

MnWS calendar

*Programs are held the second
Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.*

Dec. 11	Easel Night
Jan. 8	TWSA Pat Undis and Karen Knutson may narrate “pot luck”
Feb. 12	Fred Somers
Mar. 12	Ellen Jean Diederich
Apr.	Spring Show
May 14	Nels Femrite

Location: Christ Presbyterian
Church, 6901 Normandale Blvd.,
Edina, MN (Corner of 70th St. S.
and Hwy 100)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Mail your application and check payable
to Minnesota Watercolor Society to:**

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MnWS Membership Dues:

- ☐ Single \$30
- ☐ Couple/Family: \$40
- ☐ Seniors (65+) \$25

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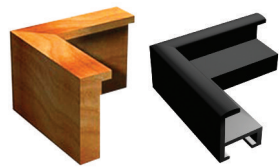
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“To further development
of the watercolor artist
by providing a
supportive environment
with education and exhibition
opportunities, and to promote
public appreciation and greater
visibility of the art.”
— MnWS Mission Statement

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Join us for Easel Night December 11



Our next general meeting
is on December 11, and we
will be holding an Easel
Night again this year. We
started this event last year
and everyone had so much
fun, we could hardly get
people to go home! For those
of you who are new to this,
it was really just a big art
show, attended by artists.
It is a time to bring some
of your work in to display
and be viewed by fellow
members of the Minnesota
Watercolor Society.

We will set up easels around the room and have half
of the artists displaying their work at one time. The other
half, and those who choose not to display, can circulate
throughout the room and talk with artists about techniques,
subjects, whatever they want. It is a great chance to gain
some insight into how other artists work. Then halfway
through, we change positions, and those who were fielding
questions will be able to circulate and ask questions of
their own.

We invite everyone to come and enjoy this evening,
even if you do not wish to display any work. If you do
wish to display work, we are asking you to bring three
paintings and an easel or two on which to display them.
They do not have to be framed, but they should be
protected. If you don't have easels, we will have some
extras and we can get very creative about display.

If you plan to bring in work, please send me an e-mail
telling me that you will be displaying. It will help us to make
plans for the evening. Thanks so much and we look forward
to seeing lots of you at the December meeting.

Catherine Hearding

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Andy Evansen's painting "Midday Rain, Kaiping"
won **People's Choice** at the MnWS 2008 Fall
Open Exhibit.

Minnesota Watercolor Society Web site

We have recently taken over the updating and
maintenance of our Web site in-house. David Osten will
be our new webmaster and we hope that by having him
do this, we will have an up-to-date site that has useful
and current information for our members and prospective
members. We are still in the process of getting some items
uploaded to the site, but much of the site has been cleaned
up and is current.

If you wish to have something posted on
the site, please send an e-mail message to
info@minnesotawatercolors.com. There is a link to this
address on the home page. If you wish to have a link to
your personal Web site on the member's page, that only
requires an e-mail notice and we will attach your link. You
can look to the Web site for current information regarding
shows, meetings and other important information for the
society. We hope that members will find this to be a useful
and informative site.

If you have suggestions for items that you would like to
see on the Web site, please let us know. Check out the site
and tell us what you think!

www.minnesotawatercolors.com

from the President



As the snow is falling outside, I am once again looking forward to the winter season and a chance to paint in the studio. I have a couple of months free from my teaching schedule and can concentrate on new ideas that have been floating around in my head. New techniques, new styles? I don't know where it will take me, but it is such fun to find out. I am constantly chasing light and shadow and looking for new ways to do this. I use the winter months to put all of these concepts on paper. I have spent the warm months absorbing ideas and color and now it is time to let them flow out.

