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Siv Spurgeon, Editor

June 2009

Summer Schedule

<u>Thursday, June 11</u> **Gibraltar** 1405 Greenhill Ave. Wilmington, DE Kerstin Tyreus 302-239-7245

<u>Thursday, June 18</u> **Gibraltar** 1405 Greenhill Ave. Wilmington, DE Nancy James 610-274-2060

Thursday, June 25 Arhart Daylily Garden 2522 Justin Lane, Chalfont, DE Shirley Rigby 302-652-7847

<u>Thursday, July 2</u> No scheduled painting.

<u>Thursday, July 9</u> **Arhart Daylily Garden** 2522 Justin Lane, Chalfont, DE Kerstin Tyreus 302-239-7245

Thursday, July 16 The Goodstay Center 2600-2800 Pennsylvania Avenue Wilmington, DE Carolyn Anderson 302-655-5346

Thursday, July 23 The Goodstay Center 2600-2800 Pennsylvania Avenue Wilmington, DE Carolyn Anderson 302-655-5346

<u>Thursday July 30</u> **Wilmington Riverfront** 600 block Madison Ave. Parking Lot Access to the Riverwalk, Wilmington Kerstin Tyreus 302-239-7245

<u>Thursday, August 6</u> **Woodlawn Park** Smith Bridge Road, Wilmington, DE Diane Cannon 610-793-0881

<u>Thursday, August 13</u> **Woodlawn Park** Smith Bridge Road, Wilmington, DE Diane Cannon 610-793-0881

<u>Thursday, August 20</u> **Delaware Center for Horticulture** 1018 N. Dupont Street Wilmington, DE Kerstin Tyreus 302-239-7245

<u>Thursday, August 27</u> **Delaware Center for Horticulture** 1018 N. Dupont Street Wilmington, DE Kerstin Tyreus 302-239-7245

Nancy James, Featured Artist



"Greek Fishing Boats" by Nancy James

Nancy was born and raised in the Philadelphia area but has lived a major portion of her adult life in Wilmington, where she and her husband Hugh raised two sons, Ben and Brooke. Currently, they live in nearby Landenberg, PA.

Like many of our members who sooner or later became artists, she was a youngster who loved to draw. Throughout high school, she designed posters, created cartoons, murals, logos, Christmas cards and the like. Nancy attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA and then taught junior high school for six years. Art took a backseat.

Later, while owning and managing a small recruiting firm, she created a series of political cartoons for a newspaper called *New Directions for Women*. These cartoons are now part of the Delaware Historical Society's collection about the women's movement in Delaware.

In 1980 she was hired by Wilmington Trust Company as a human resources manager and worked there for nineteen years. During this time, she was often enlisted to produce caricatures of retiring Du Ponters and their customers. She also drew whimsical watercolor sketches, first for her own children and then for the newborns and children of friends, which continues to be an ongoing activity from one generation to the next. Painting was something she imagined doing "sometime" in the future but incentive and opportunity were lacking.

That all changed when she retired in 1999 and learned of the Studio Group from friends. Nancy painted with the group during the summer, and in September 2000, she was invited to become a member. Since then, Nancy says, the group's weekly painting sessions and Loop Night exhibits have provided plenty of motivation to explore the pleasures and challenges of painting.

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Nancy paints in watercolor, oils and pastel, usually in a representational style. Favorite subjects are figure studies and landscapes in Chester County, New Hampshire, the Eastern Shore and the Susquehanna Valley. She also enjoys painting outdoors with the group on a sunny day with everybody "talking art" while eating bag lunches -great fun!

Other interests include music (all kinds), canoeing and nature hikes, hosting friends at the family's lake cottage in New Hampshire, reading (and later re-reading) books. She says she's ready for another painting workshop in Tuscany, whenever...

Welcome New Members



It is with great pleasure that we welcome new members Betsy Greer and Roe Murray to the Studio Group.

Betsy (Elizabeth) Greer 2829 Kennedy Road Wilmington, DE 19810 302-479-0485 betsygreer1@hotmail.com

Roe (Rosemary) Murray 1529 Tanglewood Drive West Chester, PA 19380 610-644-5440 roepa123@yahoo.com

New Email Address

Shirley Rigby's new email address is: <u>slrigby1@verizon.net</u>.

Mr. Pyle Said

Notes of Howard Pyle's Monday Night Lectures, transcribed by Carolyn Anderson.



