

Desert Wash

February 2011

February's Meeting

Wednesday, February 9th @ 7:00 pm Spanish Oaks Clubhouse 2201 Spanish Oaks Drive Las Vegas, Nevada

Board Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 9th @ 5:30 pm Spanish Oaks Clubhouse

February's Program

Gerald Brommer Painting Demonstration

Drop off your paintings
to be judged for the

2011 Spring Show
juror - Gerald Brommer

Signature Show

Award Presentation

from "Member's Choice"
votes cast at the reception
on February 5th
@ City Lights Gallery

President's Message



Well here we are already in our second month of the year. Our signature show at City Lights Gallery is right around the corner thanks to the efforts of **Vina Curtis** and **Ed Klein**. I'm also sure everyone is in the process of creating more great masterpieces for our Spring show. Please remember to bring your entries to the February meeting as **Gerald Brommer** will be the juror for the show.

Anne Furno did a fabulous job with her demonstration on Chinese brush painting at our January meeting. She made it look deceptively easy as she floated her brush across the rice paper to create a beautiful painting of bamboo branches. After the presentation, members flocked to the table to ask more questions and try these new techniques and found it quite a challenge. Thank you to Anne for generously sharing her talents and knowledge with the group. It was great fun.

Thanks to wonderful marketing techniques by our own **Sharon Menary**, the **Gerald Brommer** workshop in the second week of February, is full. Make sure to mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 9th, as he will also be doing the demonstration at our February meeting. I've been told by several members who have attended his workshops, along with being a great artist, Gerald is also a phenomenal instructor. I hope to see you there; don't miss this opportunity to watch and learn from a master.

For those of you who like to try new things, I've run across a new product for watercolor artists on the Daniel Smith website. It is a watercolor ground which allows you to apply watercolor to many surfaces including glass, plastic, and metal with a little prep work. Go to the NVWS website and click on the Daniel Smith link for more information. In the meantime, keep those brushes wet and I look forward to seeing you all in February.

Barbara Stanton President

Workshops

This will be the last major workshop for NVWS until after the Western Fed Exhibit in 2012.....

Don't miss this unique opportunity

February 7th -11th, 2011 (5 day workshop.... Monday - Friday)

From Line and Shape to Complex Surfaces

Gerald Brommer Workshop

NVWS Members......\$350.00 Non-members.....\$375.00

For more information: Sharon Menary at 463-2454 or www.SharonMenary.com



April 2nd and 3rd, 2011 Techniques Workshop by Ed Hoag

A workshop featuring the techniques Ed Hoag uses for atmosphere, light, shade, shadow and weather in his paintings.

NVWS Members......\$35 per day Non-members.....\$40 per day

9:00am to 4:00pm at the Spanish Oaks Clubhouse

Each morning/afternoon session will begin with a demonstration featuring one of Ed's techniques followed by the artists working on either their own subjects or using one of the subjects that Ed will have on hand.

To Reserve your spot or for more information:

Contact

Ed Hoag at 702-873-5880 or

edmjhoag@cox.net

All proceeds will go to the Western Federation Fund

An exciting offer......donated by Peg Lozier



6 hour private portrait painting lesson or 8 x 10 single watercolor portrait

Anne Nahser will have all the details at February's meeting.....

Critique Group

Meets Monday mornings 10 am to 12 noon at Desert Art Supply

2750 N Green Valley Pkwy Henderson, NV 89014 You can bring a painting or 2 that you are working on and have the benefit of receiving a critique to help improve that painting.

You can also take part in the group without bringing a painting and benefit by someone else's critique.

For additional information about the Critique Group, contact Bill Fravel at (702) 468-6041 or billfravel@aol.com or www.billfravel.com

Historian Calendar Project (Ongoing)

Members may submit an original 8x10 painting along with a brief artist's statement to

Myra Oberman at (702) 341-5667

The original painting and artist statement will be

placed in the NVWS Historian's scrapbook.



