MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2019
The Friends Meeting House, 351 Dubois Road, Annapolis MD 21401

Maggie Cao
“Composition Is King”

We all know that no matter how much time you spend on a painting, the superior quality of your supplies or the sophistication of the paint application, if the composition is weak the painting doesn’t stand a chance of being a winner. At our January meeting, award winning artist Maggie Cao will be teaching us planning techniques and reiterating the rules for establishing successful compositions regardless of the subject matter. She is also going to emphasize the importance of negative space painting and how this technique is of the utmost importance to the watercolor painter.

Maggie presently teaches at Chesapeake Fine Art Studio in Stevensville and is an accomplished still life, portrait and plein air landscape painter. Her recent awards are too numerous to list but you can view her work at McBride gallery on Main St.

Stacey Sass, Vice President

“Spanish Church” by Maggie Cao
**President’s Message**

Something wonderful is about to happen! It is the beginning of a new year. There are 365 days of opportunities and adventures to experience and enjoy. The Annapolis Watercolor Club can help you with this. It has so many things to choose from; painting workshops, local art exhibits, monthly demonstrations, plein air opportunities, art related trips and most importantly wonderful people to share them all with. It is all wonderful and ready for your participation and enjoyment.

We are fortunate to live in an area where there are many talented artists and a community that appreciates and supports the arts. It is amazing to see all of the people that attend monthly meetings to see watercolor demonstrations and then go back to their studios to try some of the things that they learned by watching others paint with this very elusive medium.

I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to share in this journey with all of you as the new President of the Annapolis Watercolor Club. I have the pleasure of knowing many of you but look forward to meeting and getting to know more of you. Our membership keeps growing and there are always new people joining each and every month at our meetings. Please come and introduce yourself during our next time together if I do not get to you first!

I have had the pleasure of enjoying a very long and successful career as a professional watercolor artist. This opportunity has required me to wear many “different hats”. In many ways the painting process is really the “icing on the cake”. The hard work of marketing, accounting, writing proposals, negotiating contracts, working on committees, learning how to pack and travel with my art supplies, teaching workshops and working on commissioned projects in this country and throughout Europe and Africa are some of the things required to make this all happen. It is all wonderful and I hope to be able to bring some of these to you.

Let’s do this together. Join in the fun. It is a wonderful journey!

Happy painting!

**Linda Luke, President**

**From the Desk of the Vice President....**

** Plenty of Cheer**

On December 12th, room 308 of Maryland Hall was transformed into a happy place full of holiday cheer for AWC members to enjoy. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Hospitality Committee, Cathy Gillespie, Maxine Sterns and Kathi Scott, every aspect of the party was perfect. There was even a tree that had 41 presents under it which then became the focal point for the Chinese auction distribution game. Lots of stolen gifts led to many laughs but no one left the party hungry or disappointed. The tables were graced by lovely centerpieces created by AWC members under the tutelage of Mildred Anderson and 9 lucky people got to take them home.

**June Poole** won the best Complementary Colors Christmas outfit which was also quite a classy ensemble.

**Stacey Sass, Vice President**
Past President’s Message

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your President for the past 16 months. Working together, we have built a strong community of members who eagerly volunteer their talents and seek unique opportunities to promote watercolor in our region.

This past year, the board of AWC proposed a few changes in response to the Member Survey issued in March 2018, where 73 of our members offered thoughtful suggestions for ways to improve the AWC. Some accomplishments that I’m especially excited about include:

- Earlier meeting time, now 7 pm
- Two daytime meetings planned for January and February 2019
- Revival of AWC sponsored Trips!
- An exhibit with a loosening of “the rules” (March 2019)
- Publicity’s efforts to get the word out digitally, to easily expand our reach and save on some costs
- Active committees to assist several of our board members, thereby involving more people while grooming future leaders
- Co-leadership of most board positions, to share the workload and enable smooth transitions

In January 2019, we welcome Linda Luke as our new President! Linda was enthusiastically voted in as our new leader at the Holiday Party, with many smiles and waves from the members in attendance. She brings a fresh perspective and deep experience gleaned from many years as a professional watercolor artist and her former stints in similar organizations where she served as president or board member. I will remain on the AWC board as Past President, and will continue to support AWC under Linda’s leadership.

Thank you for your confidence in me, and your support as I took on the role as President in September 2017. You all made it easy. What a great group of artists! It has indeed been an honor to serve as your President.

