

Brush Strokes

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Dan Mondloch Demonstrates Plein Air Techniques

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6 pm

Live and in-person at Parley Lake Vineyard

8280 Parley Lake Road, Waconia, MN 55387

May Meeting



Dan Mondloch will be demonstrating plein air painting so plan accordingly. Meeting demo will move to a nearby barn if weather is bad. We will be live only, and will not be on Zoom or recorded, due to WiFi limitations on site.

Wine is available for purchase. You are invited to bring a picnic supper to enjoy in the outdoors.

Painting outdoors is exhilarating because you get to stretch your legs, enjoy fresh air, and immerse yourself in inspirational subjects. While emotion runs high when painting outside, sometimes the amount of material to paint from can be overwhelming. In this demo you will learn how to select a subject and simplify it utilizing the strength of large value shapes. Then, it's easier to loosen up and be confident using fluid washes and expressive brushwork.

Dan is an award winning third generation painter. His first interest in painting was in the 9th grade; while driving with his dad he mentioned he'd like to try painting. The next morning he woke to the kitchen table covered with everything he could ever possibly need to paint a picture! He's been featured in Plein Air Magazine and Southwest Art Magazine. Recent honors include the Jean Stern Legacy Award at Laguna Invitational and Best of Show at Grand Marais Plein Air. He lives in Cold Spring, MN with his wife Mallory, sons Jack(7) and Drew(4), daughter Emma(2), and plein air painting canine bud - Ruby.



Parley Lake Winery is located just west of Minneapolis/St. Paul in the rolling hills of Waconia, we offer a unique setting where art and wine entwine.



Note Time and Location Change:

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<https://www.parleylakewinery.com/>

From the President

Hello Artists and friends of MNWS,

Have you ever experienced "artist's block"? It's when you can't find inspiration to begin a piece or find the answer to how to finish a current work. This has happened to me on several occasions. These are a few things to try to shake yourself out of artist's block when it happens to you.

- Visit an art exhibit with a friend. Surrounding yourself with art can be inspiring.
- Set aside a few minutes every day to sketch, practice graded washes or just play with color.
- Change up your art space/studio. A fresh look at your environment will help.
- Get outside on a sunny day and take photos. You will find an interesting subject.
- Change the composition of one of your photos by sketching it.

Try any of these to get your creativity flowing again! May your "artist block" be short lived.

As this newsletter arrives in your mailbox the Spring Exhibition awards reception has taken place. The winning entries are published in this edition. Make sure you get to the Arboretum to see the show in person through May 22nd. Our May members meeting will take place at the Parley Lake Winery in Victoria. Artist Dan Mondloch will complete a plein air demo piece. This will be a great way to begin your spring and summer painting season!

Board of Directors news – The board has openings for several positions starting in September. A critical need is for two volunteers to lead programs. Mary Sauter and Wendy Andersen have put together a plan for the fall season and are ready to hand it off to the new volunteers. Please contact either of them.

Thanks for being a MNWS member.

Thanks for sharing your art, and have fun painting!

Vic Perlbachs
President, MNWS



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Past MNWS Newsletters - Great Resources!

By Carol Wingard

The Minnesota Watercolor Society (MNWS) has a wonderful newsletter! A few years ago, MNWS had considered discontinuing the paper printing of the newsletters. However, based on a survey of the MNWS members the overwhelming consensus was to continue printing and mailing the newsletter. No small feat for a 350+ member organization.

We actually have the best of both worlds! The newsletter, besides being printed in full color and mailed, is also online at the MNWS web site: minnesotawatercolors.com/newsletter. The earliest newsletter posted online is from September 2004; the latest Jan/Feb 2023 edition, with a new one to be posted in the near future. What a wealth of information and inspiration - a span of 19 years!

I love reviewing past newsletters! I have kept the printed ones, and have them filed away. Many of you might have done the same. If you haven't already, take some time to look at the past newsletters. If you haven't kept a paper copy, review them online. You might find something that sparks a new direction for your painting, or like for me, sometimes a reminder of something I have forgotten that can improve my current painting. Or it could be just enjoyment of reading about past demo artists, exhibition shows and award winners, and past articles.

