

Calendar **Happy Holidays**

President's Message

I am writing this as my last president's message as your president for the last two years. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and now that's over with, we look ahead to the Christmas holiday with all its shopping activities and festivities. Speaking of shopping, keep in mind that artists are the easiest people to shop for with all the material required for producing art.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and members for the support given to me during the last two years as your. It was a time of new challenges and old challenges with the continuation of running the society as normal activities dictated. It was a time of growth and a real revelation to me as to how an organization such as ours is run and maintained. I would like to think that our society is as good or better off and still growing as a result of my tenure.

I ask that everyone support the new officers and committees with the same enthusiasm that was given to me so that the Miami Watercolor society will continue to grow and prosper.

Happy Holidays and safe travels. If it was easy it wouldn't be worth the effort.

Yours in the Arts,
 Lionel Sanchez
MWS President

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2013	
Dec 8 1:30-3:30	General Meeting/ Paint Around and Mini Gift X-change Pinecrest Comm Ctr
2014	
Jan 12 1:30-3:30	General Meeting/ Demo TBD Pinecrest Comm Ctr
Jan 19 12:30-3:30	Beginner Watercolor Classes Pinecrest Community Center
Jan 26 10:00 am – Noon	Pick up painting at Deering Estate
Feb 9 1:30-3:30 pm	General Meeting/ Demo TBD Pinecrest Community Center
Feb 16 12:30-3:30 pm	Beginner Watercolor Classes Pinecrest Community Center
Feb 22 All day	Paint Out at Pigeon Key
Mar TBD	Entry Deadline Spring Exhibition
Mar 9 10:00-Noon	Intake for Spring Exhibition

General Meetings
 Pinecrest Comm. Ctr
 5855 SW 111 Street
 Pinecrest, FL 33156

Deering Estate
 16701 SW 72nd Ave
 Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

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Our Mission...

The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose membership consists of a broad spectrum of water media painters ranging from professionals, teachers and those who simply paint for the joy of it, as well as patrons of the arts. This culturally diverse Society informs and educates members and others by providing exhibitions, community education, students' exhibitions, senior citizens' activities, demonstrations, and publications.

Providing over 30 years of artistic inspiration for water media artists!

40th Annual Fall Exhibition

Congrats to all the Fall Exhibition Exhibitors and Award winners! Great to see all the attendees at the November 20th Opening Reception. Food was fabulous and the evening at Deering was exceptional. If you missed the Opening, the Exhibition will be up until January 24th so get down there a see all the wonderful MWS paintings.

Thank you to all of those who brought the tasty treats.

Award	Title	Artist
Best in Show	Aurora Sunshine	Kathryn Ford
1st Place	My Violin	Marilyn Johansen
2nd Place	Tibet Series: Holding On	Marilyn Valiente
3rd Place	Table Setting	Thomas Rebek
Memorial Award	Trumpet Tooting Tomatoes	Diane Lary
1st Outstanding Award	Fruit and Flower	Sandra Walsh
2nd Outstanding Award	Key West Street View	Lionel Sanchez
3rd Outstanding Award	Pedro	Janice De Jong
1st Honorable Mention	Surf and Turf	Dwight Hoffman
2nd Honorable Mention	Peonies in the Tropics	Dottie Greene
3rd Honorable Mention	Three's a Crowd	Karon Gorham

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Impressions In Watercolor Reception

A torrential downpour did not dampen the spirits or discourage students, their families and friends from attending the 28th annual "Impressions in Watercolor" opening at the Jewish Community Center November 21. There were 337 watercolor paintings hanging; 36 ribbons and merchandise awards were given, and all but two artists came to claim their prizes.

The place was packed with people of all ages. You, the MWS members, provided enough food to feed an army, and only a few crumbs were left at the end of the event. A huge thank you to Beth Werner for chairing the hospitality committee. She and her volunteers never stopped filling trays of food, replenishing the punch bowls, pouring libation, and smiling through their very busy night. In addition to Beth, thanks to Lynda Wellens for taking photographs all night long and to President Lionel Sanchez for his presence.

To those who brought baked goods or finger foods Kathryn Ford, Gail Schrack, Lynda VanLeer, Leslie Brown, Jan De Jong, Karon Gorham, Pat McClure, Jedda Wong, Jenny & Gayla Lowhar, Nancy Reyna, Jocelyn Poole, Ellen Girod, Linda Liber, Beth Werner, Linda Virostek, Joan Cavilier, Pat Collins, Evelyn Chesney, Marilyn Valiente, Kay Levine, Diane Lary, Rosie Brown, Kathleen Konicek-Moran, Margie Tabak, Lynda Wellens, Donna Underwood and Dottie Greene. Your food was most appreciated and enjoyed.

Thank you!

