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Calendar

Board Meeting.....Thursday, No Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Members' Meeting (**Nicholas Simmons**).....Thursday, May 17 (**at Burchfield Penney**)7:00 PM
Next Board Meeting.....Thursday, TBD 6:30 PM
Next Members' Meeting (**Y*Art Sale**).....Thursday, June 21(**New Time**) **6:30 PM**

May Members' Meeting will be at the Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State College. Submit newsletter items by August 23 via US mail to **NFWS Waterbucket Editor, 756 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222** or e-mail: waterbucketeditor@juno.com.

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Summer Sonata

NICHOLAS SIMMONS

Nicholas Simmons is creative, inventive and has a sense of humor and irreverence that challenge the status quo. He challenges, inspires, and awes students with his techniques. He is aware of and observes how students learn and how they react to him. We at Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society consider ourselves incredibly lucky to be able to bring Nicholas Simmons to the Niagara Frontier as the visiting artist for this four day workshop.

Simmons' paintings have been featured in a variety of publications, and on Maryland Public Television. In 2008, his DVD Innovative Watermedia was released by Creative Catalyst Productions. He is sponsored by Da Vinci Paint. Awards include top prize at the 2007 National Watercolor Society, consecutive gold medals at the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, 2008-2009, and the gold medal at the Texas Watercolor Society in 2010. (*Cont'd inside*)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NFWS Members,

At April's meeting we saw Art Cunanan transform his paper into a lively city scene by using very well placed brush strokes and his remarkable use of color and value. What talent! Please mark your calendar now for the May meeting at the Burchfield Penney Art Center on May 17 at 7 pm featuring Nicholas Simmons. It will surely stretch your art imagination.

It is time to say goodbye as your President. I gained much in this role—many, many new friends, connections with a variety of artists, a good understanding of how an organization like NFWS continues to impact people, and fulfillment in my art career. I am very thankful and look forward to continuing as a Board member and Show Chair. My four years was well invested, and I thank everyone who is a part of NFWS.

I want to acknowledge and thank Dottie Kinan, our Treasurer of 12 years. Her dedication and commitment to quality, and her excellent record keeping have contributed much to NFWS, especially as it transitioned to a non-profit status. She will continue as Program Chair.

Please welcome Anne Gayley as your new President, Carol Siracuse as Vice President, Pat Leonard as Secretary, and Carol Koziol Clark as Treasurer.

I hope to see you at the Y'Art Sale on June 21st.

Sincerely,

Mary Hardegen
NFWS President through May 31, 2012
648-1539, mc.hardegen@verizon.net

CLASSES

Kathleen Giles will be teaching six watercolor classes at the Market Street Art Center Thursdays from 10:00-12:00, May 3rd thru June 7th. The cost is \$85.00. Each class begins with a demo and will focus on a different concept or technique each week. To register or for more info, call the artist at 716-795-9368.

Julie McIndoo offers watercolor classes at Art Dialogue Gallery, One Linwood Ave., Tuesdays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Each 5-week session fee is \$60. Call 337-2531 or 479-3552 (cell) to sign up.

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 at 692-6966 or sreigh@roadrunner.com.

Denise Sperry is sponsoring a watercolor workshop by **Kathie George** on Aug. 23rd-25th, 2012 in Williamsville, NY. We will create the look of **batik using watercolor and rice paper**. The cost is \$275.00. Kathie has authored 5 books. Her paintings have been published in *Splash 11, 12, and 13*. To register, contact Denise at (716) 634-8907 or email: Deeuniques@aol.com. Kathie's work can be viewed at www.Kathiegeorge.com

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

EVENTS

Call for entries: The Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid-Atlantic Exhibition at the BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, MD. Open to all watermedia

artists in the Mid-Atlantic states and DC. Juror: Frank Webb AWS, NWS. Entry online or by CD. First place \$1200. Deadline June 16, 2012. For a prospectus and more information:

www.BaltimoreWatercolorSociety.org

BULLETIN BOARD

Anna Boccio was awarded an Honorable Mention at the Buffalo Niagara Art Society's Spring show at Partners in Art Gallery, for her painting *Abstract Tulips*. Also, in the same show, **Marie Prince** was awarded a Merit award for her painting *Chautauqua Bikers*.

NFWS NEWS

Mark your calendars for the **Friday, May 4th** opening of the NFWS Spring Show 2012 from 7:30 - 9:00 hosted by Western New York Artists Group at Art Dialogue Gallery. Awards ceremony will be Saturday May 19th from 1:00 - 3:00.

Obituary: John (Jack) Degnan of Lockport died March 20, 2012. He was a member of the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society for many years and a former NFWS President.

3RD ANNUAL NFWS Y'ART SALE THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Indoors at the Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Hwy, Snyder
Bring left-over, new, or used art supplies to sell or swap with other artists: Display your own favorite watercolor painting * Bring your own card table, bags, and change. *Only NFWS Members may show an art piece and/or sell items. But GUESTS are more than welcome to attend!
Call Sheila Reigh at 692-6966 to let her know you're coming.

REMINDER

NFWS May Meeting will be held at the Burchfield Penney Art Center (BPAC) from 7:00-8:30 pm featuring Nicholas Simmons.

Anyone may attend the NFWS meeting at no charge, but BPAC non-members must pay admission if entering the museum exhibits. The BPAC member's show, "The Artists Among Us", will be on display that evening.

Parking

Metered parking is provided by [Buffalo State College](http://BuffaloStateCollege) in lot B-1, located on the west side of the Burchfield Penney Art Center. There is a meter that dispenses parking receipts for a maximum of 2 hours. The receipt must be placed face up on your dashboard. The parking meter accepts coins or Visa/MasterCard only. The parking fee is 50 cents per half hour. **Parking fees are in effect Monday-Friday from 7am-7pm.** Parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays in any lot at Buffalo State College. The Burchfield Penney Art Center is not responsible for parking violations; any tickets must be filed through the Buffalo State College Parking Services office at 716-878-3041.

Nicholas Simmons *Cont'd*

Simmons exhibits internationally with major watermedia stars, and was the only judge representing the Americas at the Shanghai Zhujiajiao International Watercolour Biennial Exhibition in 2010, the world's largest watercolor exhibition. He will return to China to judge the Biennial again in 2012, among other major exhibitions. Nicholas is one of six painters in the newly formed North American Watercolor Artists group, which represents the United States in various international exhibitions.