

Miami Watercolor Society



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WATER MARKS

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2019 Calendar of Events

- Jan. 13** **General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Pinecrest Community Center
- Jan. 20** **Watercolor class: 12:30 - 3:30 PM**
Pinecrest Community Center
- Feb. 5** **Enter the Spring Exhibit**
Register Feb. 5 thru March 5
- Feb. 10** **Photo Opportunity before meeting:**
Noon - 1:15 PM
General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Pinecrest Community Center
- Feb. 17** **Watercolor class: 12:30 - 3:30 PM**
Pinecrest Community Center
- March 10** **Intake for judging 10 - 11:30 PM**
General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Pinecrest Community Center



Mike Grecian comes to us from North Florida, and will present a variety of watercolor techniques at our **January 13th meeting**. He will do color explorations using watermedia. The color and mixing applications applies to all mediums: watercolor, guoache, acrylics, oil, etc.. Mike will illustrate how juxtaposed color applications affect a painting; how we apply colors in our work can change temperature and values, and hopefully help illustrate simple tips to help everyone with their painting. **Mike will also bring a great selection of brushes and paint for you to purchase. Please bring cash, no credit cards accepted.**

Happy New Year!

Membership renewal time

Just \$45 to renew your MWS membership, which is now due.

You can renew in one of three ways:

- 1) On-Line under "Membership" tab
- 2) Pay at the January meeting with a check or cash
- 3) Send a check to:
Miami Watercolor Society
P.O. Box 561953
Miami, Florida 33256-1953

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE 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 the past due memberships.

If you have an questions, please contact Fabiano Santos at fabianolaptop@yahoo.com.

Don't Delay!

Please renew today!!!

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.

A New Year and MWS Welcomes our New Team of co-presidents: Andi Miller and Cathy Miller

Co-Presidents' Notes

It is with great pleasure that I assume the office of co-president of the Miami Watercolor Society. It is a privilege to lead such a wonderful group of people and artists.

I hope that in the next two years you all will grow in your artistic pursuits. Our Board does its best to provide demonstrations, workshops, classes and paint-outs. Find time to participate in our activities and get involved with our organization.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours, Andi

"If I create from the heart, nearly everything works, if from the head, almost nothing"
– Marc Chagall

Andi Miller, co-president



Wynwood Whirl by Andi Miller



Egyptian Spring by Cathy Miller

January is a time for new beginnings and we begin this new year with new co-presidents, several new board members and many new goals. Andi and I look forward to the challenge of steering the watercolor society through a busy year of activities and projects.

Many thanks to our board members who volunteer their time and expertise to support our society and also to our many talented members who work to support our programs. We all recognize the importance of the work our society does to promote watercolor painting in our community.

It's also a good time to focus on our personal goals as we strive to stretch our own creativity and improve as artists. Albert Einstein said, "Creativity is contagious. Pass it on." Participation in the Miami Watercolor Society gives us a way to do just that. It takes every member's help to reach our goals.

Cathy Miller, co-president

MWS on Facebook!

MWS is on Facebook and has 701 friends! If you have a Facebook page, please look up **MWS-Miami Watercolor Society** and give the page a "like".

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



Miami Watercolor Society 2019 Spring Exhibit Calendar

• February 5 to March 5

Registration either on line or by US Mail. A photo of each piece entered must accompany your entry. See photo requirements below. We will offer help with taking pictures of your work before our February 10 meeting.

• March 5 -

Entry Deadline for Spring Show. All entries must be postmarked if mailed by March 5. All online entries, and payment must be received by March 5.

• March 10

Intake for judging the awards – drop off paintings between 10:00 am & 11:30 am

• Monday, April 1

Intake of artwork accepted into exhibit at the Wirtz Gallery, 10 am to 11:30 am.

The Art Gallery of the First National Bank of South Miami, 5750 Sunset Drive, South Miami 33143.

• Friday April 12

Opening Reception at Wirtz Gallery. 6pm to 8pm.

• Monday April 29

Artist's pick up your paintings from the Wirtz Gallery. 10 am to 11:30 am.

Eligible Artists:

All artists working with watermedia on paper, paper products and YUPO.

Feb. 10 Photography Opportunity

It is important to send the best images possible of your paintings in jpeg file format.

This session is for MWS members that could use help with photographing or sizing their work for digital entry.

