Of a Feather: Audubon’s Birds
After John James Audubon died in 1851, his widow sold the 435 watercolors he created for his opus, “The Birds of America,” to the New-York Historical Society. Last year, the society presented 200 of those masterpieces of ornithological observation in the first of a three-part exhibition series called “Audubon’s Aviary: The Complete Flock.” The second installment,
subtitled “Parts Unknown,” opens Friday. It will display 132 more watercolors, most of water birds or waders. They represent some of Audubon’s biggest subjects, including the great blue heron and the whooping crane. Other species include the Atlantic puffin, which Audubon saw in Labrador; the snowy egret, which he studied in South Carolina; and the golden eagle, in particular a live but injured specimen that he bought in Boston and euthanized so he could paint it. The show will be enhanced by audio of bird calls and songs of each species from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Ken Johnson.

nyhistory.org
New York, New York
March 21-May 26, 2014

22nd Annual Watercolor Exhibition2014
Western Colorado Center for the Arts
Grand Junction, CO
March 5 – April 4, 2014

37TH International Exhibition
Watercolor Art Society-Houston
Alabama at Mandell
Houston, TX
March 11 - April 3, 2014

Gold Coast Watercolor Society
Art Serve
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
March 15 – April 5, 2014

73rd National Exhibition
Alabama Watercolor Society
Decatur Visual Arts Center
Decatur, AL
March 9 - April 19, 2014

At First Sight: Collecting the American Watercolor
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
Bentonville, AR
View the exhibition online here.
January 18 through April 21, 2014

37th Annual Exhibition
Kerr Arts & Cultural Center
Kerrville, TX
April 1 - 27, 2014
39th Annual Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Exhibition
Arizona Watercolor Association
Fountain Hills Community Center
Fountain Hills, AZ
April 1 –30, 2014

147th Annual International Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society
Salmagundi Club
New York, NY
April 1 - 20, 2014.

Hawaii Watercolor society 2014 members Exhibition
ARTS at Marks Garage
Honolulu, HI
April 1 – 26, 2014

International Art Juried Exhibition
Society of Watercolor Artists
Juror: Steve Rogers
Fort Worth, TX
April 20-June 20, 2014

Brian Milbrand, Atomic Bomb #2, 2012, 10 1/2 x 14 1/2 inches

Burchfield Penney Art Center
Buffalo, NY
MELT
February 14–May 18, 2014
Through a process of time-lapse video Brian Milbrand documents how pigment laden ice melts into the creation of a watercolor. For presentation, he projects the resulting video on to the surface of the watercolor. The result is an active surface that is both the end result of a painting and the tale of the process. Not a didactic presentation on how a painting is made, the viewer questions the relationship between moving and static imagery.
Thomas Aquinas Daly, *BK Fishing Downstream*, 2012, watercolor on paper, 11 1/8 x 15 ¼ inches

**Fly Fishing: A Celebration of the Stream**
A Collaboration with Trout Unlimited of Western New York
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Buffalo, NY
February 14–May 18, 2014

**John Singer Sargent: The Watercolors**
Mar 2, 2014 - May 26, 2014
The Museum of Fine Arts
Houston, TX
For further information: http://www.mfah.org

Charles E. Burchfield (1893-1967), *Blue Vista*, 1916; watercolor on paper, 20 x 14 inches

**Charles E. Burchfield: Water**
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Buffalo, NY
February 14–June 1, 2014
A look at the nexus of water as subject and as the unifying vehicle for the watercolor medium. It features artworks from the Burchfield Penney Art Center’s collection and studies from the Charles E. Burchfield Foundation Archives, as well as a newly discovered work on loan from a private collection.

**Charles E Burchfield: Family Tree**
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Buffalo, NY
February 14–June 1, 2014

Family ties were important to Charles Ephraim Burchfield. He was only five years old when his father died and his mother, Alice, and five siblings (James, Frances, Louise, Joseph and Fred) moved to Salem, Ohio to restart their lives. In 1922 he married his Ohio sweetheart, Bertha Kenreich, and they raised a family of five children: Mary Alice, Martha, Sally, Catherine and Charles Arthur. Because Burchfield tended to use symbols and to anthropomorphize his landscapes, there are very few portraits of the people who meant so much to him.

