

I am excited and pleased to serve on the MNWS Board as Secretary! I love to paint and spend time with fellow painters enjoying this beautiful, lively medium of watercolor. It's always a happy adventure! I also draw, sketch and oil paint. It's refreshing to meet other artist and learn from them at our meetings.



ERILN B URTON SIGNATURE
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Erin discovered an interest in watercolor painting when she was teaching a lesson on creating movement in art while homeschooling her two children in 2018. Shortly thereafter, she joined the Minnesota Watercolor Society to immerse herself in the medium and to meet others who shared her passion for watercolor painting. Erin looks forward to taking the next step by working alongside others on the MNWS board.

We Need YOUR Help

Our current programming co-chairs, Wendy Andersen and Mary Sauter, will be finishing their terms in May. In order to continue presenting monthly meetings and artist demonstrations, MNWS needs to find 2 members who are willing and committed to serve as new programming co-chairs for the next 2 years.



The job is a great opportunity to work with wonderful board members, interact with MNWS members, and become further involved in the arts community. The best part is the opportunity to choose demo artists and learn more about them!

These positions are vital to the continuing monthly presentations, so please consider volunteering - it's even more fun when you sign up with a friend as your co-chair. Mary and Wendy will be able to help you get started and offer their help with this position.

If you have questions or are interested, please call Mary at 612-723-3561 or email her at: mlsauter01@gmail.com.
MNWS' success depends on active members and volunteers like you!

Art 4 Shelter Benefit

Art 4 Shelter (A4S) is an annual fundraiser for Simpson Housing Services. It's an art sale featuring original works by emerging and established artists. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefits Simpson's mission to house, support, and advocate for people experiencing homelessness.

Every year, hundreds of generous artists donate original works of art to this massive exhibition and sale. The pieces are displayed anonymously and offered for a fixed, affordable price (\$35 for a 5"x7" image, \$90 for an 8"x10" image, etc.). Attendees are invited to explore and then pluck whatever art compels them right off the walls, not knowing until later if they've been created by an established favorite or an emerging artist. It's like a treasure hunt, a night of discovery, and a showcase of our massively talented creative community all in one.

Best of all: all proceeds go toward Simpson Housing Services' shelter and housing programs. The most recent Wilder Research Homelessness in Minnesota study (2018) found that up to 20,000 Minnesotans are now homeless on any given night—a record high. Thanks to Art 4 Shelter, we've raised over \$1 million to house, support, and advocate for people experiencing homelessness.

By donating you can help Simpson work to end homelessness. Please visit our website to donate your art. Questions? Please email development@simpsonhousing.org

ART 4 SHELTER
BUY ART. GIVE SHELTER.

13th Annual Art 4 Shelter

May 12, 2023 | Glass House

First Look Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In-person art sale, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fall Show

2023 Fall Member Exhibition: "Shades of Autumn"

Friday, September 27th — Saturday, November 11th, 2023 (Tentative Date)

Ames Center, 12600 Nicollet Avenue, Burnsville, MN 55337

Planning is underway for this year's show!

More information will be available in early summer. Please contact Lori Murphy-Graefing at lolomarie4art@gmail.com or Karen Stuhlfeier at stuhlfeier@gmail.com with any questions.

Don't forget, it's time for Renewals!

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. Renewals can be completed on line at www.minnesotawatercolors.com/join. Select "Join/renew HERE"
2. Payments are preferred via Pay Pal. If check is your only option, complete the registration form on line and make the check out to MNWS and mail 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

This will be your last newsletter and email reminders of MNWS activities will cease if you don't renew now.



Cut or Copy and complete

Minnesota Watercolor Society Renewal/Membership Application 2023 Form

Name _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

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

☐ Check here if you are willing to volunteer. Thank you! We depend on volunteers to make our organization great!

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
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New Members

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Aaron Berchild

Cindy Elmstrand-

Castruita

Bonnie Fetzen

Anna Marie Friesen

Steven Kennedy

Mary Alyce Kronzer

Mary Schmidt

Jennifer Simonson

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**We have 348 current
paid members**

Programs are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm September–May only. Usually at At Zeller Studio, 1421 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343. Check our website for locations that may vary.

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Live at Zeller Studio

Demo Artist: Deb Zeller

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Don Andrews Workshop

March 3rd - May 20th, at
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April 6th, 6 – 8 pm, Thursday

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**"Awakenings" Opening Receptions
with Awards**



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April 20 – Demo artist
Robert Jeffery in person at
Roseville Skating Center

May 2-3 – Member
Exhibition at Dow Gallery

May 6 – Member Exhibition
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