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MAY MEMBERS MEETING WILL BE AT AMHERST COMMUNITY CHURCH.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ARTISTIC SUCCESSES. Submit JUNE newsletter items by **MAY 23** by text to Sally Treanor at 716-912-1451 or US mail to NFWS Waterbucket Editor, 756 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. To stay current, **check our web site at nfws.org and always open anything that comes from our Mail Chimp Account.** These will have the most recent news and notices. **Here is our INSTAGRAM Account handle: [nfwsorg](https://www.instagram.com/nfwsorg).** In-person meetings of NFWS take place at Amherst Community Church (AMC), 77 Washington Highway, Snyder, NY 14226. November-March meetings will be held on Zoom.

CALENDAR

MAY

MEMBERS MEETING

CHRIS LEEPER

Thurs. May 21, 2026

7:00-9:00 pm

In Person At Amherst
Community Church

JUNE

MEMBERS MEETING

SHOW YOUR ART

Thurs. June 18, 2026

6:00-9:00 pm

In Person At Amherst
Community Church

JUNE

NFWS Board Mtg

Tues. June 23, 2026

4:00-5:30 pm

BROWN BAG

IN PERSON

Sally Treanor's Home
756 Richmond Ave
Buffalo

WATERBUCKET



CHRIS LEEPER

May Workshop Artist

<https://www.christopherleeper.com>

Chris Leeper says: Why do I paint?" That thought occurs to me occasionally. My answer is not particularly enlightening. I paint because I have to. It is what I do. It seems it has always been that way. Growing up in rural western Pennsylvania left an impression on my sense of how I look at the world. It seems as far back as I can remember I have had an excitement and a need to respond when confronted with a sublime landscape.

My muse is the light. I am always looking for that moment when light, shadow, and form all come together. I enjoy representation; however I will often alter a painting as it develops. For me, the act of painting is one of discovery and possibility, thus my paintings are usually more distillations than true representations

So, I paint. The wonder and blessing of it is that after 40 years or so, I am still excited, inspired, and curious. That is a gift.

MAY 2026



Hello Fellow Artists!

Can you believe that it is May already? We now have 200 members who have submitted 61 paintings to our Spring Watermedia exhibit! (Where are the rest of you?) Drop off is May 9th from 12-3. Participants will get an email for their slotted time. The Reception and Awards ceremony is May 23rd from 12-2. Join us to see some great artwork!

At our June meeting, we will vote on Board members for a 3-year term. Look for the Slate in the NFWS News section at the end of this newsletter.

The June meeting will also be "Show Your Art". Come early (6:00 pm) to enjoy the pizza and bring in a painting for feedback from our critique artists, **Dan Meyer** and **Sheila Reigh**. Always so informative! See you at the reception!

Sue Liddell, President
susanliddell@yahoo.com

Dennis Andrukat 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 dandrukat@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 programs: <https://burchfieldpenney.org/events/> or contact Kathy Gaye Shiroki at 716-878-3549 or shirokkg@buffalostate.edu. **Coming up: Listening to Nature, Landscape in Watercolor. Artist: Sally Treanor.** Jun 17, 2026 10:30 pm – 12:30 pm. Members \$40|Not-yet members \$55. Beginner/Intermediate workshop. Supplies included.

The Breath of Nature, Capturing Ambience in Watercolor. Artist: Sally Treanor. Jun 10, 2026 10:30am – 12:30 pm. Members \$40|Not-yet members \$55. Beginner/Intermediate workshop. Supplies included.

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/> Also see summerclasses offered at Burchfield-Penney in column to the left.

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

Anitha Balachandran received a Merit Award for *Radiance* at the Buffalo Niagara Art Association Spring Show at The Art Gallery at Montabaur Heights, 4530 Ransom Rd, Clarence. **Deb Meier** won an Honorary Mention for *Owl and a Firefly*.

Audrey Dowling has three pieces in The Shape of Clay which celebrates ceramic practices, including functional ware, decorative pieces, and sculptural forms. At Tri County Art Council, 110 West State Street, Olean until May 30th.

David Gardner's two artworks, *My Wheels for Now & Treasure Hunt*, have been accepted for the 2026 Philadelphia Watercolor Society Members Show. His paintings *Take a Look* is off to the Illinois Watercolor Society and *Summer* to the Southern Watercolor Society Small Works Show.

Kathleen Giles received the Brenda M. Bailey Award for \$1,000.00 in the American Women's Artists Show at the Custom's House Museum in Clarksville Tennessee. Also, Kathleen is one of 40 finalists in The 15" Annual PleinAir Salon Art Competition for *Life is Learning to Fly*. Giles, along with the other 33 finalists will compete for a \$15,000 cash Grand Prize, and for their painting to be featured on the cover of *PleinAir*

Magazine which will be presented on May 14th at the 13th Annual PleinAir Convention & Expo in Branson, MO. Her painting *Life is Growing a Perfect Peony* was accepted into the American Women Artists online show, from March 31, 2026 – March 30, 2027.

Martha Rogala will be teaching a Yoga and Watercolor Painting session at Soma Cura Wellness Center, 2154 Grand Island Blvd. Grand Island, NY 14072, on May 31 from 1 to 2:30 pm. Supplies included. Contact 716-773-1369, website: somacura.com.

Annie Strack, had two paintings juried into the North Star Watercolor Society 2026 National Exhibition.



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NOTICE

We will vote on these nominated Board Members at the June Members Meeting:
Sue Dewey, Marty Kutas, Pam Pollock, Carol Case Siracuse, and Sally Treanor are nominated for a 3-year term, Class of '29.