Dottie Greene & Donna Underwood
Teacher Workshop & Student Exhibition

Dear MWS members,

Thank you so much for your generous food donations to the "Impressions in Watercolor student show". The crowd was larger than ever, probably 450 people, and we fed them all with your delicious donations of cookies, brownies, sandwiches, fruit, cheese and veggies. I'm sure no one left hungry!

Special thanks to our volunteer hostesses who did a fabulous job keeping the platters supplied and the punch bowls full! They were Jan De Jong, Margie Tabak, Karon Gorham, Kathryn Ford, Gail Schrack, Jedda Wong, Jenny and Gayla Lowhar, Diane Lary, Kay Levine and Lynda Wellens.

Once again our Society members have come together to support this wonderful student exhibition. I know the young artists and their families really appreciated your generosity.

Sincerely,

Beth Werner,

Hospitality, Impressions in Watercolor Student Exhibition

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Meeting Updates/ Demos

Nov Demo-Marilyn Johansen

Marilyn Johansen's demo was an eye opener on a way to apply fluid watercolor on wet paper and blending backgrounds to suggest shapes. Great intro to an abstract approach. – *Ellen Girod*

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December Holiday Meeting

MWS is doing something a little different this year for the Holiday Meeting, December 8th. It promises to be fun and festive. Here are the details:

We have two activities in mind to get our creative juices flowing.

1. The Paint-Around

Remember the fun you had painting in elementary school when art was part of who you were? And you could paint without worrying about others judging it? What better way to connect to your creative self than to dig in there without worrying about the final outcome. Lets experiment together and see what happens! And if you don't like the outcome you can do what politicians do blame the person next to you. Lets not take it too serious and have fun.

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Lionel Sanchez at the
FWS Paint Around

In this Paint Around each artist will begin on a half sheet of watercolor paper and reference photos. They will paint based on the drawing they previously did on their paper. After 10 minutes an announcement will be made to pass your painting to the person next to you and so on. If you would like to have fun and participate, here is what you will need to bring to the meeting/Holiday Party:

- A half sheet of watercolor paper with drawing already on it
- Reference photo(s) used to create drawing
- Paints, supplies, easel (if desired- some will may want to paint on the table)

2. The Gift Exchange

For the gift exchange bring a small painting of yours (8x10 or less) matted or not, or if you don't have one bring an art supply gift under \$10.00, wrapped.

While we would like everyone to participate it is not absolutely necessary to do so to attend the meeting. Since it is a Holiday Party / Meeting please plan on bringing a fun treat or refreshment.

Pigeon Key Paint out–Sign up at the Meeting

The Paint out at Pigeon Key is on. MWS is partnering with the Florida Keys Watercolor Society for the Paint out/ Field Trip, February 5th 2014. If you are interested please sign up at the December meeting, space is limited.

Beginning Watercolor Classes resume January 19th 2014

Register online to get the instructor's brief syllabus and supply list: www.miamiwatercolor.org under the Happenings pull-down menu.

Artist, Teacher, Friend Remembered

David Maddern, 1933-2013

David Maddern, one of South Florida's best-known watercolor artists and long-time art teacher at Fairchild Tropical Garden and the University of Miami, passed away from natural causes at his home in Miami on November 12th. He was 80 years old.

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Maddern, who was born and raised in Massachusetts, moved to Miami in the late 50s while pursuing his first career, that of a professional concert pianist and teacher. He attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and the David Mannes School in New York. He was a professor of piano at Barry University for more than fifteen years.

In the late 80s he made a conscious decision to radically change the direction of his life. He became a self-taught watercolor artist who soon developed an enormous following and great recognition throughout the country's art milieu. He won innumerable art competitions and juried shows and his works were regularly included in national publications such as the prestigious Best in Watercolor by RockPort Publishers, which yearly features prize paintings from exhibitions all over the country. He was a featured artist in other publications such as The-One-Hour-Watercolorist by Patrick Seslan and Floral Inspirations from RockPort Publishers.

Maddern's work, prized by many South Florida collectors showcased the region's particular flora and its landscapes as well as his beloved cat portraits. He strongly believed in the medium's transparency and thus only worked in transparent watercolors. He was a signature member of and/ or past president of many established watercolor societies throughout the country including; Miami Watercolor Society, Watercolor Soc. Tampa, Louisiana Watercolor Soc., Florida Watercolor Soc., North West Watercolor Soc., Gold Coast Watercolor Soc., Watercolor West Soc.

He is survived by his brother Phillip Maddern (Susie), his nephew Skip Maddern, and his long-time friend Douglas Tam. As per Maddern's request there will be no services. Condolences can be received at his home number.