Summer is past with its high intensity color palette, but with the change in season we see an equally beautiful, but more subtle approach to color. These are low intensity colors that soothe and comfort. They are not loud and we need to let them speak to us. Winter shadows are full of beautiful colors; low intensity violets, roses, subtle yellows, blues and grays. It is one of my favorite seasons to paint. Perhaps it is time to try out a low intensity palette. Experiment with some different colors and a limited palette. Try for unity and subtlety of color. In winter we don't have to worry about those pesky greens of summer. Look for all of the color that you can possibly see in the winter shadows and push the color to its limit. I have found that experimenting with different colors can lead to new breakthroughs and stimulate some wonderful creativity. As artists we need to constantly challenge ourselves in order to grow in our craft. It is an evolving process and continually presses us to create new and better work.

So think of the winter as a time to spend some quality time with your paints. It is a time to experiment, maybe try a new technique or tweak the style. Even if you are one of the fortunate who escapes the cold for warmer climates, take your paints with you and find a new color palette. Different geographical locations require different color palettes. Changing just one color in your palette can start you in a new direction. You just may find something that truly excites you. Happy painting!

Catherine Hearing

Juliet Anderson was the winner of the mini-show drawing at the Nov. 13 meeting. There will be no mini-show in connection with the December meeting.



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exhibits

Send member news to: BrushStrokes, 10910 Quebec Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55438 or email tweseman@earthlink.net. Images are welcome and will be used as space permits.

► **Deb Magelssen's 2nd Annual Holiday Solo Art Show**, Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 W. Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN 55112. Come in door b.

► **Instructor/Student Show Bloomington Art Center (BAC)**, Nov. 20 - Dec. 28, 2008. This popular end-of-the-year exhibition is a wonderful way for BAC students (18 years or older) to exhibit their most recent work, as well as to highlight BAC's very talented teaching staff.

► **"Localities: Kathy Braud, Charles Kapsner, Heidi Steadman, Michael Tonder"** Featuring four central Minnesota artists and the media they use to express their artistic vision. Nov. 1 - Jan. 3, 2009; Main Gallery, Great River Arts Association, 122 1st St. SE, downtown Little Falls, www.greatart.org. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday.

► **"Capturing Nature's Beauty: Two Artists Inspired by the Arboretum"** Karen Knutson and Carol (aka: Gray) McIntyre will be exhibiting at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Reedy Gallery, Oct. 29, 2008 to Jan. 4, 2009.

► Barbara Duffy, Wendy Westlake and Lamese McDowell will be participating in the **Minnetonka Holiday Sale**, Nov. 20 - Dec. 23, at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, www.minnetonkaarts.org; 952-473-7361.

► Susan Gainen's first show of tiny abstract paintings called **"Nanoscapescapes"** will be at the Rosalie E. Wahl Public Library in Lake Elmo until January. See more of her work at www.susangainen-nanoscapescapes.com

► Edina Art Center: **Faculty Exhibit**, features artwork created by over 50 Artists who teach at Edina Art Center. Jan. 8, 2008 - Feb. 23, 2009. Artists' media: drawing, painting, pottery, sculpture, photography, mixed media. Opening Reception: Thursday, Jan. 8 from 5-8 p.m. Location: Foss Gallery at the Edina Art Center, 4701 W 64th St., Edina. 612-915-6600

► **"Peaceful Escapes"** Watercolors by Mary Axelson, Karol Carlsrud, Kathleen Riopelle and Therésa Weseman. Dec. 15 - Feb. 1, 2009 at Betsy's Back Porch, 5447 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55419. Reception: Saturday, Dec. 20, 7-11 p.m., live music from acoustic duo **RyvrWud**.



"North Shore Crinkle"
by Mary Axelson

MnWS NEW MEMBERS

Skip Black	Margareta Hall
Virginia Haines	Joann C. Nissen
Elizabeth J. Andrews	Lonnie Duberstein

We have 357 paid members.

(Check the label on your newsletter to see when your membership dues are due.)

/VISUALLY SPEAKING/

Please stop by – All are welcome!

