

Brush Strokes

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May Meeting

Keren Kroul Demonstrates her Watercolor and Cut Paper Art

Thursday, May 10th at 7 pm

Keren Kroul, MFA, BA

Christ Presbyterian Church

6901 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55435

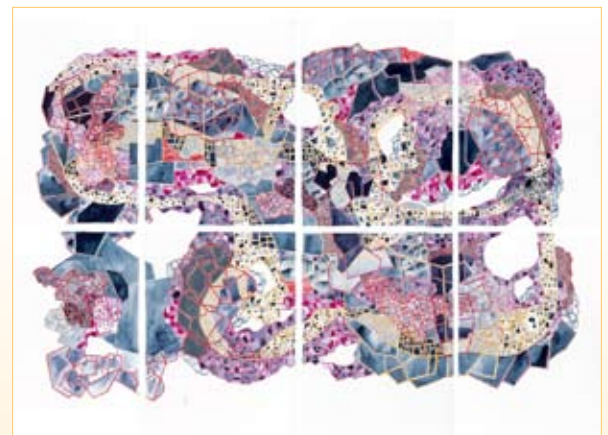
Due to inclement weather Keren Kroul has graciously rescheduled to demonstrate her artwork technique at our May meeting. She works with watercolor on paper to create dense and rhythmic organic formations. Made of meticulous lines and delicate watercolor washes, they expand over several sheets of paper, reaching dimensions as large as 8 feet by 13 feet. Inspired by memories, neural pathways, and natural elements, her works on paper are landscapes of the mind. Keren will demonstrate her working style and share her influences during this demonstration.

Born in Haifa, Israel, to an Argentinean father and Israeli mother, Keren was raised in Mexico City and Costa Rica, and currently lives in Minneapolis, MN.

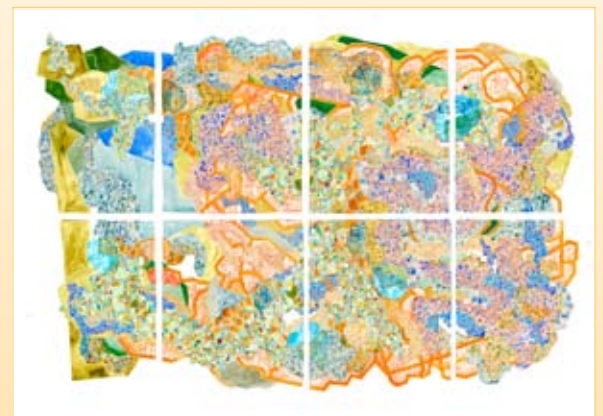
Ms. Kroul holds an MFA in Painting from Parsons School of Design (NY) and a BA in Fine Arts from Brandeis University (MA). Keren's work has been exhibited at the Minnesota Museum of American Art, Rockford Art Museum, Duluth Art Institute, Art Museum of the University of Memphis, Revolving Museum, and Soo Visual Arts Center, among others. She was featured in the 2016 season of MN Original (TPT-Twin Cities PBS), and was a 2D finalist at ArtPrize in 2016. Keren is a 2015 and 2017 recipient of the Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant, and a 2017 Jerome Emerging Artist at the Rochester Art Center (MN). She teaches painting and drawing at Augsburg College, the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, and the MITY program at Macalester College.

Questions? Contact Tara Sweeney at tarasweeneyart.com.

<http://www.kerenkroul.com/>



Amorphous Longing Pink 2016, watercolor on paper, 60"x96"



Suspended Thought 2016, watercolor on paper, 60"x96"

From the President

Hello Artist Friends and Members!

As this newsletter reaches you we will be winding down our 2017-2018 program year with our member meeting in May. We are excited to welcome Keren Kroul as our demo artist. Keren creates immense watercolors with dense rhythmic forms, some as big as 8 x 13 feet. It will be an inspiration to learn about her working style and influences. More information about Keren's work is on our website at www.minnesotawatercolors.com and you can see her work at www.kerenkroul.com. Our meetings are at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina on the second Thursday of the month or May 10th. Be sure the last meeting for this season is on your calendar now.

