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# brushstrokes

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December '08

- 07 Holiday Party – Albq Art Museum  
1 PM to 4 PM - Details Below  
Painting Exchange
- 15\* January Brushstrokes Deadline, 5pm
- 20 Load-out 11 to Noon - Arts Alliance
- 23 Kimo Entry Deadline
- 30 Load-in 9 to 10 am - Kimo

### January '09

- 15\* February Brushstrokes Deadline, 5pm
- 16 Load-out 9 to 10 am - Kimo
- 20 Meeting - Albuquerque Art Museum  
Board 5:30, Social 6:30, Program 7:00
- 26 MasterWorks Large Painting Deadline  
Prospectus on NMWS website
- 27 WFWS accepted notices arrive

\* Brushstroke Deadline the 15th for Jan & Feb Issues

## December Program

### Holiday Party Information

**Who:** All NMWS Members and a Guest  
**Date:** Sunday Afternoon December 7th, 2008  
**Time:** 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM  
**Where:** Albq Museum Special Events Room  
**Potluck:** Bring a Main Dish, Side Dish or Dessert  
 to Share for 6 to 8 People  
**Utensils, Plates, Napkins, Cups and Drinks**  
 will be provided  
**Optional Painting Exchange Follows**  
**Small Matted Painting up to 1/2 Sheet**  
**Wrap in Holiday Paper**  
**Bring a Painting - Go Home With a Painting**  
**Please Plan to Attend**  
**RSVP to Doe Bennett 299-4945**

## Brushstrokes Submissions

\*Submit news for the next Brushstrokes  
 by the end of the day on the 15th of the month to  
[brushstrokes@nmwatercolorsociety.org](mailto:brushstrokes@nmwatercolorsociety.org)  
 or snail-mail it to: Brushstrokes, c/o Woody Duncan  
 7236 Calle Montana NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1277

## President's Message

This month's column is an outgrowth of following my own advice...not a common occurrence. Yesterday, Woody Duncan told me I had a 24 hour deadline! So this morning, I woke up early and laid in bed, thinking about watercolor. I don't know that I have the most cohesive thoughts going this morning (only 1 cup of coffee consumed so far) but thought I'd share a few with you. A lot of my thinking about watercolor comes from reading, watching and listening to others. So here are a few thoughts that evolved from each.



A quote from Georgia O'Keefe (Artist): "To create one's world in any of the arts takes courage."

This year, I've seen so many instances of member's courage. Certainly, the Fall Show displays the extent of everyone's courage, not only to paint but to show their work to others. A more recent personal example occurred yesterday in my paint group. Sally Boyd was re-visiting a painting she had worked on a while back. Ideas were shared on what might be done. I suggested some value change in the corners of the sky and that she might "creep up on it". Later in the morning, I checked to see what was going on and was amazed. Sally had boldly and expressively added bunches of color and value change...what courage!...adding enormously to the mood and drama of the painting.

A quote from John Maeda (Author, The Laws of Simplicity): "The fundamental question is, where's the balance between simplicity and complexity?"

What a delicate balance we have to keep in painting our subject matter. What to put in, what to leave out. John Maeda suggests that we use "thoughtful reduction" to achieve simplicity. By doing so in art, we leave more room for the viewer to complete our painting. Ideally, the end result is the desired emotive communication between artist and viewer. Problematically, as I leave out details, the end result often looks to me like "muddy soup."

As we think and work in watercolor, we'll look for balance, complexity, simplicity, courage. But, as this is the last Brushstrokes before the New Year, there is one most important thought to share:

**ENJOY ....AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!**

*Mary Oelschlaeger*

## NMWS Holiday Party December 7th

This is your last reminder for our annual holiday potluck party. I encourage everyone who plans to attend to be thinking about that scrumptious main dish or desert you want to bring. Drinks, plates and plastic eating utensils will be provided. Also – there is only one month left to get your painting finished for our fun exchange. Bring a gift wrapped, matted, painting and you will take one home. Please RSVP to (505-299-4945) so I can reserve the correct number of tables and chairs. (Let me know if you are bringing a guest) We all are looking forward to seeing you on December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Albuquerque Museum for a fun filled afternoon.

