

## Our Demo Artist on May 9 is Jack O'Leary

Jack O'Leary is primarily an abstract or non-representational artist but his work often has suggestions of and references to tangible objects. Regarding abstract art, Jack has this to say: "one popular misconception is that the artist is presenting the viewer with a visual puzzle and the intent of the artist is to engage the viewer in puzzle solving, i.e. a 'Where's Waldo?' exercise. It is more likely that the artist is creating an image, a visual statement, using placement, and interplay of shapes, textures and color while minimizing references to real objects. Often the abstract artist intends to evoke an emotional reaction as in Picasso's 'Guernica' or the childlike joy and naivete of Paul Klee's work while other artists such as Rothko, Motherwell and Mondrian make powerful visual statements with minimal elements. Much can be learned through careful study of both the old and modern masters, and art can only evolve through experimentation and change."

Jack was raised in Michigan's magnificent Upper Peninsula and served in the U.S. Navy in the waning days of WWII. He attended school at the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee and what is now the Minneapolis College of Art and Design where he met his wife to be, Florence. Following the MCAD experience, Jack enrolled at the University of Minnesota and graduated with honors in 1956. Jack taught art at University High School and directed a closed-circuit TV project until 1965 when he took a position in the Burnsville school system where he taught art and was the media services director. He retired from the school system in 1988.

Echoes & Semaphores  
Acrylic



Bass Lake  
Watercolor

### Membership Renewal Process for the Minnesota Watercolor Society

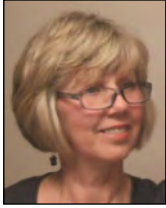
May is fast approaching for the annual MNWS membership renewals. The membership year runs June 1 through May 31. If your membership is due to expire end of this May 2013, you will have received at the end of April a notice letting you know your membership is due to expire.

Membership fees cover the benefits you receive as a member. Some of these benefits may be the monthly meetings with demo artists, painting workshops, opportunities to exhibit works through the spring and fall shows, and the full color newsletters.

We hope you will choose to continue to be part of our great organization!

Carol Wingard  
Membership Chairperson

## From The President



Dear Members,

How do you feel about yourself as an artist? Are you embarrassed or proud? For me, there was never a time that I didn't think of myself as an artist. My parents found it unsettling when I told them I wanted to go to college and get an art degree and then what happened in college was quite surprising when even some of my professors told me that being an artist was going to be hard and being a "starving artist" would be my lot in life along with the rest of my fellow students. Good thing I never believed them. Over the years, I have put in time, effort, money and my heart and soul to creating the art career that I now enjoy. How about you? Are you enjoying your artistic journey? If not, what needs to be changed? We all have one thing in common and that is our love of art. As members of this wonderful organization, I want to encourage all of you to continue to fulfill your dreams and goals as artists and just think "cancel" when you encounter those who would try to discourage you with their negativity. It works for me!

I had to miss Karen Knutson's demo at the March meeting because I was out of town, but I heard through the artsy grapevine that she did an awesome job! As always, Karen, you are an amazing artist and teacher and we love having you. Thank you!

Along with many other members, I was able to attend Nancy Patrick Carney's workshop at Hopkins Center for the Arts and I thoroughly enjoyed it! I now have a whole new perspective on figures. There is nothing like attending a great workshop for inspiration and Nancy did a fantastic job at teaching all of us. If you haven't been to a workshop lately, don't miss out and sign up for one soon.

It's that time of year when we need to register for MNWS Members' Day. The gathering will be held at Fish Lake Park Pavilion in Maple Grove on Saturday, June 22, 2013. Look for the registration form in this newsletter, via the website, or contact me for more information.

As I write this, the spring show, "Up Close," is on exhibit and the awards reception on April 11 was amazing. Laura did a wonderful job and I heard many, many compliments on our judge, Megan Rye. Congratulations to our Best of Show winner, Kathy Miller, for her piece, "White Peonies." And congratulations to all our members who were accepted into this juried show. Your paintings are stunning! Wow!

