

Miami Watercolor Society



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WATER MARKS

MARCH 2016

2016 Calendar of Events

- March 13** Spring Exhibition drop off: 10-11:30 AM
and General Meeting: 1:30-3:30 PM
Demo by Eric Weigart
- March 14-17** Eric Weigart Spring Workshop
9 AM - 4:30 PM @ Suniland Park
- March 20** Beginning Watercolor Class
Instructor Francis Tyler
- March 30** Paint Out at Matheson Hammock
10AM - 2PM
- March 31** Drop off Paintings at Gallery
10:15 - 11:30AM
- April 1** Spring Exhibition opening
Coral Gables Museum
6 - 10 PM, Awards at 8 PM
- April 10** General Meeting: 1:30-3 PM
Demo by John Bowen
- April 11** Pick up Paintings at Gallery
10:15 - 11:30AM

DID YOU PAY YOUR DUES?

Membership fee was due by end of
February 2016.

How to become a MWS Signature Member

To be accepted as a Signature Member the artist must have been accepted into one juried Spring or Fall Exhibition per calendar year, with a total of three acceptances over a span of maximum 6 calendar years. Only one show per year counts towards Signature Membership.

Have something to include?

To get a news item into the next issue of the MWS newsletter, submit your copy to Kim Foster at kfdesign@bellsouth.net **one week before the end of the month.**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

President's Message

March is a wonderful month! The first day of Spring, Daylight Savings Time returns, and we can't forget, "Spring Cleaning". That is the perfect time to go through your drawer of 1/2 painted, never finished, almost started works of art and do something with them.

- Repurpose the painting into many signed book marks, give them to friends/family.
- Scrub and rinse most of the paint off and then start something new using the interesting background painting you've just revealed.
- Flip it over and paint on the back.
- Cut or tear it into pieces to use in a collage or mixed media painting.

Sometimes these Spring Cleaning exercises can open up creativity within you. Since the painting is already in your "out-box" what can you lose? Experiment, try something new, be brave, don't give up!

With a little "Luck O' the Irish" you may be pleasantly surprised.

Painting, a stroke of genius,

Diane Lary, MWS President



NEWS FLASH! The Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs, Developing Art in Neighborhoods Grants Program (DAN Grant) has awarded MWS a grant of \$10,363. for 2016!!!!

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Pinecrest Community Center • 5855 SW 111 Street, Pinecrest FL 33156

Second Sunday of each month, September through May. 1:30 – 3:30 P.M. Public is welcome.

Membership Renewal was due March 1, 2016

Membership renewal is \$45.

You can renew in one of three ways:

- 1) on-line (under the "Membership" tab)
- 2) pay at the March meeting
- 3) send a check to:

Miami Watercolor Society
PO Box 561953
Miami Florida, 33256-1953

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE NEW BY-LAWS INCLUDE
A 'TERMINATION OF STATUS' FOR NON PAYMENT.
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Non-payment of dues within the calendar year terminates membership status, including Participating and/or Signature status.

A member may reinstate Participating and/or Signature member status, up to the past three (3) years, by fulfilling the membership requirements again and paying current dues in addition to past due memberships.

Facebook

www.facebook.com/MiamiWatercolorSociety

Our **Facebook** page continues to attract followers. We are happy to announce that we have a total of 649 followers. Visit the page to learn about Miami Watercolor Society members in art show, invitations to receptions and more!

We are also on **Twitter**, you can follow us @miamiwater.

You Tube

We have a few videos available for viewing on You Tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dkh84zVIQU>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqFIH_PKKR8
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7viZ1wYcHo>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=884R_ljJL3I
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAC2H23Agbc>

We are sad to share that a long-time MWS member, Jan Morton, has passed away.

43rd Annual Spring Exhibition

Coral Gables Museum

285 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables

1 block N. of Miracle Mile on the corner of Salzedo St. and Aragon (305 603 8067).

Our exhibit will be part of the "First Friday Gallery Night" in Coral Gables from 6 to 10 PM. Music and a cash bar will be provided by the museum. The MWS will provide snacks and water. Entrance to the museum will be free during this time. Awards will be at 8 PM. The museum is open Tues. through Fri. from 12 to 6 PM and there is an entrance fee. On Sat., April 9 from 2 to 5 there will be a "Family Day" and entrance is free. There is a pay parking building on Aragon across and down the street from the museum that charges \$1 an hour. We will have "curb service" when you drop off and pick up your art work.