Electronic Images must be jpeg, 1800 pixels on the longest side, 300dpi, no larger than 1MB. Name your image according to this example: Doe, Jane_name of painting.jpg

Bring one or two paintings on February 10th, beginning at 12:00 pm, (1.5 hours before general meeting) to be photographed by our own Diane Lary for \$10. each. Includes sizing, cropping and adjusting contrast/levels and color saturation. (A bargain – usually costs \$25!)

Bring unframed paintings 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 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

Seen at the December Meeting & Holiday Party



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 one free class when they join, which must be used in the first year of joining. For up-to-date information, visit miamiwatercolor.org/calendar/ REGISTER ON-LINE.

February – Marilyn Johansen

March – Jorge Leon

April – Diane Lary

No watercolor class in December or May.

Members Who Teach

Ruth Biel	305-666-6289
Jaimie Cordero	786-303-5293
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Marilyn Johansen	954-646-8698
Donna Underwood	305-238-1289
Marilyn Valiente	305-323-5312
Lynda Wellens	305-233-0910

Save the Date!

Jorge Leon will be teaching a 2-day weekend workshop on April 6-7, 2019. Details to come!



Donna Torres teaches watercolor class 1-20-19

Painting Luminous Fruits: A Beginner's Foray into Botanical Illustration.

Donna Torres is an adjunct professor of painting at Florida International University as well as an art instructor at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. She has been a featured artist in numerous solo and group exhibitions, the most recent being *Toxic Treatments: Modern Medicine from Ancient Wisdom* at the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science. She has also lectured at panels and seminars in the United States and abroad. Her illustrations can be seen in a number of books and her art is found in collections around the world.

Donna uses the natural world as the subject matter in her paintings. "In order to paint [a] rock I need to observe it carefully. How does the light play against its surface? Was the rock created by temperature so high that it became like glass? When I use a plant in the painting I think about how it grew. Where did it come from; how may it have been used in the past or how may we use it in the future? The paintings stem from this natural growth process of creating meaning."

This class will begin with some of the basics of botanical watercolor painting. We'll discuss the process of selecting botanical subjects and some of the general rules artists use when trying to depict their subjects realistically. I will talk about creating compositions that highlight the different stages of a plant's growth, from bloom to seed. Following this I will give a demo on creating luminous fruit using small peppers as subject matter. Using multicolored under-layers, the fruits take on a luminous glow. This technique works with fruits and vegetables, but can easily be translated into luminous flower subjects as well. – Donna Torres

Supplies: Bring your artist quality watercolor set. I use pans of Schminke and Sennelier. Artist quality tube paints work fine too. HB and 2H pencils and white plastic eraser. Watercolor palette. I generally use a white dinner plate. 2 good quality watercolor brushes - size 4 and size 2, rounds. 2 pieces of hot press paper at least 140 lb, one will be for color testing and the other for your painting. Two 12 x 9 in pieces should suffice. Backing board for painting. A magnifying glass, 2X is fine. 2 jars for water. Portable Ott light. Toilet paper. Small colored peppers, grapes or other small fruits for subject matter.

Spring Workshop '19

Iain Stewart

iainstew.fineartstudionline.com

March 11 - 14, 2019

Miami, Florida

From Sketchbook to Studio

Painting Light in Watercolor



Iain Stewart's sole focus will be bringing your creativity to light and aiding you in dispelling the myths of the difficulties of watercolor painting. Through demonstration, thoughtful critique, and lessons learned over a long painting career, Iain will help you understand how to prepare for and anticipate the challenges that painting in watercolor presents. By guiding you through his process, which relies on simplification of subject through exploratory sketching and value studies, Iain will demonstrate how to create a road map, that if followed, will

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



greatly improve your painting. Iain's purpose is to provide you with a repeatable process involving carefully planned steps that you can use for painting any subject. Iain allows as much time as possible for one on one instruction and critique. After all a workshop should focus on the student and not how well the instructor can paint. In the end it's about you and your experience and whether it will help you to continue on your artistic journey. Registration online is available if you want to pay by credit card.

Contact Marilyn Johansen for registration at marilynjohansen@gmail.com, 954-646-8698.

**March 11 - 14, 2019 • 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Evelyn Greer Park, Florida 33156**

Early Bird Prices through February 28, 2019:

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

Prices after Feb: MWS Members \$345
Non Members \$405

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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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Newsletter Notes

If you want to get a news item into the next issue of the MWS newsletter, please submit your copy to Kim Foster at kfdesign@bellsouth.net **one week before the end of the month.** If there is space available we can include a jpg photo.

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