Gongratulations

to our members who have been accepted in the 36th Annual Western Federation Exhibit

Lora Lou Eells

Power Play

Shirley Jeane

Wash Day on China's Grand Canal

Shirley Winslow

Out to Dry

Barbara Yoerg

Watching &

Elena Wherry(alternate) Chai



There were 1066 entries by all the member societies and 125 were chosen by the juror, Dale Laitinen. For NVWS, there were 25 digital entries by 14 artists with the above being chosen. We are also very pleased to give a special congratulations to Shirley Winslow for achieving Signature Status in this Western Fed. The 36th Annual Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition will be held on May 6th through June 5th, 2011 at the Fine Arts Building at Expo New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For information about the Western Fed Exhibit, please contact **Katherine Christensen** at (702)897-8874.

Check out March's newsletter for photos of all the accepted paintings

Shows and Exhibits

You and your guests are cordially invited to the opening reception of the

2011 Signature Show

Nevada Watercolor Society

City Lights Gallery

3 East Army Street, Henderson, NV 89015

Saturday, February 5th, 2011 1 to 3 pm

"Member's Choice" Voting at this reception Awards will be presented at February's meeting

SIGNATURE SHOW

January 29 - February 26, 2011

City Lights Art Gallery, 3 E. Army St., Henderson (Just east of Water St. in downtown Henderson)

2011 SPRING SHOW

Drop off your paintings at February's meeting

for early judging by Gerald Brommer *Prospectus in January's newsletter and at nyws.org*

Watercolor, with all its subtle color and value gradations and its many welcome surprises, is the perfect medium for capturing mood.

Ray Hendershot

Past Meeting / Event Photos









Mommy





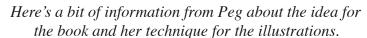
Pictures from January's meeting - Anne Furno's demonstration on Chinese Brush Painting

Accolades to our Members

Peg Lozier has illustrated her first children's book
"Mommy Whispers" by Jenny Lee Sulpizio

which is now available on Amazon.com

Congratulations Peg



The author found me online and it was really fun to collaborate with her on the project. She and her daughter were the main characters of the book and I had several photos of them to go by but of course, I never had the

right photo for whatever pose I was working on! It was

really challenging to try and envision how they might age over the span of 25 years or so. Generally when I paint a

portrait, I'm going directly from a photo with very few changes, so it was a really new

experience for me to use so much imagination!

Although Jenny (the author) had a general idea of what she wanted each illustration to be, she gave me free reign to determine how to get there, color, composition, point of view, etc. I often used photoshop to help me with the composition and layout of each page. I could do my preliminary sketches, scan them in and then move the components around so that I could be sure that nothing of importance would be cut off by the fold or covered by type. As each of the 16 paintings were completed, they were photographed and sent electronically to Jenny and the publisher for approval and/or changes. This was truly a wonderful learning experience and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I really hope to do more illustration work in the future and have some ideas of my own for books!

You can view Peg's other beautiful watercolors at......www.peglozier.com or www.etsy.com/shop/Peggitha

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Signature Show Reception City Lights Gallery 1pm - 3pm Members Choice Voting
6	7 Critique Group 10 am to 12 noon Desert Art Supply 2750 N Green Valley Pkwy	8	9 NVWS Meeting Gerald Brommer Demonstration Drop off paintings for Spring Show Judging	10	11	12
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March 2011

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Upcoming Events in March:

March 9th - Monthly meeting - Demonstration by Shirley Jeane "Using the computer to track and market your artwork"

Misc NVWS News

Do you have NEW art items that you just are not using. Please consider donating them to Anne Nahser or Helen Beal from the Ways and Means Committee They would love to use them as raffle prizes in the upcoming meetings.

Anne Nahser 256-1581 or gamazoom@aol.com Helen Beal 341-0387

Please submit news for March's newsletter by February 23rd to Louise Gillespie - 658-2931 or gillespie4@earthlink.net

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Our show awards and raffle prizes are possible because of the generous support from contributors. Please show your appreciation and support for them when shopping for art supplies. One simple way is to log on to

nvws.org and click on the sponsor links.

This allows the companies to know the NVWS is supporting them and also gives us a reward in return.

Our NVWS Storage at Charleston and Valley View has been moved to a larger unit and has a new lock.

Please check with Barbara Stanton if you need to access this unit.