**Thank You, Doe Bennett**

## NMWS Library

As your new librarian, I am in the process of updating our records. Many of you have already received an Email from me regarding loaned videos, DVD's, or books. I realize that many of these items have already been returned and that some of the entries on our list are for items borrowed years ago. I appreciate your patience with this laborious task.

After a discussion with the NMWS Board and suggestions from the Southern Chapter, I have decided to try a new policy of requesting a \$5.00 deposit for each video or DVD that is borrowed. This deposit will be returned to you when the video/DVD is returned. At this time, there are 30 videos that have not been returned, and our collection is not extensive! I have enjoyed using these great videos in the past and want to make them available to all members. I am ordering a few new DVD's right now (with a limited budget). Those of you who have already checked out videos are exempt from the new policy. We will try this and see how it works!

Eleanor Bailey is not able to assist with the Library at this time, but she will return soon!

**Librarian: Jackie Peterson – 505-890-3354**  
or e-mail to [jackiesuep@usfamily.net](mailto:jackiesuep@usfamily.net)

**Happy Holiday Season**

**to**

**Everyone in the NMWS**

**Please remember to RSVP**

**to Doe Bennett**

**your reservation for our  
wonderful holiday party  
(505-299-4945)**

## Alternate Spaces

### Arts Alliance

Don't forget to put the Arts Alliance show on your December Holiday calendar. Our "Inspirations" show will kick off Friday Dec. 5 with a reception from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. It is in conjunction w/ the First Friday Arts Crawl and should be a wonderful exhibit!

#### Reminder

**Load Out is Sat. Dec 20 11:00 – 12:00**

### Kimo

The entry deadline for our Kimo "PRIMARILY RED" exhibit is December 23.

Load In: Tuesday, December 30 from 9:00 – 10:00

There will be no reception but remember the exhibit fee is \$6 per painting.

You may pay this at Load In.

#### Rio Rancho Library (Loma Colorado)

We are finalizing details for this show.....so watch for the info. in the next Brushstrokes.

The exhibit will probably run mid Jan thru mid Feb.

We are excited about this new WONDERFUL venue!

Remember to include the following when you send your entries to Suzie Clark. [SuzieC2@aol.com](mailto:SuzieC2@aol.com)

**your name**

**phone number**

**e-mail address**

**title and price of each painting**

## New Members

### Welcome to New Members

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Johnene Pollo</b>   | <b>505-899-0813</b> |
| <b>Bert Cabello</b>    | <b>505-265-0342</b> |
| <b>Jeanne Harris</b>   | <b>505-892-0535</b> |
| <b>Jude Rudder</b>     | <b>505-294-2147</b> |
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| <b>Sandra Allen</b>    |                     |
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| <b>Jeri Desrochers</b> | <b>575-521-9905</b> |
| <b>Callie Barker</b>   | <b>970-497-3174</b> |

Please let **Sally Boyd** (Membership VP) know of any changes in your contact information. ie: address, phone, e-mail, etc. **505 -821-7484** [saboyd@Q.com](mailto:saboyd@Q.com)

## Spring Exhibition

Having one show now behind me as Exhibition Chair, I realize the work that goes into putting a NMWS Art Show together. I have done my best to organize the duties of the show and know that I need several serious volunteers to make the Spring Show a success. I have divided the duties so that no one sub-committee chair is overwhelmed with so much to do that they lack time for themselves to paint. Some of these sub-committee chairs will also need to ask for help in implementing their committees' tasks.

Full descriptions of each Chair's duties are on the NMWS website under Exhibitions. Meetings will be limited. These positions must be filled by the January 2009 meeting. Please call (892-8597) or email me ([marcelawagner@aol.com](mailto:marcelawagner@aol.com)) if you are able to assist. I will have the positions on the website and check them off as they are filled.

