



Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society  
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Swing with Words

Ric Feeney

Welcome back our much-missed friend and fine artist, **Ric Feeney**. In his own words:

For the first 30 years that **Ric** was a pastor, he did not work on his art. In 2000, he sensed God tell him it wasn't the art that was bad, it was he. With that encouragement, he decided to experiment with a medium he never tried before, watercolor. He loved it. Working everyday on his craft, he is improving... adding a new technique from an admired artist in almost every painting...many ideas picked up from a Thursday night NFWS demo. Following 7 years as an urban farmer on Buffalo's east side, Ric moved to Lake Champlain where he is now a full time artist, half time art teacher, and interim pastor. He paints primarily from the hundreds of photos he's taken as he feels led. He paints on d'Arches paper purchased during NFWS meetings. He paints exclusively with M Graham paints.

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**Web site: www.nfws.org**

**Calendar**

February Members' Meeting (ACC) (Ric Feeney) .....Thursday, February 18.....7:00 PM  
March Board Meeting (ACC) .....Thursday, March 17 .....5:00 PM  
March Members' Meeting (ACC) (**Art Cunanan**).....Thursday, March 17 .....7:00 PM

**May and October** Members' meetings are held at the **Burchfield Penney Art Center (BPAC)**, on the campus of **Buffalo State College, Elmwood Ave., Buffalo**. All others are at **Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Snyder, NY (ACC)**

Submit **newsletter items** by **February 23** via e-mail: [waterbucketeditor@juno.com](mailto:waterbucketeditor@juno.com) or US mail to **NFWS Waterbucket Editor, 756 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222**.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello NFWS friends!

Well, we're into the winter, finally. February is not a good month for plein air, but a nice stint with a studio painting can be rewarding. February is also a good month for planning for NFWS' Spring Events, the **NFWS Spring 2016 Members Juried Transparent Watercolor Show**, May 13 through June 16 at the Artists' Group Gallery in Buffalo and our **Spring Workshop**, May 16-19, at the Kenan Center, welcoming our Toronto neighbor **Margaret Roseman** to Buffalo. Do you remember her demonstration in March 2013? What an artist and warm, interesting woman. See her work at [www.margaretroseman.com](http://www.margaretroseman.com).

The prospectus for the Members Show has been sent out. It is also available on our new website! [www.nfws.org](http://www.nfws.org). The site will be ready for uploading submissions by February 11, 2016. The last day to submit is March 7, 2016. With the new website you can pay the entry fee of \$30 using PayPal, or send your check along with your entry form per the instructions in the prospectus. All of the details are outlined in the prospectus, and we welcome your questions, and we are available to help. We want everyone who can to participate. There are so many wonderful painters in our membership. Give it a shot! It's fun!

The registration package for the **Spring Workshop** will be emailed to all members early in March. It will also be available for printing off the website. We will be sending out registration packages to members who do not have access to email, or the Internet, so don't worry, please. It has been our experience that these workshops fill up fast, so the advice we give to members is the same as it has always been. If you want to participate, get your registration form and check in the mail as soon as you receive the packet. Again, we are available to answer your questions. Registering for these events should not cause anyone any anxiety!

It is not too early to begin to build enthusiasm for the **Fall Workshop** with Thomas Schaller, <http://thomasschaller.com> and our Fall Show that is the biennial **National Show**, at the Kenan

Center, complete with catalogue and generous awards. Again, ask questions!

Our demonstrating artist for February, scheduled for February 18th at the Amherst Community Church, is our own terrific painter and friend, Ric Feeney. Ric is coming down from the North Country to share his passion with us. His work is remarkable, as we all know. Check out his work on his FaceBook page, or his website <http://ricfeeney.com>.

The most exciting thing I have to share, in the opinion of your president, is the launching of our new website, [www.nfws.org](http://www.nfws.org). There will no doubt be modifications and tweaking as we begin to use it, but I believe that the committee that worked with 12 Grains Studio, and Laura and Matt from 12 Grains, did a commendable job. Not a simple task, but the results are immediately enjoyable and will serve as a great educational tool and information center for our Society. Congratulations, team!

I regret that I will not be able to attend the February Members' Meeting and Demonstration, but you will be in good hands with our secretary, Sheila Reigh, running the meeting. See you in March!

