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### MARCH MEMBERS MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM.

Submit APRIL newsletter items by MARCH 24 to [treanorsally@gmail.com](mailto:treanorsally@gmail.com) or US mail to NFWS Waterbucket Editor, 756 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. To stay current, check our [web site at nfws.org](http://web.site.at.nfws.org) and always open anything that comes from Carol Siracuse and/or our Mail Chimp Account. These will have the most recent news and notices. In-person meetings of NFWS take place at Amherst Community Church (AMC), 77 Washington Highway, Snyder, NY 14226.

# WATERBUCKET



Making Connections

## ALEXIS LAVINE

<http://www.alexislavineartist.com/index.html>

Alexis Lavine attended Johns Hopkins University as a graduate student in its acclaimed Art as Applied to Medicine program and worked as a medical illustrator for several years. After moving to western Maryland and later Greensboro, NC she switched to landscape and architecture as subject matter. She paints exclusively with watercolor, occasionally "en plein air," but more frequently in her studio, where she constructs paintings which are thoughtfully designed, carefully drawn, and sensitively painted. As a studio painter, she now paints many subjects, including still life, florals, figures, and abstracts, in addition to the outdoor subjects which she painted for so many years. She teaches painting and drawing and workshops, most often on zoom. Her work has been widely published and she now has completed six instructional DVDs and is a signature member of several national Watercolor Societies.

Alexis usually paints on traditional watercolor paper. However, now and then she likes to work on a variety of alternative, non-traditional surfaces, to take advantage of different qualities that they can offer for specific subjects. Gesso coated watercolor paper is one of her favorite alternates. It has some similarities to Yupo, but it is a bit less capricious. It is a good "happy medium" between Yupo and cold-pressed paper and is a great surface for watercolor! In her demo Alexis will tell you how easy it is to prepare your paper, and will show you how she works with this surface, as she paints for you.

She states:

*Making art is an essential and defining part of who I am and how I live. I see so much that intrigues me, and I am endlessly challenged to paint what I see and how I feel.*

## CALENDAR

March 3  
Submission Deadline  
Spring 2024 Non-Juried  
Members' Transparent  
Watercolor Exhibition

March  
Members Meeting  
4:00 pm, Thurs, Mar. 21  
ON ZOOM  
ALEXIS LAVINE

April  
Members Meeting  
7:00 pm, Thurs, Apr 18  
IN PERSON AT  
AMHERST COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
SHELLEY PRIOR

MARCH 2024



Greetings NFWS Members:

Spring is (almost) in the air. It's been a warm winter and my daffodils are foolishly starting to stretch their greenery above ground, testing for the next season. No matter; I shall paint them.

Speaking of which, remember that the deadline for online submissions for the Spring Members Show is midnight of March 3rd, 2024. The gallery for this opportunity is Western New York Artists Group Gallery at 1 Linwood Avenue. Each of us is invited to submit one piece....do so, and it's in the show! Do it; don't hold back for a "better time".

Also, the May workshop with Richard Stephens is quickly filling up. At this point, there are still a few slots left. You won't want to miss learning from this artist. I have heard many good things from his workshops, so again, don't wait. Send in your registration today.

I guess that's the theme for this month..."Do it now." Make time for painting today, as who knows what tomorrow will bring.

Keep those brushes wet,

Deb Meier, President  
pleinpalettart@gmail.com

International Center for Watercolor at the Burchfield Penney Art Center Artist: **Jennifer Koury**. Painting the Four Seasons, Apr 14, 21. Contact Kathy Gaye Shiroki at 716-878-3549 or [shirokkg@buffalostate.edu](mailto:shirokkg@buffalostate.edu).

<https://burchfieldpenney.org/events/>

**Patricia Dilcher** will teach a Drawing Class, Tuesdays 3-5 pm, March 19 - April 16 at the Carnegie Art Center. Contact Patricia at [lzrdcreations@yahoo.com](mailto:lzrdcreations@yahoo.com) or text 716-440-6617 for more info and supplies.