Sale ends December 23, 2008

A juried sale of unique art and fine craft selected for holiday gifts including: glass, jewelry, painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, printmaking, wood, fiber art and multi-media.

All proceeds from this event go to local artists featured in the show (100 local and regional artists featured this year) and the Minnetonka Center for the Arts.

Gallery Hours: Closed Sundays
Monday, Friday and Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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Minnetonka Center for the Arts

Arts of the Holidays
Gift Sale

November 20 – December 23, 2008

100 local artists display work in the gallery!
Stop by for lunch M-F 11:30-2:00

Workshops and Classes

MnWS sponsored workshops:

- ▶ Calvin deRuyter instructor. **"Exploding Watercolor"** at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, Feb. 14 - 15, 2009. Cost \$95. Contact Susan Zinschlag at 651-437-9327 or s.m.zinschlag@att.net
- ▶ Ellen Jean Diederich instructor. **"Insight to See and Create What You Want to Paint"** at the Bloomington Art Center, April 6 - 9, 2009. Cost \$315 (MnWS or BAC members) \$345 (non-members) Contact Susan Zinschlag at 651-437-9327 or s.m.zinschlag@att.net

Winter 2009 Classes with Nancy Patrick Carney

- ▶ **Very Beginning Watercolor Techniques** – Beautiful, glowing, transparent watercolor paintings are achieved with a few very easy techniques. This one-day workshop will introduce you to these skills and give you an opportunity to experiment and explore. This class is designed for complete beginners, or for those who want to brush up on their watercolor painting techniques. Ask for a supply list when registering. Bring lunch. Register for one or both.
 Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ **Developing Your Watercolor Style** – You've learned some basic watercolor techniques, now what? This one-day workshop will help you put the skills you learned in your beginning classes to work as you explore composition, design, and the development of your own unique style of painting. Ask for a supply list when registering, plus bring several of your own photographs of subjects you would like to paint. Bring lunch.
 Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ **Pen-and-Ink Techniques** – So you think you can't draw a straight line? This one-day workshop of pen-and-ink drawing techniques will convince you otherwise. You'll learn how to achieve crisp, clean, black-and-white drawings with a few fun and easy methods. Supplies are minimal, but ask for a supply list when registering. Bring lunch.
 Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Ages 14 to adult
 Each workshop is \$50 for a 5-hour class.
 All workshops are held at: Gallery G – studio #256, Northrup King Building, 1500 Jackson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413
 To register, call Nancy Carney at 612-961-7075 or 612-362-0054

MnWS Workshop

Treat yourself to a watercolor workshop for Valentine's Day 2009

Calvin deRuyter has a unique way of painting - straight from the tube. His approach can be used in any style of painting that you want to do. Come join us for two days of fun, relaxation and education in a different way of painting watercolor.

Instructor: Calvin deRuyter

Location: Hopkins Center for the Arts

Dates: Feb. 14 - 15, 2009 (Saturday and Sunday)

Time: Saturday 9 - 4; Sunday 12 - 5

Price: \$95 for MnWS members

Contact Susan Zinschlag at 651-437-9327 or s.m.zinschlag@att.net

▶ CeCeile Hartleib Watercolor Classes

CeCeile teaches watercolor classes at her studio in St. Paul on Friday mornings. For more information please contact her at 651-647-6078.

▶ Do Caricatures Always have Big Noses?

It depends on the face! Learn to quickly capture a likeness. What makes it funny? Caricature artist, Judy Lieber, will show all. Tell all. Working from both photos and models, we will construct a face with a minimum of line and effort. Demos and critiques galore. Lots of group participation. Lots of laughs! Supplies: 6B pencil and lots of large smooth paper.