Get going and start painting now because as we look ahead to next year our 2013 fall show is scheduled for September 7 to October 11, 2013. **This means that our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting after summer break will be at Colonial Church in Edina. Please mark your calendars!** The fall show prospectus will be arriving in the June newsletter. If you have questions, be sure to contact our fall show chairperson, Victor Perlbachs.

Don't miss our May 9th meeting when we will be featuring Jack O'Leary as our demo artist. Jack's positive attitude, spunk and years of art experience will be ever present and I am looking forward to having him join us. The mini show will be titled, "Summer Vacation" so bring in any of your summertime paintings for us to enjoy. After this long winter, we need them!

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Brush Strokes, 1455 Jefferson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or email  
v-dudl@umn.edu. Images are welcome and used as space permits.

- **Dick Green's** painting was accepted into the 37th National Exhibition of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America. The exhibit runs from May 4 to August 4, 2013 at the Kenosha Public Museum, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- **Roz Stendahl** is one of 40 artists featured in Danny Gregory's new book "An Illustrated Journey: Inspiration from the Private Art Journals of Traveling Artists, Illustrators and Designers." The book contains examples of Roz's watercolor sketches from zoos, the State Fair, and travels around Minnesota. All the artists in the book share short essays on their philosophies and approaches for sketching while traveling. Roz's work was also featured in Gregory's earlier book, "An Illustrated Life."

## Opportunities for Artists

**Call for entries** to the 40th Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition at Foothills Art Center, Golden, Colorado. Deadline for online entries is May 31. For more information, to download the prospectus and to enter, go to: <http://foothillsartcenter.org/fac/call-for-entries-rmnw-2013/>

Leah Hughes, Director of Education at the **Bloomington Theatre and Art Center**, says they are always looking for new **instructors** to diversify their class offerings. To find out what kind of classes and workshops they are looking for, or to propose your own idea for a class, please contact Leah at: [lhughes@btacmn.org](mailto:lhughes@btacmn.org)

**Call for Art - Art of the Garden**, Minnetonka Center for the Arts, June 27 to August 1, 2013. Whether designed for use in the garden or inspired by nature, garden-themed art and fine craft in all media, including but not limited to sculpture, ceramics, glass, fiber, landscape painting, botanicals, etc. are sought for this exhibit.

Apply by sending 4-8 images (on disc) noting medium, size and price information for each to:  
Exhibits Director/Garden, c/o Minnetonka Center for the Arts  
2240 North Shore Drive, Wayzata, MN, 55391

or email images accompanied by size and pricing information to:  
[bbowman@minnetonkaarts.org](mailto:bbowman@minnetonkaarts.org)

All work must be for sale. Pricing must include the Art Center's commission on sales: 50% on sales of work by non-members; 40% on sales of work by members. Acceptance notifications will begin May 20, but applications received through June 3 will be considered.

Questions?: [bbowman@minnetonkaarts.org](mailto:bbowman@minnetonkaarts.org)

**\*TIP\*** A great resource and place to get information about local artists is at [www.mnartists.org](http://www.mnartists.org). They also have a current "call for artists" list that is updated regularly.

## MNWS NEW MEMBERS

Valerie Boyd  
Catherine Connelly  
Kate Halverson  
Robert Jeffery  
Suzi Mcardle  
Patt Nelson  
Anita Skow

We have 304 current paid members.

## New Signature Members!

Congratulations to the following people who have met the established standards for artistic excellence and service in the Minnesota Watercolor Society and have been honored with Signature Membership Status:

Julie Kay Allen  
Jeanne Bourquin  
Daniel Green  
Thomas L. Johnson

## Don't Forget the Mini-Show

A Mini-Show is a way for members to display one painting at our monthly meeting. Participants may also opt to submit their work for a critique. Members with a painting on display will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

The Mini-Show theme for the May 9 meeting is "Summer Vacation."



