

January's Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th
@ 7:00 pm

Mesquite Club

702 E. St. Louis Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Board Meeting
Wed, January 11th @ 5:30pm

January's Program

"Tips and Tricks" Demonstration by Ed Hoag

Only 3 months
until the

Western Fed Exhibit
comes to Las Vegas.

See page 7 to find out how
you can help make this
a success for NVWS.



Happy New Year everyone! A time to start over, once again. Resolution time, if you're inclined to make them. While they're not necessarily on my agenda, I do take a little time to reflect on the past year and how I might make this one a little better. Create a few new challenges to keep me on my toes. As always, I hope to find more time to paint and hopefully become a better artist.

For my part, this year, I think I'll try and focus on the basic principles and techniques. The building blocks of sketching, drawing, composition, design, texture, and color theory to name a few. I'll try to put a few helpful hints in this year's newsletter as a little food for thought.

So let's start with a technique for a little texture. One great way to create texture is to simply coat your watercolor paper with liquid white gesso. Use bristle brushes, rollers, scrapers or anything which has a pattern to develop an interesting surface. I usually treat several sheets at once, so I have several paintings to work with later. Once you've created the surfaces, let them dry overnight, and then you're good to go. When you begin to apply paint to this surface, you don't need as much water and you don't need to "save" your whites, as the paint is usually easily removed with a wet brush or cloth. Another nice thing about this surface is, if you don't like your creation when your done, simply take it to the sink, run some cold water and wash it off. Let it dry and start again. If you find some of the color does not come off, simply apply another coat of gesso to restore your white surface. This is a great way to save paper, as you can paint gesso over your "not so successful" paintings, creating a new surface and start something new.

Our December meeting was very festive, with lots of wonderful food, laughter and great fun, especially the painting exchange. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success. January's meeting features a demonstration from one of our resident experts, **Ed Hoag**. Please don't miss this opportunity to learn a few new tips and tricks for your paintings.

The Western Federation show is just around the corner and I would like to encourage you all to become involved in this effort. It is a great opportunity to support NVWS and interact with your fellow artists from around the western US. Several of you have already volunteered (Thank You), and we can still use more assistance. Please contact **Kathy Christensen** or me to volunteer. Hope to see you at our January meeting. As always, keep those brushes wet.

Barbara Stanton, President

2 Great Shows to enter in February

2012 Spring Show

March 16 to May 6, 2012

Big Springs Gallery at the Springs Preserve

The Spring Show will be judged by **Brett Maly**. Brett has served as a Director for Art Encounter for nearly 20 years and is a member of the American Society of Appraisers. In addition to appraising fine art for collectors and institutions, **Brett Maly** has appeared as an expert on radio and television, including recurring role on the History Channel show Pawn Stars, where he has discussed everything from fine art valuation, to its collection and preservation. He judged our show at the Liberace' Museum a few years ago and I am looking forward to his judging our Spring Show.

Judging for the Spring Show:

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

9 am to 11:30 am

Drop off paintings at the Springs Preserve,
333 S. Valley View, Las Vegas, NV 89107

Noon to 2 pm: Paintings will be judged

2:30 to 4:30 pm: Pick up all your paintings.

March 8 at 10am-noon

Paintings juried into the show are due back
to the Springs Preserve

Reception

Thursday, March 15th from 6 to 8pm

END OF SHOW - Pick up Paintings

Thurs., May 10 or Fri., May 11
from 10am til 5pm

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Last month, NVWS received a gift of \$2500 from the **Henderson Art Association**. With sincere thanks, NVWS will use this gift to promote the advancement of watermedia in Southern Nevada. Thank you to **Deb Mays and Shirley Jeane** for considering NVWS.