**Exhibitions to Enter Artwork**

**Watercolor U.S.A 2014**
Springfield Art Museum
Springfield, MO
Deadline: May 2, 2014
For further Information: [http://www.springfieldmo.gov/art/watercolorusa/](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/art/watercolorusa/)

**41st Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition**
Foothills Art Center, Juror Linda Doll
Golden, CO
Submission Deadline: May 12, 2014 (mailed in), May 26, 2014 (online)
September 13 – October 26, 2014
For further information: Becky Guy at [exhibitions@foothillsartcenter.org](mailto:exhibitions@foothillsartcenter.org)

**46th WATERCOLOR WEST INTERNATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION**
Deadline: June 30, 2014, on-Line entries
Transparent Watercolor
Juror: Judy Morris
Brea Art Gallery  
Brea, CA  
October 11 - December 14, 2014  
For Further Information: www.watercolorwest.org

**Museums and Organizations**

Nordic Watercolour Museum  
Sweden  
http://akvarellmuseet.org/en

Art Institute Chicago  
Multimedia Watercolor search resources: videos, demonstrations, audio  
http://www.artic.edu/aic/multimedia/multimedia-search/results/watercolor

**Demonstrations, Workshops, Lectures**

*Basket of Begonias*

**Color Temperature: Creating Mood and Atmosphere**  
Denise Sperry
Using color to create a mood is the emphasis in this watercolor workshop. The hands-on class will be a series of exercises to create a successful "moody" painting.

*Check out Denise Sperry’s nine color Mission Gold Landscape Watercolor set by Mijello.

For further information: shirokkg@buffalostate.edu.

**Plein Air Painting: Knowing When to Stop**
Roland E Stevens
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Buffalo, NY
April 13, 2014

How do you know when to stop painting? Chip will discuss his own near disasters and how he resolved and salvaged them. Chips Plein Air watercolors are created using his intuition without the use of photo reference material. Plein Air painting can have plenty of complications and opportunities. Moving shadows, ocean tides, clouds, chickens, people, sun, wind, fog, rain, snow, and drying time makes it a tricky composition. Timing is everything.

For further information: shirokkg@buffalostate.edu.

**Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society**
Demonstration: Valerie Larsen
Amherst Community Church
Buffalo, NY
April 24, 2014

For further information: http://nfws.org/event/workshops

The featured artist demonstrator will be Rochester artist, Valerie Larsen. Valerie has a studio and gallery space in the popular Anderson Arts Building in Rochester’s Neighborhood of the Arts. She exhibits her work throughout the U.S., and is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, the Watercolor USA Honor Society and the Philadelphia Water Color Society.

Valerie states, “Like a journalist, I look for the slant in which the important elements of a painting can be woven together into a cohesive and meaningful story. Each work is a decision making process with preliminary drawings and color studies to resolve the composition, design, technique, and even
style choices to communicate more clearly the essential ideas of the painting. There is an invitation for the viewer to enter the scene without a personal editorial.

**37th Southern Watercolor Society’s Annual Exhibition**
Linda Doll Workshop
Kerr Arts and Cultural Center
Kerrville, TX
In conjunction with the 37th Annual Juried Exhibition
April 8—11, 2014

**Figurative Design in Watercolor**
Jeannie McGuire
Scottsdale Art School
Scottsdale, AZ
April 14 - 18, 2014
For further information: http://scottsdaleartschool.org

Paint a Glowing Spring Still Life in Watercolor
Barbara Fox
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Buffalo, NY
April 27, 2014

My paintings begin with a moment of connection with an object or scene: I see it, it fascinates me, and I want to paint it. Class participants will focus on color, light, and the details we usually don’t notice in a casual glance. As a result, the more than something to look at for a few seconds, your painting will be a compelling scene with a sense of discovery.
For further information: shirokkg@buffalostate.edu.

**Pennsylvania Watercolor Society**
Spring Workshop with Karlyn Holman
Hummelstown Fire Department
Hummelstown, PA
June 16 -20, 2014
For further information: pwspres@gmail.com
Books, Catalogues and Publications

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Watercolor is taking the art, fashion, and home décor worlds by storm. The result is an explosion of new work by contemporary artists. This volume surveys the current revival of this medium, in portfolios from more than 20 of today's top watercolor artists from around the globe.

In the News

Chong Fei Giap, an illustration of Malaysian-inspired buildings.

Graphics Touch to Watercolour Painting

Chong Fei Giap is an artist and watercolours are his favorite. But you won't find Chong taking a brush and working on his canvas. Instead, he uses a laptop and digital drawing tablet to "draw" a watercolour feel to Malaysian shop lots and back alleys, hanging telephone wires and fishing villages. Chong said he would use 3D software to render shapes into buildings and then use Photoshop to fill in colours and details.
Swiss artist, Silvia Bächli, is a watercolourist with her first solo exhibition at the Nordic Watercolour Museum in Sweden.

“Pervading her work is a tone ranging from the playful to the frightening – almost helpless – in the vulnerability of all living creatures that it reveals.”

Painting with Ice
The Burchfield Penney Art Center hosted a drop-in workshop in March 14, 2014. Inspired by the installation MELT by Brian Milbrand in the galleries, participants painted with watercolor ice cubes melting on paper. The results were landscapes of water, icebergs, and glaciers.

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