# Minnesota Watercolor Society 2013 Jurie

“Up Close,” our 2013 spring exhibition, brought 70 stunning artworks to the Minnetonka Center for the Arts from April 4 through May 2. The brilliant colors displayed in the bright white gallery provided the boost we needed for our final push through the winter greys. Megan Rye, the show’s juror, had the difficult task of selecting the pieces for display and then assigning the awards. At the opening reception, Megan provided thought provoking and entertaining commentary as she announced the award-winning pieces. Thank you to Megan for being a fantastic juror, and thank you to all artists who submitted artwork or volunteered for the show!

Laura VanderMolen  
MNWS Spring Show Chair



Artist: Kathy Miller  
Title: White Peonies  
Award: Best of Show



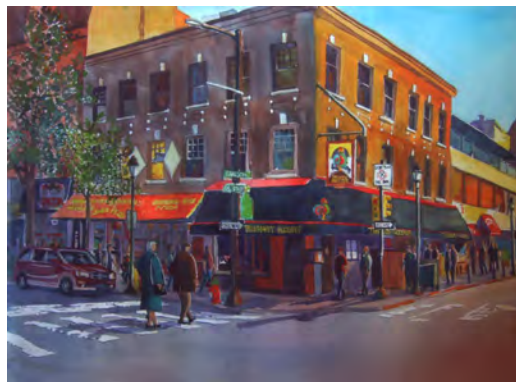
Artist: Julie Allen  
Title: And They're Off  
Award: Emrich/Stordahl Founder's Award



Artist: Claudia Trepanier  
Title: A Sunlit Tree  
Award: First Honors



Artist: David Smith  
Title: Up Close  
Award: Second Honors



Artist: Richard Graves  
Title: Happy Rooster  
Award: Third Honors



# Spring Show, "Up Close" Award Winners



Artist: Wendy Westlake  
Title: Thread and Bobbins  
Award: Award of Merit



Artist: Judy Lieber  
Title: I've Got Your Back  
Award: Award of Merit



Artist: MarySue Krueger  
Title: I Double Dog Dare You!  
Award: Award of Merit



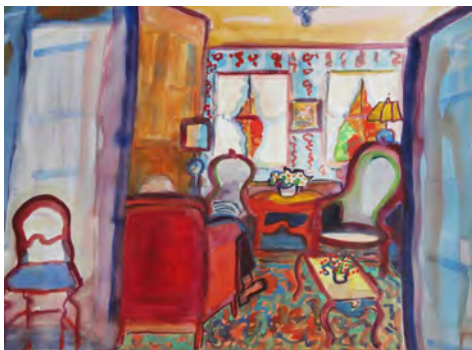
Artist: Theresa Weseman  
Title: Blowing in the Wind  
Award: Honorable Mention



Artist: Jeanne L. Bourquin  
Title: Little Man and Shadow Dancing  
Award: Honorable Mention



Artist: Daniel Green  
Title: Uncle Jerry's Ford Before the Auction  
Award: Honorable Mention



Artist: Emmy White  
Title: Living Room  
Award: Honorable Mention



Artist: Jean Allen    Title: Amaryllis    Award: Honorable Mention



Artist: Peter Herzog  
Title: Natural Forces  
Award: Honorable Mention





## DON ANDREWS WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPE

**Date:** Oct 3-6, 2013

**Location:** Burnsville Performing Art Center, 12600 Nicollet Ave. Burnsville, MN 55337

**Cost:** \$300 for MNWS Members and \$335 for non members. A deposit of \$100 will secure a spot in the workshop. Registration is due by August 15 and the balance by September 9, 2013.



