



From the President...

Summer is on its way out and fall is marching in. I hope you can all take advantage of the change in colors to paint, whether it's a landscape or just taking advantage of the cooler weather to get inspiration to paint! We'd love to see more of you enter a piece or two in next year's show.

Congratulations to all our winners! There were some great works of art. It was fun to see new members, and those who consider themselves "beginners," as well as members who have been in the club for a few years, win awards this year. Thanks also to Richard DuBois for choosing a nice variety of paintings, for his informative critiques, and for the great workshop on figures. We took a lot of information and ideas home with us.

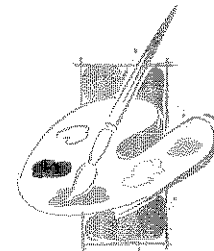
We're planning some fun stuff for the fall. In the works is a "Fall Bash" at Susan Jones' home - a painting and pot luck affair - date to be announced. We also talked about renting a space and getting together for a day or two of painting. No instructor, just painting what you prefer and enjoying the camaraderie of other artists, and getting help with problem paintings if you want.

Election of officers is coming up at October 9 meeting. We're in need of a Secretary, and a Historian/Newsletter Editor. Deb Patterson has agreed to stay as Treasurer and I'm willing to take a second shot at being President...unless someone else is itching to take my place? I could be swayed.

If any of you have any questions...or concerns...let us know. Ideas on get-togethers are always welcome, and your thoughts on the club in general. It's been suggested that we accept all water media in next years show. We'd like some feedback on that idea.

Stay in touch and keep painting,

Sandy Newman



NPWS Board Members

President, Sandy Newman

Past-Presidents, Dale Gunderson, Richard DuBois, and Nancy Ashley

Vice-President, Bonnie Marion

Secretary, Kathy Foster (asking to be replaced by new Secretary)

Treasurer, Deb Patterson

Historian & Newsletter Editor, Delores Ekberg

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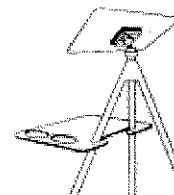
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Calendar

Monthly meetings held 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:15 at the Rapid City Public Library. Members (and prospective members) are always welcome!

Please note that Social/Painterly gatherings may replace regular meetings to promote more inspiration, creativity and fun in our organization. Changes will be announced via email, or a telephone call to those having no computer.

- OCT 9 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15pm. Election of officers. Decide on 209 Juror and Workshop presenter.
- NOV Fall Bash at Susan Jones—Potluck and Paint! *Date to be announced*
- DEC Christmas Party—location to be decided later, or possibly a Winter Paint-out at a local facility! *Date to be announced*
- JAN 8 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm. Bring suggestions for giving our organizations new life or, possibly, another workshop. We welcome your feedback.
- FEB 12 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm.
- MAR 11 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm
- APR 8 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm
- MAY 13 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm
- JUN 1 Dues are due; keep up your signature membership
- JUN 10 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm
- JUL 8 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm. Accepting volunteers for Show Committee Chairpersons.
- AUG 12 Monthly Meeting at Rapid City Public Library, Hoyt Room 5:15 pm. Finalize Member's Show details.
- AUG 14 Hang 13th Annual Exhibit at The Journey Museum 10:00 am
- AUG 15 Opening Reception 5:00 pm, Juror, Karen Knutson's critique 4:00 pm
- AUG 16 through AUG 19, 2008—Karen Knutson Workshop...dates subject to final contract.





Doris Ward Biography...

Doris Ward has lived in the Black Hills of South Dakota for most of her life. Born in a small house on Old Abe Street in Lead, SD she spent her childhood moving between Lead and Rapid City. She also lived in Longmont and Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Doris received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Black Hills State University and has continued her education by taking classes at the School of Mines in Rapid City, SD. While she originally planned to pursue a minor in art, she switched to English Literature after hearing a professor read passages from Chaucer.

