

Miami Watercolor Society



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WATER MARKS

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2017-'18 Calendar of Events

- Dec 10** **General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Holiday Party and Activity
Pinecrest Community Center
- January 14** **Painting photography 12:30-1:30 PM**
Have your work photographed - \$10
Pinecrest Community Center
- January 14** **General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Golden Paint demo/Eydi Lamposana
Pinecrest Community Center
- January 18** **Paint-Out, 10 am – 2pm**
at Goldcoast Railroad Museum
- January 21** **Watercolor Class, Jan De Jong, batik**
12:30 - 3:30 PM
Pinecrest Community Center
- Feb. 11** **General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Jennifer Walls demo
Pinecrest Community Center
DEADLINE TO ENTER SPRING SHOW
- March 11** **General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Stan Kurth demo
Pinecrest Community Center
- March 12-15** **Stan Kurth Workshop**
Suniland Park
- March 15** **Paint-Out, 10 am – 2pm**
at Bill Sadowski Park

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENT

Bettyann Pober

I don't know about you, but I love this time of year! It's hectic and crazy. The Holidays are full of glitter and light, full of solemnity and full of diverse rituals. We are surrounded by good food, delicious smells, music of every genre and possibly the company of family and/or friends. For those that don't share my slightly manic and childish joy, and for those that do, my hope and wish is that we can all experience peace and joy during this time of year.



Poinsettias by Bettyann Pober

Our December meeting is sure to be an enjoyable and fun event. You'll be able to socialize, paint, eat, and participate in a silent auction.

Marilyn and I want to wish you all the very best of the Holiday Season, and hope that you and yours have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

December 10th General Meeting is
Miami Watercolor Society's Holiday Party
Hidden Painting • Silent Auction • Food & Friends

Membership Renewal is due January.

If you drop your membership, you will pay the higher fee to enter the shows. You will lose your Signature Member status until you pay the outstanding dues.

If you joined MWS *after* September 2017 your 2018 membership is included.

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.

December Holiday Meeting

Our Holiday Party (December meeting) includes a few festive and experiential activities. We will be repeating our "Hidden Painting" activity". This is where the participants paint a duplicate of a small section of an image, and when all



pieces are glued in the proper sequence the image is discovered. We hope that you'll join in the fun! Please

bring your paints, brushes, water container and what ever you use to blot your brush. The small squares of paper will be provided. (Squares are about 5x5")



The second activity will be a **SILENT AUCTION**. We all have art materials that are unused, small original artwork, prints of our own work, or note cards. Bring any to the meeting for the auction. So far we have items as wonderful as a NEW full standing easel, some NEW tubes of paint, and prints of MWS member's original artwork. Remember, it's gift giving time-be nice to yourself, and also bid on items to give as gifts. ***(Donations of yummy food would also be appreciated.)***

Last but not least, this is a time for us to actually socialize and enjoy the company of our fellow members. We hope you'll be able to join your Miami Watercolor Society Members to share some food and fun and enjoy yourself.

Important News about Spring Show Entry

To make the process more affordable, the MWS Board has decided to change the way we judge the shows. Beginning in 2018, how to enter MWS judged shows will be different than before. To enter, you upload 1 or 2 jpeg images of your painting(s). The judge will review the entries on-line and make a selection of accepted paintings from the uploaded images. You will be notified as to which painting has been accepted. Bonus! You only have to frame 1, not 2, paintings! You then have the selected work framed and bring it to the meeting where the same judge will select the winners.

The schedule will be as follows:

Feb. 11 – deadline to upload jpeg images to the entry website.

February 25 – you will be notified as to which painting has been accepted to the show.

March 12 – bring the framed painting to be judged for awards. Then bring the painting home and wait for the date to bring it to the gallery to be hung for the Spring Show.

The photos of your entries must be good! We have scheduled a session before the January 14th General Meeting for you to bring your paintings to be photographed for a fee of \$10. each.

January Photography Opportunity

With the new process of submitting your paintings as electronic (jpeg) files to be judged, it is important to send the best images possible of your work.