2012 Signature Member Show

Show Dates:

February 4 to February 28, 2012

Location:

City Lights Gallery

3 E. Army St., Henderson, NV 89015

Entries Due:

Friday, February 3 10am - Noon

Reception:

Sunday, February 12, 1 – 3 pm

Show Pick-up:

Tuesday, February 28 10am - Noon

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Critique Group

Southeast Area (Henderson) Group

will meet January 3rd, 10am - noon

at Sharon Menary's house

(3047 Evening Wind Street, Henderson NV 89052)

Northwest Area Group will meet

January 17th at 10am - noon

at Art from the Heart

(4020 North Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129)

Bring a painting or 2 that you are working on and have the benefit of receiving a critique to help improve the painting. For additional information, contact Bill Fravel at 702-468-6041 or billfravel@aol.com

Congratulations to Western Fed's NVWS Accepted Artists for 2012



(clockwise from top left)
Kathy Christensen for *Zion Flood*,
Charlotte Huntley for *Late For Dinner Again*,
Dave Mazur for *Big Rock*,
Sheila Spargo for *Zocalo*
Jan Schaeffer for *Anasazi Flare*

Also *Congratulations* to **Shirley Winslow**,
who received Signature Membership in Western Fed last year with her 4th accepted entry.

A few pictures from December's meeting.....



Thank you to Myra Oberman for the great photos



Spring Show

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Note the date for early judging on this show

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Wednesday, February 15
9am to 11:30 - bring paintings for judging
Noon to 2pm - Judging
Pick up paintings 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Thursday, March 8
Accepted Paintings to be delivered to the Springs Preserve from 10am til noon.

Reception:
Thursday, March 15th from 6 to 8pm

Pick up paintings
Thurs., May 10 or Fri., May 11
from 10am til 5pm

YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR ACCEPTED AND NON-ACCEPTED ENTRIES WITHOUT FAIL. IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP YOUR ART, YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS PICK UP.

• **ELIGIBILITY** - ORIGINAL artwork done in the last two years without the aid of any instructor nor with use of photographs taken by anyone other than the artist. Paintings cannot have been in any previous NVWS show.

• **SPECIFICATIONS - Paintings must be water-based media.** (Watercolor Canvas and Yupo are acceptable) Collage is acceptable if all collage elements are water media. Juror's decision in case of question is final. There will be no size limitation for this show. Excessively heavy paintings cannot be accommodated.

• **A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$15.00** for the first painting and \$10.00 each for the second and third paintings (limit of three) must be included with the entry form. Make checks payable to the Nevada Watercolor Society. Paintings accepted may not be withdrawn for any reason and shall remain on display until the end of the show. Diptychs and triptychs are considered two and three paintings respectively.

• **FRAMING** - Paintings must be framed and under clean Plexiglas unless they are 16" x 20" framed size or smaller (which can be under glass). Plexiglas is optional on canvas and hardboards. All paintings must be adequately framed. All paintings must have a backing board and be ready to hang. The wire must be able to support the weight of the painting and attached with screws or screw eyes (no hanging clips, No Saw tooth hangers).

• **RULES** - All rules of the NVWS apply and decisions of the juror and show chairperson are final.

Please fill out the entry forms and labels prior to submitting entries
Have your entry fee (cash or check) ready.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Entry #1 title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

(T=transparent, A=acrylic, M=mixed media)

Entry #2 title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

(T=transparent, A=acrylic, M=mixed media)

Entry #3 title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

(T=transparent, A=acrylic, M=mixed media)

LABEL #1 (Attach to top back of painting)

Title: _____

Artist: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

LABEL #2 (Attach to top back of painting)

Title: _____

Artist: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

LABEL #3 (Attach to top back of painting)

Title: _____

Artist: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

Additional forms available online at nvws.org
Any questions? Contact the Spring Show Chairman.....Vina Curtis
702-454-2255 or vincur@cox.net



2012 Signature Member Show

FEBRUARY 4, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2012
CITY LIGHTS GALLERY

3 East Army Street, Henderson, NV 89015

1 How to enter

Drop-off is on Friday, February 3rd between 10am-noon

(Limit of 1 painting per Signature member)

This will be a "Member's Choice" Juried Show and all entry fees will be used for awards.

Reception and voting is on Sunday, February 12th at 1pm - 3pm

(NVWS Members and all Visitors will each receive one ballot for voting)

Ballots will be collected and award winners will be notified on February 15th by phone

2 Show Details and Rules

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Show Dates | February 4th to February 28, 2012 |
| Location | City Lights Gallery |
| Reception | February 12th, 1-3pm |
| Entries Due | February 3rd 10am-noon |
| Show Pick-up | February 28th 10am-noon |

• **ELIGIBILITY** - Show is open to **Signature Members of Nevada Watercolor Society** using water-based media. ORIGINAL artwork done in the last two years without the aid of any instructor nor with use of photographs taken by anyone other than the artist.