Exhibition Sub-Committee Chair Positions:

1. Advertising/Promotion Chair
2. Awards Chair
3. Document Editor (can be someone out of town that has computer access)
4. Equipment Chair
5. File Manager
6. Gallery Host Coordinator
7. Intake Chair (will be assisted by the File Manager, Gallery Host Coordinator and 3 volunteers)
8. Permanent Collection Liaison
9. Opening Reception Chair (needs 4-5 people to help)

By **Marcela Wagner**, Exhibition Chairperson

## Read Brushstrokes On-Line

Did you realize that you can read back issues of the NMWS newsletter on-line ?

<http://www.nmwatercolorssociety.org/>  
then click on the "Newsletter" link.

### Brushstrokes Editor's Notes

It would be most helpful if your submissions for brushstrokes were in MS Word, Times New Roman -10 pt. allow the text to wrap around as you type.

Indicate the topic and month in the subject line of your e-mail to:

[brushstrokes@nmwatercolorssociety.org](mailto:brushstrokes@nmwatercolorssociety.org)

Please understand that your information may be edited to fit the space available.

Thank You, **Woody Duncan** (editor)

## Southern Chapter News

If you have news for SC Brushstrokes, please send your material to Jan Addy no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to publication month.

## Special Announcements

**Lannie Alexander** has 12 paintings hanging in Wooby's Coffee and Bistro on Hwy. 14 in Cedar Crest. Drive over to the beautiful back side of the mountain, have lunch and enjoy the view!

## Vounteer Vacancies

We continue to have the good fortune of a lot of good people helping out with NMWS in so many ways. Because we have so much going on, we are in need of a few more:

**Secretary / Officer of the Society**  
**Help on the Social Committee**

With respect to the social committee, I want to pull on a few heartstrings. **Jun Barrack** has taken on this task and has done a terrific job. She lost her assistant, Jackie, who moved her talent and skills to the library. Now, after every social at meetings, Jun does the clean up single-handedly. So she misses out on the first 15-20 minutes of every demonstration. This is too high a price to pay so please, contact Jun to offer your assistance. Thanks.

## Where do all the Flowers Come From

Another unrecognized person is **Andy**, Melba's son, who now owns **Melba's Flowers**. I'm sure you all enjoyed the beautiful fall bouquets throughout each and every NMWS show. Did you know that these are donated by Andy every exhibit? How lucky for us! So when you visit **Melba's Flowers**, please give Andy a personal "thank you."

*Mary Oelschlaeger*

The Gallery Guild of the Cathedral Church of St. John  
Announces Its Winter Theme Art Show

Entries accepted on Tuesday, Dec. 2, between 10 and 2.

All Media

The Church is at 318 Silver SW, Albuquerque  
505-247-1581

## Western Federation

Thanks to everyone who entered the 2009  
**Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition**

This will be the 34th annual WFWS exhibit  
Best of luck to each of you.

This years exhibition will be in San Diego  
May 1 - 31, 2009

Dave Cook WFWS Delegate  
[dadecook@juno.com](mailto:dadecook@juno.com)

## Call For Entries Arizona Aqueous XXIII

Tubac Center of the Arts is pleased to announce the prospectus for its popular Arizona Aqueous XXIII national, juried watercolor exhibition is now available.

Tubac Center of the Arts, PO Box 1911, Tubac, AZ 85646

Arizona Aqueous XXIII, an annual, national juried exhibition, now in its 23rd year. Exhibition dates: Feb. 20-Mar. 22, 2009

Media: Innovative use of water based pigment on paper, representational or abstract, 2-D and 3-D. Best of Show award: \$2000, additional awards \$2100.

Juror: Christopher Schink. Entry deadline: Jan. 14, 2009.

