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Calendar

March Members' Meeting (**Robin Zefers Clark**).....Thursday, March 19.....7:00 PM
March Board Meeting.....Thursday, March 19 (ACC 3rd Floor).....5:00 PM
April Members' Meeting (**Ona Kingdon**).....Thursday, April 16.....7:00 PM

Members' meetings are held at the **Amherst Community Church (ACC),
77 Washington Highway, Snyder, NY.**

Submit newsletter items by **March 23** via e-mail: waterbucketeditor@juno.com or US mail to
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Swept Away 2
Robin Zefers Clark

Robin Zefers Clark will show how the choice of the watercolor manufacturer along with the basic palette colors can be a major factor in the outcome of a painting and how using a limited palette is a great exercise in understanding color mixing.

Robin lives near Otto, NY, where she works as a professional artist at Brookside Studio Watercolors. She earned a BS in Art Education from Buffalo State College, and her MS from Rochester Institute of Technology, with a major in oil painting, as well as intensive work in graphic design and photographic studies. It was during her last year at RIT that she took a watercolor course. At first she intensely disliked the medium and its unruly behavior, but by the end of the semester the decision was made to put away her oil brushes and pursue watercolors. Since that time, Clark has developed a style that incorporates the use of a palette limited to three colors: cadmium red, cadmium yellow and Prussian blue. She uses a direct application of flat color giving her paintings a bold and high contrast quality similar to that of a tempera/watercolor cross.

Robin has had several solo and group exhibitions and has been featured in articles in *Country Woman Magazine*, *The Buffalo News*, and *Focus*. Her work has won numerous awards and is featured in private collections throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. For more information about Robin Zefers Clark and Brookside Studio visit <http://www.brooksidestudio.com>.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello NFWS friends!

March is a big month for NFWS. I hope we are all painting in preparation for the first ever **NFWS Non-Juried Members Show**. The deadline for submitting your Entry Form is March 27th.

You will have received your prospectus by now, both by email and by the post. It is also available for downloading from the NFWS website. If you have any questions, call me at 716 867-9044 or **Sherryl Perez** at 716 807-8227, or bring your questions to the March 19th Meeting and Demonstration. The show will be on from May 13 – June 5, 2015 at the 1045 Elmwood Gallery for the Arts, Buffalo. We'll spend a little time at the March meeting reviewing the submission requirements. Submitting will be simple. Just fill out the application, one painting per member, and send it in with your check to NFWS for \$25. No digital images are required! We hope that everyone will participate. It's such a kick to see your painting matted and framed and hung with all the other NFWS Members' work.

Our **Spring Workshop** Co-Chairs, **Ann Sessions** and **Becky Leahey** have been busy planning, and excitement is growing about Susan Webb Tregay's return to Western NY. Check out her work at <http://www.susanwebbtregay.com>.

The registration forms for the workshop will be mailed March 2nd, and emailed March 4th. They will also be available on our NFWS website for downloading. It has been our experience that our workshops fill up fast, so our advice is, as always, if you want to participate, get your registration form and check in the mail as soon as you receive the packet.

We have another new event in March, at least new for this generation of NFWS Members. For our March Meeting, we invite members to **bring in the watercolor and artist's magazines, and watercolor books that they no longer reference for trading, a free Art Flea Market**. If this is successful we will do it again in November. I know that I have shelves of art books, and magazines that I no longer look at. The biggest challenge will be getting them to the Amherst Community Church. I suggest we limit our

enthusiasm this first time, and bring in a manageable amount. Whatever we have left over we can give to an art department in one of our local school districts.

Our Artist Demonstrator for March is our Signature Member **Robin Zefers Clark**. Robin works out of her Brookside Studio in Otto, NY. Her work has been juried in to many of our NFWS Shows. She works with a very limited palette for all her work, and has always loved a good story and often weaves them into her paintings. You can see her work at <http://www.brooksidestudio.com>.

What does Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society mean for our community of artists and art lovers? In the 25th anniversary brochure from 2005, Charter Member Dan Meyer offered:

"Information shared through Society workshops and demonstrations at monthly meetings became an extension of my formal education. The spontaneity and luminosity of the medium continues to challenge my creativity. I am proud to be a part of this longstanding Watercolor Society."