**Workshop Content:** Through the language of watercolor, we artists can explore the world around us in fresh and exciting ways. The lessons in Don's workshop are geared to a better understanding of that personal exploration. Each day, Don will stress a major visual concern; light, color, granulation, the organization of nature, and the utilization of negative space are just a few subjects to be addressed. Don's class isn't geared to any specific level of achievement; rather artists at all levels will benefit from a more intimate understanding of the painting possibilities available in the exciting world of landscape painting. The workshop will be packed with demonstrations, discussions, individual help, personal and group critiques.

**About the Artist:** Don Andrews is a nationally known watercolor artist and workshop instructor. He 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 is a graduate of Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida, and currently resides in Fairhope, Alabama.



**Cancellation** in writing must be received no later than two weeks prior to the workshop. If the workshop is cancelled, the money will be promptly refunded.

**Lunch:** Bring a bag lunch or there are local restaurants close.

**Supply list** will be sent upon receipt of registration form and final payment.

**Registration** form with deposit is due by August 15, 2013 and final payment is due September 9, 2013. Make checks payable to: MN Watercolor Society.

**Mail** registration form and payment to:

Sandy Koeger, 6695 Flycatcher Lane, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Phone: (952)891-2345 Email: zzandy@aol.com

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Don Andrews Workshop Registration Oct 3-6, 2013

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Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



MNWS fee in full: \$300 for Members, \$335 for Non-Members.

## From the Library

A big thank you to Marian Alstad and Sandy Koegeer for donating books. We are always eager for watercolor, acrylic and collage books to add to our library. Keep us in mind when clearing out your book shelves.

Mary Brainard, MNWS Librarian

## Workshops and Classes

### To find workshops and classes:

Visit the MNWS website at [www.minnesotawatercolors.com](http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com) and click the "Happenings" link at the top of the page.

To include your listings on the website please e-mail information to [info@minnesotawatercolors.com](mailto:info@minnesotawatercolors.com)

## Northstar Activities

**Meetings** are held the third Thursday of the month 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 Hamline Ave. and left into Civic Center Drive before Lexington Ave.*

### Workshops:

- John Salminen, Fall, 2013

### Art on a Line: May 17-19, 2013

- Fine Arts Building, Minnesota State Fairgrounds
- May 17 and 18: from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday May 19: from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Free admission
- Free demos by 20 artists
- Original water media paintings for sale

For more information, visit the Northstar website: [www.northstarwatermedia.com](http://www.northstarwatermedia.com).

## Watercolor Reflections

Column by Vera Kovacovic, MNWS member

### PAINTING AND POETRY

"As music is the poetry of sound, so is painting the poetry of sight." - James McNeill Whistler

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the sun will be shining brightly on fresh green grass, and first blossoms will grace our yards. However, I am writing this in April and April is poetry month. There is definitely a connection between painting and poetry. It is demonstrated in a very poignant and humorous way in a poem by a master watercolor artist, Guy Lipscomb, in his book *Watercolor: Go with the Flow*. Watercolor is not for the faint of heart, and as Lipscomb states, "Putting that first mark on your page is harder than stirring two-day oatmeal."

#### MY PAINTING

Enormous white sheet  
Empty, stark and silent  
Where do I begin?

Vast white sheet  
Afraid? Who me?  
Afraid - indeed!  
Frozen! Petrified!

Is my concept right?  
Does my content appeal?  
Should values be strong?  
What will textures reveal?

My confidence wanes  
But I finally plunge  
ONE BOLD STROKE  
Ah, YES! One I approve

The ice is broken, it's much easier now.  
--Guy Lipscomb

So have fun and keep the brush wet!