Carol Case Siracuse  
President, NFWS  
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## CLASSES

**Ona Kingdon** offers 1:1 on-line individually programmed tutoring geared to each person's own level of experience and interests. Details: <http://emotiveexpressions.com/html/tutoring.html>

**Julie McIndoo** teaches Mondays at Marienthal 1:00-3:00 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](mailto:j.mcindoo@att.net)

**Sheila Reigh** teaches at the Tonawanda Senior Center, 291 Ensminger Road, Tonawanda. 14150. You must register with Sr. Ctr. Center (716) 874-3266 and be 60+ years of age. You do NOT have to be a Tonawanda resident. Contact Sheila at (716) 692-6966 or [sreigh@verizon.net](mailto:sreigh@verizon.net).

**Denise Sperry** is sponsoring a summer workshop featuring artist Joye Moon NWS, TWSA, author of "Exploring Textures in Watercolor". Aug. 10th-12th, 2016. Amherst Community Church. Contact Denise to register at [Deeuniques@aol.com](mailto:Deeuniques@aol.com) or [www.Denisesperry.com](http://www.Denisesperry.com)

**Sally Treanor** teaches on-going classes for all levels in six-week sessions at Lafayette and Grant St., Buffalo, Mondays, 9:30-12:30. Private lessons and critique by appointment. Contact Sally at 716-912-1451 or [treanors@verizon.net](mailto:treanors@verizon.net).

**Jody Ziehm** teaches at Partners in Art and the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Museum. Check with her for details at 716-940-3442 or [jodyziehm@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyziehm@yahoo.com)

## BURCHFIELD-PENNEY (BPAC)

[www.BurchfieldPenney.org/Watercolor](http://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. To register for these workshops, email **Kathy Gaye Shiroki** at [shirokkg@buffalostate.edu](mailto:shirokkg@buffalostate.edu) 716-878-3549 or download registration form from the BPAC website.

**Gestural Lines: Marking Marks with Fotini Galanes.** Sunday, February 21, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$36 members/\$46 not-yet members

**Painting with a Limited Palette.** Instructor: Kateri Ewing. Sunday, February 28 / 1:30-4:00 pm, \$30 members/\$40 not-yet members

**Painting Uncorked at The Center**  
Instructors: **Jody Ziehm & Beverly DiPalma.** Materials are provided. Thursday, March 3 / 6:00-9:00 pm. \$55 members/\$65 non-members

**Painting Light at Night.** Instructor: **Roberta Bolt.** Sunday, March 6 / 1:30-4:30 pm. \$36 members/\$46 not-yet members

## NOTEWORTHY

**Gloria Baker's** painting *Light of the Ascent* won the John Singer Sargent Award in the Mississippi Watercolor Society's 30<sup>th</sup> National Watercolor Exhibition. She also had a painting accepted in the Pennsylvania 36<sup>th</sup> International Juried Exhibition and the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Exhibition in New York at the National Arts Club.

**Carol Case Siracuse's** "Captured Travels", paintings and sketches from her travels at Betty's Restaurant, 370 Virginia St., on 'til March 20th.

**Fragments: Watercolors and Drawings** by **Norine Spurling**, at the Kenan Center, 433 Locust St., Lockport, NY 716-433-2617. Through February 14, 2016.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Call for Entries.** The 2016 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: Joyce Hicks, AWS. Entry online or by CD. First place \$1200. Deadline March 26, 2016. For a prospectus and information: [www.BaltimoreWatercolorSociety.org](http://www.BaltimoreWatercolorSociety.org)

**Call for vendors for the Buffalo-style Garden Art Sale.** Garden-oriented or nature-themed works that can be displayed in a garden setting. Sculpture, plants, planters, metalwork, paintings, lighting, vintage signs, woodwork, architectural remnants, fountains, found art, jewelry. Saturday & Sunday, June 25 and 26 at the **Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens**, 2655 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14218. For an application, email Barbara Maze [barbaramaze88@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramaze88@yahoo.com).

**Call for Entry: 2016 Adirondacks National Exhibitions of American Watercolors.** **Deadline April 4, 2016.** The Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors is open to all artists working in water-based media on unvarnished paper. This includes transparent and opaque watercolors, acrylics, casein, egg tempera, gouache and ink. Judges are Carolyn Lord, NWS (juror of selection) and Chris Krupinski, AWS-DF, NWS (juror of awards). Visit [view.org](http://view.org) for prospectus.

## NFWS NEWS

You have already received the prospectus for **NFWS Juried Members Exhibition of Transparent Watercolors** in the mail. Please participate.

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