



MINNESOTA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

# Brush Strokes

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Minnesota Watercolor Society

## Members' Day

**Saturday, June 10**

Fish Lake Regional Park Pavilion in Maple Grove

Rain or Shine!

### 9:30-11:00 Demo

**Tara Sweeney** demonstrates her signature approach to portraits—a three-layer/four value/hold-the-whites approach that results in lively brushwork and vibrant color with a split primary palette.



Tara Sweeney's portrait approach

### 11:15-12:45 Demo

**David Smith** demonstrates his techniques for working wet into wet, pouring, glazing, spattering, and spraying; techniques that keep his realistic paintings fresh, and exciting.



David Smith's realistic techniques

**Lunch** (Order a box lunch, or bring your own.)

### 2:00-3:30 Plein Air Demo

**Larry Ehrlich and Marty Owings**

demonstrate their buddy approach to plein air painting. Larry will use pen and ink with color washes, while Marty uses watercolor to paint the same subject.



Larry Ehrlich's and Marty Owings's plein air approach (above and below.)

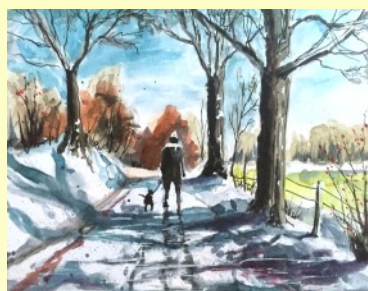
### 3:30-5:00 Free Painting Time

**Members** invited to paint outdoors, followed by an informal critique.

**Registration forms must be received by Friday, June 2, 2017.**

**Go to [www.minnesotawatercolors.com](http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com) to register on line.**

Contact MarySue Krueger for any questions by calling: 612-716-4829 or email: [marysue@marysuekrueger.com](mailto:marysue@marysuekrueger.com). For directions and maps, visit [www.threeriversparkdistrict.org](http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org).



## From the President

*Hello Artist Friends  
And Members!*

*It's time for summer break.  
And there is so much to take in!*



Let's start with Member's Day at the Fish Lake Pavilion in Maple Grove on June 10. It's our last scheduled event until September and a great way to get together with your artist friends for inspirational demos and outdoor painting tips. Don't forget to bring your palette and brushes if you want to paint in the afternoon.

Keep your eyes open for great painting ideas while you are out pedaling, paddling, picnicking, camping, gardening or visiting the zoo during the next couple of months. There is so much to do as we embrace our beloved Minnesota summer. We'll be excited to see your fresh new work as we gear up for our Fall Show. This year our exhibition will be held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Make a note in your calendar now to enter your work and plan to attend the opening reception. ***This will be the first event of our next season*** and takes the place of our regularly scheduled September meeting. Entry details and dates are on page four of this newsletter and also posted on our website at [www.minnesotawatercolors.com](http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com).

Looking ahead, we have a great new workshop planned for you. Portrait artist Fealing Lin will be our workshop artist in October, demonstrating her process for layering big brushstrokes to create fresh, painterly portraits. Registrations are open with a discount if you act now. See details on page five of this newsletter.

We are looking for a few talented and conscientious volunteer board members to lead and strengthen our programs for our member artists. If you can contribute your time, thoughtfulness and leadership to our group, please contact me or one of our retiring Board members. For example, contact Georgia Kandiko about how you can take the lead on our Spring Show. Georgia has done a great job as chair of the Spring Show the last two years and already has all the key components of our show lined up for 2018. It is the perfect time to step in as our new Spring Show chair. Our librarian, Mary Brainard is retiring her Board position next fall and we want to continue this special resource for our members. You can contact Mary to learn more about what she does for our library and how you can make this your own special contribution.

Until we see you in September, take that next step to realize your inspiration.

Warmly, Sonja

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# MNWS Member Happenings

Send member news and quality images to Editor, Gail Vass:  
Vass@mchsi.com or Gail@GladArt.net (Images used as space permits.)



"Pansies in Crystal Vase" (above)  
"Tulip Bed at Dark" (at right)  
by Kathy Braud



## MNWS New Members

- Susan Borgerson
- Jean Hallermann
- Christine Hays
- Carol Lemke
- Darlene McCain
- Cathy Menssen
- Carla Puckett
- Nicole Schatz
- Terri Urbaniak

Welcome  
New Members!

We have 343 current  
paid members.

## Membership Application

### MNWS Membership Dues:

- College Student **-\$20** •Single **-\$35**
- Couple/Family **-\$45** •Seniors (65+) **-\$30**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail your application and check payable to:

Minnesota Watercolor Society

Hadji Bensfield, Membership Chairperson

5900 Oxford St. Unit 13

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Or you may apply on line at [www.minnesotawatercolors.com](http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com)

☐ Check here to have your name removed from the list sent to our exhibition award donors who mail product information to our members.