Important dates:

Sunday March 13, 10 AM to 11:30 AM
Intake for judging by Eric Weigardt

Thurs. March 31, 10:15 to 11:30 AM
Drop off of artwork at the gallery

Friday April 1, 6 to 10 PM
Opening with awards at 8 PM.

Saturday April 9, 2 to 5 PM
Family day, free admission.

Monday, April 11, 10:15 to 11:30 AM
Pick up artwork

The next Paint Out will be Wednesday, March 30, 10am-2pm, at Matheson Hammock Park

Meet at first gate entrance at 10am
<http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/matheson-hammock.asp>

October – Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, Date to come, <http://www.fairchildgarden.org/>

November – PineCrest Gardens, Date to come
<http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/>

These locations are very easy to drive to, walk through with carts and equipment and offer a variety of locations to set up comfortably and spend our time on capturing the scenery.

Spring 2016 Workshop

Eric Wiegardt's Workshop March 14-17, 2016 at Suniland Park

Combination Watercolor Workshop
including:

WIEGARDT'S PAINTERLY WATERCOLORS:
Indoors – Demonstrates how to construct an effective painterly painting through design, technique, and landscape principles. Live models will be used.

PLEIN AIR PAINTING:
Outdoors, weather permitting. Eric teaches Plein Air painting incorporating the principles from the Painterly Watercolor Workshop.



Dates: March 14 - 17, 2016

Location: Suniland Park
12855 Pinecrest Parkway (US1), Pinecrest FL

Time: 9 am – 4:30 pm

Early Bird Prices:

Members \$330, non-members \$390

Prices after February 29

Members \$360, non-members \$420

Eric Wiegardt, AWS DF, NWS has proven he has left an indelible mark on both the American and International art scene. He is one of the few in the world to be awarded both the GOLD MEDAL and DOLPHIN FELLOW from the oldest and most prestigious watercolor society, AMERICAN WATERCOLOR SOCIETY, NEW YORK. He is declared one of the top ten watercolor masters of today in the world by artmatch4U. He has participated in numerous museum exhibits throughout the US and China. Eric has taught over 5000 watercolorists his popular "Wiegardt's Painterly Watercolors" workshops. Over 4,000 original paintings have been collected privately and corporately.

Library Corner

by Pat Collins at pcollins1@bellsouth.net

Taxes — Is your art a hobby or a business?

The following information should not be considered legal or tax advice. Consult with a tax specialist for your specific situation.

Is your art a hobby or a business? Regardless of your answer, both have tax implications. The IRS says that you must report any income you get from a hobby or business on your tax return. How you report the income from a hobby is different than how you report income from a business e.g., which tax forms are used. Further, there are special rules and limits for deductions you can claim for a hobby. As a general rule, you can only deduct your hobby expenses up to the amount of your hobby income. If your expenses are more than your income, you have a loss from the activity. You can't deduct that loss from your other income.

Deducting hobby expenses on your tax form is a red flag for IRS because this is an area that is abused by those wanting the government to subsidize a past time activity in which the individual has not shown any organized effort to actually make money. The clear intention is tax avoidance. The IRS uses the following factors to establish that an activity is a business engaged in making a profit:

- Whether you carry on the activity in a businesslike manner.
- Whether the time and effort you put into the activity indicate you intend to make it profitable.
- Whether you depend on income from the activity for your livelihood.
- Whether your losses are due to circumstances beyond your control (or are normal in the startup phase of your type of business).
- Whether you change your methods of operation in an attempt to improve profitability.
- Whether you or your advisors have the knowledge needed to carry on the activity as a successful business.
- Whether you were successful in making a profit in similar activities in the past.
- Whether the activity makes a profit in some years and how much profit it makes.

- Whether you can expect to make a future profit from the appreciation of the assets used in the activity.

Suggestions:

- Discuss this topic with your tax advisor.
- Learn more by searching the web and talking with experts.
- Keep good records.

