

Red River WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

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www.redriverws.org

December 2013

CALENDAR

2014-National Show Prospectus is available on-line at www.redriverws.org.

Art in the Atrium-Member show.
Show runs through Dec.

December:

7— HOLLY JOLLY ART SALE—Moorhead Center Mall—10am-5pm

8—Comstock House—1-4 pm

10—Member meeting—Potluck Party, Note time: 6 pm—Original card exchange.

18—Art Jam—@ *Uncorked*, 6-8 pm.
#12 Broadway, Downtown Fargo.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

31—Pick up paintings at the Atrium 9-11 am.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January-2014

14—Member meeting—7pm. Due to activities downstairs at the church, we will be meeting upstairs...We will watch a video. Lunch: Diane Johnson & Jackie Anderson

15—Art Jam @ *Uncorked*, 6-8

February

11—Member meeting—7pm -Lunch committee: Deb Griffey & Sue Torson

21-22—Workshop with Andy Evansen. More information to follow! **Save the date!**

June 15-20—National Show-Juror and Workshop Instructor, Michael Reardon, Oakland, CA.

Sept. 19-21—Art at the Lake.

*Member meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month—Sept through May at the First Congregation United Church of Christ,
406 8th St. S., Moorhead, MN

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

I would like to express my thanks for the opportunity to serve as your president for the past two years. It has been very rewarding to be a part of an organization like the RRWS! I was always amazed by the fact that an organization managed totally by volunteers is able to make such a great difference in the artistic fabric of Fargo, Moorhead and the region.

Whether the RRWS was producing outdoor art fairs, a exhibition of national repute or simply a picnic of "Mad Hatters", the volunteers always gave their very best. How can anyone who is involved not be inspired?

The support that is given to the president makes the job fun, interesting and rewarding. Again, thank you for letting me serve!

—Pat Jorgensen, President, RRWS



RRWS HOLLY-JOLLY ART SALES

at the

Moorhead Center Mall

Saturday, December 7, 10am-5pm

Those participating in the show are:

Tracie Askegaard, Judi Koehmstedt, Marilyn Geske, Cortnee Jensen, Karen Bakke, Liz Schwankl, Corky Wallner, Robin Wichman, Diane Johnson, Diana Shea, Suzanne Moser, Cathy Koenig, Sandra Miles, Connie Bruse, Jackie Anderson, Carmen Bruhn, and Ben Kandel.



THE NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING:

We had a business meeting and discussed the up-coming Holly-Jolly Art Sale at the Moorhead Center Mall, the budget, the Atrium show [we gave out the awards], and some voted for the Silver Brush award [still time to vote if you haven't]. We had a great lunch brought by Donna Chalimonczyk and Darline Sween.

THE BIG PROBLEM— yet to be solved: we have no president for 2014. Is there someone out there willing to take on this position? Maybe a co-presidency???

Presenting the Comstock House

The Red River Watercolor Society will present their Comstock House art work 1-4 pm on December 8th, at the Holiday Treats and Tours Open House. A variety of paintings, sketches and sculpture will be displayed during this annual event.

Exhibiting RRWS members Pat Jorgensen, Judi Koehmstedt, Phyllis Lincoln, Karen Hartke, Robin Wichman, Marilyn Geske and Donna Chalimonczyk met at the August 4th Open House to sketch and paint. Visitors were able to observe and speak with the artists as they painted their chosen scene.

Please join us at this holiday event, meet the artists and see their lovely Comstock House artwork. Visitors will also receive a 2014 Commemorative Calendar featuring images of the artwork.



1st Place winner: SPRING BREAK by Phyllis Lincoln, Arthur, ND



3rd Place winner: THE DANCER by Donna Chalimonczyk, Moorhead, MN.

THE ATRIUM SHOW

2013

25 Members took part in the display at Essentia Health Clinic::

Karen Bakke, Debra Anderson, Gary Hoagland, Sharon Gourde, Diane Johnson, Sue Torson, Jackie Anderson, Karen Hartke, Donna Chalimonczyk, Robin Wichman, Sandra Miles, Carmen Bruhn, Judi Koehmstedt, Cynthia Schatzke, Karl Benzenberg, Sherbanoo Aziz, Emily Hilgers, Sharon Benzal, Phyllis Lincoln, Pat Jorgensen, Cathi Koenig, Janet Flom, Jacqueline J Anderson, KayDell Breyer, and Anne Kaese.