Bring one or two paintings on January 14th, before the general meeting, beginning at 12:30 pm, (1 hour before meeting) to be photographed by our own Diane Lary and John Keepax for \$10. each. Includes sizing, cropping and adjusting contrast/levels and color saturation. (A bargain - usually costs \$25.)

Bring the paintings (unframed) taped to a rigid surface, and make sure it is flat.

A method to make a painting flat if it isn't already:

- Turn painting over on clean surface (I use a clean piece of foam core which is larger than the painting)
- Spray back with clear water
- Using clean paint brush spread the water evenly over complete surface (back of painting)
- Don't want puddles, just moisten everywhere, looking at the surface sideways to see it is fully covered with a thin layer of moisture
- Put another clean piece of foam core or similar board over the painting
- Place several heavy books (I use old text books) over the entire area (4 - 6 depending on size)
- Let dry for 1 - 2 days then remove books and foam core, check if dry, if not leave for another day

November Paint Out Report

MWS members Katherine Leathers, Don Smith, Evelyn Chesney, Beth Werner, Linda Virostek and Judy Brown enjoyed a beautiful morning painting Plein Air at Pinecrest Gardens. None scheduled for December, the next Paint Out is at Fairchild's Tropical Botanic Gardens on Thursday, January 18, 2018, 10am-2pm, meet in front at gift shop entrance, see you there!



Upcoming Paint Outs

Jan. 18, 2018 – Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

February 15, 2018 – Matheson Hammock Park

March 15, 2018 – Bill Sadowski Park

Meets 10 am–2 pm. See you then! – Judy Brown

Watercolor Classes

Watercolor Classes are offered by MWS members in a relaxed and comfortable setting. These classes are taught by our most accomplished and awarded watercolor artists. We offer instruction for all levels on various techniques and subjects. Make sure you look at the newsletter every month to see what the teacher will focus on. **You never know how much more you can stretch as an artist, so join us on the third Sunday afternoon of the month at the Pinecrest Community Center from 12:30-3:30!**

If you'd like to take the class and plan to attend the monthly meeting, you may also pay at the meeting. Class fee: \$25 for members/\$35 for non-members. If you have not paid in advance, you can go on the 3rd Sunday of the month and pay a member of the board, who will be there to receive your payment. New members receive 1 free class when they join, which must be used in the first year of joining. miamiwatercolor.org/calendar/ for up-to-date information. REGISTER ON-LINE. No watercolor class in December or May.

**Jan. – Jan De Jong, Feb. – Marilyn Johansen
March – Terry Mulrooney, April – Lionel Sanchez**

November Meeting Demo Report

Thank you to John Keepax who presented us with a thorough guide to taking better photos of our paintings. If you still need help, John and Diane Lary will take photos of your work before the January meeting for \$10 each.

Members Who Teach

Ruth Biel	305-666-6289
Jaimie Cordero	786-303-5293
Dottie Greene	305-666-6311
Sandy Levy	305-978-6701
Sandra Walsh	305-508-4041
Jane Tinney	305-519-9075
Jan DeJong	305-968-3096
Kathryn Ford	305-252-2308
Marilyn Johansen	954-943-5492
Lynda Wellens	305-233-0910
Linda Van Leer	786-427-9699
Donna Underwood	305-238-1289
Lionel Sanchez	720-394-7547

Impressions In Watercolor Student Watercolor Show Report

The annual "Impressions In Watercolor" student art show marked the 32th year of the enduring partnership between the Miami Watercolor Society and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. It was held Thursday, November 16, at the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center on 11155 S.W. 112th Avenue with MWS members again serving as hosts and providing food for the hundreds of student artists and guests in attendance. In addition, the Maverick Choral Society, Inc. of the Miami Art Studio at Zelda Glazer High School acapella choir performed.