Lastly, a huge thank you to those who continue to make, and have made the newsletter possible. Our current newsletter producer is Joannette Larson. Past producers: Gail Vass, Virginia Dudley, Theresa Weseman, Chris May, and Lynne Baur.

Carol Wingard MNWS Historian, Past President



Calling all artists! NorthStar Watermedia Society Artists Market 2023 June 2-3

NorthStar Watermedia Society is inviting MNWS artists to participate in Artists Market, membership is required. Show and sell your artwork, get to know other artists, attend free demonstrations, and get inspired!

New this year: All mediums accepted.

Any original (no prints) two-dimensional, hand-made, one-of-a-kind artwork.

Printed cards may be sold. No crafts, please.

Please visit our website for more information at:

<http://northstarwatermedia.com/artists-market/>

Spring Show Awards

Best of Show

Suz Galloway, 'Rushing Water II'



Emerich Stordahl Founders

Tara Sweeney, 'Filling a Bucket'



First Honors

Louise Lundin, 'Woman with Red Hair'



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 3.

Second Honors

Richard Lundsten, 'Chicago Lighthouse'



Third Honors

Richard Green, 'The New Normal Nest'



"AWAKENINGS" is a beautiful show at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Thank you for hosting our exhibition. Many thanks to our juror, Don Andrews, for all his hard work. To all who submitted their artwork another big thank you! Congratulations to all of the winners.

Thank you,

Julie Schroeder & Laura Berg, Co-chairs of the Spring Show

Minnesota Watercolor Society

Artists please remember to pick up your artwork Sunday,
May 21st, 11 am to 1 pm, no late pick ups.

Merit Award

Julie Allen, 'Reflective Magic'



Merit Award

Shelley Holl, 'Lady of the Woods: Mount
Etna Birch'



Merit Award

Deb Everson, 'Cafe Luv'



Honorable Mentions

Julie Rydberg, 'Olivia'



Honorable Mentions

Claudia Trepanier, 'Shining the Light'



Honorable Mentions

Susan Chambers 'Struzzo'



AWAKENINGS 2023 Spring Juried Exhibition

April 4 – May 20, 2023 at The UofM Landscape Arboretum, Reedy Art Gallery
3675 Arboretum Dr, Chaska, MN 55318

SHADES OF AUTUMN

2023 Fall Member Exhibition

Monday, Sept 27th - Saturday, Nov 11th, 2023

Ames Center, 12600 Nicollet Avenue Burnsville, MN 55337



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS:

Thursday, July 20th

REGISTRATION CLOSES:

Friday, July 28th

DROP OFF PAINTINGS:

Monday, September 25th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

AWARDS CEREMONY:

Thursday, October 5th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

PICK UP PAINTINGS:

Monday, November 13th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

The MNWS Fall Exhibition is a non-juried show open to all active members who have paid dues through May 31, 2024. The first 65 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.

Paintings may be offered for sale or shown as NFS – not for sale. If your painting is NFS we will need a value of it for insurance purposes. The Ames Center will exclusively handle all transactions and collect a 25% commission. Artists must complete a W-9 form prior to receiving payment for art work.

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 Lori Grafing 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.

URGENT - MNWS Needs 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 two members who are willing and committed to serve as new programming co-chairs for the next two (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!

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, our 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. We maintains an excellent library of books for member use. Lifetime Members will continue to receive all benefits, including the newsletter.

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



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:

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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

Betty Beier

Paul Bjerke

Sandra Dower

Bonnie McCormick

Robert Miller

Patricia Neer

Linda Sue Schuerman

Kyla Wahlstrom

Lynn Wilcox

**We have 365
current members**

Congratulations Lifetime Members

Sonja Hutchinson

Linda Nelson

Connie LaMere

Catherine Hearing

Joyce Tibbs



**Lifetime Members
photos and Pin Awards
will be at the September
2023 MNWS Meeting.**

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.

AWAKENINGS Spring Exhibit

Uof M Landscape Arboretum
Now –Saturday, May 20

Dan Mondloch Plein Air Demo

Thursday, May 11 at 6pm
Parley Lake Vineyard, Waconia MN

Shades of Autumn Member Exhibit

Online Registration
Thursday, July 20th

Our members offer painting classes,
listed on our website at:
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/
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