



# Brush Strokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group  
September 2014

**Meeting, Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>. 2014**

## **Val Larsen, Painting Motion in Watercolor**

### Artist Statement

Like a journalist, I look for the slant in which the important elements of a painting can be woven into a cohesive and meaningful story. Each work is a decision making process with preliminary drawings and color studies to resolve the composition, design, technique, and even style choices so that the essential ideas of the painting are more clearly communicated. There is an invitation for the viewer to enter the scene and linger without a personal editorial.

### Resume

Valerie Larsen is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, the Watercolor USA Honor Society and the Philadelphia Water Color Society. She has participated in numerous National exhibitions.

Adirondack National Exhibition of American Watercolors '14,'13,'11,'10,'09,'08  
- Margaret and William Foley Award '13 and the Adirondack Express Award  
Salmagundi Club Juried Exhibition - Thomas Moran Memorial Award '12  
Philadelphia Watercolor Society - Helen Farr Sloan Award '12, Mildred Sands Kratz Award '11  
National Watercolor Society Exhibition - Henry Fukuhara Award '10  
American Watercolor Society

Watercolor Honor Society's Small Works Exhibition, '14, '12

Watercolor U.S.A. - Paul A. Dufour Memorial Award '10, '08

Her work appears in *Splash Retrospective: 20 Years of Contemporary Watercolor Excellence*, 2013, *Splash 13, Alternative Approaches*, 2012, *Splash 11, New Directions*, 2010, and *Splash 10, Passionate Brushstrokes*, 2008, Northlight Books.

She teaches regional workshops, has been an instructor of watercolor at the Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Rochester, and has been an artist-in-residence at Artisan Works from 1998-2004.

Valerie has a studio and gallery space in the Anderson Arts Building, located in the Neighborhood of the Arts featuring four floors of art and culturally related studios. Visit [www.andersonalleyartists.com](http://www.andersonalleyartists.com)

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meeting September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Greece Town Hall**

**6:00 to 6:30 Board meeting.**

**7:00. General meeting:**

This meeting will be an informal session - Based on Val Larsen's presentation we will paint in watercolor using glycerin, or not. Also show and tell about any other work finished or in progress that you care to share.

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*I would like to thank everyone in the Club for all of their notes, calls, and well wishes because of my recent knee surgery. My knee is doing quite well, and I hope to be back to the meetings as soon as possible. What a great group of people to be associated with!*

*Thanks, Dave Braun*

*I want to thank all my friends in SRAG for their kind and loving condolences and funeral home visits and cards on behalf of myself and my family for the death of my dear Son Donald Ayotte. All the love and prayers help so much and are so appreciated by me and my family. Thank you.*

*Peggy Piscitello*

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### **SRAG Workshops**

On August 2nd Chris Kolupski gave a full day workshop on penumbra (the turning of light to shade and the edges of shade). All in attendance had a great time. It was fun and Chris is a very good teacher. The weather co-operated so we could paint outside. Chris demoed in oil but then did a watercolor also. Artists used oil or watercolor to do their paintings.

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](mailto:nmrupp@yahoo.com)) so we can get this project started.

Nina

### **SRAG Fall Show and Sale**

Al Bergerson has set the dates for this show as November 21<sup>st</sup>. through 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be at the Mall on Ridge road. Details and entry forms will be mailed soon.

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## **Member News:**

Once again, Colette Savage will participate in Artist Row on Sunday, September 14. Come and visit her in Shed C, Stall 50.

Also, Colette Savage will be teaching Pastel Painting this fall for Irondequoit Community Education starting on September 22nd. This is a great way to try pastels! Look for information at <http://www.westirondequoit.org/community-education.htm>, or call Barb Reardon at (585) 336-3014 for more information. On September 10th, Colette will be giving a demo for the Webster Art Club.

Judy, Bobbi and Juanita, attended the plein air paint out in Old Forge. A great time was had, the weather was great. Money raised at the auction for the arts center from paintings donated by us, plus one by Nina and one by Laretta, totaled \$2,855.00.

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## **Calendar:**

<b><u>Dates:</u></b>	<b><u>Event:</u></b>	<b><u>Location:</u></b>
September 10	Val Larsen Painting motion in Watercolor	Greece Town Hall
September 24	Board meeting. General meeting (see article)	Greece Town Hall
October 15	Stacey Kirby - Steward: area murals	Greece Town Hall
October 29	Board meeting.	Greece Town Hall
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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### **Officers for 2013-2014**

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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.*

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