Andi and Lloyd Miller, Jan De Jong

Thank yous to Jan De Jong, who has chaired and fine tuned the reception for three consecutive years, and to Andi and Lloyd Miller, who took on the task of serving beverages three years ago. Thank you Cathy Allsman, Jedda Wong and Kathrine Leathers for serving as hosts and refilling the trays until the food was gone. The food, by the way, was exceptional, thanks to donated goods by Jan DeJong, Cathy Allsman, Beth Werner, Evelyn Chesney, Jedda Wong, Gail Schrack, Jenny Lowhar, Andi Miller, Bettyann Pober, Diane Lary, Katherine Leather, Liliana Biancardi, Karon Gorham, Kim Foster, Dottie Greene and Donna Underwood. Thank you to Pat Collins, Fabiano Sautos and Deb Magid who gave cash donations for food. Thank-you to MWS treasurer Liliana Biancardi for working behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly.

The annual exhibition preserves and promotes the unique character of watercolor as a medium among young artists from kindergarten through grade 12. The Miami Watercolor Society presented approximately \$2,000 in gift certificates to the 36 award winners. Mortimer Hechavarria of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High won the art teacher award. He and one of his students will be given a day at the spring MWS workshop as our guests. This year's purchase award winner was Yudiel Garcia, a senior from South Miami Senior High.

"Impressions in Watercolor" has become one of the highlights of the school year thanks to the continued support of the MWS membership. "Thank you" to everyone who was able to come to the reception, meet and greet the young artists, enjoy their art, and celebrate the students' achievements in watercolor. It was one of the biggest turn-outs ever.



Purchase award winner, Yudiel Garcia, grade 12, South Miami Senior High, with his mother Maidorys Garcia; Mabel Morales, District Supervisor, Visual Arts; art teacher Lizzy Hunter; Dottie Greene and Karon Gorham



Karon Gorham, Bettyann Pober, Jenny Lowhar, Cathy Allsman

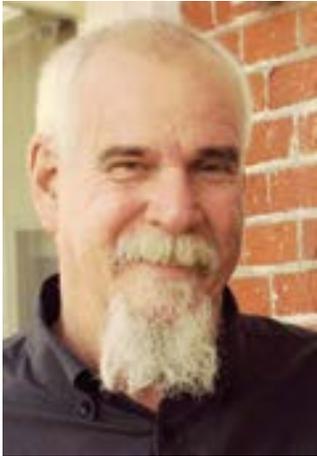


The Maverick Choral Society Inc. acapella choir



Spring Workshop '18

Supply List will be on-line at miamiwatercolor.org/happenings/workshops/
SIGN UP FOR THE SPRING WORKSHOP ON LINE!



Stan Kurth
March 12 -15, 2018
Suniland Park,
Pinecrest
Freedom in
Watermedia

Stan has drawn and painted most all of his life, and lives with the conviction "fear not" as he evolves in his work. His art is represented in private, public and corporate collections. He has shown and won awards in numerous regional, national and international juried exhibitions. He is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, San Diego Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies,



Contemporary Watercolorists of Arizona and Arizona Watercolor Association. His work has been featured in American Artist Watercolor and Watercolor Artist. He teaches workshops and shares his process with many artist communities and organizations.



"There's a complex simplicity in Stan Kurth's paintings that is both paradoxical and straightforward. As he works with multiple layers of watercolor and gesso, his provocative images emerge. Ambiguity and form coalesce into a singular, cohesive vision that holds the viewer spellbound".



Dates: March 12 - 15, 2018
Location: Suniland Park
12855 Pinecrest Parkway (US1), Pinecrest FL
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Early Bird Prices through Feb. 28, 2018:

MWS Members \$315
Non-members \$375 (join MWS and save \$15)

Prices after March 1

MWS Members \$345
Non-members \$405 (join MWS and save \$15)

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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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PLEASE invite your friends to like us too. You and your friends will be able to stay informed on all MWS happenings plus enjoy the photos and tips we share!

www.facebook.com/MiamiWatercolorSociety

PLEASE send your art news to share on the MWS Facebook page to: rosiebrown1021@yahoo.com

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