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APRIL MEMBERS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON.

Submit **MAY** newsletter items by APRIL 24 to 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://www.nfws.org) and always open anything that comes from Carol Siracuse and/or our [Mail Chimp Account](mailto:treanorsally@gmail.com). 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



Blush

SHELLEY PRIOR

<https://shelleypriorart.com/>

Shelley says: I am a full-time Burlington, Ontario artist and art instructor. My watercolour painting has evolved into a highly realistic style covering a variety of subjects which may include birds & wildlife, nature, portraits, floral, still life & landscape. Subjects with reflective qualities like glass and metal are especially intriguing to me. I'm a very active instructor teaching regular classes as well as travelling to teach workshops throughout Ontario, Canada and occasionally in the US which I've done for about 30 years. Although I paint in acrylic and oil as well, my main medium is watercolour.

Artist Statement:

I love the transparency and luminosity of watercolour. It's something that is unique to only watercolour. Every subject presents new challenges and pushes me to try new techniques and different methods. Many years of experimentation (and yes, lots of failures) have taught me to use quality materials and plan ahead in my painting, as watercolours are less forgiving than other mediums. Every success is a real triumph though and I love to share what I've learned with other painters. Light is a crucial element in almost everything I paint. For me, it's the life of the painting. I always strive to have interesting lighting in my work and try to create it through the application of subtle glazes and deep rich shadows.

CALENDAR

April

Members Meeting
7:00 pm, Thurs, Apr 18
IN PERSON AT

AMHERST COMMUNITY
CHURCH
SHELLEY PRIOR

May Workshop
May 14-17

Castiglia Art Center
at the Historic Roycroft
Campus, East Aurora, NY
RICHARD STEPHENS

May

Members Meeting
7:00 pm, Thurs, May 16
IN PERSON AT
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APRIL 2024



Greetings NFWS Members:

The countdown is on...one month until our Spring 2024 Members' Transparent Watercolor Exhibition, and just over a month until our Spring Workshop with Richard Stephens. Now is the time to get your piece matted (with a white mat), framed, and wired, if you have not done so already. This is one of my favorite NFWS shows, as it gives me a chance to see everybody's work. The workshop with Richard Stephens is full. If you are not one of the artists who signed up, be sure to attend our in-person meeting and demo with Richard on May 16th at 7pm at the Amherst Community Church.

Speaking of meetings, our first in-person meeting of the year is April 18th, and we would love to have some help to set up chairs and mirrors. Please reach out to me if you can lend a hand. Prayers go out to the families of **Dody Walter** and **Gretchen Kowaleski**. It's always difficult to say goodbye. Condolences also to **Carol Kellogg**, who lost her husband this past month.

Remember the friendship of your watercolor friends by keeping those brushes moving!
Yours in Art,

Deb Meier, President
pleinpalettart@gmail.com

Koury Cont'd

At The Roycroft. Figure Drawing and Painting: Clothed Human Form with Line & Washes. 9:30-12:30 pm. *Thursday, May 2*

Koury at the Springville Center For The Arts: Chinese Ink and Watercolor Animal Painting on Rice Paper, Saturday, April 27 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Plein Air Painting at Historic Olmsted Camp in Sardinia, New York, Tuesday, May 21, 9 AM to 2 PM. Contact Cassie: 716-592-9038.

Deb Meier at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo. Benderson Bldg. **Adult Watercolor Session II**, Wednesdays, 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 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.

Sheila Reigh: beginner and intermediate watercolor, Town of Tonawanda Senior Center for members 60+. Contact Sheila 716-930-3305 or 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. Technical instruction emphasizing 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.

Deanna Weinholtz: Zoom Online, Intermediate and Advanced Watercolor and Watermedia Classes. Color Theory, Composition and Perspective for all levels. www.deannaweinholtz.com. Contact Deanna: 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 or text Jody at 716-940-3442

Kathy Armstrong has three pieces in the Rochester Art Club and received a Merit Award for *White Apple Blossoms* at the 2024 RAC Signature Member Exhibition in Brockport, NY!

Michael A. Cancilla Jr. demonstrated on Monday, March 25th, for the Kenmore Arts Society at the Kenmore Presbyterian Church.

Audrey Dowling has two pieces, *Marsh Dance* and *Architecture of the Woods*, accepted to the Marblehead Arts Association Variations 2024 national exhibition.

Audrey Dowling and **Janet Ide** were guest gallerists at the Comma Gallery on March 3.

Barbara Fox's paintings were included in the "Little Gems" exhibit at the West End Gallery in Corning, NY. See them online here: <https://www.westendgallery.net/2024-little-gems-exhibit/>

David Gardner's painting was selected from among 421 images submitted to the 2024 Georgia Watercolor Society National Exhibition by prestigious juror Eudes Correia.

Katherine Kepner's painting is among the 54 chosen to be featured on a banner for Artscape this year.

Judith Haynes Levins has two pieces, *White Peony* and *Brother Jed's Colorado*, included in the CNYWS Signature Member exhibit at View in Old Forge, NY. The show runs through May 25th. <https://www.viewarts.org/.../the-central-ny-watercolor.../>

Sue Murphy's painting, *Birthday Girl*, was accepted into the 2024 American Artist's Professional League Associate Show.

Annie Strack, NFWS, was juried into Georgia Watercolor Society 45th National Exhibit and Northwest Watercolor Society Member Exhibit. She earned Signature in GWS.

Susan Webb Gregay's painting, *Honky Tonk Woman*, was chosen for an ARTSCAPE BANNER for Main Street in Hendersonville, NC.

Jody Ziehm was a guest on Senior Radio Travel Club and Webster's Travel and Hospitality with Linda Pellegrino and Barbara Hughes on WBEN on March 2.

Please join us in mourning the loss of our beloved friend, long-time beloved member **Dody Walter**.

We are also saddened by the death on March 5, 2024 of NFWS Signature Member, **Gretchen Kowalewski**. Visitation, Friday, April 5 from 3-7 at the Loomis, Offers, and Loomis Funeral Home, 207 Main St, Hamburg. Funeral Mass, Saturday, April 6 at 10 am at the Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway in Lancaster.

April Members Meeting. SHELLEY PRIOR

Guest Demonstrator
IN PERSON
AT AMHERST COMMUNITY CHURCH
7:00-9:00 pm, APRIL 18.

Don't forget to watch the video of **Alexis Lavine's** March demonstration for NFWS Members
[Go to the YouTube link on the NFWS website.](#)

LAST MONTH'S YouTube snapshot
4.2K total subscribers
8.7K views
2.5K hours watch time

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 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 or ph. 905-966-7193

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

Jennifer Koury. jkouryillustration@verizon.net or 716-655-5798. At the Roycroft Campus, 21 South Grove St, East Aurora.
Cont'd next column.