



Brush Strokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group
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All the meetings are held in the Greece Town Hall, meeting room "A" 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 November 9th.

Judy Soprano

Demonstration in oils

Judy Soprano took two very interesting plein air workshops. One was with David Dunlop who has a PBS series on the Hudson River School. The other was with Jim Wilcox, an award winning artist from Jackson Hole, WY. Judy will demo in oil, pointing out techniques she learned from both artists. Don't miss this exciting demo.

Artist Statement: *"I opened the door to my creativity and found my soul"*

I love the way farmers construct their barns and sheds. I find it very creative for a barn to be built, then the add-ons come as the years go by and the need arises. Our barn was the playground for my brothers and me. It was our Tarzan swing, our fort for cowboys and Indians and our castle for the king and queen.

My next love is trees. I love them in the winter when you can see their bones creating those long shadows. The way shadows run across the land....I can see them moving when I paint them into a winter scene. Shadows tell me how the land lies, how it rises and falls across the bumps and ruts in the back lane of our farm.

I love to travel. In recent years I have been to Maine twice, Alaska, France, Italy and Great Britain and painted in all those places but I always come back to paint my barns.

The greatest compliment I ever received was when my nephew at age 9 said he could ride a bike down the road in one of my paintings. For a landscape painter that was the best compliment ever because that little boy saw depth in the scene on the flat surface of the canvas. How exciting!

I work in both oil and watercolor but I love to draw...my sketchpad is my constant companion.

I cannot think of a better way to say it and it sounds like very poor grammar, but I can't not paint. I feel that my life has been enriched in many ways, my husband, my children and my obsession of creating art.

Resume for Judy Soprano. Artist.

Represented at the following Galleries (All have websites)

Art Center Yates County

West End Gallery, Corning New York.

Gallery 3040, Old Forge New York

Nan Miller Gallery, Pittsford New York.

Pat Rini Rohrer Gallery, Canandaigua, New York.

Sea Oats Gallery, St. George Island, Florida.

Art Group Membership:

Rochester Art Club

Suburban Rochester Art Group

Genesee Valley Plein Air Painters

Education:

SUNY Brockport College

Studied with several nationally known artists. Attended demos and workshops throughout the USA.

Teaching:

Many classes and workshops as a guest instructor at art groups and galleries in New York State and Florida.

SRAG Fall Art Show

As a reminder the show schedule is as follows:

Thursday November 17th. 9:00 pm. Set up the racks and arrange the show area.

Those artists who help with this may then hang their work.

Friday 18th. Show opens 9:30 am. Show judged and awards placed. Closes at 9:30 pm.

Saturday 19th. Show opens 9:30 am. Closes at 9:30 pm.

Sunday 20th. Show opens 9:30 am. Closes at 6:00 pm. and artists pick up their work and take down the racks.

At this time there are (16) Artists signed up to enter the show. Sitting assignments are being worked on and will be mailed out as soon as they are confirmed.

Thank you Karlene for the beautiful poster, looking forward to seeing it on face book.

Members

Colette Savage: As the weather gets cooler, why not think about taking up your pastels and joining me on Monday, November 7th as we begin a new session of Pastel Painting II. Classes will be held for Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, and we will explore more exciting pastel techniques. Email me with questions. Please Contact Barb Reardon at [\(585\) 336-3014](tel:5853363014) or click on the link http://www.westirondequoit.org/community/community_education to register.

I also wanted you to know that I will be participating in the Holiday Bazaar at the Rochester Museum and Science Center on November 18, 19 and 20. This is an awesome show and sale which is well known for high quality hand-made items. I am very excited to be participating. I'll be located on the mezzanine level of the main museum, between the first and second floor. I hope you'll stop in to say hello if you attend the sale.

Need a ride to the meetings?

If, during the winter months, anyone wants to attend a meeting but have concerns about driving in the dark or rain, we will try to arrange for someone to pick you up. It is not known quite how this will operate, but if you email or call Terry Brooks 621-8780 or tapabrooks@gmail.com prior to the meeting, I can try to arrange something.

Art Shows at Summer Festivals

As the membership is well aware, the number of SRAG art shows has steadily decreased over the past few years. It has occurred to me that our Group has had minimal presence in two fairly popular local events - namely, the Brockport Arts Festival and Spencerport Canal Days. I suspect that the entry costs for these events discourages individual participation. I've contacted the chairs of both these events to determine whether their rules restrict multiple artists sharing display spaces for their events.

Chair of the Brockport Arts Festival has responded that they do not have such restrictions. My thought is that, as an organization, we could request two adjacent spaces, erect two abutting tents, and have participating SRAG members share the entry costs. Details of the 2017 event are:

Dates: August 12 - 13, 2017

Price: \$175 (one 10x10 tent); \$300 (two 10x10 tents); a standard discount of \$25 if the application and fees are received on or before March 14, 2017.

What is needed is a SRAG member to step forward to chair our participation. If you'd consider doing so, please contact me at 865-0513 or nynomads@rochester.rr.com

Thank you, Al Bergerson

Calendar

SRAG MEETING DATES FOR 2016

Nov. 09 Judy Soprano Demo's and talks about workshops she attended recently.

Nov. 17 Fall show, evening set up at Greece Mall

Nov. 18 Fall show

Nov. 19 “ “

Nov. 20. Fall show, evening take down.

**Dec. 4 Christmas Party at McCune's 1pm. to 6pm.
289 Burritt Rd. Hilton NY 14468**