• **SPECIFICATIONS** - Paintings must be water-based media. (Watercolor Canvas and Yupo are acceptable) Collage is acceptable if all collage elements are water media. Show chairperson's decision in case of question is final. Excessively heavy paintings cannot be accommodated.

• **A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$10.00** must be included with the entry form. Make checks payable to the Nevada Watercolor Society. Paintings accepted may not be withdrawn for any reason and shall remain on display until the end of the show.

• **FRAMING** - Paintings must be framed and under clean Plexiglas unless they are 16" x 20" framed size or smaller (which can be under glass). Plexiglas is optional on canvas and hardboards unless a mat is used. Mats must be under Plexiglas (or glass). All paintings must be adequately framed. All paintings must have a backing board and be ready to hang. The wire must be able to support the weight of the painting and attached with screws or screw eyes (no clips).

• **RULES** - All rules of the NVWS apply and decisions of the juror and show chairperson are final.

Additional forms available online at nvws.org
Questions? Contact the Show Chairperson
Vina Curtis 702-454-2255 or
vincur@cox.net

3 Bring this entry form and check for entry fees on February 3rd

NVWS 2012 Signature Show Entry Form

Name _____
Telephone _____
Address _____
E-mail or phone _____
Title of painting: _____
Medium: _____ Framed Size: _____ Price: _____
(T=transparent, A=acrylic, M=mixed media) width x height NFS = Not for Sale

ENTRANT'S CHECKLIST - to bring February 3rd:

- Completed Entry Form (above)
- \$10 Check made out to: NEVADA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
- This label (below) attached to back of painting - top center



Signature Member
Show of 2012

Name of Artist _____
Name of Painting _____

January 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---|--|----------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 Henderson Area Critique Group 10am - noon Sharon Menary's | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 NVWS Meeting Tips and Tricks Demonstration 7pm - Mesquite Club | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Western Fed ACCEPTED PAINTINGS due to Kathy | 16 | 17 Northwest Area Critique Group 10am - noon Art from the Heart | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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February 2012

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Upcoming events in February:

- February 3rd - Signature Show drop-off at City Lights Gallery 10am - noon
- February 7th - Henderson Area Critique 10am - noon at Sharon Menary's house
- February 8th - Monthly Meeting - Gerald Brommer discusses "Why paintings do not get into shows"
- February 12th - Signature Show reception at City Lights Gallery and "Member's Choice" voting 1pm - 3
- February 15th - Spring Show JUDGING at Springs Preserve - drop-off 9am - 11:30am
- February 21st - Northwest Area Critique Group meets at ART FROM THE HEART
- February 28th - Signature Show pick-up at City Lights 10am - noon

Western Fed

On Thursday, April 12th through Sunday, April 15th, approximately 40 delegates and fellow artists will be arriving in Las Vegas as NVWS hosts this year's **Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibit**. We are looking for a home to host the Thursday night Delegate dinner. The food would be catered and there would be approximately 40-50 guests. We also need someone to oversee a committee for the transportation needs of the delegates during this weekend. We also need volunteers who will help with a variety of misc. events including the show's reception on April 13th. Please contact **Kathy Christensen (897-8874)** or **Barbara Stanton at (804-6549)** if you can donate your time and talents during that weekend.

Here are some of the volunteers. If you would like to help anyone out, please contact them.....
Ed Hoag - receiving the paintings, framing and transporting the paintings, shipping the paintings, etc
Elida Kidman - organizing gift bags for the delegates
Mary Vovsi - organizing publicity (Local and National)
Mary Shaw - organizing the permanent collection to be shown during exhibit
Louise Gillespie - layout and publishing the catalog (with help from Pat Caspary, Grace Kent and Myra Oberman)
Ed Klein - making award certificates and buying ribbons
Kathy Christensen - obtaining donations for awards, corresponding with delegates, organizing events.
more volunteers to be listed next month.



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