"Radiant Floral" by David Smith



**THE FIRST 65  
PAINTINGS  
WILL BE  
ACCEPTED!  
DON'T WAIT!**

# Luminous *Light*

## 2017 MNWS Fall Exhibition

**Saturday, Sept. 23 - Sunday, Oct. 29**

**At Hopkins Center for the Arts**

1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins MN 55343

**Opening Reception Saturday, Sept. 23 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

### **Artist Eligibility**

"Luminous Light" is a non-juried show that is open to all MNWS members in good standing who have paid their dues through May 31, 2018. You may join MNWS or renew your membership by sending a separate check for membership dues with your entry fee, or you may pay online at [www.minnesotawatercolors.com](http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com).

Each member may enter one painting. The first 65 paintings will be accepted. We will return forms and entry fees arriving after space is filled or the deadline has passed. Hopkins Center for the Arts will only accept family-friendly art.

### **Awards Juror, Keren Kroul**

Keren Kroul is a visual artist and instructor at Augsburg College, <http://www.kerenkroul.com>. She works with watercolor on paper to create dense and rhythmic organic formations from meticulous lines and delicate washes, inspired by memories, neural pathways, and natural elements. She currently lives in Minneapolis, MN. She holds an MFA in painting from Parsons School of Design (NY) and a BA in fine arts from Brandeis University (MA). Kroul has exhibited at the Minnesota Museum of American Art, Rockford Art Museum, Duluth Art Institute, and many others. She was featured in the 2016 season of MN Original (TPT-Twin Cities PBS), and was an ArtPrize Finalist in 2016 (2D category) among other achievements.

**Submit your entry online at: [minnesotawatercolors.com](http://minnesotawatercolors.com).**

Please read complete rules and information. For questions call Therésa Weseman at 952-200-8592 or email: [fallshow@minnesotawatercolors.com](mailto:fallshow@minnesotawatercolors.com)

### **Exhibition Schedule**

**Fri., Aug. 25**  
**Postmark/payment**  
**deadline**

**Tue., Sept. 19**  
**Drop off at gallery**  
**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Sat., Sept. 23**  
**Exhibition opens**

**Sat., Sept. 23**  
**Reception 6 - 8 p.m.**  
**(Awards 7 p.m.)**

**Sun., Oct. 29**  
**Exhibition ends**

**Mon., Oct. 30**  
**Pick up at Gallery**  
**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**



*"I WANT VIEWERS TO SPEND TIME STUDYING MY FIGURES AND PORTRAITS, WONDERING WHO MY SUBJECTS ARE AND WHAT ARE THEIR STORIES. I CONSIDER A WORK A SUCCESS IF IT'S FRESH AND PAINTERLY, IT EXPRESSES MY FEELINGS ABOUT THE SUBJECT AND THE DESIGN OF THE SPACE IS UNIQUE."* -Fealing Lin

## Watercolor Portrait Workshop

with  
*Fealing Lin*

**October 26-28, 2017**

**Thursday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**At Ames Center in Burnsville, 12600 Nicollet Ave**



**FEALING LIN** lives in California but was born in Taiwan.

She teaches classes and workshops across the country. Her favorite place to paint is Italy. She is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America and the Watercolor West. Her work has won numerous awards in national and international shows and has appeared in many magazines including Watercolor Artist, International Artist and Splash (Vol 9,10,11,12).

**COURSE CONTENT:** Fealing will demonstrate her process for layering big brushstrokes, transparent glazes and interesting shapes to capture the spirit of her subjects. Sticking to light values and transparent colors, she builds up the figure with a series of glazes and overlapping shapes, keeping brushstrokes to a minimum in order to prevent the painting from looking overworked. With a fluidity of colors, Fealing combines impressionistic strokes and semi-abstract techniques to elicit life and movement in her portraits. Her web site is [fealingwatercolor.com](http://fealingwatercolor.com)

### REGISTRATION FOR FEALING LIN WORKSHOP Oct 26-28, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_ Nonmember \_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$100 deposit secures a spot in the workshop. Balance of fee is due no later than September 8th.**

Fees: Before August 1: Members: \$375 Non-members: \$410

After August 1: Members: \$395 Non-members: \$430

**Cancellations in writing prior to September 8** for a full refund minus \$25.00 service fee.

**No refund after Sept 8 unless spot is filled** from waiting list. Then, full refund minus \$25 service fee.

Class size is limited. Supply List will be sent after final payment. Lunch is on your own.

