

# Desert Wash

October 2011

#### **October's Meeting**

Wednesday, Oct. 12th @ 7:00 pm

#### **Mesquite Club**

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

#### **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, Oct 12th @ 5:30 pm Mesquite Club

#### October's Program

#### Carl Purcell Demonstration

Bring in your framed
Miniature Paintings
(no larger than 11" x 14")
for the Holsum Art Show
Fundraiser for NVWS
(see page 3)

Bring in your digital entries for Western Fed (see page 6) Due by November 4th



#### President's Message

Great to see everyone at the September meeting. It was quite a busy and interactive event with entries for the Fall Show, the Western Federation presentation, and the potluck. Thank you all for making it a success and for all the help with set up and tear down. A special thank you to Ed Hoag, Barbara Yoerg, & Kathy Christensen for the presentation, to Vina Curtis and our photographer Myra Oberman for work on the Fall Show, and to Sylvia Bachiochi and her crew for setting up the potluck.

Our October meeting features a demonstration by our workshop instructor, Carl Purcell. Carl is no stranger to NVWS or many of our members. He is a phenomenal teacher, artist, and writer. His published works include *Painting with Your Artist's Brain*, a North light publication with a focus on watercolor, and *Drawing with Your Artist's Brain*, a book with a focus on drawing what you see----not what you think you see. For thirty years, he taught at Snow College in central Utah where he developed the drawing program presently used in the college's art department. He is the recipient of numerous awards and is a very popular painting and drawing workshop instructor. At last count we still have room for a couple more students at the workshop which begins on Monday, October 10th. If your interested please contact **Sharon Menary**. Please don't miss our October meeting and this opportunity to learn from a master.

The reception for our Fall show will be held on Tuesday, October 11th from 5-6:30 pm at the Sahara West Gallery/Library. The paintings will be on display until December 6th.

Recently I have been reading "Life, Paint and Passion, Reclaiming the Magic of Spontaneous Expression," by Michell Cassou and Stewart Cubley. I found it at a used bookstore and the title and cover intrigued me. Each chapter seems to challenge my need to "control" and encourages me to follow my intuition; to play with paint and paper without necessarily being attached to the outcome. Hard to do for someone who has spent her life in the logical, rational "left" brain. But------when I find the courage to do it, to play, I find myself laughing and experiencing a wonderful physical joy and excitement. My inner critic steps aside for a time and I am like a child, it is a great feeling. I don't do it often enough. When was the last time you felt like that while painting? If it's been awhile, I encourage you to give it a try. To pick up a piece of paper, a brush, and your favorite colors and just begin.....let go and see what happens. Hope to see you in October.

Barbara Stanton, President

## 2 Spaces left for this month's workshop

#### **Carl Purcell Workshop**

October 10th -13th, 2011

(4 day workshop.... Monday - Thursday)

Cost: NVWS Members......\$325.00 Non-members.....\$350.00

Contact:
Sharon Menary at 463-2454 or
www.SharonMenary.com

thank you, **Sharon Menary**www.SharonMenary.com
702-376-7007 cell
702-463-2454 The Studio/Home

A note to everyone who has signed up for the workshop:
Please be at the **Mesquite Club**,

8am Monday so that we all can put up the tables and chairs. Please bring plastic to cover your table.
On Thursday we will also need to take down our own tables, chairs and vacuum.

#### **Shows and Exhibits**

#### **NVWS FALL SHOW 2011**

October 11th, 2011 to December 6th, 2011 at Sahara West Art Gallery/ Library

Oct 9th ..1pm to 3 pm
Drop-off paintings that were juried into the show
at Sahara West Library
9600 West Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117

Remember to fill out the Fall Entry Form and tape it to the back of your painting.

October 11th
Opening Reception
Public Invited ...... 5pm - 6:30 pm

December 7th, 2011
Show Ends.....Pick up paintings - 10:30 am

For additional information about shows contact Vina Curtis at vincur@cox.net or (702)454-2255

You and your guests are cordially invited to the opening reception of the

2011 Fall Show

**Nevada Watercolor Society** 

Sahara West Art Gallery/Library Tuesday, October 11th, 2011 5 to 6:30 pm

9600 West Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117

Some of our hard working members at work.....



Thank you to.........

Myra Oberman for all her photography work,
Ed Hoag for his wonderful WFWS presentation and
Vina Curtis for organizing the Fall Show.

On the northwest side of town......

### The Critique Group will meet Tuesday, October 18th .... 10 am to 12 noon at Art From the Heart

4020 N. Tenaya, cross streets Alexander and Tenaya. You can bring a painting or 2 that you are working on and have the benefit of receiving a critique to help improve that painting.

You can also take part in the group without bringing a painting and benefit by someone else's critique.

For additional information about the Critique Group, contact Bill Fravel at (702) 468-6041 or billfravel@aol.com or www.billfravel.com

**Terry Schueler**, **President of the NVWS in 1988 and 1989**, passed away September 20 in Reno surrounded by her family. "She always had a mischievous twinkle in her eye, a smile followed by a warm hello, and a bear-hug of an embrace," Barbara Yoerg recalls. Terry loved watercolors, their boldness imbued with subtlety, and spent a lot of her time with her father-in-law, **Dorner Schueler**, a renowned watercolorist painting on-location in the California Gold Country. Family and friends will always remember her presence and her warmth. Internment was Saturday near Murphys, California.