Please remember to pick up your paintings at the Atrium on December 31st, between 9-11 am.



2nd Place winner: SAVANNAH SUNDAY by Pat Jorgensen, Fargo, ND



4th Place winner: QUEEN OF THE FEIN by Cynthia Schatzke, Casselton, ND

A grand 'THANK YOU' to RRWS for the annual third place award at the Essential Atrium in Fargo, ND, exhibition for my acrylic painting, The Dancer! What an honor.
- - Donna Chalimonczyk

EXHIBITIONS & MEMBER NEWS:

Barbara Benda Nagle RRWS, Moorhead, MN, is having a solo exhibition titled, **Viva La Pink**, at the Spirit Room at 111 Broadway in downtown Fargo. Her show includes over 45 new paintings in watercolor, gouache, and acrylic. The show will run from through January 15th.

Pat Jorgensen, Fargo, My paintings will be on display through December at the Winery, 1404 33rd St S, Fargo.

Kathy Braud RRWS, Little Falls, MN, has art on display in the new rotating art exhibit at the hospital in Cloquet, MN. through January. Kathy's "*By the Rushing Waters*" [right] is a descriptive painting of a dancing northern river during the spring. Kathy attended the John Salminen watercolor class "Abstraction through Design" in mid-October in New Brighton. Excellent teacher! Great exposure to a new style of painting. Kathy also attended a 2-day Dan Mondloch class using a variety of mixed mediums to complete the painting. We all stretched as the days passed. Great teacher, good demos, and patient. He has a facebook presence and a great video that shows him painting quick time to the finished product.



Donna Chalimonczyk, Moorhead, MN, has watermedia paintings at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, through December. Donna will also have a booth with art gift items at the annual Christmas Shopping event at Edgewood Vista, 4420 37th Ave S. Fargo, ND, December 5 from 1:30 – 4 pm. Featured will be a watermedia and rosemailing art display.

Ellen Diederich, RRWS, Fargo, now has signature status with Watercolor West.

Calvin deRuyter, RRWS, Maple Grove, MN, received an award of Merit for his watercolor "*Glassy Waters*" in the Northstar Watermedia Society annual member's show, "Sparkle". This year the exhibition was held during Art Attack at the Northrup King Building in Minneapolis. www.CalsPortfolio.net.



Andy Evansen, Vermillion, MN, is in two shows in California in January. The first is "Triple Threat", an exhibition of paintings by Andy, Jim McVickers and Carolyn Hesse-Low, running from January 7-February 22, 2014 at the Knowlton Gallery in Lodi, CA. The second is "Kaiping; American Perspectives" at Segil Fine Art Gallery in Monrovia, CA, January 18-March 1, 2014.

Warren W.Kessler, RRWS, Fargo, ND, is in the **December 2013/January 2014 issue** of Professional Artist magazine, page 4 for winning their *Your Big Talent One Small Space* painting contest. It can also be seen on their website at www.professionalartistmag.com/news/2013/oct/31/going-small-warren-wayne-kessler/

Karen Knutson, RRWS, Eden Prairie, MN, won an Award of Excellence for her painting, "*Sailing Through Life*" [above] at the Northstar Watermedia Fall 2013 Exhibition.

Janice Tingum, Grand Forks, ND, oil paintings are on exhibit in The World's Smallest Gallery located in the Urban Stampede at 324 Kittson Avenue, Grand Forks, ND. The exhibit runs until January 15, 2014. Most of the paintings in this show were created entirely with a palette knife. The art focuses on the Midwest landscape and includes plein air paintings. Stop in for a cup of coffee and enjoy the art. For more info, email jt@janicetingum.com. Website: www.janicetingum.com

WORKSHOPS:

LANA L. GROW, RRWS AWS, Arden Hills, MN will be teaching a class April 7-11, 2014, for NORTHSTAR Water Media Society, St Paul, MN. [http://northstarwatermedia.com/exhibitions/AquaMedia/Acrylic & Collage-Abstract Emphasis](http://northstarwatermedia.com/exhibitions/AquaMedia/Acrylic&Collage-AbstractEmphasis)

JUMPING INTO THE ABYSS WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS

Intermediate, Advanced- Non intimidated beginner (familiar with tools)