**Make checks payable to MNWS. Mail to: Kathy Schur 337 Betty Lane, West Saint Paul, MN 55118**

**Phone: 651-455-0285 E-Mail: [kathy.schur@inbox.com](mailto:kathy.schur@inbox.com)**

## Watercolor Reflections

By Vera Kovacovic

*Gorgeous Fragmented  
Watercolors  
Form Soothing  
Cityscapes*



### **NORTHSTAR WATERMEDIA SOCIETY Call for Entry 2017 National Juried Exhibition**

**October 2-31, 2017  
Blaine City Center, MN**

**\$4000 minimum in cash  
and non-cash awards**

**Entry deadline August 1, 2017  
See artist prospectus  
and complete details at  
[www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org)  
or**

**[www.northstarwatermedia.com](http://www.northstarwatermedia.com)**

***With* beautiful weather on hand and summer approaching, I am sharing some words of Katie Hosmer and images by a Korean artist, Sunga Park. It will encourage you to consider a different way to do plein air watercolor and ink sketching as a finished piece of art.**

These gorgeous watercolor paintings feature soothing landscapes that fade off into the surface of the paper. Created by South Korea-based designer and illustrator Sunga Park, each scene is a study of the architecture located in cities around the world, including London, Paris, Busan, Istanbul, Venice, and Oxford. The self-trained artist says, "I can't tell you what my exact art field is but I want to show you something different."

And Park certainly succeeds in showing her viewers a different kind of painting. In each scene, soft colors blur together to depict each place, and viewers are quickly whisked away into peaceful worlds where fragmented buildings, set against soft skies, have no real end. In her signature style, the artist utilizes positive and negative space to produce the detailed shapes, challenging her viewers to visually complete the structures in our own, imaginative ways. (To see more images of Sunga Park, go online at: <http://mymodernmet.com/sunga-park-architecture-watercolors/>)



Sandy Muzzy, a MNWS Past President, with her Best of Show painting.

## Sandy Muzzy Rebounds After Unexpected Setback!

**Last July I had a severe and completely unexpected aneurysm stroke.** I went to Abbott hospital, and from there, I spent much time with Sister Kenny rehabilitation where I was encouraged to get back to my life as normal. It was easier said than done, as everything is a little bit different in my brain right now. One of the things I noticed at the hospital was an art show founded by the Courage Kenny Foundation in 1963. Since 1963, the show has attracted thousands of artists with disabilities from nearly 50 countries. I decided to enter the show since there was enough time before the deadline last April and I received a big blue ribbon for Best in Show! I have taken such a pleasure in this for many reasons. One is that it shows a map of Africa with the rhinos from cave markings all over Africa and Europe. The rhinos have been painted for the past 29,000 years. And they are going to be extinct due to the fact that they are being illegally poached. Their numbers are dwindling. I am doing what I can to help raise awareness of the issue.

So, I won a prize AND I hope people will look at the painting and become aware of the situation. Pretty paintings are great, but using your way of communicating is even better.

## Northstar Activities

Members' Meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Roseville Skating Center, 2661 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN.

### COMING EVENTS

June 22 - Member Meeting and Demo by Susan Voigt

July 19 - Paint-out (place TBD)

August 17 - Member Picnic (place TBD)

September 21 - Member Meeting and Demo by Mark Mehaffey

September 19-22 - Workshop with Mark Mehaffey

October 2-31 - NSWS National Art Exhibition at Blaine City Hall with Reception on October 15.

October 12 - Member Meeting and Demo by Ellen Diedrich

For more information about Northstar Watermedia Society and their activities, visit the website: [www.northstarwatermedia.com](http://www.northstarwatermedia.com)

## Summer Opportunities For Artists

### CALL FOR ENTRIES - "Art of the Garden" at Minnetonka Center for the Arts.

Deadline: Acceptance notifications begin June 1; entries will be considered through June 17.

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. All work must be available for sale. Open to artists in MN, ND, SD, IA, NE and WI. To download complete details: <http://www.minnetonkaarts.org/new/exhibits.htm>

### CALL FOR ART - "Through My Eyes" at Paramount Center for the Arts in St. Cloud, MN.

Deadline: July 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Visual artists from throughout Minnesota are invited to participate in this Juried Exhibition which will take place in August and September, 2017. For complete details and online submission:

<https://form.jotformpro.com/71216757494969>

**STAY CONNECTED** with Minnesota Watercolor Society Facebook Fan page for more opportunities and activities: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/MinnesotaWatercolors/>.



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*“To further the 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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## MNWS CALENDAR

**Fall  
Exhibition  
Details**

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**Feeling Lin  
Workshop  
Registration**

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**More Inside!**

Programs are held the second Thursday  
of the month at 7:00 p.m. Sept.- May only.  
Location: Christ Presbyterian Church,  
6901 Normandale Blvd., Edina, MN  
(Corner of 70<sup>th</sup> St. S. and Hwy 100).

**JUNE 10 ... MNWS Members' Day**

**JUNE 18 ... MNWS Spring Exhibition  
at MN Landscape Arboretum Closes**

**JUNE 19 ... Art Pick-up at MN Landscape Arboretum 2-5 p.m.**

**SEPT 23 -**

**OCT 29 ... MNWS Fall Exhibition, “Luminous Light”**

*Rusty Memories*  
by Carol Larson, Treasurer Chair



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**SEE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON PAGE 3**