We are delighted to welcome Anne Bendt to our Board. Anne will be serving as our membership director starting this summer. This allows Hadji Benfield, our current membership director, to take over for Laura Hanson as our webmaster. Laura skillfully redesigned our website on a new platform and has effectively managed the content on our site over the past 4 years. We are most grateful for her contributions and wish her well in the next phase of her professional development. Hadji has a wonderful technical background that will ensure our site is sustained as a valuable resource in the years ahead.

During the summer I hope you get a chance to enjoy all your favorite activities, including perhaps some plein air painting. We'll be anxious to see your new works at the fall show, which will be our first event of the 2018-2019 season in September. The Ames Center will be hosting our fall exhibition for 2018 and registration information will be posted on our website later this summer. Watch your email and our Facebook pages for more notifications about registration dates in the coming months.

It has been a sincere pleasure to serve as your President these last two years. As my term winds down I want to share my appreciation for all the board members that make the Minnesota Watercolor Society a great resource and wonderful community for watercolor artists. Please consider how you might support our mission and common interests. It is an ideal way to get even more out of your membership.

See you soon.
Sonja



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Spring 2018 Juried Exhibition



Violeta and Oscar at Larkey Park by Leslie Wilson



Bridges by John Salinen

SPRING CONTRASTS

at Minnetonka Center for the Arts

2240 North Shore Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391

There is still time to visit the “Spring Contrasts” exhibition at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts! Don’t forget to vote for the People’s Choice Award. The show is open through Friday, May 11th.

Participating artists should pick up their paintings on Saturday, May 12th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mark your calendars! The Spring 2019 Exhibition will be at the Arboretum in Chanhassen from March 15th through May 1st. Registration period will likely begin early January.

Please contact Mary Deziel, Spring Show Chairperson, at 952-358-0802 or m.deziel@mchsi.com if you have any questions.

Northstar Water Media Society News

Meeting on the third Thursday of most months at 7 pm in the Rose Room, Roseville Skating Center 2661 Civic Center Drive Roseville, MN 55113

Guests are welcome.

Apr 7-May 13: Member Exhibition, “Colors of Joy” at White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, with reception and awards on May 10.

May 31: “Artists’ Market” setup and member reception

June 1-2: “Artists’ Market” at the State Fair Fine Arts Building

June 21: Demo by Dick Graves

<http://northstarwatermedia.com/>

Summer 2018

Watercolor Workshop

Nancy Patrick Carney

Come join in the fun of painting out-of-doors the many inspirational scenes around Lake Minnetonka in Excelsior, MN with Nancy Patrick Carney with her colorful palate and whimsical people.

Tuesday, July 24 and Wednesday, July 25, 2018

9am to 4pm meeting at the Southshore Center

5735 Country Club Road, Excelsior, MN 55331

Nancy Carney, former MNWS member, will introduce you to her colorful palate and whimsical people so you can record the scenes of your experience. She would love to share some of her techniques with you in this two-day workshop. See more of her artwork at her web site: www.nancycarney.com

Questions: contact Kathy Schur, by phone at 651-455-0285 or email kathy.schur@inbox.com

Workshop Schedule

Day One

- Simplifying and Editing the Scene with Classic Compositions
- Why Strong Values Are of #1 Importance
- Painting on location, weather permitting
- Gentle Critique and Sharing

Day Two

- Techniques for Adding Collage to Your Paintings
- Painting on location, weather permitting
- Simple Human Shapes for Focus, Interest and Scale
- Gentle Critique and Sharing



REGISTRATION for Nancy Patrick Carney Summer 2018 Workshop:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Before May 30: ☐ Member \$185 ☐ Non Member \$200 • After May 30: ☐ Members: \$200 ☐ Non-members: \$225
Fees: \$100 ☐

