



# BrushStrokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group  
September 2019

*All the meetings are held in the Greece Town Hall, meeting room "B" on the second Wednesday of the month unless specifically stated on our group calendar. General meetings are open to the public and start promptly at 6:30pm. The evening's scheduled program begins at 7:00pm.*

*Board members:*

*Board meetings are held at 5:45pm. Room B. prior to the general meetings.*

**Wednesday September 11 2019 6:30 pm.**

Neal McDannel . Drawing.

Bio:

Neal McDannel, Artist Biography, born June 2, 1961.

Both of my parents were public school art teachers. My father was my art teacher from first through sixth grade. I spent time before and after school in his room drawing and experimenting with art supplies. In high school I took several fine art courses but decided that commercial art was the most practical application of my skill. In 1981 I Graduated Cum Laude with an A.S.S. degree in graphic art from Finger Lakes Community College. I acquired six years of experience in this profession finishing as an art director for a small printing firm. During this time I gave the commercial art field a fair chance to become my profession of choice but I came to the conclusion that I wanted to go back to school for the Fine Arts. From 1983 to 1988 I took several drawing, photo, and sculpture courses at the Memorial Art Gallery, the Visual Studies Workshop and several independent art studios.

In 1989 I graduated from Buffalo State College Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Fine Art Printmaking. Around this time I met my muse, Meg, my wife and

started a family. In 1991 I received my MFA in Printmaking from the University of Cincinnati where I received a Teaching Assistantship and Full Scholarship for both years I attended. From 1990-96 I was selected to participate in five international, twenty seven national and three regional juried exhibitions. Within these shows I won six jurors awards including one best of show. In addition to this I had five one person exhibitions.

I have taught at the University of Cincinnati, R.I.T. (in Rochester) and the Finger Lakes Community College (NY). In 1994 I won a Special Opportunity Grant from the New York Foundation for the Arts. My work is also in seven permanent collections.

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## Calendar:

September 11.... Neal McDannel . Drawing. More details to follow, but check his website [nealmcdannel.weebly.com](http://nealmcdannel.weebly.com)

October 9 Tom Galombos will do a presentation for SRAG on October 9th. Tom is the art teacher at McQuaid and is skilled in various fine art medias. He really enjoys creating comics. I think our group would find his art to be refreshing.

November 13 Richard Thomas. More details to follow,

December ? End of year party

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## SRAG Fall Art Show and Sale

The dates are set for the fall show at the Mall in Greece

**November 15, 16, and 17.**

**Set up, Thursday eve. November 14**

The results of the theme ballot were all over the list, but by a narrow margin of one vote it will be **“A moment in time”**, The entry forms will be published in the next few weeks.

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**My Sisters Gallery Show**

A quick survey showed that there was a considerable interest in a SRAG show in 2020 at My Sisters Gallery at the Episcopal Home 50 Mt Hope Ave. Encouraged by this, a date has been set for the month of September next year. Further details will be announced at the September meeting.



**Address Change**

Lauretta Kirk has a new address, please change your directories.

**. Lauretta Kirk 45 Mill Rd. Room 102. Rochester, NY 14626.**



Terry Brooks tied for second place at the Annual General Meeting and Paint out of the Genesee Valley Plein-air Painters on August 28. The winner was Chris Kolupski.

