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CALENDAR

APRIL

MEMBERS MEETING CATHERINE HILLIS

Thurs. April 16, 2026

7:00-9:00 pm

VIA ZOOM

You will receive an invitation to attend via email.

APRIL

NFWS Board Mtg

Thurs. April 16, 2026

4:00-5:30 pm

VIA ZOOM

MAY

MEMBERS MEETING CHRIS LEEPER

Thurs. May 21, 2026

7:00-9:00 pm

In Person At Amherst Community Church

WATERBUCKET



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CATHERINE HILLIS

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Catherine Hillis has competed in national watermedia competitions and plein air events for decades, earning hundreds of awards and many signature memberships. Her paintings can be described as traditional but she relies on her own unique perspective, incorporating humor or beauty whenever possible in unexpected places. "I paint both en plein air and in the studio but I cannot tell you which I prefer. I only know that whatever piece I'm working on at the time is the one I am meant to create."

Hillis' works and articles are published regularly in publications including *American Watercolor Weekly Newsletter*, *Watercolor Artist Magazine*, the *SPLASH* books, *Plein Air Magazine*, *The Art of Watercolour* and *Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine*. She's served internationally as Artist in Residence and her paintings are included in museums, corporations and private collectors.

Known for her commonsense approach to teaching, the artist has taught across the country and overseas. She believes in presenting multiple demonstrations and personalized individual coaching during each class or workshop. "I believe in giving back to the community by sharing my skills with others. It's my desire to provide students with skills for a lifetime." "Our daily lives are hectic. I like to think my work can slow the pace, and make a troubled world feel better as I take a wide view of the chaos and bring focus and order to the pandemonium around me by squinting and then positioning my pencil and brush onto paper or canvas."

APRIL 2026



Hello Fellow Artists!

Happy Spring! Our March demo with **Jody Ziehm** was a fun, informative evening. She demonstrated using different tools to create texture. We had quite a crowd! It was so good to see and chat with you in person!

Hopefully by now you have submitted your entry into the Spring Watermedia Exhibit. I'm excited to see all of your wonderful paintings!

The Spring workshop with **Chris Leeper** is sold out!!!

Our April demonstration will be via Zoom and when we return to the church in May, we need people to sign up to bring snacks. Contact **Sue Walker** (716-389-2956 or sewalker1947@gmail.com).

Enjoy and find inspiration in sunny days and spring blooms!

Sue Liddell, President
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Dennis Andrukut Intermediate Watercolor classes at Hamburg High School, 4111 Legion Dr, Hamburg, Mon. 6:30 – 8:30. Register through Continuing Education on hamburgschools.org website. Also at Centennial Art Center, 3185 Amsdell Rd, Hamburg, Tues. 6–8 pm. Contact at dandrukut@gmail.com or 315-569-6785.

Kathleen Giles teaches in person and on Zoom in this area. 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. For upcoming programming, refer to

<https://burchfieldpenney.org/events/> or contact Kathy Gaye Shiroki at 716-878-3549 or shirokkg@buffalostate.edu. **Coming up: Capture**

Seasonal Transition with Watercolor, Saturdays, April 11 & 18, 2026 10:30am – 1:15pm, **Artist/Instructor: Jennifer Koury**, \$80 Members | \$95 Not-Yet-Members **Supplies are not included.**

Explore the quiet magic of seasonal shifts in this reflective watercolor workshop inspired by the natural landscapes of American artist Charles Burchfield. [Register Here](#)

Jennifer Koury conducts classes at the Roycroft and Springville Art Center. For information, contact her at jkouryillustration@verizon.net or 716-655-5798.

Deb Meier, North Forest location, Jewish Community Center. Watercolor classes for Beginners and Advanced Students as well as special, project-based mini-workshops. Call the JCC at 716-688-4033

Dan Meyer teaches Beginner and Intermediate levels at Amherst, Clarence, Akron and Orchard Park Senior Centers as well as through Williamsville Continuing Education. Call 716-633-6282, cell 716-380-3554 or email meyerd537@gmail.com.

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, Zoom Classes, Mondays, 9:30-noon. Contact Sally by text 716-912-1451 or email at treanorsally@gmail.com. Free instructional videos: YouTube @sallytreanor54. <https://sallytreanor.com/>

Sandra Tyler, beginning and intermediate watercolor in Perry and Wyoming, NY. Ph 585-689-3931.

Louise Vacco For classes, contact: 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 schedule at the Carnegie Art Center, 240 Goundry Street, N. Ton. jodyziehm@yahoo.com or text Jody at 716-940-3442

Kathleen Giles' painting *My Summer Garden* was accepted in the International Guild of Realism show in Charleston at the Principle Gallery. Also, her painting *Life is the Masks We Wear*, **Eleanor Rigby** was chosen to be in this year's Watercolor USA exhibition, May 30-July 25 at the Spiva Center for the Arts in MO. She is also one of the Awards Judges for the 7th Annual 2026 Women in Watercolor International Juried Competition.

Hope Studio artists **Aarthy Shivram Arun, Barbara Billittier, Shara Bunis, Carol Koziol Clark, Audrey Kay Dowling, Diane Gianadda, Andrea Holden, Colleen Kelly, Mary Jo Ketchum, Kathy Kwiatkowski, Sandra Ludwig, Susan Markel, Debra Meier, Audrey Ross Sanders, Carol Case Siracuse, and Sally Treanor** will have work on display at the Burchfield Nature and Art Center, 2001 Union Rd, West Seneca, from March 22 until May 1. Please join us at a **reception to meet the artists on April 12, 1:00-3:00 pm.**

Katherine Kepner's exhibit of her paintings, *Remembered Places*, will be on display May 8-July 3, 2026. The opening reception will be May 8, 4-5 pm at the Patterson Library, 40 Portage St, Westfield, NY.

Carol Case Siracuse is moving. *In Her Hands* is an intimate, in-home estate sale from her personal collection. This sale will offer a rare opportunity to acquire works that have been collected over time reflecting three generations of artistic practice in Western New York, including works by Siracuse, her family, and her wider artistic circle. Art and Estate Sale by Kristen Horn in partnership the Art Resource, 10 am to 4 pm, April 10 & 11, 2026, 39 Granger Place, Buffalo NY 14222

Annie Strack, NFWS, won Honorable Mention Award in the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society Annual Member Exhibition.



APRIL MEMBERS MEETING
CATHERINE HILLIS

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March 2026

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THERE'S STILL TIME!!!

We extended the Submission Period for our Spring 2026 Members Non-Juried Watermedia Exhibition to **April 5, 2026** so everyone would have enough time! What's going on???

Reminder that the drop-off date is **Saturday, May 9, 2026** from 12 - 3 pm.

Here is the Revised Prospectus for the NFWS Spring 2026 Members Non-Juried Watermedia Exhibition.

[Spring 2026 Exhibition Revised Prospectus](#)