



TO: Members
FROM: Communications Committee
Barb Parisien, Chair

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**NORTHSTAR WATERMEDIA SOCIETY
IS COMMITTED TO WORKING TOWARD
A MORE INCLUSIVE, JUST, AND
EQUITABLE ART COMMUNITY.**

NEXT MEETING - Mark your calendar! **Virtual Demo by Darius Steward**

**Thursday, May 20
7:00-9:00**

A link to this demo (via Zoom) will be sent to you about May 19.



Darius Steward is known for his figurative work and for his public outreach through murals. He is currently living in Cleveland Ohio. Darius graduated from the University of Delaware obtaining a Master of Fine Arts degree in May 2010. His undergraduate work was completed at the Cleveland Institute of Art with a concentration in drawing and painting. Darius has shown artwork in museums and galleries across America. Some of his most notable exhibitions include solo shows at the Swope Museum in Indiana and the Canton Art Museum in Ohio. Darius has completed murals with Inter-Urban Art Project and Tri-C, Midtown, Cleveland.

"I paint with watercolor on YUPO or Twinrocker paper to achieve stark whiteness against my saturated subjects. I often use my subject metaphorically to address what is going on culturally. Each and every person I paint is a stand-in for myself

or for the community. I use watercolor portraiture and my large murals to bring a voice to social injustices which are going on in the world.”

- Darius Steward

For more information about Darius Steward, see his website at dariussteward.com.

HELP WANTED

National Exhibition Registration Co-Chair

Our 7th Annual National Art Exhibition is coming soon. Registration opens June 1. We need a Registration Co-Chair to work with Lucy Lemay who will continue as Co-Chair.

The exhibition will be held at Wildwood Library in Mahtomedi September 23 - November 4.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Update the Prospectus/Call for Entries document.
- Function as primary liaison with CaFé, our online entries provider.
- Review submitted paintings for requirements of Prospectus and release applications to the juror.
- Communicate with and train the juror on the online system.
- Communicate to committee members.
- Notify artists whether their painting was accepted/not accepted.
- Answer questions of artists and/or direct to resource person(s).

Speak up if you have an interest or if you know someone else who may have an interest. Remember, you will not work alone.

- **Janice LaRae Anderson**, Committee Chair
jlanderson2014@fastmail.fm, 651-459-1545 (landline)

MAY PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE

A sure sign of spring! It's time to get your brushes wet - outdoors - and meet other artists in person. Plein air outings are open to all painters, including non-members. Lunch arrangements are up to the individuals; bringing a bag lunch is an option. We gather between 9:00 and 10:00 AM, but you can join us any time during the morning.

Contacts: Ann Sisel, 612-275-0774, or Leona Olson, 612-859-7075. The committee members won't be at every paint-out, but we will be there as much as possible.

May 12 Langton Lake - 1894 County Rd C2 W, Roseville, 55113
May 19 Silverwood Park - 2500 Co Rd. E, St. Anthony MN
May 26 Minneapolis Sculpture Garden - 725 Vineland Pl, Mpls 55403
(Paid parking but worth it!)

The complete summer schedule can be found on the website under Group Paint Events.

NORTHSTAR WATERMEDIA SOCIETY COMING EVENTS

May 20 Online demo by Darius Steward
May 21-22 Online workshop with Keiko Tanabe. There are still openings.
Jun 1 Registration opens for the National Juried Art Exhibition
Jun 17 Online demo by Michael Reardon
Aug 1 Registration closes for the National Juried Art Exhibition
Sep 23-Nov 4 National Juried Art Exhibition at Wildwood Library

MINNESOTA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY COMING EVENTS

May 13 Online demo by Pam Luer
Aug 24-25 Workshop with Pam Wenger

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