



Brush Strokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group
November 2014

Meeting, Wednesday November 12, 2014

.Portraits in Pastel

Suzy Zefting-Kuhn will paint a monochromatic pastel portrait of Aggie Windig.

6pm. social time, 6:30 General Meeting. 7:00 Program



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Suzi Zefting-Kuhn was born in Brooklyn, New York but has been a resident of Rochester since 1974. While she was exposed to art making in her early years through the art of

her mom and her late brother, Suzi did not try it herself until she was in her mid thirties. When her youngest child headed off to college in 2001, Suzi began doing art full time. Locally she has studied with Sari Gaby, Wendy Gwartzman, g.a. Sheller and Liz Durand. Nationally she has studied with Mary Whyte, Rob Liberace, Frank Serrano, Ellen Cooper, Susan Lyon, Elizabeth

Robbins, Steven Assael, Michelle Dunaway and Burton Silverman. The workshop with Burt Silverman in his studio in the Upper West Side of NYC this past summer was a highlight.

Suzi maintains a studio in the Hungerford Building in Rochester. She founded the Main Street Artists' Gallery & Studio and is the current President of the historic Rochester Art Club. She was juried into the Salmagundi Club as a non resident artist member in 2012. Suzi is also an Associate member of the Pastel Society of America and Oil Painters of America. She is a patron member of the Portrait Society of America.

Suzi exhibits regularly with the Main Street Artists, the Rochester Art Club and enters national pastel exhibitions every year. She has won numerous awards including Best in Show in the 2012 in the Women of the Finger Lakes Exhibition, Canandaigua. She won a national award in 2014 in the Northeast National Pastel Exhibition in Old Forge NY as well as in 2010 in Connecticut. Suzi has juried into the Northeast National Pastel Exhibition in Old Forge the last seven years.

Programs:

We would like to have more workshops. With that in mind I am asking for help. What medium should the workshop focus on and who would you like to see? If we plan we can maybe have a workshop in late winter or early spring and another in the summer or early fall. Lakeview Community Church is a good and welcoming location but it can be anywhere in the area. call me (424-4327) or email me (nmrupp@yahoo.com) so we can get this project started.

Nina.

SRAG Fall Show and Sale:

Because of safety concerns we want everyone to be aware of your surroundings at the show. Keep all purses out of sight and keep the cash box secure at all times; it should be kept under the table, in a separate box, when not in use; and, the table should never be left unattended at any time.

Thieves are clever and do work as teams. A few years ago one distracted an artist with questions while his partner stole her purse. If at all possible don't bring your purse - use a fanny pack instead.

Additionally you or one of your seating partners need to take turns walking around the exhibit periodically to check on the works. Observers may need questions answered, or, someone looking suspicious may need to be checked out.

When leaving at night try to walk out to the parking lot with someone.

We don't want to scare you, but a bit of caution is the best way to avoid problems.

Also - please bring your own hanging hooks or S hooks; we are not really sure if the

supply previously provided by SRAG are still available.

Have a great show and good luck.

Bobbi and Al

Calendar:

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
November 12	Suzi Zefting- Kuhn: Portrait, pastel pencil	Greece Town Hall
November 21 – 23	Fall Show & Sale. No meeting	Greece Ridge Mall
December 12	End of Year Party	Anne and Ken McCune's

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All the meetings are held in the Greece Town Hall, usually the second Wednesday of the month unless specifically stated, also on the fourth Wednesday (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.

Suzy Zeftin-Kuhn Resume

National Awards and Recognition

- 2014 *Northeast National Pastel Exhibition*, Old Forge, NY *The Lee Award*
- 2010 *Renaissance in Pastel National Exhibition*, Waterbury, CT *Frame and Safe Custom Frame Award*

National Exhibitions

- Northeast National Pastel Exhibition, Old Forge, NY 2008, 2009, 2010,2011,2012,2013, 2014
- The Connecticut Pastel Society's *Renaissance in Pastel National Exhibition*, Waterbury, CT 2010, 2011,2013

National Affiliations

- Portrait Society of America
- Cecilia Beaux Forum
- Pastel Society of America
- Oil Painters of America
- Salmagundi Club, NYC

Regional Affiliations

- The Arts Guild of Old Forge, NY
- The Adirondacks Pastel Society

Local Awards and Recognition

Women Artists of the Finger Lakes

- Best of Show 6/2012
- Honorable Mention 6/2011

Rochester Art Club

- Juror's Awards : 9/2010 "Faces & Figures: Stories of Life"
5/2010 "Music to My Eyes"
3/2013 Spring Exhibition for Signature members
- Merit Awards : 9/2010 " Faces & Figures: Stories of Life"
- Merit Award: 4/2011 Spring Show

Penfield Art Association

- Best of Show : 6/2006 “Spring Show”
- Juror’s Awards: 6/2011; 6/2007; 2/2006; 6/2005

Rochester Area Colored Pencil Club

- Juror’s Awards: 10/2009
- Merit Awards: 10/2008

Local Affiliations

The Rochester Art Club (founded in 1877; second oldest active art organization in the country)

- President 2011-2017; Board member 2008-2011; Newsletter Editor 2008-2011; Workshop Coordinator 2009-indefinite)

The Main Street Artists’ Gallery & Studio

- Founder and Director 1/2010; Oversees fifteen current member artists; Marketing, Publicity; Web Editor

Penfield Art Association

- President 2009-2011; Board member 2006-2011; Newsletter Editor 2006-2007; Treasurer 2007-2009

Publications

- Democrat & Chronicle, December 16, 2012, ROC Living section, feature highlight *Artist and Mentor*
- Democrat & Chronicle, April 25, 2010 *Public Art, Private Use*
- Editor of two newsletters locally 2008-2011 (The Rochester Art Club and The Rochester Area Colored Pencil Club)

Art Education

Workshops with nationally recognized artists Doug Dawson (2008); Liz Haywood-Sullivan (2007, 2008); Mary Whyte (2009) ; Robert Liberace (2010 & 2011)); Ellen Cooper (2011), Frank Serrano(2011), Susan Lyon (2012, 2014) and Elizabeth Robbins (2012), Steven Assael (2013), Robert Liberace (2013), Michelle Dunaway (2014), Burton Silverman (summer 2014)

Studied with locally and regionally recognized artists M. Wendy Gwartzmann, Sari Gaby, g.a.Sheller, Liz Durand, Brian O’Neill