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January
Members Meeting
4:00 pm, Thurs, Jan. 18
ON ZOOM
RICK SUROWICZ
January
4:00 pm, Wed, Jan 24
ON ZOOM
BOARD MEETING
February
Members Meeting
4:00 pm, Thurs, Feb. 15
ON ZOOM
MICHAEL HOLTER

WATERBUCKET



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RICK SUROWICZ

<https://rsurowiczart.com/>

Rick Surowicz, a painter currently living in Medina, Ohio, discovered how much he enjoyed the challenges of transparent watercolor in 1992. His paintings have been juried into exhibitions of the American Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Louisiana Watercolor Society, Georgia Watercolor Society, and Splash 21. Watercolor Artist Magazine did an eight-page feature article on his work in their 2021 Summer edition. His YouTube channel has over 65,000 subscribers with over 4.8 million views. Rick is a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society, and a current Trustee. He keeps busy with his online instruction.

Rick says: *To look where others don’t look, to see what others don’t see, to say without saying inspires and challenges me as an artist. I look through underbrush to see the river, I see beyond the flower to behold the foliage, and suggest the tree by painting the woods. I seek to portray that which is not obvious. It’s not my intent to replicate but to interpret through the elements and principles of design. I enjoy the beauty of transparent watercolor and continue to learn and evolve with every painting, with every brushstroke.*

JANUARY 2024



Greetings NFWS:

Here we are again at the start of a new year. As we look forward to 2024, I hope you treasure the time spent with your watercolor friends and appreciate the lessons we all learn while working with our palettes and brushes. I am still mulling over how different our next NFWS workshop will feel without the wit and humor of Susan Vasi, whom we lost in early December. Take the opportunity to enjoy time with other artists whenever possible, as we never know what the future holds.

Speaking of artists, have you started working on your piece for our Spring 2024 Members' Transparent Watercolor Exhibition? That sounds like a great first-of-the-New-Year resolution to me! This is a non-juried show, so it would be excellent if all of you make sure that you submit a watercolor masterpiece for everyone to feast their eyes upon.

Keep learning, keep painting....

Best wishes for 2024,

Deb Meier, President  
pleinpalettart@gmail.com

**International Center for Watercolor at the Burchfield Penney Art Center** has ongoing watercolor presentations and classes Contact Kathy Gaye Shiroki at 716-878-3549 or [shirokkg@buffalostate.edu](mailto:shirokkg@buffalostate.edu).  
<https://burchfieldpenney.org/events/>

**Kathleen Giles** in person and online. For Schedule and videos, go to <https://www.kgilesstudio.com/>

**Gord Jones**, CSPWC SCA, beginner/ intermediate watercolour in Haliburton Ontario. Contact Gord at <https://www.watercoloursbygordjones.com>, [gordonjones44@gmail.com](mailto:gordonjones44@gmail.com) or ph. 905-966-7193.

**Jennifer Koury**. [jkouryillustration@verizon.net](mailto:jkouryillustration@verizon.net) or 716-655-5798. At the Roycroft Campus, 21 South Grove St, East Aurora.

**Thursday Mornings:**

**Painting- Water-Media Still Life: Exploration of Forms & Color.** 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Sess. 1: Jan. 25· Feb. 1 & 8 , . Session 2:Feb. 29th, March 7t & 14

**Figure Drawing and Painting: Clothed Human Form with Line & Washes.** 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Feb. 15, Mar. 21 & May 2  
Cont'd next column.

*Koury Cont'd. At The Roycroft. Fridays: Painting: Finding a Design & Composition.* Feb. 2 , 9, 16 , 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. **Sundays: Watercolor Painting: Beg. to Intermediate.** Feb. 25, Mar. 3, 10, 2:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Open Figure Drawings- Non-Tutorial- Some Sundays 11:15-1:30pm Foundations in Drawing & Understanding Form,** Jan.21, 28, Feb. 11, 2:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Deb Meier** at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo. Benderson Bldg. **Adult Watercolor Session II,** Wednesdays, Jan 3 - Mar 27, from 10 am - noon. You do NOT have to be a participant in Session I to sign up. \$82 for JCC members, \$100 for community residents. All materials (professional paper, paints, and brushes) are provided. Each class focuses on a watercolor technique and how to use it in a composition.  
**Studio in Art,** Thursdays, Jan 4 - Mar 28, noon - 2pm. \$136 for JCC members, \$165 for community residents. Supplies not included. Register at <https://www.jccbuffalo.org/art-workshops> or Katie Wzontek at [kwzontek@jccbuffalo.org](mailto:kwzontek@jccbuffalo.org) 716.204.2084.  
**Dan Meyer**, all levels in Williamsville, Clarence and Akron. Call 716-633-6282, cell 716-380-3554 or email [dmeyer101@verizon.net](mailto:dmeyer101@verizon.net).  
**Sherryl Perez.** Ongoing classes on Wednesdays, 12:30-3:00 pm at the Project 308 Gallery, N. Tonawanda. Contact [sherryl@sherrylperez.com](mailto:sherryl@sherrylperez.com) or 716-807-8227.  
**Sheila Reigh:** beginner and intermediate watercolor, Town of Tonawanda Senior Center for members 60+. Contact Sheila 716-930-3305 or [sreigh@verizon.net](mailto:sreigh@verizon.net).  
**Sally Treanor**, all levels, via Zoom, Mondays, 9:30-noon. **FREE via ZOOM Special Introduction to Watercolor Supplies. Mon., Jan 8, 9:30-11:30 am.** All are welcome but you must regeister to receive a ZOOM invitation. Contact Sally by text or voice at 716-912-1451 or email at [treanorsally@gmail.com](mailto:treanorsally@gmail.com). Technical instruction with emphasis on the triadic approach to color.  
**Sandra Tyler**, beginning and intermediate watercolor in Perry and Wyoming, NY. Ph 585-689-3931.  
**Deanna Weinholtz:** Zoom Online, Intermediate and Advanced Watercolor and Watermedia Classes. Color Theory, Composition and Perspective for all levels. [www.deannaweinholtz.com](http://www.deannaweinholtz.com). Contact Deanna: [deaweinholtz@gmail.com](mailto:deaweinholtz@gmail.com) or 716-863-6191.  
**Louise Vacca** Contact: 716-597-6371 or [MarienthalCountryInn@gmail.com](mailto:MarienthalCountryInn@gmail.com).  
**Becky Wilson**, beginning and intermediate level painters in Lockport. Phone 716-998-9052.  
**Jody Ziehm** Check for her spring schedule at the Carnegie Art Center, 240 Goundry Street, N. Ton. [jodyziehm@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyziehm@yahoo.com) or text Jody at 716-940-3442