#### **Shows and Exhibits**

#### **Holsum Art Show Fund Raiser for NVWS**

We have been invited by **Debbe Sussman and Stephen Jackson** to hold a Fund Raising watercolor exhibit in their gallery. Proceeds from the sale of your donated paintings will be given to the Nevada Watercolor Society for the general fund with 20% of the sale going to the gallery. The framed pieces must be no larger than 11 x 14 inches. They can be smaller. The price set for each painting will be up to \$100.00. We do not have to be professional artists to do a small delightful painting, nor will it be expensive for us since the paintings will be small. This will be a really fun display and will help our organization. There is a consent form on the next page to be taped to the back of your painting. Bring your painting to the Oct. 12 meeting. **Debbe Sussman** will be there to pick them up. She will return any unsold paintings at the December 14th meeting. There will be two First Friday receptions so that will give us an excellent exposure. I hope that you will all participate. **Vina Curtis** 

(For additional information, contact Vina Curtis at vincur@cox.net or (702)454-2255)

#### **Key Dates:**

October 12th meeting: Bring paintings to meeting

November 4th: Downtown's First Friday....Holsum Art Show reception #1 December 2nd: Downtown's First Friday....Holsum Art Show reception #2

December 14th meeting: Unsold paintings will be returned at meeting

#### ARTIST INFORMATION SHEET AND RECORD OF CONSIGNMENT

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#### **Past Meeting / Event Photos**







Pictures from September's meeting - Western Fed Presentation and Potluck







Congratulations to Bill Fravel for obtaining Signature status

and Thanks to Barbara Yoerg...... for her presentation about getting accepted into shows...



FOR YEARS, FOLKS HAVE ASKED FOR THE ABOVE RECIPE, FORMULA OR PROCEDURE ON WHAT IT TAKES TO GET ACCEPTED INTO A LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION. IT'S SIMPLE.

THE ELEMENTS ARE DESIGN PLUS COMPOSITION MULTIPLIED BY A "WOW" FACTOR THAT WILL LEAD TO A POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE INTO A SHOW. THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES, FOR THE JURYING PROCESS CAN BE VERY SUBJECTIVE.

DESIGN IS THE HARDEST BECAUSE OF THE MULTIPLE BASICS INCLUDING SHAPE, SPACE, COLOR, VALUE, TEXTURE, VARIETY, CONTRAST, RHYTHM, BALANCE, AND EMPHASIS OR CENTER OF INTEREST.

COMPOSITION IS A BIT EASIER. THE RUDIMENTS OF COMPOSITION ARE STRATA, SHAPES, DIAGONALS, CRUCIFORM, LOW/HIGH HORIZON, AND S-CURVE, AMONG OTHERS.

ONE CAN HAVE A TECHNICALLY PERFECT DESIGNED AND COMPOSITION'D PAINTING, BUT WITHOUT THE "WOW" FACTOR, THE PAINTING IS A "LOVELY PAINTING." THE PAINTING HAS TO GRAB YOUR INTEREST, BE STARTLING, OR EVOKE A STRONG EMOTION. ATTAINING THE "WOW" FACTOR TAKES TIME AND PATIENCE.

THERE ARE VOLUMES WRITTEN ON THE SUBJECT. TWO THAT OFFER GOOD PERSPECTIVES ARE GERALD BROMMER'S "EMOTIONAL CONTENT: HOW TO CREATE PAINTINGS THAT COMMUNICATE" AND PAT DEWS "CREATIVE COMPOSITION AND DESIGN."

AGAIN, ALL OF THIS TAKES TIME, PATIENCE AND PRACTICE.



# 37th Annual Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition April 13th - May 19th, 2012 Marjorie Barrack Museum on the UNLV Campus

**Juror: Gerald Brommer** 

Information about Western Fed available at their website www.wfws.org

Prospectus available for download at www.nvws.org

## Nov 4, 2011 Entries due to our Society Delegate

Katherine Christensen at sdc8339@stlv.net or (702)897-8874

**Nevada Watercolor Society** is proud to host this year's WFWS Exhibition. Throughout this year, we will be looking for volunteers to help make this national show a success. If you are able to help with one of our current needs right now, please contact us. As the show gets closer, we will be asking for help with receiving, framing and transporting the accepted paintings to the museum, and then with hosting and transporting the delegates during the opening weekend.

**Looking for:** Help with fundraising of awards for the Western Federation Exhibition. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Christensen at October's meeting or sdc8339@stlv.net or (702)897-8874.

**Looking for:** a group of 2-3 people to help with the organizing of all Western Fed Entries (approx 1000 digital files) to send to juror Gerald Brommer. This project needs to be done sometime between November 21st and December 2nd and should take a couple of afternoons. If you would like to help one or more afternoons, please contact Louise Gillespie at October's meeting or 658-2931 or gillespie4@earthlink.net.

#### **Accolades to our Members**

**Barbara Yoerg** been awarded signature membership in the San Diego and Kentucky Watercolor Societies. "Identity Theft" was jurored into Kansas Watercolor Society's 2011 National Exhibition by **Frank Webb.** 

Congratulations Barbara



**Barbara Yoerg's painting** "Identity Theft"

#### October 2011

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#### November 2011

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#### **Upcoming Events in November:**

November 4th - Downtown's First Friday & RECEPTION @ Holsum Gallery

**November 4th - Western Fed Entries Due to Kathy Christensen** 

**November 9th - Monthly meeting - Fractured Painting Session** 

 $Please\ submit\ news\ for\ November's\ newsletter\ by\ October\ 24th\ to\ Louise\ Gillespie\ -\ 658-2931\ or\ gillespie\ 4@earthlink.net$ 

#### Misc NVWS News



Goldie's Studio is opening an LV Artist Gallery the end of this month. We are located at 598 S. Decatur, Las Vegas NV, 89107.

We are in the Charleston Heights Mall between Ross/Pep& AZ Charlie's We have ample hanging rental space, a stage & room for 8 teachers.

For more info call 971-235-1347



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