References: IRS website & consultation with a CPA

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Beginner Classes

Beginner Watercolor Classes are offered by MWS member / teachers. Various techniques are taught, depending on the teacher that month. We offer instruction in acrylics and watercolors with subject matter from architecture to flora and fauna of South Florida. They are held the 3rd Sunday of the month, 12:30-3:30 at Pinecrest Community Center. Visit the MWS website under Happenings/Watercolor Classes to register, pay and receive the class supply list. Class fee is \$25 for Members. New members get 1 free class.

Instructor

March 20 Francis Tyler
April 17 Instructor TBA

March Beginners Class will be taught by Frances Tyler: Creating Texture in Watercolor

Please check the supply list on our website.

Frances Tyler has over twenty years of experience as an advertising, art and design professional. She earned a Bachelor of Science, Communications; Advertising from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.



During her time at UT, she also studied Fine Art with a concentration in painting, drawing and sculpture. She went on to graduate from The Creative Circus Art and Advertising (Portfolio) School in Atlanta, GA with a degree in Art Direction/Graphic Design.

Frances has always enjoyed art and design. From an early age she loved to create beautiful things, often drawing her inspiration from nature. Her work is often colorful, energetic and includes strong graphic elements, influenced by her background as an Art Director and Graphic Designer. She works in many mediums including watercolor, acrylics, sculpture, mixed media, illustration and drawing.

An active member of the local arts community, Frances belongs to several Art and Professional organizations. Frances has received numerous awards and honors for her achievements in art and design.

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Contact **Sunshine Chairman** Nancy Viar, 305-666-8474, for any cheering up that needs to be spread among our members.

Newsletter Notes

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Any member wishing to advertise art-related events should either use our "3 For Free" newsletter advertising or purchase ad space.

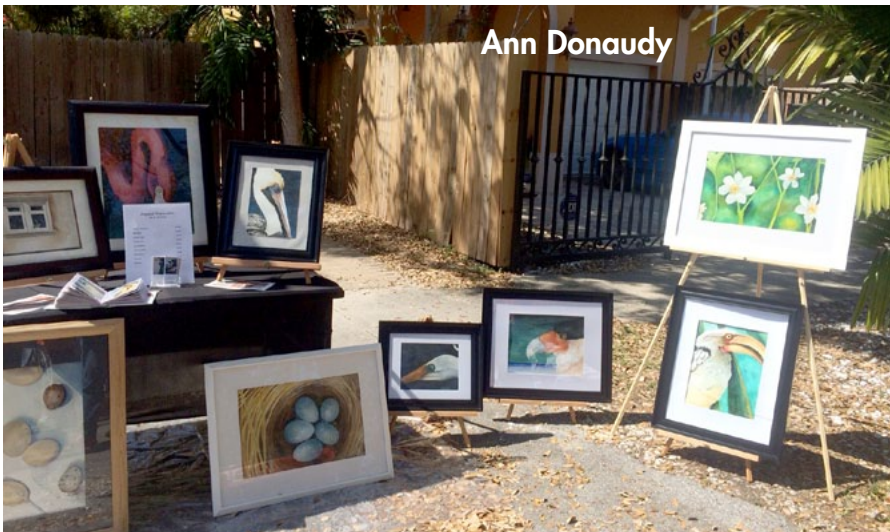
MWS members with work for sale at the March 6th



Judy Brown



Cathy Allsman



Ann Donaudy



Beverly Borland



Pauline Goldsmith



Congratulations to Jorge Leon

Making New Impressions Juried Art Exhibit at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens.

1st Place - Jorge Leon, "Koi World" - watercolor & acrylic

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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!



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February 2016 MWS Meeting Notes



Our turnout today was great, even on Valentine's Day. Many came to spend time with the second love in their lives.....watercolors. Our demo artist was Sandi Levy. She shared her love of mixed media, movement and experimenting. She even threw in some belly dancing moves, another one of her loves. Thanks Sandi! Enjoy!

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Issues run monthly – Sep.– May. To place an ad or get more details, email us at: kfdesign@bellsouth.net

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

Please be informed MWS members are not authorized to use the information on the Members Directory for solicitation purposes.