For more information or to have a prospectus mailed to you may call 520-398-2371 or visit <http://www.tubacarts.org> for a downloadable prospectus.

Susannah Castro  
Exhibit Registrar  
TUBAC CENTER of the ARTS  
Tubac, Arizona



**Peoples Choice Award  
2008 NMWS Fall Exhibition  
“White Sands Sunset VII”  
Lauren Johnson**



## NMWS Exhibitions

My name is Marcela Wagner and I am also the Webmaster for our New Mexico Watercolor Society's web site. From time to time I will e-mail you with news about what's up on the web site that you may find interesting.

Recently we finished our **Fall Exhibition** and several new pages have been added regarding the event. Please visit our **Fall 2008** page at <http://nmwatercolorssociety.org/Fall08Show.html>. From there you will be able to see the awarded paintings. By clicking on the photos of the paintings you will also be able to read each individual comment by our judge Jan Fabian Wallake. You can read the Judge Statement and Award Ceremony speech by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on the link <http://nmwatercolorssociety.org/Fall08ShowComments.html>. Finally, you can meet your fellow painters at the Award Winning Artists Gallery link <http://nmwatercolorssociety.org/Fall08Reception.html>.

Today I created a new page for our site. It is called **“Call for Artists”** and here I will be advertising all the call for entries I receive. If you know of anything that may be of interest to your fellow artists and members, please email me at [info@nmwatercolorssociety.org](mailto:info@nmwatercolorssociety.org). Please visit our new page at <http://nmwatercolorssociety.org/Calls.html>.

Finally, don't overlook the importance of having a personal page in our **Artists Virtual Gallery**. When somebody writes to me and asks more information about one of our members' work, if they have a page with us it is always easier to make the connection. Go ahead and promote your art, it's easy, it's quick and it's FREE! Email me your name, short bio and (large, good quality) photos of 4 of your paintings and I will create a page for you. Check the guidelines and requirements at <http://nmwatercolorssociety.org/GalleryGuidelines.html>.

Yours in painting, Marcela C. Wagner NMWS Webmaster

Get ready for the Spring Show!  
[marcelawagner@aol.com](mailto:marcelawagner@aol.com) or 505-892-8597

**Reserve Space Early for Tony Couch Workshop  
NM Watercolor Society Spring Workshop  
May 4 – 8, 2009**

Since Tony Couch is publishing his workshop in national magazines. We are starting a list now so our members will have a chance at getting into this popular workshop. To see examples of his work, go to the following website: <http://www.tonycouch.com/>

Tony Couch Workshop Registration  
May 4 – 8, 2009, 9:00AM – 4:00PM EXPO NM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that reservations for this workshop will be on a first come first served basis and that if I cancel my participation in this workshop a refund will be given ONLY when and if the space is filled.

Cost of the workshop is \$300. (Non-members \$340 includes membership to NMWS). A deposit of \$150 (Non-members \$190) (made out to NMWS) is required when registering and the balance of \$150 is due on the first day of class (May 6, 2009). PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH 2 STAMPS ON THE ENVELOPE with this registration and deposit.

Mail to:

Donna Dionne, NMWS Workshop Chair,  
1905 Ilfield SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

**Hurry And Register**

Word from Donna Dionne is that the Tony Couch workshop is filling up fast. If you wish to be part of this Spring Watercolor Workshop you had better send your deposit to Donna.

Mail to: Donna Dionne, NMWS Workshop Chair,  
1905 Ilfield SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

**For Sale**

**The MoRo Gallery is For Sale  
806 Mountain Road, NW**

MoRo Gallery is a "turn-key" operation for someone desiring a gallery in Albuquerque's newest and most interesting gallery district. Along with the MoRo name we are selling our manual of procedures and sales techniques; our association in AABA, the momentum of years of advertising and show invitations and extensive press, our address lists and email lists. The MoRo Gallery building functions very well with gallery lighting, walls for large paintings, security system, and jewelry cases, a parking area, and more.