**Janice Castiglione's** newest collection was displayed at the Fourth Friday Gallery Nights Opening Reception of her Solo Exhibition "Pure Watercolor" in November at ACES Gallery, [Arts Council of Wilmington](https://www.arts-council.org/wilmington), 221 N. Front Street, Wilmington, NC.  
MaryBeth Cunningham, Doreen DeBoth, Lynn Davis, Becky Maynard, Annette Tiberi, and Jody Ziehm **are among the several NFWS members** donated to the Silent Art Auction at the **Carnegie Art Center.**  
**Doreen DeBoth, Karen Foegen, Robert Miller, Susan Miller, Jane Stoddard,** and **Jody Ziehm** all had paintings at the Box Gallery, Hostel Buffalo, 667 Main Street. The show ran November 11 - 26.  
**Karen Foegen, David Gardner, Janet Ide, Wendy Caldwell Maloney** and **Carol Case Siracuse** were included in the The COMMA Fine Art Gallery's Holiday Exhibit: WONDERS, WILD AND NEW in November and December. The Gallery is located at 17 Elm Street, East Aurora.  
**Sharon Fundalinski, Jeanne Gugino, Janet Ide, Jean Jain, Wendy Caldwell Maloney, Marie Prince, Martha Rogala, Carol Case Siracuse** and **Annette Tiberi** all participated in WNYAG's Artful Gifts Show at Artist Group Gallery, located at 1 Linwood Avenue in Buffalo. The show and sale ran Nov 18 -Dec 23.  
**David Gardner's** "A Different Point of View", a solo show of over 75 recent paintings, runs Jan 8 - Feb 18, at 1570 Gallery at Valley Manor, 1570 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610. Gallery hours:10:00 am - 8:00 pm  
**Gord Jones** has a bi-monthly demonstration "on-line" beginning again in January. For details please go to [watercoloursbygordjones.com](http://watercoloursbygordjones.com)  
**Wendy Caldwell Maloney** had a selection of her paintings at MJ Peterson's annual show.  
**Becky Maynard** is the Featured Artist in November at Pittsford Fine Art, a gallery of 23 artists at four corners in Pittsford, NY  
**Jeri Meday** was co-chair, along with **Sue Murphy**, of the exhibition committee for the Central NY Watercolor Society (CNYWS) Cooperstown Show juried by Ken Call. Jeri was also juried into the show. **Carol Koziol Clark's** *Pretty in Pink* was juried into the show. Carol is now a Signature Member of CNYWS.  
**Michael Pitek** had a booth at the Hertel Avenue Christmas Market.

**Deborah Radford** won 1st Place and **Suzanne Borowicz** won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the East Aurora Art Society show in their October/November Library Exhibit.  
**Sheila Reigh's** students exhibited their art at the Tonawanda Senior Center, 291 Ensminger Road, Tonawanda, in November. Thirty-five artists had over 50 pieces of artwork on display in the main hall of the Senior Center. NFWS members in Sheila's classes include: **Pat Arnold, Gloria Constantine, Sue Dewey, Roy Fink, Dana Gast, Pam Lawless, Tom Lozinsky, Joanne Magavern, Louise Tomczak,** and **Mike Wickham.**  
**Deetta Silvestro's** painting *Looking Up* was accepted into the Missouri Watercolor Society 2024 International Exhibition.  
**Annie Strack** was accepted into the Missouri Watercolor Society International Exhibit and earned MOWS Signature Status, and she recently juried the Milton Art Guild exhibit in Delaware.

NFWS Signature Member **Susan Vasi** passed away December 1, 2023. She was long a Board member and led NFWS as President for many years. Most recently she served as historian. Her wonderful sense of humor lightened many occasions. She will be forever missed. If you want to share your wishes with her family her son David suggested sending notes to her home address, 254 Amherston Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221

**January Members Meeting.**  
**RICK SUROWICZ**  
**Guest Demonstrator**  
**ON ZOOM**  
**4:00 pm, JANUARY 18.**  
You will receive a Zoom invitation prior to the meeting.

Don't forget to watch the video of Lana Privatera's November demonstration for NFWS Members

**LAST YEAR'S** YouTube snapshot  
3.8K total subscribers (+ 439%)  
140.2K views (+496%)  
44.1K hours watch time (+709%)  
**[Go to the YouTube link on the NFWS website.](#)**