Best,

Cheryl Duvall, Past President

Trip to Brandywine River Museum of Art and Longwood Gardens

Forty-three members and friends enjoyed a 29 November bus trip with a docent-led visit at the Brandywine River Museum, followed by an afternoon at Longwood Gardens in Chadds Ford, Pa. The trip was wonderful! Thanks again to all those who participated and made it a special day for our community of artists and friends. Several photos from the trip are shared in a slide show on the AWC website at the Trips link. If you would like to add some of your photos to the link, please send them to the Trip’s Chairperson at ks21409@gmail.com. Also, if anyone creates any artwork from the recent trip, please plan to bring your work to the January or February member’s meeting to share with the club.

The Trips Team is seeking suggestions and ideas from members for 2019 adventures, either locally to Washington DC or other artsy locations within a 2 hour distance of Annapolis. Unfortunately a group bus trip by the club to NYC to view the annual Watercolor show at the Salmagundi Club is not planned. For those interested in going to NYC, the exhibition dates are typically in April.

Kathy Strouss, Chair
Karen DeGraffenreid, Vice Chair

“Arles Afternoon” by Linda Luke
Exhibitions

If you haven’t had an opportunity to see our exhibit at Ginger Cove, it’s still on view in the gallery. AWC members and their guests are invited to go and see it. The address is 4000 River Crescent Drive. Stop at the front desk and someone will direct you to the gallery.

“Outside the Paintbox” is the theme for our next exhibit which will be at Annapolis Smokehouse. Plan ahead for a chance to spread your wings and exhibit something a bit different. We’re bending the exhibit guidelines so if you’ve always wanted to enter something with a colored mat (or no mat), paint on watercolor canvas or Yupo, add a bit of collage, stitchery or beading, or do something big and abstract, or with unusual subject matter, here’s your opportunity. Keep in mind your painting must be water-media, of course. Traditional subject matter will still be accepted. Keep in mind, though, the ambiance of the restaurant setting is enhanced by lowered light levels during evening dining, so dark, muted paintings might not be seen to their best advantage in this venue.

The first 40 paintings submitted will be accepted. The postmarked deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2019.

Receiving will be on March 4 at 10:00 am or you can bring your paintings to me, or to Barbara Burns, ahead of time. Please call ahead to be sure we’re available: Joan 410-757-7901; Barbara 410-370-7755.

This exhibit will end on April 8.

The address is 107 Hillsmere Drive, 21403 and phone is (410) 571-5073. It’s in the Hillsmere Shopping Center (across from the Quiet Waters Park entrance). We will provide a small reception one Saturday or Sunday afternoon in March during the exhibit, beverages to be purchased at the bar.

Joan Machinchick, Exhibit Chair
Barbara Burns, Exhibit Vice-Chair

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ANNAPOLIS SMOKEHOUSE EXHIBIT
"Outside the Paintbox"
March 4 to April 8, 2019

Deadline for entries – February 15
Drop off - Monday, March 4, 10:00 am
Pick up – Monday, April 8, 10:00 am

Entry Fee - $10

Name______________________________________________
Address____________________________________________
Phone______________________________________________
Email_______________________________________________

Painting #1
Title______________________________________________
Price_______________________________________________

Painting #2
Title______________________________________________
Price_______________________________________________

Required: Place tags on the back of each painting with title, price, the artist’s name, phone number and email. Your AWC dues must be current to enter. Check the AWC website for Show Standards. Contact Joan if you have questions: joanmachinchick@yahoo.com

Send this registration form and check payable to AWC to: Joan Machinchick,
1023 Lake Claire Dr., Annapolis MD 21409

In order to publicize this event, we will include a digital image of one or more of the paintings in our email announcements. If you would like your painting to be considered, please forward a jpeg image to Stacyjoy21117@gmail.com
Workshop News

The Workshops Committee wishes each of you a very happy holiday season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mary Kfoury, Workshop Chair
Nancy Flack, Workshop Vice-Chair
Susan Engel, Sue Curly and Sue Janosky Committee Members

Thank you, Thank You, Thank You

I would like to express our deep appreciation to Cheryl Duvall who has served as President for the past sixteen months. During her term the board has grown from ten positions to seventeen. While many hands make lighter work, it also brought in many new ideas and great brain storming. Also thanks to her the survey of 2018 was a huge success with many of the suggestions being implemented. Thank you so much Cheryl!

