



Brush Strokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group
April 2014

Presidential Ramblings.....

We are all so ready for spring aren't we? We are seeing more and more decent days, but we still don't trust that this record breaking winter is over. Unfortunately, our last meeting on the 12th March, had to be cancelled because of that mega storm that blew in. The good news is that we have already re-scheduled Alice Chen for July. We have been working behind the scenes to gather nominees for the Board. We have 3 Board members who have fulfilled their term of office, and need to be replaced this year. SRAG members need to be willing to take an active role in their art group; otherwise we are in danger of folding. Don't forget that we still will be asking members to step up for President, Program Coordinator, and Secretary. Please consider getting more involved

Anne

Meeting Notice April 9th. 2014

Greece Town Hall 6:00 PM.

A Mini "Mandala" Workshop

By Lesley Shakespeare Brogan.

Please bring colored pencils, dark colored or black drawing paper. Lesley will have additional supplies.

Creating a mandala is a form of active meditation that combines the practice of art, science, and spirituality to achieve a greater connection with the authentic Self. The mandala process promotes physical, spiritual and emotional wellbeing and can be practiced individually or within a group.

To create our Mandalas we will work on black or colored paper with white and colored pencils. The idea is that we relax and calm ourselves while creating a luminous Mandala that reflects our own light and energy. Those that would like to join the workshop can bring something small that is meaningful to them to place in the center.

Artist's Biography:

Hi, my name is Lesley Shakespeare-Brogan and I own "[Hope In Art](#)" Studio. I began painting 25 years ago when a friend introduced me to painting in acrylics. Most of my experience is in Decorative painting (on furniture, wood, tin and glass) and this is what I offer most of my classes in. I also teach beginning colored pencil since this has also become one of my favorite mediums. I live in [Fairport](#), NY with my husband and 2 children who are 21 and 17. I also teach half time at [MCC](#) in the [Health Education Department](#). I enjoy the outdoors very much and get a lot of my inspiration from nature and animals. [Art](#) has enriched my life so much and the lives of my students. My [Art](#) has offered me hope and been so therapeutic for me through the years. Stop by and see the kinds of things we get inspired by. Beginners especially welcome! ***I experienced a spiritual awakening through Mandala work and cannot keep this to myself! Zentangle Art is similar in its meditative nature and its ability to "soothe". Zentangle is wonderful for folks who have trouble focusing of all ages. It's an incredible practice for those that feel they aren't artistic because the patterns are repetitive but render beautiful works of Art.'***

Lesley's studio and additional information about her:

Hope In Art Studio, Canal Works, 1000 Turk Hill Rd, Fairport NY 14450
[585-727-4574](tel:585-727-4574) about.me/lbrogan <https://www.facebook.com/HopeInArt>

SRAG Library:

We now have a SRAG library. Eleanor has the nucleus of a collection of donated books which are available to any of the members. Most of us have accumulated art related books over the years which are gathering dust on the book shelf. This is an opportunity to recycle those books to a fresh audience. If anyone wishes to donate books to the library, just bring them to the meetings and Eleanor will be glad to add them to the collection.

Spring Show at the Legacy:

By this time everyone should have received, and returned to Karen, your entries for this show. There is room for 3 paintings per artist, painting size should be no larger than 16"x 20", Please see that your paintings have an adequate wire hanger and that the twisted wire ends are taped over.

Take-in and hanging of pictures Saturday April 26th. At 9:00am.

Show opens April 28th. thru' May 31st.

Reception May 3rd. At 2:00 'til 3:30pm.

Take-down May 31st.

SRAG member Carol Richardson, and Debby Berry Director of Activities at the Latta Road Nursing Home, are asking us to have a 1 day exhibit on Saturday, May 10, 2014. This is for their Open House for Nursing Home Week. We would set up the racks in the AM and hang paintings. Each participant will have one 3ft. x 6ft. panel to display as many paintings as fit. The Open House is from 1 to 5 PM with music, food and wine tasting. At 5 PM all work and the racks are taken down. More details will follow. If you are interested please contact Nina Rupp at 424-4327 or nmrupp@yahoo.com.

Williams Gallery

We have an opportunity for members to have a show at the Williams Gallery at the Unitarian Church on S. Winton Rd. I have the instructions for exhibiting and the first thing we must do is select a theme. This is best done by a committee so that there is agreement on this theme. We must also send JPEGs of our work. After it is reviewed by the Church committee we are given a date or selection of dates. This will be sufficiently in advance of the show which now probably won't be until 2015. The cost is currently \$15.00 per person if there are 8 or more artists, but there can be fewer and the cost doesn't increase much. We are responsible for invitations, publicity and the food, music etc. for the opening. If there is interest please contact Nina Rupp at nmrupp@yahoo.com or at 424-4327.

H & R Block Show

Tax season is almost over and Sharlene said we can pick up our paintings on **Thursday, April 17 from 10 to 2**. I know that won't work for everyone so please get in touch with me if that is the case. They prefer we don't pick up before the 16th as they still have clients. On the 16th they are having their end of tax season meeting and luncheon so we don't want to interrupt that either. If I can pick up work for you I'll do so, or maybe you can ask another artist.

Nina

SRAG Calendar 2014

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
April 9	Lesley Shakespeare Brogan. Mandala w/shop	Greece Town Hall
April 23	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
May 14	Paint out. (<i>plein air</i>)	To be decided
May 28	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
June ?	Picnic	
June 25	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
July 9	Alice Chen, Fun with Yupo watercolor	Greece Town Hall
July 23	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
August 13		Greece Town Hall
August 27	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
September 10		Greece Town Hall
September 24	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
October 15		Greece Town Hall
October 29	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
November 12		Greece Town Hall
December	End of Year Party	

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All the meetings are held in the Greece Town Hall, usually the second Wednesday of the month unless specifically stated, 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 9:00