## UPCOMING MNWS WORKSHOPS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

LINDA BAKER: 4 DAY, May 16-19, 2013  
There are 2 spots available

DON ANDREWS: 4 DAY, October 3-6, 2013  
Registration form on page 6 of this newsletter

ALVARO CASTAGNET: 4 DAY, October 16-19, 2014

## MNWS *calendar*

*Programs are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., except June, July, and August*

**May 9** Jack O'Leary Demonstration

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

**June 22** Members' Day *(see details in the insert)*

### **Spring Show Award Winners**

**See pages 4 and 5**

**Sign up for the Don Andrews workshop, October 3-6,  
2013. (See page 6)**

**Members' Day Information Inside!**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Carol Wingard, Membership Chair  
10427 Fawns Way  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

### **MNWS Membership Dues:**

- o College Student \$15
- o Single \$30
- o Couple/Family \$40
- o Seniors (65+) \$25

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--MNWS Mission Statement  
"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."

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## Members' Day, Saturday, June 22...Register soon!

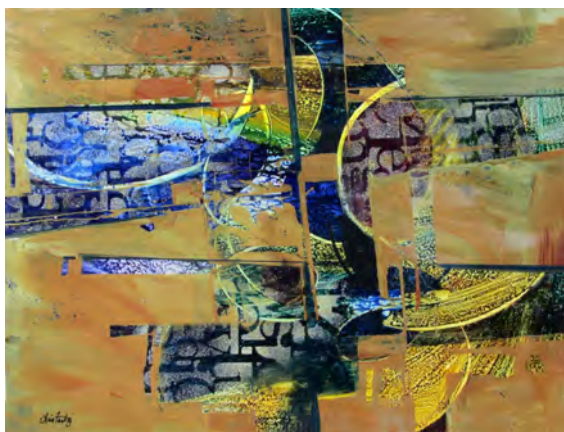
There's still time to register and plan to attend MNWS Members' Day on June 22 at Fish Lake Regional Park Pavilion, located just west of 494 off Bass Lake Road in Maple Grove. The day will begin with two morning demos inside the enclosed pavilion. Lisa Fertig will take us on a spontaneous adventure in color, texture and composition as she demonstrates her approach to abstracts. Catherine Hearingd will show us how color and light intertwine to create compelling shapes in her realistic paintings.

After a catered box lunch, we'll move outside for a plein air demo by Dan Wiemer, whose confident outdoor painting style is punctuated with bold calligraphic flourishes. Dan's demo will be followed by painting time on the grounds and an informal critique for those who wish to stay.

Join us and let Lisa, Catherine and Dan whet your appetite for a summer of great painting! Go to their web sites for more images of their work.

The registration form for Members' Day is in this issue of Brushstrokes and at [www.minnesotawatercolors.com](http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com). Get more information at the May 9th meeting, and please consider volunteering to help make Members' Day a success. Volunteer opportunities are listed at the bottom of the registration form.

Questions? Contact Deb Magelssen, 651-464-5326, [debmagelssen@yahoo.com](mailto:debmagelssen@yahoo.com), or MarySue Krueger at 612-716-4829, [marysue@marysuekrueger.com](mailto:marysue@marysuekrueger.com).



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Catherine Hearingd

[www.chearding.com](http://www.chearding.com)

**Minnesota Watercolor Society Members' Day**  
**Saturday, June 22, 2013**  
**RAIN or SHINE –Fish Lake Regional Park Enclosed Pavilion**  
**14900 Bass Lake Road, Maple Grove MN 55311**  
**9:00 AM – 6:00 PM**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please fill in the information requested and return the completed form with a check made out to MNWS Members' Day for the total amount.

Mail to: MarySue Krueger  
18321 Tristram Way  
Eden Prairie MN 55346

**Registration forms must be received by Friday, June 14, 2013.**

Directions: From I - 494, take Bass Lake Road (County Road 10) west 1 mile to the park entrance. Pavilion is about ¼ mile into the park.  
Maps available at [www.threeriversparkdistrict.org](http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org)

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Registration fee ..... **\$25.00**

Box lunches are available for \$9.00. Sandwiches are on Hoagy buns. All choices include fruit, side salad and dessert. Beverages will be provided. Please select from the choices below.

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**I volunteer to help with Members' Day:**

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