TOM DIMOCK 620 SULLIVAN DR. N. E. Columbia Heights, MN 55421, 651-999-9944

Demonstration: February 23rd: from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Ellen Jean Diederich RRWS, TWSA, WW, WSA** will be demonstrating with 3 other artists at Hopkins Art Center, 1300 Danforth, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is in conjunction with her **workshop at Dillman's Lodge in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin May 17th - 21st 2014**. The demonstrations are free and a fun event for artists to attend. For more information on this event or Ellen's workshop, please visit <http://www.dillmans.com>

Exhibition & Member news continued:

Ronnie Cramer, RRWS, Denver, CO. has these art exhibitions in the month of December:

In Colorado: Littleton Museum-<http://www.littletongov.org/index.aspx?page=129>

In Virginia: Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts-<http://fccava.org>

In Maryland: Maryland federation of Art, Annapolis, <http://www.mdfedart.com>

In Connecticut: Golden Thread Gallery, Holy Family Center, W. Hartford, CT, <http://www.goldenthreadgallery.org>

In Pennsylvania: Chambersburg Council for the Arts, <http://www.councilforthearts.net/>

SILVER BRUSH AWARD*

The Silver Brush will be awarded at the December meeting. If you haven't **VOTED** yet, email to Diane or call her at 701-241-4143, by December 8th.

NOTE: 2013 BOARD MEMBERS AND PAST WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD!

PAST WINNERS ARE:

2008, DONNA CHALIMONCZYK,

2009, JUDI KOEHMSTEDT

2010, SANDRA MILES

2011, JACKIE ANDERSON

2012, DIANE JOHNSON

*THE SILVER BRUSH IS AWARDED TO A MEMBER WHO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY IN THE YEAR THAT IT IS PRESENTED.

THE 21st ANNUAL

NATIONAL JURIED WATERMEDIA EXHIBITION

Plans are going forward for the 2014 show. We are pleased to announce that artist, **Michael Reardon, Oakland, CA**, will be our juror and workshop instructor. The 5-day workshop is June 16-20, with the Awards Reception on June 17th.

Donna Chalimonczyk is this year's Show director. Assistant director is **Anne Kaese** and **David Olson** is the workshop director.

Pat Jorgensen will be planning events in the gallery during the National Show this year. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with Pat, please let her know (thursdaypat@yahoo.com).

Paula McGuinty will be taking photos of all the award winners and 2014 Signature Status members during the Public Gallery Reception June 17.

The RRWS Newsletter "STAFF of 1" wishes all of you a great Holiday season. Thanks to all who send me their news items...I really couldn't do this without you! **A SPECIAL BIG THANK YOU, to you, JUDI K**, for coming through with photos when I need them. I can always count on you...!

—Diane Johnson

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Now is the time to pay your

2014 DUES!

STILL \$20.00

Please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter, make out your check and **Bring to meeting** or send it to:

RRWS

PO Box 1656-Fargo, ND 58107-1656

We hope to receive all checks by January 15, 2014. Thank you.



OVER 80?

RRWS Member for 10 years or more?

You could be an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER... NO MORE DUES!!!

Please contact our treasurer, Phyllis Lincoln at 701-967-8958 or linclinc@polarcomm.com,



Items for the newsletter:

Send your news by the 25th of the month. 701-241-4143, jandd@cablone.net, OR

You can mail information to:

RRWS, PO Box 1656, Fargo, ND, 58107-1656.



Marcia Berglund has a new address: 1325 Shadyview Lane N Plymouth MN 55447

When you send information for the newsletter, if you have Signature Status in RRWS, I will add that behind your name, but because I can't remember OR I don't know the other societies that you may have signature status in, you must put them in your information to me each time. This is the only way they will be added. Those who have signature status in many societies, please list only 3-4 of your favorites! Thanks.

A note for our new members: WELCOME! Our newsletter comes out once a month. You can send news of awards you have received, workshops you are going to teach, short articles, etc. The more information we put into each issue, the more interesting our newsletter becomes.

I reserve the right to edit the items sent and ask if you have a lengthy article you would like to send, please condense it to pertinent information.

I do recognize many of your email addresses but appreciate it if the subject line says "RRWS News"...or is sent as a "Reply" to my email [which most of you do]. When I email to you, I try to always put RRWS on the subject line so you don't have to wonder who is sending the message. Thanks!

Diane Johnson, Editor, RRWS Newsletter

RRWS MEMBER APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly. [Dues are for calendar year 2014]

Date _____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ Over 80 w/10 year membership-life member _____

Name _____ Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell# _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

Mail form & check for dues of \$20.00 to: RRWS, PO BOX 1656, Fargo, ND 58107-1656

