



BrushStrokes

The newsletter of the Suburban Rochester Art Group
March 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.

Program for Wednesday March 11 at the Greece Town Hall
Our Program for march is a well- known Watercolorist, Pat Lesniak. She will demonstrate a complete floral painting using her "breakfast lunch and dinner" technique which has been evolving over many years



Pat Lesniak:

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

Future Programs

April 15th **Becky Maynard** ...a very creative Brockport artist who works in several media. More info to follow.

April 24,25.26. (pending) SRAG Spring Show and Sale.

May 13th...**Debbie Cooper**our own Debbie will amaze us with her beautiful oil still life's.

Spring Show at Greece Mall

Judge Suggestions.

With the Spring Show looming, Anne and Terry are asking for suggestions for the judge for the show. When we get enough suggestions, we will send the list out so that people can vote.

We suggest the judge should have a background in art:

An experienced artist

An art teacher

A gallery owner / curator

The judge should also be fairly local.

This is the first time we are doing this, but we think it is a good idea.

Send suggestions to Anneanne.b.mccune@gmail.com

Or Terry...tapabrooks@gmail.com

We are looking for a theme for the Spring Show. Suggested so far are

Awakening, Serenity, New Beginnings, Home, First Signs.

Bring your suggestions to the meeting

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Nancy Lane's solo exhibition at My Sister's Gallery from 5-7 pm. The show features 30 watercolor and oil paintings celebrating a connection to nature.

Location: Episcopal Church Home Lobby. 505 Mt. Hope Ave. Rochester, NY

Show runs March 2 - April 19, 2020

Gallery Hours: 10 am - 8 pm

If you are intending to enter the 6x6, get your pieces to RoCo by April 11th