**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.

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*Koury Cont'd. At The Roycroft.*

**Thursdays: Painting- Water-Media Still Life:**

**Exploration of Forms & Color.** 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Session 2: Mar 7 & 14

**Figure Drawing and Painting: Clothed Human Form with Line & Washes.** 9:30-12:30 pm. Mar. 21, May 2 **Sundays:**

**Watercolor Painting: Beg. to Intermediate.** Mar. 3, 10, 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. Session III, Wednesdays, April 10- June 26. (no class on May 15 or June 12). The JCC Member price is \$182 and Community price is \$204. 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, Next class starts April 11, noon - 2pm. 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, 3308 Oliver St., 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. 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.

**Louise Vacco** Contact: For classes 716-597-6371 or [LouiseVacco@gmail.com](mailto:LouiseVacco@gmail.com).

**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.

**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

**Doreen DeBoth, Roy Fink, Sharon Fundalinski, Diane Goupil, Janet Ide, Jennifer Koury, Carol Matthewson, Manning McCandlish, Martha Rogala, Carol Case Siracuse, Peggy Walker and Anne Zohur** all have work in the Niagara Frontier Plein Air Painters exhibition, The Essence of Place, at the Kenan Center in Lockport, NY, thru Apr 7. **Audrey Dowling's** work has been included in the [Rhode Island Watercolor Society's](#) album [Pattern and Abstraction](#). Also, Audrey's work *Vulnerable Nature* will be shown at Roger Tory Peterson Institute in the up coming "Broken Nature" show - Feb 10- March 10. North Shore Arts Alliance co-sponsor. In addition, Audrey's work *Life in the Gorge* was selected for "Known, Imagined, Experienced" at The Comma, 17 Elm Street in East Aurora through March 15.

**Kathy Giles' Garden Angel** will be part of the US Team in the FabrianolnAquarello Conference and Exhibition this spring and summer. Also, her *Life is Having a Spark of Hope* was accepted in the International Guild of Realism's show at Brennan Fine Arts in Scottsdale AZ. And lastly, *Kathy's Life is a Long Walk Home* has been juried into the 2024 Transparent Watercolor Society of America 48th Annual Exhibition, held at the Kenosha Public Museum, 5500 First Ave, Kenosha, WI.

**Wendy Caldwell Maloney and Carol Case Siracuse** took part in "A Mid Winter's Draw" at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center Asbury Hall on February 28. **Linda McGuinness** was chosen Mesa Art League February Artist of the Month for her painting *Fashionista*. **Deb Meier's** painting *Coffee Chat - Cafe Aroma* took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the TableTop Art Show 2024 at the Eli Fish Brewery in Batavia, NY. The image will be printed on their placemats.. **Cathy Skerker's** painting *Fanfare* was chosen for this year's Viewers Choice award at the New Mexico Watercolor Society For the Love of Art exhibit in Las Cruces.

**Jane Stoddard** is a finalist for the 18th Annual Exhibition of the International Guild of Realism at Brennan Fine Art in Scottsdale, AZ, April 10-May 1, 2024

**Annie Strack's** painting *Sharing Secrets* has been juried into the Arizona Watercolor Association show, earning her Signature Status with AWA, her 29th Signature.

Please join us in mourning the loss of our friend, **Skip Lawrence**, master teacher, artist, and mentor to many. We at NFWS were blessed to have him as our workshop artist last January 2023.

We've also sadly lost long-time member and volunteer **Pauline Scibetta** who died recently. Condolences may be sent to her brother, Charles Scibetta, 7349 Ward Rd., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120.

**March Members Meeting.**

**ALEXIS LAVINE**

Guest Demonstrator  
ON ZOOM

4:00 pm, MARCH 21.

You will receive a Zoom invitation prior to the meeting.

Don't forget to watch the video of **Michael Holter's** February demonstration for NFWS Members

LAST MONTH'S YouTube snapshot

4.1K total subscribers

11.4 views

3.6K hours watch time

[Go to the YouTube link on the NFWS website.](#)