



TO: Members
FROM: Communications Committee
Barb Parisien, Chair

DATE: June 1, 2021

**NorthStar Watermedia Society is committed to working
toward a more inclusive, just,
and equitable art community.**

NEXT MEETING - Mark your calendar!
Virtual Demo by Michael Reardon

Thursday, June 17
7:00–9:00

A link to this demo (via Zoom) will be sent to you about June 16.



Michael Reardon has been painting in watercolor for over 30 years. An avid traveler, he uses watercolor to record his observations, convey a sense of place and light, and communicate his impressions of the built, natural, and imagined worlds. He works from his studio in Oakland, California.

In 2005, Reardon was the recipient of the prestigious Gabriel Prize from the Western European Architecture Foundation, sending him to Paris for three months to paint. Originally trained as an architect with a degree in architecture from UC Berkeley, he was an architectural illustrator for over 30 years.

Michael is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, and the California Watercolor Association. He has been widely published in numerous watercolor magazines and is the author of *Watercolor Techniques: Painting Light and Color in Landscapes and Cityscapes* from North Light Books.

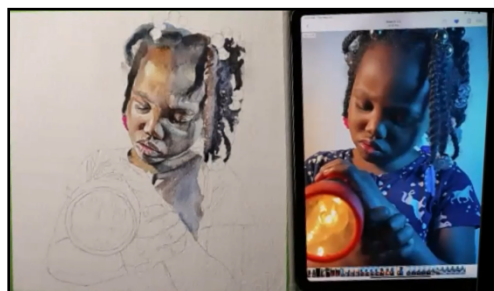
For more information about Michael Reardon see his website <http://www.mreardon.com/>.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Our May demo of a vibrant and engaging portrait was presented by Ohio artist Darius Steward, who is known for his figurative work and for his public outreach through murals. Darius finds inspiration in painting portraits of his children and portrays them in such a way that the viewer is invited to connect emotionally with the subject. Darius says, “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's demo may be found on the NSWS YouTube channel at the link below, on our website, and on our Facebook page. <https://youtu.be/oh0bwMNvDJJo>.

More

If you haven't already, please consider “Liking” our NorthStar Facebook page. Each time you “Like” or comment on a post, our page shows up in your news feed.

Patty Schmidt is stepping down as workshop co-chair. Thank you, Patty.

Nini Bronson needs a partner to help plan and execute future workshops. If you have interest or questions, please contact Nini at nbronson7@sbcglobal.net.

In-person meetings will resume in September at the Roseville Oval. See you then!

-Deirdre Vaughan

CALL FOR ENTRY

7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION



It's hard to believe, but 2021 marks the 7th Annual National Juried Art Exhibition. We encourage each member to enter this wonderful show! Entries will be accepted June 1 through August 1.

- Online entries only at callforentry.org
- Entries: June 1 - August 1, 2021
- Deadline: August 1 @ 12:00 midnight
- Drop-off: September 21
- Exhibition: September 23 - November 4
- Location: Wildwood Library, Mahtomedi, MN
- Reception/Awards: October 10, 2:00-4:00
- Eligibility: All adults 18 years and older
- Media: All water media
- Entry fee for up to 3 paintings: \$40/members, \$50/non-members

Prospectus: www.northstarwatermedia.com

PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE – June

Plein air outings sponsored by Northstar Watermedia Society are open to ALL painters. Non-members are warmly welcomed. Lunch arrangements are up to the individuals. Bringing a bag lunch is an option. We gather between 9:00 - 10:00 AM, but you can join us at any time during the morning. If you have questions, call one of us: 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.

June 2 Selby and Western corner near W.A. Frost, 374 Selby Ave or Virginia Street Swedenborgian Church, 170 Virginia St at Selby, St. Paul.

June 9 Nicollet Island Victorian houses near Nicollet Island Inn, 95 Merriam St. in Minneapolis. Directions: L on Main Street, L on Merriam, R on East Island Ave. L on Maple, L on Nicollet St.

June 16 Roselawn Cemetery, 803 Larpeur Ave W. Roseville.

June 23 Hidden Falls Park near the Mississippi, 1313 Hidden Falls Dr, St. Paul.

June 30 Como Park Zoo or Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Dr, St. Paul.
The Zoo and Conservatory open at 10:00. Paint outside.

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars - November 5-6, 2021

Online workshop with Canadian artist, Linda Kemp. Linda leads workshops and symposiums in the US, Canada, United Kingdom and France. She has written books, made DVDs, and contributed articles in magazines and books. An award winner in Canada, Linda says: "In my attempt to interpret nature's patterns and understand how the pieces fit together, my strategy relies on simplifying the complicated and building layers using negative shapes."

Covid has taught us that many nationally known artists are able to teach workshops online. We will have the privilege of soaking up Linda's instructions from the comfort and ease of our homes. Check out her website: <https://lindakemp.com>. More information will follow.

-**Nini Bronson**, Workshop Chair nbronson7@sbcglobal.net.

NORTHSTAR WATERMEDIA SOCIETY COMING EVENTS

Jun 1 Registration opens for National Juried Art Exhibition

Jun 17 Online demo by Michael Reardon

Aug 1 **Registration closes** for National Juried Art Exhibition

Sep 16 Meeting at the Roseville Oval. Demo by Sonja Hutchinson

Sep 23-Nov 4 National Juried Art Exhibition at Wildwood Library

MINNESOTA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY COMING EVENTS

Aug 24-25 Virtual Workshop with Pam Wenger

Sep 29-Nov 6 Fall Exhibition, "Lost in Paint" at Ames Center, Burnsville

Oct 14 Awards at 6:30-8:00

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