Four Mondays: Jan. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 12 - 3 or

Four Saturdays: Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 9 - 12

Edina Art Center, 612-915-6600

▶ #1 Aqua Media/ Acrylic and Collage, Experimental and Energizing

Instructor: Lana L. Grow

Location: Palos Verdes, California

Dates: Mar. 30 - Apr. 3, 2009

Intermediate to advanced student and unimintimidated beginner

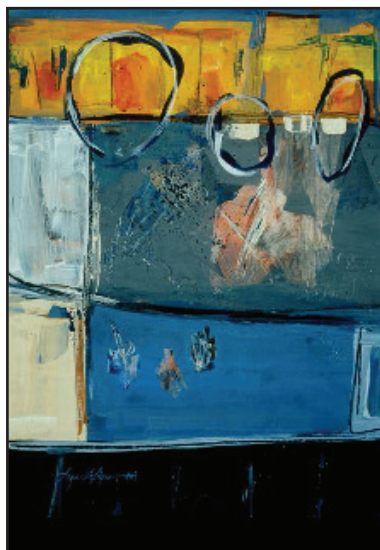
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MEMBER happenings

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- ▶ Andy Evansen's painting "Midday Rain, Kaiping" won People's Choice at the MnWS Fall Show.
- ▶ Keith Donaldson earned signature status at the MnWS Fall Show "Seasons in the City."
- ▶ Barbara Duffy earned signature status at the MnWS Fall Show "Seasons in the City."
- ▶ Jim Turner earned signature status at the MnWS Fall Show "Seasons in the City."
- ▶ Judy Lieber received an award of excellence at the MN Artists Association (MAA) Fall member's show for her watercolor entry, "Sunshine." She also received an honorable mention at the Lake Country Pastel Society (LCPS) member's show for a portrait entitled, "Lisa."
- ▶ Sandra Muzzy won a Blue ribbon for "Excellence in 2-D" at the Bloomington Art Center's 32nd Annual Member Juried Exhibition. The judge was Douglas Flanders of the Flanders Gallery. There were a total of 125 works representing 111 artists.
- ▶ Dick Green's painting was awarded an honorable mention at the Bloomington Art Center's 32nd Annual Member Juried Exhibition.



"Owen's Circles of Insight"
by Lana L. Grow

- ▶ Lana L. Grow AWS has a new Web site lanagrow.com
- ▶ Lana L. Grow's painting "Owen's Circles of Insight" was accepted and won a Merchandise Award in the 28th International Exhibition of the San Diego Watercolor Society.

Northstar Meetings

Held at The Roseville Oval at Roseville Skating Center, 2661 Civic Center Dr. Directions from MPLS, take Hwy. 280 to Hwy 36 and East to Snelling North Exit, turn right on County Road C, drive past Hamlin Ave. and left into Civic Center Drive before Lexington Ave.

Upcoming Meeting & Demo: December 18 will be a holiday celebration 6 - 7 p.m. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be a multi artist demo at 7 p.m.

Fall Show "Spontaneous Color":
Open now through December 13 at Century College

Upcoming Spring Workshop:
Carrie Burns Brown – Date & Time: April 20-24
She will be teaching watermedia collage.
A registration form can be obtained by logging on to www.northstarwatercolorsociety.com. or contacting Georgiana Ruzich at 763-424 5164

Bullet points from November MnWS Board Meeting

- David Osten is the new web person for the society. He will be charging \$200 for updating the site and will charge \$100 per quarter to maintain the site.
- The mini show is continuing each month and has been successful but there will be no mini show at the Dec. meeting because of Easel Night.
- Easel Night will be on Dec. 11 and will be like last year's event.
- 2009 Fall Show will be at the Atrium Gallery, Bloomington Art Center from Sept. 24 - Nov 13.
- Mary Brainard reported that she could use more donations of books for the library.
- Membership is now at 353 members.
- Kathleen reported that she is looking for a replacement person for her Programs Chair
- Catherine Hearing led a conversation about whether to reinstate Member's Day (2nd week in June). Board members present stated that it was successful in the past but didn't happen last year due to procrastination with planning. Members were disappointed when it didn't happen last year. We will work on getting it organized for this year.