



Brush Strokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group
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Presidential Ramblings.....

Well, it seems like winter is still here for a little longer, although we have seen a few recent glimmers of spring. Hopefully the bitter cold that we have experienced will just make those first warm days feel even better. It will feel great to get outside more.

We have started the process of getting nominees for the pending vacant positions on the Board, and we are hoping that people will be willing to support their art group and take a stint as a Board Member. It is a rewarding, but not time consuming, job. Anne

Meeting Notice
Wednesday March 12th.
Greece Town Hall,
Fun with Yupo watercolor
Alice Chen

Alice will demonstrate -How to paint watercolor on Yupo, building up the painting by using unique blending techniques, adding or subtracting paints on this work surface, so creating a sense of color movement un-matched by any other papers, with unpredictable, expressive results. Alice will be using the overhead mirror for her demonstrations, possibly supplemented with a power-point program showing other techniques and work.

About the artist:

Alice Chen has taught Asian Brush Painting at the Creative Workshop since 2000. Students are encouraged to take the course long term with different refreshing contents each time. She



teaches Asian techniques based on traditional Chinese brush painting and calligraphy with an emphasis on developing creativity, and as a foundation for all media in art.

Before becoming a professional full time artist in Asian Brush Painting and Calligraphy almost two decades ago, she went through the rigorous training system for all artists in traditional Chinese painting. She was taught by prominent masters such as Professor Su Fung-nan and Professor Wu Cheng-yen. She went back to Taiwan in 2013 for additional exposure. Alice is also a prominent specialty- mushroom expert presenting interesting mushroom programs to any group, in addition to being a popular speaker and demonstrator in art.

In her own work, she captures the essence of a subject with vital energy and flow. She goes beyond realism in expressing her emotion and sensitivity, and always absorbing new ideas as well as techniques from both East and West. Ying-Yang sign is her guiding post.

Alice's paintings have been exhibited at National show, Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, University of Rochester and many other institutions in New York State. She has received awards as the best in show, and the most popular art. Her art creations have being shown in renowned galleries such as Ock Hee's Gallery in Honeoye Falls, NY and Oxford Gallery in Rochester, NY.

As a local artist and art writer, David Dorsey, has written, "Alice Chen's paintings...have always impressed me with their quiet mastery of Asian brush techniques. The small painting on view now [at Oxford Gallery, May 2013] looks, at first glance, like a purely abstract exploration of line and value, but as you study it you begin to discern what could be a pagoda jutting out from the side of a steep mountain slope. The scene takes shape. It's a haunting, beautiful painting that hovers between pure abstraction and the evocative depiction of Chinese scroll painting."

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 probably have accumulated art related books over the years which are gathering dust on the book shelf; this is an opportunity to recycle them to a fresh audience. Anyone wishing to donate books to the library may bring them to the meeting and Eleanor will be glad to add them to the collection.

Rochester Art Club Signature Members Exhibition.

The O’Keefe Gallery at The Skalney Center. St John Fisher College.

Anne McCune had one piece accepted into this show. A mixed media entitled “ Hengistbury Head Beach Huts”. Diane Bellenger had two pieces accepted; an oil entitled “Old Forge Sunrise” and a colored pencil piece named “Keuka Treeline” for which she received a Juror’s Award.

The show runs through March 31st, and is well worth a visit. Hours are 9am-4pm Mon. through Friday.

SRAG Calendar

Dates:	Event:	Location:
March 12	Dr. Alice Chen Demo Yupo w/color	Greece Town Hall
March 26	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
April 9	Lesley Shakespeare Brogan.	GreeceTownHall
April 23	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
May 14		Greece Town Hall
May 28	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
June	Picnic	
June 25	Board meeting	Greece Town Hall
July 9		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