US MAIL REGISTRATION: Checks only. Send registration to:

MNWS Summer Workshop, Kathy Schur, 337 Betty Lane, West St Paul, MN 55118

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Workshops

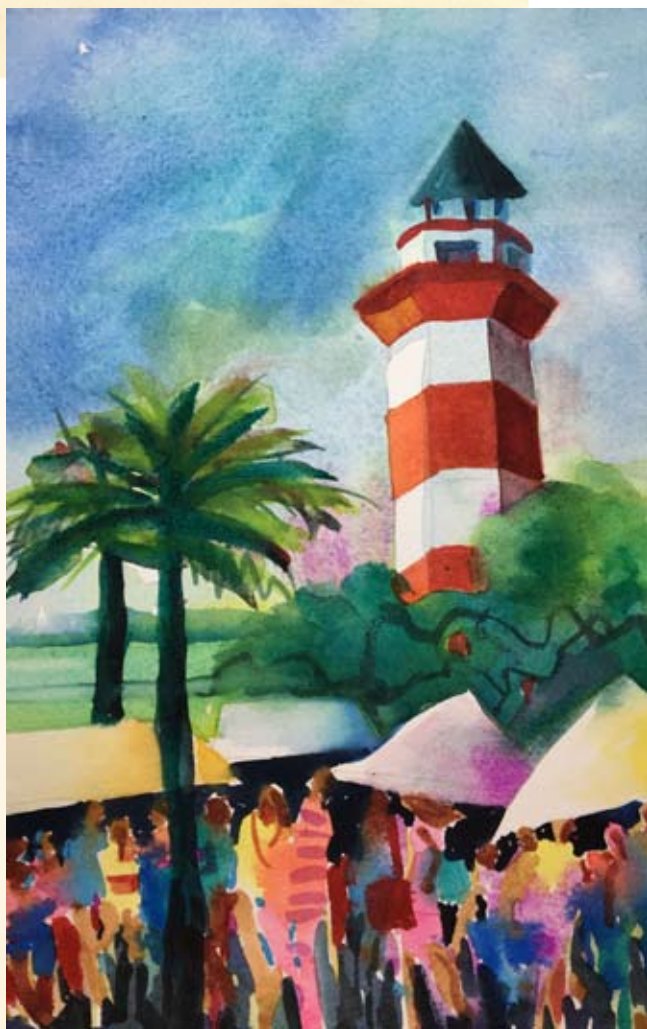
Fall Workshop Preview

Exploring Watercolor on Yupo!

With James Turner

October 12,13,14 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Hopkins, MN



Harbor Town by Nancy Patrick Carney



Saturday Morning by Nancy Patrick Carney



Yupo art by Jim Turner

This workshop will give you a variety of ways to approach this medium. James will show you how to take advantage of the abstract, flowing 'liquid' look of wet into wet application and experiment with texturing. Discussing design, he will present how to go from the crazy accidental abstraction to finished work. He will also help you tame Yupo to do representational work with flattening washes, graded washes and more. Participants can expect to have two nearly completed paintings in the three days –and just have fun. More information will be in our next newsletter and online soon.

Cost for the 3 day Yupo workshop is:

Members: \$250 Non-members: \$275

Questions:

Contact Kathy Schur at kathy.schur@inbox.com or

Bev Wood at bjwood48@hotmail.com Or check our website:

www.minnesotawatercolors.com

Watercolor Reflections

by Vera Kovacovic

Watercolor artists have a tight-knit community of talented, ambitious and inspirational individuals.

Browsing through the web, I came across this list of watercolor artists resources and blogs at Webdesignschoolsguide.com. I have provided part of the resources here in this article, and there is much more using the link below.*

With the use of blogs, watercolor artists can share their work and kindly critique each other, as well as exchange insider tips and business strategies. Get inspired, improve your painting skills and receive some helpful advice from one watercolor artist to another. For those who want to expand their knowledge, improve their skills and get their art into galleries, here some of the best blogs for watercolor artists.