Please contact Angus Macpherson 505-270-2777  
[angus@swcp.com](mailto:angus@swcp.com)

**Art Related News**



The holidays are rapidly coming so is the deadline, January 26, 2009, for your MasterWorks' Large Fine Art Division paintings. Don't be a procrastinator in getting that masterpiece finished. The Prospectus for MasterWorks 2009 will be on the NMWS website.

**The watercolor workshop, with Ann Smith, is already Full. We are taking names for a Stand By list.**

Please email Anne Cox at [acox9mm@hotmail.com](mailto:acox9mm@hotmail.com) to be put on that list.

Thank you, Anne

***Dancing on Paper with Ann Smith***

Register now for the NMWS sponsored workshop held during MasterWorks April 7, 8 & 9 from 5 pm to 9:30 pm. The cost is \$160. A deposit of \$80 is due with your registration. Ann Smith is best known for her large scale abstract floral paintings and her award winning images have been exhibited by such prestigious organizations as the NWS, WFWS and the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition. See her work at [www.annsmithwatercolors.com](http://www.annsmithwatercolors.com)

MasterWorks is in need of two volunteers from NMWS to prepare and host a reception table at the Opening on April 3rd. These volunteers will be in charge of coming up with one sweet and one savory appetizer to be served.

There will be one meeting sometime in January with the volunteers from the other organizations to coordinate these efforts. Call Anne Cox at 450-9194 or email her at [a.cox9mm@hotmail.com](mailto:a.cox9mm@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season it is easy to forget that your digital entries need to be in by January 26th. as well as your paperwork and entry fees. Don't let time get away from you in finishing those paintings.

**Classes and Workshops**

**Carol Carpenter Classes**

Demonstrations in each session with emphasis on improving skills in landscape and floral watercolors.

Two six-week sessions are available:

Thursdays 1 PM to 3:30 PM, Jan 15 to Feb 19, 2009  
and/or

Saturdays 10 AM to 12:30 PM, Jan 17 to Feb 21, 2009

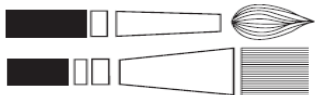
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\$150 (tax included) \$30 deposit to register  
Cash, Check, Visa or MC

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### Southern Chapter News

Thanks to all for your interest, support and participation in the NMWS-SC activities this year. There will be lots of interesting events happening in the coming year; monthly programs, paintouts, a workshop and two shows. In February will be the NMWS-SC *For the Love of Art Month* Show at the Tombaugh Gallery, details and prospectus to be announced soon.

Our Dec meeting, Sun, the 14<sup>th</sup>, is at 2 pm, in the Good Samaritan Retirement Home Craft Room (in the Administration Building). Our program will be our annual Painting Exchange with refreshments and plenty of time to enjoy each other's company and get acquainted with someone new. To participate in the exchange, bring an original painting of your own, matted (outside mat size, 11" x 14") with a sturdy backing, and please wrap your painting in brown paper. We will draw for a painting by number, enjoy each other's work and get to know one another a little better. Come with a painting, you will go home with one. But, there is no requirement for participating in the exchange. Just come and have a festive time. Our January program will be presented by Nancy Frost Begin, a prelude to her two-day workshop on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Details regarding both events will be out shortly. A big thank you and congratulations to all who participated in the Southern Chapter's Fall Show at the Rio Grande. It was a wonderful show, very professional. And do remember that PICKUP is Monday, Dec. 1, 10 am -12 noon. If you have a painting in the show and can not personally pick in up, please arrange with someone to do so for you.

Because of the many holiday activities in December, we have no paintout planned this month but watch for an announcement in next month's Brushstrokes for our January plans. We wish you all a very Merry Holiday and a Happy New Year 2009. If you have news for SC Brushstrokes, please send your material to Jan Addy no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the publication month.

**Jan Addy, President, NMWS-SC**