See you on March 19th.

Carol Case Syracuse
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CLASSES

Kathleen Giles will be teaching watercolor classes in the spring at the Kenan Center. April 23rd thru June 18th, no class May 21st (NFWS workshop) The cost for the 8-week class is \$160.00. Thurs. mornings 9:30-12:30. Call Kathy at 716-795-9368 to register.

Ona Kingdon teaches 1:1 on-line tuition which is individually programmed tutoring geared to each person's own level of experience and interests. More details are on her website <http://emotiveexpressions.com/html/tutoring.html>

Julie McIndoo teaches Mondays at Marienthal 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. \$60/5 week session on-going and Tuesdays at Artist Group Gallery, One Linwood Ave., Buffalo 9:30 am - 12:30 pm., \$70/5 week session on-going. E-mail for a schedule j.mcindoo@att.net

Sheila Reigh teaches at the Tonawanda Senior Center, 291 Ensminger Road, Tonawanda 14150. Classes are 6-week sessions at \$60 per session thru mid-July. You must register with Sr. Ctr. Office: (716) 874-3266 and be 60+ years of age. You do NOT have to be a Tonawanda resident to join. For more info, contact Sheila at (716) 692-6966 or sreigh@verizon.net.

Denise Sperry is sponsoring a **Maryann Beckwith** workshop, Aug. 19-21, 2015. Emphasis will be on abstract design using mixed media. Supplies will be provided by the instructor, a university professor and innovator in her field. Contact Denise at 716 634-8907 or deeuniques@aol.com to register.

Jody Ziehm's teaches 10-class sessions at Partners in Art and the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Museum. Check with her for details at 716-940-3442 or jodyziehm@yahoo.com

BURCHFIELD-PENNEY (BPAC)

www.BurchfieldPenney.org/Watercolor

Part of the International Center for Watercolor at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. NFWS Members are among many fine upcoming offerings for Watercolorists.

What's that behind your painting? Workshop with **Fritz Raiser**. Sunday March 8, 2015, 1:30-3:30pm.

Dialogues in Gouache. Presentation with **Thomas Paquette**. Friday, March 13, 2015. 6:00-7:00 p.m., Free with M&T Second Friday

Beyond Watercolor. Workshop with **Caitlin Cass**. Sunday, March 22, 2015, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

To register for these workshops, email Kathy Gaye Shiroki at shirokkg@buffalostate.edu 716-878-3549 or download registration form on the BPAC website.

NOTEWORTHY

Kathleen E. Dworak had a painting accepted into the Western Colorado Watercolor Society's 23rd Annual National Exhibition 2015. The show runs from March 3rd- April 3rd in Grand Junction, Colorado.

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Artists. The **Allentown Village Society**, producers of the annual outdoor Allentown Art Festival, invites you to enter our poster competition. Winning first prize this year is \$2000. (Monetary awards for second and third) Two entries per participant are allowed (camera ready or to digital specifications). For further details go to allentownartfestival.com. **QUESTIONS:** Call Poster Chairperson at (716) 692-1887 or E-mail: info@allentownartfestival.com

Call for Artists: The **2015 Baltimore Watercolor Society's** Mid-Atlantic Exhibition at the Black Rock Center for the Arts, Germantown, MD. Open to all watermedia artists in the Mid-Atlantic States and DC. Juror: Mark Mehaffey, AWS, NWS. Entry online or by CD. First place \$1200. Deadline March 21, 2015. For a prospectus and more information: www.BaltimoreWatercolorSociety.org

Call for Artists: 49th Annual **Lewiston Art Festival** (Aug 8 & 9, 2015). Deadline for submissions, April 1. Online information page and artist application: http://www.artcouncil.org/pdf/2015_artist_application.pdf. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call the LCA office: 754-0166.

Call for Artists: The **Pikes Peak Watercolor Society** is pleased to announce that our International Watermedia 2015 is open for entry. The prospectus is on the PPWS Website at: <http://www.pikespeakwatercolorssociety.org/images/International.pdf> The direct link to online entry through CaFE is: <http://bit.ly/y1cGnFE> Juror: Ted Nuttall, AWS, NWS. Mail in deadline: March 23, 2015. Online CaFE entry deadline: April 1, 2015

NFWS NEWS

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