A 28 year teaching career with the Lead-Deadwood Elementary School began in Deadwood teaching elementary art. A year in the art classroom proved to be a learning experience. She quickly found that wanting to teach the things she thought were important and creating art for the classrooms were at odds with each other. She spent the remainder of her career in a regular classroom teaching second through sixth grades where her only use of artistic abilities was creating beautiful bulletin boards. Over the years there never seemed to be enough time to pursue her interest in art. Her passion for art never died though, and she managed to take every class she could, including sculpting, color theory, live model sketching and stained glass.

Doris traveled the world including the Ukraine, Austria, Spain, Portugal, England, Hawaii, Mexico and the Caribbean. One of her most memorable experiences was visiting the Prado Museum in Madrid to see works by Goya, Velazques, Dali, El Greco and Picasso. Her personal goal at present is to continue to learn as much as possible about watercolor.

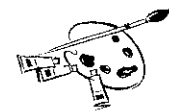
Doris retired from teaching in 2002 and now lives near Black Hawk, SD. Doris and her husband John (Jack) built a new home with a studio so she could pursue her interest in art full time. Watercolor is a new medium for Doris and she finds it challenging. During the summer months, Doris and Jack spend their time landscaping three acres of land where Doris' artistic touch can be seen throughout the gardens.



*Keep your
brushes wet!*

Workshop Reflections

One of our founding members, past president, award winning, Richard DuBois, conducted this summer's workshop in conjunction with the opening of our annual show. He kept us who attended the filled hall busy. Richard hired a live model who posed tirelessly for us while we drew, erased, painted and erased some more! Many snapped photos for future reference. We also discussed the idea of our group going to St. Martin's informally (without an instructor) every now and then, as the setting is beyond inspirational. The Sisters furnished heavenly lunches, and the camaraderie among we creative types, divine. All in all, it was a great workshop. Thanks, Richard! – Kathy Foster



Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Membership Category

- Associate/Active \$25
- Friends of the Society \$15
- None
- New Member
- Renewal
- NPWS Signature Member? YES NO

Total Amount Due

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ (Make checks payable to NPWS)

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NEW! YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE! Simply cut out and fill in your name!

Our membership year starts in June, so \$25 dues were due on June 1. If you have not paid your dues, *please do it now!*

Requirements for Signature Membership: To be juried into two annual NPWS exhibitions, or to have received an award or recommendation by two of the shows' jurors

within a five-year period; to be a member during the 5 years, and to keep one's membership current. A non-signature member may also work toward signature status by receiving one of the following during the annual show: Juror's award; Merit award; Honorable mention; Recommendation by the show's juror of qualification status. These changes to the bylaws were made to allow signature status in Members-only shows.

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2007 Members Exhibit Awards

1st Gold — Patricia Johnson, *By the Sea*
2nd Silver — Sandra Newman, *Let Us Entertain You*
3rd Bronze — Norma Henderson, *Shallows*

Merit Awards:

Nancy Ashley, *Orange Splash*
Kathy Foster, *Margie's Wet Feet*
Janet Judson, *Callas at the Golden Gate*
Bill Feterl, *The Old Neighborhood*
Marion Toillion, *Bridal Veil Falls*

Honorable Mentions:

Deb Patterson, *Prairie*
JoAnne Pedersen, *Hungarian Serenade*
Delores Ekberg, *Hazel*
Nancy Ashley, *Waitin' for the Haroest*
Andrea Potts, *Desert Nostalgia*

Juror's Award: Jan Fabian Wallake, *Temptation*
Technical Achievement: Kathy Sigle, *Anticipation*
People's Choice: Kathy Sigle, *Anticipation*

Thank You



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Special thanks also goes to our juror, **Richard DuBois**, for his expert judging, and comments.

We appreciate **The Journey Museum** for hosting our show in the Stan Adelstein Gallery.

A special thanks goes to **The Rapid City Journal's Ms. Ruth Milne** for coverage of the show winners.

And thank you to all the TV, radio and newspapers who helped advertise our show!

Finally, our thanks to the Dahl Arts Center for their help in the production of this newsletter because NPWS is a member. We are grateful for Kathi Maxson's design services. If you are interested in your own membership at the Dahl, call them at (605) 394-4101 or visit www.thedahl.org A membership helps support the arts in the Black Hills and in return you can get discounts on their classes, workshops and events.



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