



“The goal of the Alaska Artists Guild is to promote the awareness and creation of visual art in Alaska”

February 2020

I returned to the USA the end of January, thankfully it had



warmed up! I had a very wonderful adventure in Asia but was happy to settle into my new home and begin an exciting routine again here in Alaska.

We live in a beautiful state both winter and summer. It was great coming home to such breathtaking views. As I



traveled between Anchorage and Girdwood this week, I am reminded why I have spent the majority of my life in Alaska. For me, a sunset is worth a thousand words!

Participation by our members is greatly appreciated. I am sending a special, belated *Thank you*, to all our **artists** who participated in AAG events during 2019!

December 2019

December 20th, “Christmas Party”

Our 2019 general meeting was a Christmas Party and hosted by Andy and Dave Sonneborn. We are very grateful to them for opening their home and hearts to us for this event. We invited AKWS to join us and look forward to more joint ventures in the future.

AAG members “First Friday” at Blaine’s

Blaine’s Art Supply hosted our December First Friday event and was catered by Nick Johnson and music provided by Whitney Youngman.

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A **huge** thank you goes out to:

Our host Dave Haag and the fabulous staff at Blaine’s for always taking such good care of us!

Nick Johnson from Girdwood catered the event, he created a masterful array of food for the event!

Whitney Youngman who has performed at many events for AAG and is always a wonderful entertainer.

This year is off to a great start as well so look over the upcoming events, pick your favorites and show off your work.

January 2020

January 16th, general meeting

Leah, our Treasurer, was our speaker at the January meeting and presented a workshop on how to submit art using Café. This is especially useful as we will be resurrecting “Arts for the Parks” this year and the call for artists will be sent out by Café in April 2020.

Mixed media workshop in Indonesia

Ubud is a sprawling village in Indonesia known for arts and yoga. There are several batik, oil, acrylic and watercolor workshops daily. I participated in Batik and a multimedia workshop that was incredible. The painting below was painted with bamboo brushes made by the artist who ran the workshop. I am hoping to have some soon to show everyone.



OdessaD Art, Acrylic with oil glaze on canvas

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The meeting for this month is pushed to the 1st week of March so we can visit the Anchorage Museum and enjoy an informal evening with other members. Join us between 6-9pm. This is a social gathering, to grab a drink, walk around the gallery, and chat with fellow members for Free!

Spenard Art Studio owned by AAG members

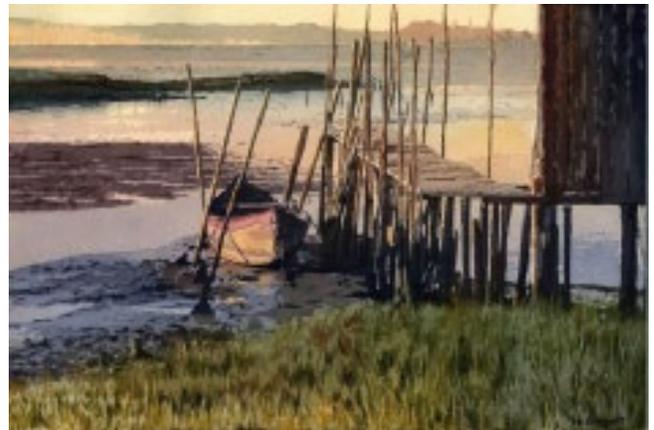


I had the pleasure of spending day at with AAG member and co-owner of Spenard Art Studio, Gayla Ranf, painting with Encaustic Wax. If you haven't experienced encaustic painting or have not set up a studio, or just like to be among fellow artists, this is a great place.

Presentation by AAG member Mark McDermott

This month I was invited to Alaska Watercolor Society's monthly meeting to listen to Mark McDermott's presentation on the application, “Art Archive”. It is a fabulous application to organize your art. If you want to have all your art history and locations at your fingertips this is the app for you. It is very user friendly and very affordable. Check it out <http://www.artworkarchive.com>

Mark McDermott was featured in the National Watercolor Magazine this month as well. Congratulations Mark! Read his article at the following location: <http://markmcdermottart.com/blog/151329/a-target-rich-environment>

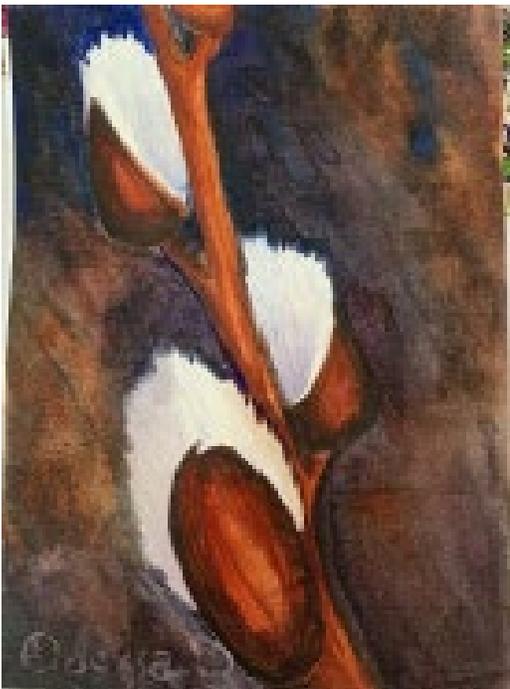


I participated in their art critique showing several of the watercolor paintings I completed in Indonesia last month.



OdessaD Art, watercolor on Archers, 300lb cold press

I always thought of watercolor as pastel but produced a couple very vivid paintings using Daniel Smith watercolors



OdessaD Art, watercolor on Archers, 140lb cold press

Don't forget to have your event in the newsletter you must send the announcement and date to akartguild@gail.com. I will be happy to post events and workshops our members are planning or have attended recently and share with the group

March 2020

February general meeting in March!

As stated above, March 6th, from 6-9pm. we will meet at the Museum and have a social gathering to visit, check out the display and talk art! Hopefully the weather will be warmer, and we won't have a snowstorm. Of course, I've just jinxed it, Hahaha.

First Friday Event for MaryBeth Printz

I received information from MaryBeth Printz announcing her First Friday event at Blaine's Art Supply



Be sure to join her as you journey out to visit all the incredible artists who have a show next month.

. March 19th & 20th 2020, general meeting

The AAG board members considered not having a March meeting but in light of all the events in April we have reconsidered. The meeting will cover the Spring Members Only show in April and the "Arts for the Parks".

April 2020

Mark your calendars and gather your best paintings of the year for our upcoming Spring Show in April!

I am currently working on the location and will announce it in the March Newsletter so be prepared for another fun event with creative art, music and fine food.