December 2019

President’s Message

“Tradition! Tradition!” The familiar Fiddler on the Roof refrain rings in my ears this time of year. Bring on the dancing and music! Many enjoy the familiar, safe reassurance of their own traditions. I recently shared a traditional American Thanksgiving meal with a group of Navy International Midshipmen. As we were enjoying food that was familiar to us, and secretly looking for the stuffing and pumpkin pie, we took turns explaining this tradition with the Mids. They, in turn, were asked to talk about traditional celebrations from their countries of origin.

What was front and center? Sharing time with family and friends in community; it was always the priority. Our Annapolis Watercolor community is awesome. We come from many different backgrounds, but we all have a love of watercolor and sharing it with others.

I know that I am not your "traditional" president. I will bring things to you that you may not be familiar with. It is always in an effort to support, encourage, and embrace our diverse community. Together we may start new traditions!

Happy holidays, happy painting, and enjoy!

Linda Luxe

Calendar

December
7- Jan 31: Exhibit at Ginger Cove
11: Holiday Party
*There will be no Member Salon before the party.

January
8: Monthly Meeting 1-2:30 p.m.
(Member Salon beginning at 12:30 p.m.)
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Room 308
801 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD
25: Mark Hiles Traditional Landscape Workshop

February
12: Monthly Meeting 1-2:30 p.m.
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Room 308
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March
11: Monthly Meeting 1-2:30 p.m.
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Membership
Treasurer's Report

As of November 18, 2019, AWC’s accounts are as follows:
- Checking: $8,172.13
- Savings: $5,037.46
- Total $13,209.59

Sheryl Paris, Treasurer

Monthly Meeting

January 11 1-3:30 p.m.
(*Member Salon begins at 12:30)
at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Room 308
801 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD

Welcome to new members:

As a reminder, dues for 2020 should be paid before the end of December. You may pay at the November meeting or mail your check to Karen deGraffenreid, Membership Chair, 1023 Boom Court, Annapolis, MD 21401. Please include a registration form, which can be found on the AWC Website. Please be sure to indicate any changes to your contact information, especially your email address as this is our principal means of communication.

Dues are $35, and will cover the calendar year from January 2020 to December 2020. If you wish to receive a print copy of the newsletter by US mail, add $15.

Please note that you can now pay your membership dues online by clicking here to visit the AWC website.

Karen deGraffenreid, Membership Chair

Holiday Party

December 11

*Limited to 60 members. If you haven't already, please submit an RSVP (the link was sent in an earlier email.

Wear holiday attire, bring a wrapped artsy gift for our fun gift exchange game, plus, a gift (or two) for our new community service project (art supply gifts for Annapolis Lighthouse Homeless Shelter children.)

Bring donations of art supplies for children and adults: watercolor or acrylic paint kits, pads of watercolor paper, brushes, plastic containers with lids for water, pencils and erasers, charcoal, pastels, drawing paper pads, crayons and coloring books, felt tip pens, watercolor pens, small table easel. Look for table set aside at our party. (Keep your receipts. Donations are tax deductible.) Lighthouse Shelter is a place for prevention of homelessness.

Item(s) should be wrapped and labeled with age range and for girl, boy, or either. (Michaels is having a HUGE sale right now on art

Pre-Meeting Art Salon

November’s Salon:

The Annapolis Watercolor Community Salon prior to the meeting on November 13th was a huge success. We had almost five full tables of gorgeous and innovative watercolors displayed by our talented members. Laudatory and constructive comments from the 60+ members present contributed to this
supplies.)

(*Please note that we will "not" have a Pre-Meeting Member Salon before our Dec 11th Party.)

Exhibits

Our next exhibit will be at Ginger Cove from December 7, 2019 to January 31, 2020. We'll have a reminder in next month's Newsletter about pick-up, but mark your calendars now for Friday, January 31, between 9:00 and 11:00. This exhibit is always welcomed and appreciated by the residents.

Looking ahead, we are scheduled for an exhibit at Gallery 333 at the Unitarian Church from March 1 to April 30, 2020, with receiving on February 28. Commission is 20% and entry fee, payable to AWC, will be $20.00. There will be an entry form and more details in the January Newsletter and on the website. There is space for two framed paintings per artist, plus one matted piece for the bin.