- Frank Eber: A watercolor landscape painter, he blogs about his latest pieces and discusses techniques and tips you can use at home.
- Carol Carter: This accomplished watercolor artist talks about her travels and current collection of Italian-inspired art on her blog.
- Watercolours With Life: Check out the fine art of Jean Haines, whose watercolor paintings focus on nature, animals and the beautiful things in life.
- A Painting A Week: This watercolor artist has challenged himself to do at least one painting a week, in which he focuses primarily on real life experiences and people.
- Thomas W. Schaller: Check out this watercolor artist's fine details and excellent use of color in his graphic architecture paintings.
- Carol King: Read this New York artist's rants and raves about painting, drawing and everything in between.
- Davidtripp's Blog: Follow this watercolorist's blog, as he paints the rugged landscapes and nostalgic images of Texas and the great Southwest.
- Watercolor Works: Check out this Florida-based artist's landscape, portrait and beach scene watercolor paintings from start to finish.
- A Painting A Day Blog: This watercolor artist is challenging himself to do a painting a day, while exploring a variety of subjects he is not used to painting.
- A Passion for Watercolour!: Take some pointers from this watercolor artist, who paints vivid images of animals, flowers and landscapes.
- Doris Joa: This watercolor artist loves to paint little girls, flowers, cats and all things that are pretty and share them on her blog.
- Keiko Tanabe: Follow this award-winning watercolor artist as she travels around the world, painting Parisian cafes, California beaches, Venetian gondolas and other lovely sites.
- Watercolorings: This blogger took a 20-year hiatus from painting and returned as an eager student who has produced a lovely collection of watercolor paintings.

* <http://www.webdesignschoolsguide.com/library/50-best-blogs-for-watercolor-artists.html>
This link will be activated in the online newsletter on our website

Membership Renewal Time

**Our membership year is from
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, MNWS 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. MNWS also maintains an excellent library of DVDs and books for member use. Any artist, from beginner to advanced, is welcome to join the supportive environment of MNWS.

Renewals can be completed in one of the following ways:

1. Online via the Minnesota Watercolor Society website at:
<http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com/join/>
2. At our Thursday evening meeting May 10th
3. Mail your check with the completed Registration Form to:
Anne Bendt, MNWS Membership Chairperson
1120 Tonkawa Rd, Long Lake, MN 55356-9240

Membership Renewal fees are:

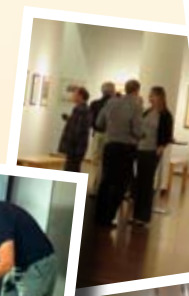
- Students \$20
- Seniors 65+ \$30
- Single \$35
- Couple/Family \$45

Please update your Member Profile at:

<http://www.minnesotawatercolors.com/member-registration/>

**Join or renew now to take advantage of our
knowledgeable community of Watercolor Artists**

Questions: Contact Anne Bendt at: abendt12@gmail.com



Minnesota Watercolor Society Membership /Renewal Application 2018 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 donor's mail list of artists product information.

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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!

MNWS **New Members**

Constance Fagen
Gladys Folkers
Linda Jezusko
Nancy Rauen
Peter Matthews
Peter Johnson
Shelley Holl
Sue Beckman

**We have 334 current
paid members**

Programs are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm September–May only.
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(Corner of 70th Street and Highway 100) Check our website for locations that may vary.

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HAPPENINGS

Check our Facebook page for more member happenings at
www.facebook.com/groups/MinnesotaWatercolors

Kris Fretheim

I'm happy to announce my painting "Circle Game" has been selected for the Watercolor USA 2018 Exhibition by Juror Kelly Kane, Editor-in-Chief of PleinAir Magazine. The show will be held at the Springfield Art Museum in Springfield, MO from June 2 to August 26, 2018.

