

# Brush Strokes

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*Demo Thursday, September 7th, 7 pm\**

## Jennifer Stone will share her Wild Women process

Minnetonka Center for the Arts, 2240 N Shore Dr, Wayzata, MN 55391

*We're thrilled to welcome water media and mixed media artist Jennifer Stone to present a demo at our September meeting. Jennifer will demonstrate her mixed media process which uses her own handmade collage papers. Jen has been painting for over 30 years, and has won numerous awards.*

*Her expressions are primarily water media, but mixed media is Jennifer's preferred medium at this time. She's traveling to us from her studio in Watertown, South Dakota. Her curiosity in creating her own handmade collage papers*

*has launched a new workshop that she teaches and has been well received by other mixed media enthusiasts. In addition to this demo at our September 7th evening meeting, we're excited to also have Jennifer providing her workshop for MNWS Sept 6-9!*

*\*Please note: Meetings are typically the second Thursday of the month, but this September demo is the first Thursday.*

*Thursday, October 5th from 6-8 pm*

## Shades of Autumn Opening Award Ceremony

Ames Center, 12600 Nicollet Avenue, Burnsville, MN 55337

Join us for an evening of great art and light refreshments at the Opening Award Ceremony of our Fall members exhibit. This will be our October meeting.

The moderator will be cochairs Lori Murphy-Grafin and Karen Stuhlfeier, with awards given out by our juror Abbi Allen at 7 pm.

*Save the date for this fun event.*



# From the President

## SHARING YOUR ART

Hope everyone had a great summer! Now we can look forward to the opportunities in 2023/24 that MNWS offers.

## FALL SHOW

The reception for “Shades of Autumn” will be on October 5th from 6 to 8 PM at the Ames Center Gallery in Burnsville. Put it on your calendar as it is a chance to see a great show and see friends new and old.

## MEMBERS MEETINGS

We have a great lineup of artist demonstrations, a mix of in-person and zoom format events. Please look for informational announcements. Our September meeting at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts includes the presentation of our newest Lifetime Members.

## FALL WORKSHOP 2023

Jennifer Stone’s “Wild Woman” four- day workshop takes place at the Zeller Studio in Hopkins. The dates are September 6 – 9.

## SPRING WORKSHOP & SPRING SHOW 2024

Look for upcoming information coming soon.

I hope that all of you take advantage of these opportunities to celebrate watercolor!

Thanks for being a member of the MNWS, happy painting,

Vic Perlbachs, President  
MNWS



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## CREATIVE PROCESS

*By Vic Perlbachs*

How long does it take you to finish a watercolor piece? Let's say a quarter sheet size which is most common. My approach has developed from the instructors I have learned from and workshops that I have attended. Once the subject and composition of the piece has been decided on, I try to take no longer than 15 minutes to sketch it directly onto the watercolor paper. Much of my work starts with the "wet-in-wet wet" approach, which limits me to about 15 minutes for the under painting. Once dry it takes about 90 to 120 minutes to complete the piece. That is 2 1/2 hours total, not including the drying time. I include my most recent attempt.

I've heard that if you work fast your result will be "fresh" and "spontaneous", and "painterly". The most important principle is to approach your work with what is successful for you and keep your creativity flowing!





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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  
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**New Members**

**Susan Gangsei**

**Kim Gordon**

**Carol Harris**

**Patricia Kness**

**Sheila McNeill**

**Elissa Nesheim**

**Peggy Simonson**

We have 311 current  
paid members

**We value you as  
members of MNWS  
in our artist community.**

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

**September 6-9**

FALL WORKSHOP Jennifer Stone  
Zeller Studio, 1421 Mainstreet,  
Hopkins, MN 55343

**September 7, Thursday, 7 pm**

DEMO Jennifer Stone  
Minnetonka Center for the Arts, 2240 N Shore  
Dr, Wayzata, MN 55391

**September 27- November 11**

SHADES OF AUTUMN Member Fall Exhibit  
Ames Center 12600 Nicollet Avenue  
Burnsville, MN 55337

**October 5, Thursday 6-8 pm**

SHADES OF AUTUMN Winners' Reception  
Ames Center 12600 Nicollet Avenue  
Burnsville, MN 55337

**NorthStar Watermedia Society**

Sept 15-Oct 29: NorthStar National Juried  
Exhibition at Phipps Center for the Arts,  
Hudson, WI

Sept 21 6 pm: Celebration, "Looking Back,  
Looking Forward" at the Roseville Oval  
2661 Civic Center Dr. Roseville, MN 55113

Oct 19: Paint-In at the Roseville Oval  
2661 Civic Center Dr. Roseville, MN 55113

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