<u>N. C. Wyeth:</u> <u>"Indian Moon Ris-</u> ing Out Of Sea"

Wyeth, your heart is in the West and you should go there and live that wild life until you come to know it intimately.

Anyone looking at Remington's work feels that he has breathed the air of the Plains and is at home there.

It is necessary either to have lived with these things you are going to picture or else, by the imagination, see them as though you had lived with them.

Colonial life appeals so strongly to me that to come across things that have been handed down from that time fills me with a feeling akin to homesickness - so that merely to pick up a fragment of that period is all that is necessary to bring before me that quaint life - and my friends tell me that my pictures look as tho I had lived in that time.

If you had gotten in behind your picture you could not have made that Indian so. He would have become tremendous - a dark mass as though pulled up from the earth.

You could not have put the horizon line there or that reflection of the moon on the water.

The Indian wouldn't see the sea as you have it there (that is Wyeth's sea) but for him it would be a gray mystery peopled with spirits. The glowing rim of the moon would rise out of the mists and the Indian beholding it would say "The eye of the Great Spirit is red as he looks upon me."

Let your soul flow into your picture.

SketchPad Submissions

Publicity date is the 1st of each month. Submission deadline is one week prior.

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Images sent should be ACTUAL size. Do NOT reduce for email or web.

Mary B. Larcher Donation

The Studio Group has received a bequest of \$30,750 from the estate of former member Mary B. Larcher. The Finance Committee will prepare recommendation for investment and expenditures.

Members' News

Carolyn Anderson will hold two workshops at the Studio during the summer:

- Flowers in Watercolor
- June 10-12, 10 AM 3 PM. Cost \$150. • *Landscape in Watercolor*

August 4-5, 10 AM - 3 PM. Cost \$100. Please contact Carolyn directly to register.

Beth Bobey will have an exhibition at *Little Pigs*, located at 131 North High Street in West Chester. The opening reception is Friday, June 5 from 5:00 - 8:00. Gallery hours are 10-3 Monday through Friday. The show runs through June 28.

Diane Cannon will be at the *Z* Gallery on 109 West Gay Street in West Chester for the month of July. The reception is on Friday, July 3 from 5:30 to 9:00 PM.

Doris Davis-Glackin had paintings juried into the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, Watercolor USA 2009, and Transparent Watercolor Society of America's 33rd exhibition. She also attained Signature Membership status in the prestigious TWSA organization.

Lori Hollenbeck will exhibit at *Artworks Gallery* in Kennett Square, June 5 through June 30. Gallery hours are 10-9, Tuesday through Friday, and 10-6, Saturday and Sunday.

Siv Spurgeon won an Award of Merit at the Greater Norristown Art League Open Exhibition. Her exhibition "Up Close" at the *Delaware Center for Horticulture* will open on with a reception on Loop Night, September 4. A second reception will be held on October 2nd, again to coincide with the Wilmington Art Loop. The exhibition will close on October 30.

Call for Entries

The Philadelphia Water Color Society's 109th Anniversary International Exhibition of **Works on Paper** will be held at the Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College, October 3 - December 18. Slide or digital entries are due July 1. To download a copy of the prospectus, please log onto www.PWCSociety.org. List of all accepted media plus guidelines for digital entries are also posted there.

Muriel Stauffer Honored

Muriel was honored with a Memory Book at the Annual Meeting in May. In keeping with the tradition, each member contributed one original piece of artwork which was collected in a handsome binder and given to Muriel in appreciation of the service and leadership she has provided the Studio Group over many years.



Thank You

Kathleen Kreuzberger extends a heartfelt thank you to all members who cared so much and prayed for her daughter's recovery this past year. They truly helped the family get through the bad times.

Ollie Crossan Update

Ollie is now in the skilled nursing center Preston Center, Jenner's Pond, West Grove, PA 19390. She hopes she can go to an assisted living facility when she feels better. She would welcome news about her friends at the Studio.

Summer Notes

- If there is a change to the summer painting program, Kerstin will send an email to all members. For those without email, please call the monitor the day before the paint-out session to find out if any change has been made to the schedule.
- .• In the case of inclement weather, join other artists and paint in the Studio.
- If you are interested in hosting your own Loop Night during the summer months, please contact the City of Wilmington to make arrangements. You would be responsible for the \$25 fee, your own publicity, and your own refreshments and volunteers. Contact Nancy James for more details.
- The SketchPad is going on vacation for the next couple of months. Look for the next issue on September 1. In the meantime, please submit news about your shows, awards, etc.
- Have a great summer! And remember, wear sunscreen!