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David and his students

Order of Business

Voting in New Officers

At our meeting Sunday, December 9 we will be voting in officers of the Miami Watercolor Society. Gracious members have generously agreed to step up and fill most of the positions, however several important stations are still open :

Diane Lary	President
Linda Van Leer	First Vice-President
Open	Second Vice-President
Open	Third Vice-President (Demos)
Carolyn Lindgren	Recording Secretary
Beth Werner	Corresponding Secretary
Bettyann Pober	Membership Secretary
Open/ Tiare Darder - Temp	Treasurer
Open	Hospitality
Open	Publicity & Advertising
Jenny Lowhar	Graphics/Webmaster
Pat Collins	Librarian
Evelyn Chesney	Historian
Lynda Wellens, Rosie Brown	Social Media
Rosie Brown, Lynda Wellens	Newsletter
Nancy Viar	Sunshine
Dottie Greene, Donna Underwood	Student/ Teacher Program

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.
-Ghandi

You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.
-Winston Churchill

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.
-Booker T. Washington

Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.
-Margaret Mead

Please consider volunteering to fill one of the open Chairs above for the upcoming year. Many of the open positions also have co-Chairs who are available to assist. Additionally, a committee of 3 or 4 members may assist during times of need to reduce the overall impact on one or two people.

We urge you to speak with one of the out going or incoming board members or committee chairs to find out how you can help your society.

Miscellaneous Information

Advertise with us

1/8 page, 3.5x2": \$10 /issue ; \$90 / 9 issues
1/4 page, 4x3.5": \$20 /issue ; \$180 / 9 issues
1/2 page 4x7": \$40 /issue ; \$360 / 9 issues

Issues run monthly – Sep-May. To place an ad or get more details, email us at: info@miamiwatercolor.org.

Welcome!

New Members

Juana D. Sanchez
1470 NE 123 Street Road #405
North Miami, FL 33161
morena502006@yahoo.com

Great Job Sandi!

Sandi Levy won 1st Place in Hollywood Art Guild Realism Show and 1st Place in Downtown Hollywood's Plein Air Competition.

Congratulations Sandi!!

Marillyn Liedman's Opening

You are invited to attend, Fri, Dec. 13, 6-9 pm. Artist's Haven Gallery, 2757 East Oakland Park Blvd, Ft. Laud, FL. Warm Regards, Marilyn!

2014 Membership Renewal open

January is renewal month. Members can renew in one of three ways: 1) online by filling out the membership form and paying with a credit card via PayPal; 2) bring a check to our December or January meeting; 3) send a check to the MWS PO Box 561953, Miami, FL 33256-1953. Dues are \$45 including electronic newsletters and e-blasts notifications.

Sunshine

Don't forget to contact Sunshine Chairman Nancy Viar 305-666-8474 for any cheering up that needs to be spread among our members.

Member Advertising

Please be informed MWS members are not authorized to use the information on the Members Directory for solicitation purposes. Any member wishing to advertise art related events should either use our "3 For Free" newsletter advertising or purchase ad space.

Newsletter for Members

Reminder: The directory is available on the new website under the Members Only heading.



MWS on Facebook!

In case you did not know, MWS is on Facebook and

Twitter. If you have a facebook page, please look up MWS-Miami Watercolor Society and give the page a "like". You can then invite your friends to like us also. You and your friends will be able to stay informed on all MWS happening plus enjoy the photos and tips that we share on that page!

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiWatercolorSociety>

Members Who Teach

Ruth Biel	Sandy Levy
305.666.6289	305.978.6701
Jaimie Cordero	Lionel Sanchez
786.303.5293	720.394.7547
Kathryn Ford	Jane Tinney
305.252.2308	305.666.5540
Dottie Greene	Lynda Wellens
305.666.6311	305.233.0910
Marilyn Johansen	Linda Van Leer
954.943.5492	305.532.7390

Send your member Ad and Info to info@miamiwatercolor.org, Attn: newsletter Ed.

MWS Events

Annual Fall Exhibition
The Deering Estate
16701 SW 72nd Ave
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Membership Monthly Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month
1:30 -3:30 PM
Pinecrest Community Center
5855 SW 111 Street
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Public is welcome

Learn from the Best
at MWS Workshops
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December Meeting
Paint Around
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All information in the newsletter, i.e. calendar, maps, and forms, can also be found at our website.
www.miamiwatercolor.org

2014 Membership Application

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip ____
Phone _____
email _____

Check one of the following:

- 1. Share my email in the MWS Directory only
- 2. Share my email in the MWS Directory & with our Sponsors
- 3. Do Not share my email with anyone (if left blank #1 will be used)

Dues :

- Individual (E) Receive e-newsletter & correspondence\$45.00
**must provide valid email address
- Individual (N/E) NOT receive e-newsletter (receive via USPS).....\$55.00
- Student (full time with ID).....\$10.00

For more information contact Bettyann Pober:
(305)238-4755 or bapart1@mac.com

I would like to share the following talents with MWS:

- Grant Program
- Senior Program
- Hospitality
- Student/Teacher Program
- Historian
- Other Talents: _____
- Sunshine
- List Coordinator _____
- Newsletter _____
- Publicity _____

Please send check, payable to MWS to:

Membership/Miami Watercolor Society
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Your 2013 Board & Committee Members

All contact information can be found in the Membership Directory online

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