This might be a good time to think “Outside the Paintbox.” Last year’s venture was so successful that we’ll try, when possible, to make it an annual event. While the paintings need to reflect that we are a watercolor club, this is an opportunity, though completely optional, to think a bit more creatively, perhaps abstractly, or by adding some collage, ink, pencil, pastel, or bits of other media, while still being created primarily using transparent watercolor.

Since Ginger Cove is a private residence, it is not open to the public, however, you are welcome to visit and bring friends to see the exhibit. Just stop at the desk by the front entrance and someone will gladly direct you to the gallery.

Looking even further ahead into 2020, we have a full exhibit schedule, especially in the fall and winter months: Gallery 333 in May-June Linthicum Walks in October Wimsey Cove in November- December Ginger Cove November 14-January 8

As you can see, we have many opportunities for you to exhibit your art in the year ahead, so keep painting!

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

Member News

The Art of Merrilyne Hendrickson will be featured at Paul’s Homewood Cafe with Jeff Voigt, aerial photographer. December 3 through January (Reception will be Tues. 12/10/19 4:30-6p.m.) visit www.merrilyne.com for more info.

She has also published a cookbook "A Few of My Favorite Things". "As an artist, it was my "creative outlet" while I ran a business. I have been collecting these good recipes for years and now they are all in one place complete with pictures and ready to share."

Old Fox Books at 35 Maryland Ave will host a book signing on December 12, 7-9pm during Midnight Madness. This may be the perfect gift for someone you know, maybe you. Come enjoy a great cup of coffee.

Recent Workshop

unique opportunity for sharing and learning.

We will not have a salon at the Holiday meeting, but if you haven't participated already, please join us at the next regular meeting in the new year. All you need is a new watercolor in process or completed 18x24 inches or smaller. Mat and frames are not required but if you have a small table top stand please bring that along.

No matter what your level of experience each of us has a love for watercolor painting and bring a unique and valuable perspective that we can share. Enjoy the holidays and as Linda always says keep painting!
Many thanks go to Stacy Lund-Levy for the excellent workshop she presented on November 9 on Urban Landscapes. Her patient manner and informative teaching methods allowed the participants to see how an urban landscape is developed from start to finish. Stacy also shared a list of some of her favorite artists known for their talents in urban landscape watercolor painting.

She recommends that you put the term “Watercolor” in front of the name of any of the artists below that you might like to search for more information.

- Alvaro Castagnet
- John Salminen
- Chien Chung Wei
- Joseph Zbukvic
- Keiko Tanabe
- Ian Stewart
- Cornelia Dragan

Stacy also recommended the book: The Urban Sketching Handbook- Understanding Perspective, by Stephanie Bower (ISBN: 978-1-63159-128-0)

Linda Luke is teaching a variety of watercolor courses at Maryland Hall this fall and winter. To view a full list of upcoming classes, visit lindaluke.com

12/12: Watercolor Florals

1/18: Watercolor for Beginners or Those Who Would Like to Begin Again

2/15: Watercolor for Beginners or Those Who Would Like to Begin Again

2/27-28: Winter 2-Day Workshop

For more information and photos are located at “Gallery” and “Members Posting” on the AWC Website.

Click HERE to send us your news for next month!

Newsletters

I appreciate your feedback and ideas as we move forward with this new format. Thanks and have a creative fall!

Cat Paschal Dolch, Newsletter Editor

Submit to the Newsletter

Send articles by the 19th of each month to: 
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Upcoming Workshop

Registration is now open for the Mark Hiles workshop on landscapes to be held January 25, 2020, at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mark started painting and drawing at the early age of five, and he was receiving commissions and winning awards by the time he graduated from high school. He studied at the Schuler School of Fine Art under many noted artists. His bold brushwork combines the relationships of beauty, color, form and light. Mark says “I am always searching for subject matter that gives a new view into the beauty of nature... As I travel and explore, certain factors spark my creative process. Color, composition and effects of light or a few of these factors as well as the subject matter... My challenge is to invite the viewer into my creative process and hopefully get a taste of the excitement and enjoyment I get and creating the artwork.”

We look forward to learning more about his creative process in the landscape workshop he will present to our club. Please use the link below to print the form.

Saturday, January 25: Mark Hiles will work with us on a traditional landscape. CLICK TO DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM.
Tuesday, March 10: April Rimpo will focus on a night scene.

Saturday, May 2: Pam Wenger will be back by popular demand, and this time she will be work with us on portraits. All of our workshops will be held at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Nancy Flack, Workshop Chair
Susan Engel, Workshop Vice-Chair

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**Board Meeting**

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