



# BrushStrokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group  
February 2020

*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.*

**February 12 2020**

**Greece Town Hall Room "B"**

**General meeting at 6:30**

**Program starts at 7:00**

## **Spread some Sunshine by creating new Sunshine Cards.**

We will spend a joyful evening painting or drawing with materials of your choice.

Juanita Link has recently taken over the responsibility of our Sunshine Club. She says we have a few cards, but would like to have a few more in reserve. She will bring the blank cards for us to use, and we will bring materials and creativity. We also have a bag of various materials and photos that we can pull from. Please come and support our Sunshine Club, and spread some sunshine to our members who might be in need

of some.



**March 11th**  
**Pat Lesniak**  
**Watercolor Artist**  
**Rochester, New York**

My journey began over 30 years ago when I took an evening oil painting class at a local community center in Torrance, California. I loved it right away and over time kept taking evening and weekend classes while working in an office full time during the day. About a year or so after starting with oil paints, an instructor suggested the class try watercolors, that was it for me, love at first sight! It's been my favorite medium ever since. The instructor noticed how I was drawn to this medium and soon after I began teaching children to paint with watercolors at The Mission Renaissance Art School in Los Angeles, California.

Since that time, I've taken workshops with many wonderful instructors, always trying to paint in their style. But after all these years, after much contemplation and many beginnings and endings in water media, I've learned the only way to paint is in one's own style.

These paintings you see today are an accumulation of all I've learned over a long period of time from instructors, books, workshops, lectures, demos, teaching and most important practice, practice, practice!

The artist holding the brush needs to let this magnificent medium of watercolor dance and sway on its own, guiding and giving it direction, adding color, mopping up the droplets, and knowing when to stop.

Commissions accepted: Portraits, Florals, Animals and Landscapes

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**Show at the Williams Gallery.**

Anne McCune, along with Phyllis Bryce Ely and Maureen Outlaw Church, are collaborating in a large show at the Williams Gallery, housed in the First Unitarian Church on S. Winton. All are welcome to attend the opening on January 17th.



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LEARN SOMETHING NEW THIS WINTER!



LEARN PASTEL PAINTING WITH COLETTE SAVAGE  
NOW AT TWO LOCATIONS. REGISTER SOON!

**Where:** Irondequoit High School,  
(through Irondequoit Community Education)  
**When:** Mondays, February 3, 10, 24 and March 2, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please contact Irondequoit Community Education for more information or to register at 585-336-9014, or check out their online course offerings at [http://www.irondequoit.org/community\\_education](http://www.irondequoit.org/community_education).

**Where:** The Art Stop LLC  
1822 Penfield Road, (at Five Mile Line Road)  
**When:** Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 25 and March 3, 10, 17, 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

Please contact the Art Stop for more info or to register at 585-872-5710, or check out their website <http://artstopllc.com>, under art lessons.

Colette Savage is giving classes at Irondequoit High School, and at The Art Shop LLC.

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