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Calendar

Board Meeting.....Thursday, Feb 9 6:30 PM
Members' Meeting (**Margaret Martin**).....Thursday, Feb 16 7:00 PM
Next Board Meeting.....Thursday, Mar 8 6:30 PM
Next Members' Meeting (**Denise Sperry**).....Thursday, Mar 15 7:00 PM

Members' meetings are held at Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Snyder, NY.
February 2012 Board Meeting is at Sally Treanor's home, 756 Richmond Ave., Buffalo. Submit newsletter items by Feb. 23 via US mail to **NFWS Waterbucket Editor, 756 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222** or e-mail: waterbucketeditor@juno.com.

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MARGARET MARTIN, AWS

"I strive to improve as a painter and person as my career develops. Blank white watercolor paper suggests so many possibilities. Spend silent time thinking and contemplating the subject before brush touches the paper. Take in all the shapes, contrasts, sounds and emotions. Digest, absorb, respond and focus on the total experience! Painting is about communicating on the most fundamental and personal level. Paint your enthusiasm and vision. GO FOR IT! Creating art is hard work but it's my favorite activity. It's exciting, including the difficulties. A watercolor is a visual brainstorm in lines, masses, values, and colors with water and pigment – a challenge!"

Margaret Martin was born, resides and maintains a studio in Buffalo. She holds a BFA from Boston University and an Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts from D'Youville College. A full time painter in watercolor, she teaches studio, national, and international workshop sessions. A Signature member of AWS, NWS, NFWS and other art organizations, she has had works and articles published in many art books and magazines. Author of *No More Wishy-Washy Watercolor* published by North Light Books, she is also the solo artist in *Great Lake Effects* cookbook published by the Junior League of Buffalo. She is listed in *Who's Who in American Art*.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NFWS Members,

It is unfortunate that so few were able to view Jeff Watkins' excellent demonstration of painting a sunny, summer field, of all things! Understandably so, since the weather was challenging to say the least. Please email me your feedback on the best way for you to find out if a meeting is cancelled (so many ways to communicate these days) and there will also be some revision of the criteria for canceling a meeting.

We will feature **Margaret Martin** at February's meeting. Come early for a good seat! And remember, these events happen because a group of members spend time planning and making them happen. We still need more members to assist in many ways to continue the excellence of NFWS. If you have not read your email attachments from the Nominating Committee describing our needs, please be sure you do. Even if you cannot do anything listed, contact me for other ways you can help.

I hope to see lots of entries to the Spring Show, so pay attention as the deadline is quickly approaching. The Spring Show will be at Art Dialogue Gallery, which will have a lot of traffic during the month of May, including a reception for the Linwood Home Tours with about 800 people coming through. This is a great opportunity to showcase your paintings.

Mary Hardegen, President
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CLASSES

Marty Kutas teaches watercolor classes for **beginners** in Hamburg. A new 8 week session begins Wednesday, February 29, 6:30-9:00 pm. A daytime class is also being considered. Call Marty at 649-7799 or email martysart@verizon.net.

Julie McIndoo offers watercolor classes at Art Dialogue Gallery, One Linwood Ave., Tuesdays, 10:00 am - noon. Each 5-week session fee is \$55. Call 337-2531 or 479-3552 (cell) to sign up.

Michael McMahon is teaching watercolor at the Red Brick School House in Lewiston New York, six consecutive Saturdays from March 3 through April 7, 2012. Classes run from 1pm to 3pm. Beginners welcome, some watercolor experience suggested. Cost \$90. Call Village of Lewiston Recreation (754-1990) or Mike (434-0401), to reserve a place. Please call Mike with any questions related to material or skill level.

Sheila Reigh teaches beginner and intermediate watercolor classes year-round at the Town of Tonawanda Senior Center, 291 Ensminger Road (874-3266) to residents of Ken-Ton 60 years and older. Contact Sheila @ 692-6966 or sreigh@roadrunner.com.

Sally Treanor teaches on-going classes for all levels, Monday, 9:30-noon, at O'Brien Hall, corner of Lafayette and Grant, in Buffalo. New 6-week session starts February 27. For more information contact Sally at 912-1451 or treanors@verizon.net. See her work at www.watercolorful.com.

EVENTS

Barbara Fox (bfoxart@yahoo.com) will present a workshop and demo at the San Diego Watercolor Society, February 18 & 19,

2012. For more info see www.sdws.org. She will also present a demonstration at the Carlsbad Oceanside Art League on February 10. For more info: www.coalartgallery.com

Consequences National Juried

Exhibition: aftermath, effect, conclusion, outcome, payback, repercussion, result, fallout, or significant. Arc Gallery is looking for contemporary works with a smorgasbord of perspectives on this theme. Dark, humorous, quirky or twisted, interpret the theme as you like. **Juror:** Donna Seager of Seager Gray Gallery, Mill Valley, CA. **Eligibility:** Artists residing in the continental United States. **Fee:** \$35. **Media:** Sculpture, painting, drawing, photo, printmaking, ceramics, assemblage, collage, mixed media, fiber art, artist book. **Entry Deadline:** February 24, 2012. **Exhibition Dates:** May 12-June 2, 2012. Opening Reception May 12. **Online Prospectus & Application:** Go to <http://www.arc-sf.com/submissions.html>.

Call for work: Impact Artists Gallery National Women's Juried Exhibition Spring 2012--June 6-30, 2012. Open to all women artists 18 years and older in all media, no videos. Entry deadline for submitting e-mail or a digital disc must be postmarked April 19, 2012. For prospectus send a SASE to: Impact Artists Gallery, Tri-Main Bldg, Suite 545, 2495 Main St., Buffalo, NY, 14214; e-mail impactartistgallery@gmail.com; phone 716-835-6817. Any questions e-mail: joanbufny@aol.com, Joan Hambleton, Exhibition chairperson

Call to Plein Air Artists. The **Finger Lakes Plein Air Competition & Festival at Canandaigua, NY is June 8th, 9th and 10th, 2012.** The *plein air* painting

competition is open to qualifying artists working in painting media including: oil, transparent watercolor, soft pastel, acrylic, and gauche. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place including **\$1,500 for 1st Place**. This juried and judged competition is held under the auspices of the Ontario County Arts Council, NY. ACTION ITEMS: Please view the website at www.CanandaiguaArts.com. The prospectus may be downloaded. The entry deadline is March 30, 2012. Registration may be made online or via US mail. Register and sign up your email address to receive updates regarding this event and the festival.

BULLETIN BOARD

Kathleen Dworak has had a painting accepted into the 2012 Rockies West National Exhibition. The show runs from March 1st to April 6th, in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Manning McCandlish, Mike McMahon, and Shirley Murdoch will be having a show *THREE BRUSHES: McCANDLISH, McMAHON, & MURDOCH* at the Kenan Center, February 12 to March 11, 2012. The opening Reception will be February 12, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Michael McMahon won 2nd place in watercolor at the Allentown Art Festival, 1st place at the East Aurora Art Festival, 2nd place at the Lewiston Art Festival, and Best watercolor at the Quaker Arts Festival in 2011.

NFWS NEWS

Don't forget!! Entries for the Spring Show are due Saturday, February 11, 2012. See www.nfws.org for more information.