



Brush Strokes

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All the meetings are held in the Greece Town Hall, meeting room "B" usually the second Wednesday of the month unless specifically stated, (see the calendar). Starting at 6:00 for a social get together, followed by a general meeting at 6:30. And the scheduled program at 7:00 until 8:30.

Wednesday March 9th. Greece Town Hall, Room "B"

6:00 – 6:30 pm. Informal gathering and preparation
6:30 -7:00 pm. General business meeting

7:00 pm. **Peggy Martinez Demo and talk on 'Possibilities' - how to integrate and improve skills**

Peggy Martinez

Floral artist

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Biography

Peggy Martinez, is a self-taught artist with a passion for flowers, the bigger, the bolder- the better! She allows her inspiration to lead the medium of choice, shall it be watercolor, oil or acrylic, focusing on the vision of an artist not on the medium. The highlight of her career was collaboration with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra for the childrens' educational performances where she created a painting in 7 minutes while the orchestra played to Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Overture. The performances spanned 4 days to reach 15,000 children in Monroe County. This collaboration spurred other speed painting events with musicians and a professional story teller in Rochester and Syracuse. The artist has participated in group shows as well as solo shows.

She teaches oil painting for all level skills at a Different Path Art Gallery during the winter and participates in art festivals during the summer. Her personal goal is to promote asthma awareness through her floral art in memory of her sister. She has been featured on PBS, Democrat & Chronicle as "Woman to Watch", El Mensajero and Imagen promoting asthma awareness. Her artwork has been featured in American Art Collector and Still Points Art Quarterly magazine. The artist resides in Rochester, NY with her husband and daughter.

Possible Show Venues

SRAG has the possibility of having a show in the future at 1570 Gallery at Valley Manor or at My Sister's Gallery at the Episcopal Home. There is need of a Chairperson and helpers. Diane Cotton who is in charge of the Gallery will give the chairperson the guidelines for those locations. This will be brought up at the March 9th Meeting. Considering volunteering as getting your name out to gallery owners can help you market your own work.

Spring Mall Show

We have a date for a spring show at Greece Town Mall, April 22 - 24, setting up on Thursday the 21st.

Information and entry letters have been mailed to the membership. Please note there are some revised rules on prizes and a new theme category. This years' theme is 'Spring Flowers' and has been designated by the organizers. The winner will receive the SRAG award which was previously awarded to the best overall display. Entry forms are required with check or money order by April 1st. So get painting, fill up those racks and let's have really big show

Program Help Wanted: SRAG has many interesting programs presented by area artists. I need help with this. I do this for many meetings but there are times when I can't be there. Your duties would be to meet the guest artist and help them set up. One member has offered to help but can't be at every meeting either, so I need another member to help. Most of the program is complete through November 2016. Please call me, Nina Rupp, at 424-4327 or email me at nmrupp@yahoo.com

Calendar

SRAG MEETING DATES FOR 2016

The Meeting room calendar has been finalized by the Town Hall. The following dates have been reserved by SRAG for **conference room B**.

Meetings and Program and Board Meetings and Program 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Mar. 09 Peggy Martinez: Demo and talk on 'Possibilities' - how to integrate and improve skills

Mar. 23 Board Meeting and Work Night: Follow up on a technique you learned from Peggy Martinez

Apr. 13 Business Meeting and Garage Sale: Bring your unwanted but still usable art supplies, books or magazines. You can have them for free or for sale at a price you set.

Apr. 27 Board Meeting and Work Night: Details later but probably an art video

May 11 Kathleen Hanney, a pastel demo. She is doing exciting new work.

May 25 Board Meeting and Work Night: A follow up from the 5/11 demo

June 15 Picnic at Pat & Terry Brooks House

June 22 Paint out or paint in. Details to be announced later.

July 13 Anne Jurgens and Jan Davidson demo encaustics

July 27 Work meeting. If you have encaustics, please bring them.

Aug. 10 Anne McCune and Colette Savage do Zendoodles.

Aug. 24 Members do Zendoodles or paint from flowers.

Sep. 14 Still in the planning stage

Sep. 28

Oct. 12 Sari Gaby paints a portrait

Oct. 26

Nov. 09 Judy Soprano a talk about what she learned at an exciting workshop

Dec.? Christmas Party

Coming up:

SRAG Watercolor Workshop with Kathleen Giles

April 16, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:00