

DATE: March.1, 2017

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY, March 16, 2017
7:00 PM
7 pm, Rose Room
Roseville Skating Center
2661 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN

DEMO BY CHARLOTTE LAXEN - "WATERCOLOR ON CANVAS"

"My work endeavors to tell a story, often a parable, by including the true essence of the elements needed without overdoing the detail. It's like decluttering my house, which always brings a sense of peace"

Charlotte Laxen's passion for watercolor began in a garden in St. Cloud in 1970 where her college instructor did a demo that captured her heart for the medium. She grew up on a farm in Southern Minnesota with 7 brothers and sisters and never dreamed she would one day get to teach watercolor painting in Monet's gardens in France.

In 2014 Charlotte discovered a canvas that accepts all types of wet media and began experimenting on it with watercolor. She loves the vivid color and spontaneity that this canvas allows -a little like hot press paper - only better!

Charlotte teaches watercolor workshops throughout Minnesota as well as private lessons in her home studio as she continues to find new ways to get excited about the beauty and expressive qualities of this luscious medium! Her work can be found in private collections in the United States, France and Australia. Her website is www.charlottelaxen.com You can contact her at claxen@tds.net

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

NorthStar needs a team to fill Frank Zeller's very large shoes! Ideally, three people who can take turns or work together to set up the video camera before each meeting. Are you interested in helping with this very important job? If so, there will be an informational meeting at 6:00 before our regular meeting on March 16. Here's a chance to give back as well as learn something new.

We also need a workshop co-chair (replacement for Ann Sisel) to work along with Patty Healy in planning future workshops. Contact Patty Healy pmhealy11@gmail.com or Ann Sisel annesisel@gmail.com

VIRTUAL GALLERY DEADLINE APRIL 1

It's time to change the Virtual Gallery on the NSWS website. Send 2 jpegs of your paintings to webmaster Calvin deReuter by April 1. calsportfolio@hotmail.com. This is a great way to share your art!

APRIL MEMBER EXHIBITION - "INSPIRATIONS" - COMING SOON!

DEADLINE for submission to our annual Members' Exhibition is March 16! The exhibition will be held April 1- 30, 2017 at the White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church in Mahtomedi. **Each paid member of NorthStar is encouraged to submit one painting for this show.** There will be cash prizes as well as the opportunity to earn points toward signature status. **The registration form is available on NorthStar's website. Submissions can be sent in NOW.** Drop off is April 1 and pick up is April 30. **Let's make this our best show yet!**

LouAnn Hoppe, Exhibition Chair. louhoppe@gmail.com.

JENNIFER STONE WORKSHOP APRIL 25 - 28

There are still a few openings for this workshop. Details and registration form are on the NSW website. For information contact workshop chairs Patty Healy pmhealy11@gmail.com or Ann Sisel annesisel@gmail.com.

MARK MEHAFFEY WORKSHOP - "EXPLORING ABSTRACTION AND COLOR SEPTEMBER 19-22.

It's not too early to sign up for this workshop. Students will start the workshop by designing the picture space, using color to create a mood that the participant wishes to convey and making abstract/non objective work meaningful to each. This will be a fast paced, hard working and fun workshop! Students will work with various surfaces, learning to paint intuitively and experimentally. Details and registration form are on the NSW website. For information contact workshop chairs Patty Healy pmhealy11@gmail.com or Ann Sisel annesisel@gmail.com

ARTISTS' MARKET - MAY 19, 20, 21

This is the **15th** year for our Artists' Market! Registration materials are on the website. **The deadline for registering is the March 16 NSW meeting.** Postcards will be available at the March meeting.

We encourage **all members** to participate and extend a special invitation to **signature members** this year. There will be a special wall reserved for these signature members where they can display one or two paintings along with ribbons and honors they have received.

For information contact Connie Keithahn conkaystpaul@yahoo.com or Sue Olson solson55@comcast.net.

3rd ANNUAL NSWS NATIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION

Plans are in full swing for our national juried exhibition. Help is needed! This is a great chance to learn the ins and outs of a national exhibition. The committee needs assistance in fund raising, registration, program, reception, and other areas. Maybe you are willing to do a small job without a major commitment. Every little bit helps! Please contact Committee Chair Janice Anderson jlanderson2014@fastmail.fm.

Important Dates:

Registration - May 1-August 1 (midnight)

Exhibition at Blaine City Hall - October 2-31

Reception - October 15

NSWS COMING EVENTS

Mar. 16 - member meeting and demo by Charlotte Laxen; deadline for submission to NSWS Member Exhibition

April 1 - drop off painting in Mahtomedi 10 am - 1 pm

April 20 - Member Exhibition reception 6:30 - 8 pm; awards at 7 pm

April 27 - member meeting and demo by Jennifer Stone

April 25 - 28 - workshop with Jennifer Stone

May 1 - registration open for NSWS National Art Exhibition

May 19-21 - Artists' Market at the Fairgrounds

Sept. 19-22 - workshop with Mark Mehaffey

October 2-31 - NSWS National Art Exhibition at Blaine City Hall

MINNESOTA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY COMING EVENTS

Mar. 5 - deadline for submission to MNWS Spring Exhibition at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, "Dancing with Color and Light"

Mar. 9 - member meeting and demo by Wendy Westlake

April 12 - June 18 - MnWW Spring Exhibition at the U of M Landscape Arboretum

May 31 - June 3 - workshop with Kathleen Conover - "Chaos to Order"

June 10 - Members' Day at Fish Lake Regional Park