Thank you also to Linda Luke who was voted as our next President at the December meeting. Her many accomplishments and experiences will make her a valued leader of our club. She comes to us with ideas to help make our club grow.

Eileen Timm, Newsletter Editor

New Year’s Resolutions

I bet that for many of us one of our New Year’s resolutions is to practice our watercolor skills more consistently. Be sure to carve out the time to make it happen. The club certainly provides many opportunities for you to exhibit your work. These shows and events such as the fabulous holiday party and the field trip to Longwood Gardens are made possible only because of the volunteer hours selflessly donated by club members. There are many behind-the-scenes people working to make sure that the club is on solid ground and provides its members with quality meetings and events. As one of your New Year’s resolutions, please consider joining our pool of volunteers in some capacity. The board members could all use back up support and I’m sure that you have the skills needed to lessen their load and the commitment would only be a few hours a month. Please talk to me or any board member if you can help the Annapolis Watercolor Club continue its mission.

Stacey Sass, Vice President

Membership News

Welcome to our newest member, George Athanasas, who joined at the December meeting. I am pleased to report that we now have over 100 members on the rolls for 2019, but that still leaves over 50 who have not yet sent in their renewal. Our membership year runs on a calendar year basis, so even if you joined part way through last year (unless it was November or December), you still need to renew now. Membership dues are still $35, and can be sent to me at 2250 Lake Drive, Pasadena MD; make your check payable to “AWC”. Happy 2019!

Liz Grimes, Membership Chair

Treasurer’s Report

As of December 17, 2018, AWC has $10,442.42 in its checking account, and $5,036.07 in savings, for a total of $15,478.49.

Sheryl Paris, Treasurer
Member’s News

This section contains some of our club’s artists’ shows and teaching information. More information and photos are located at “Gallery” and “Members Posting” on our website at www.annapoliswatercolorclub.org.

Stacy Sass won the annual Martha Hudson Watercolor award in the annual watercolor show sponsored by the St. Michael’s Art League.

“Sunset Cruise” by Stacy Sass

Joan Machinchick’s painting received an Award of Merit in the recent exhibit, “Eye of the Artist” at Benfield Gallery in Severna Park. The juror was Ken Karlic.

“Winter Afterglow” by Joan Machinchick

Thank you to Mildred Anderson and her elves, Mary Kay Honeycutt, Irene Simpkins, Sharon Porter, Kathi Scott, June Poole, Joe Bodnar, Nancy Levin, and Liz Grimes for the lovely centerpieces that adorned our party tables and were won by lucky members. While fun, the best part was Mildred’s home-made scones!

Newsletters

Should you have any comments, teaching information or news, please direct the information via email (as an attachment) to Eileen (eileen_timm@hotmail.com). The due date for news article submission is the 19th of each month.

Members who want to place information about their workshop or lessons will be allowed 2 sentences or a 40 word limit, not including their website. These articles will be included on a space available basis.

Eileen Timm, Newsletter Editor

Board Meeting - 3 January 2019

All Members are Invited to Attend; The January meeting will be 7-9 pm at Cathy Gillespie home. Contact Cathy via email/phone for directions.

Board Members

Linda Luke President 410.476.7770
Stacey Sass Vice President 410.703.8058
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Sheryl Paris Treasurer 410.224.6978
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Send articles by the 19th of the month to: eileen_timm@hotmail.com

Send membership dues to Membership Chair:
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Annapolis, MD 21401

New Year, New Meeting Venue and Time

The January 9th meeting will be the first one to be held during the daytime hours. This temporary change is in response to requests voiced by members in last year’s survey. So here is the schedule for our January and February meetings.

Wednesday January 9th
- Friends Meeting Hall,  
  351 Dubois Rd. Annapolis, 21401
  - 11:30 – 12 Lunch. Bring a bag lunch and drinks will be provided
  - 12-12:15 Club business meeting
  - 12:15-1:30 Demo by Maggie Cao

If inclement weather is threatening, a decision to postpone the meeting will be made by 10 AM and an email blast sent to all members. Call Stacey Sass 410-703-8058 if you have a concern.

Same schedule and venue will apply to the February 13th meeting with Gloria Fisher as our presenter. March through June will be evening meetings back at MD Hall.

Stacey Sass, Vice President