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Happy New Year!

**Our January meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th
at 12:00 noon at The Art Center
Grand Junction members are in charge of lunch and then
our program will follow. We will be showing all the entries
that have been submitted for the Rockies West National
Watercolor Exhibition.**

Reminders:

**We will be notifying those that have been accepted into the
show in January. You may hand deliver your painting Monday,
March 2nd from 9 am to 11 am. at the Art Center. Paintings that
are being mailed to us should reach The Art Center from
February 10 - February 21.**

**There is still room for the Workshop with Ken Call, so be sure
to sign up soon. The workshop is March 4 - March 6.
The cost is \$235. for Members and \$270. for non-members.
Deposit \$100, nonrefundable after Feb. 1, 2020.
To register: Contact Dani Tupper, (970) 874-3088 or
kdtup@msn.com
Send payment and registration to: Western Colorado
Watercolor Society, P.O. Box 3584,
Grand Junction, CO 81502**

Bio of Ken Call

**Born and raised in Rochelle, Illinois, Ken went on to graduate
from the American Academy of Art in 1980 with an Associates
Degree in Illustration and Watercolor. He has worked as a free
lance artist nationally for many years, Ken spent 1993 NS 1994
studying and painting in Paris, France. He is now living in
Northbrook, Illinois with his wife and two children.
Ken in the last few years had made the transition to fine art and
portraiture. Many of his originals are hanging in galleries and
homes across the country. Several awards have led to
Signature status in the National Watercolor Society, Missouri
Watercolor Society along with being a Master Signature Member**

with the Illinois Watercolor Society.

Artist Statement

Starting in art school and all through my early years as an illustrator, I was encouraged to paint in many different mediums and styles. I tried them all, but in the end, I settled on watercolor. The spontaneity and flow just fit my personality. One of the things asked of the artists is to define what inspires them to do what they do. The one thing that comes to mind before anything else is the play of sunlight which defines and creates a mood.

Two paintings by Ken Call:



"A Late Morning" "In a Daydream"

President's Message

Hello All, I am looking forward to 2020. It will be exciting to see the paintings that were entered and those selected for the Rockies West show in March. These will be viewed at the January 8th business meeting at the Art Center in Grand Junction. Lunch will also be served.

We have contracted to have a Member's show at the Montrose Center for the Arts on even years. This year the show will be in September. On odd years the Member's Show will continue to be held at The Art Center in Grand Junction, also in September.

2019 was a difficult year for me with health issues but I have now been cleared with flying colors. Our prayers should continue to go out to Dani as she is still having difficulties.

Pleas sign up for the Ken Call workshop connected with The Rockies west show before it fills up. Details are in this newsletter.

Keep painting, Tim,

**Some thoughts from Anne for the New Year:
A Few Ideas About Painting for the New Year. We can all
benefit from these.**

**The following is condensed from *Artists Network's* Facebook
Page:**

New Years Resolutions for Artists

- 1. Commit to learning a new medium. (Of course, if we did we wouldn't be watercolorists, would we?) Try gouache or acrylics or alcohol inks. Incorporate some of these into your work. I have been trying with Brusho. Gives a new look and brilliance to watercolor.**
- 2. Is there a class or workshop you always wanted to take? Learn more, or new techniques and broaden your horizons.**
- 3. Are you using inadequate supplies, or skimping by using old stuff. Make the decision to replace some things like new paint, brushes and paper. It really improves your work.**
- 4. Are you an artistic slob? Clean up and organize your studio and arrange it well. It makes your work easier.**
- 5. Elevate your art business with a good website, have flyers and business cards, so you can increase your chances of selling your work.**
- 6. Make time to paint more. Spend more time painting. Make 2020 the year to really improve and succeed.**

Good luck for with your painting for 2020! ☐