

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Awaken Your Inner Artist

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Director's Note

"Before anything else, I want to give a huge shout out to all of you who were so incredibly supportive as we put on a Festival in the midst of a global pandemic. Thank you to those of you who gave financial gifts even though your favorite workshops were not being offered. Thank you to those of you who offered words of support and encouragement. Thank you to those of you who offered cars and lodging just in case we had guest artists coming into town. Thank you to those of you who shared our events on social media and with your friends and family. A special thank you to our instructors who were incredibly creative and wise in putting together workshops that would be safe and engaging. Thank you to those of you who registered and attended our workshops. You are the reason that FSAF exists and I am so proud to be able to say that we were able to host a half dozen workshops and lessons in the Covid-19-filled summer of 2020. Now as we move into the fall, I am asking, "What comes next?" What will next summer look like? What will Winter Edition look like? We have no idea what condition the world will be in, but we need to be taking some steps forward for these events cannot just be thrown together in a week or two. Interested in having some influence with how FSAF transforms moving forward? Here are a few options:



If you would like some insight into the direction that FSAF is headed, please join us for our annual meeting at the end of September. It will be virtual, fun and short.

Interested in having a hand in what workshops we offer and what courses we put on? Consider being a Program Coordinator. Contact me for more information.

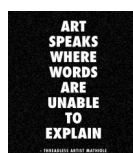
The Board of Directors has a couple of open seats for the next 3 year term. If you are interested in helping to guide the organization (and work with an incredible Executive Director), think about joining us. Elections will be concluded at the annual meeting so let me know soon if you want to join the Board.

Thank you for helping us put on Festival 2020, even as much of the world was shut down. I appreciate you all.

James

What's Next?

2020 Annual Meeting is on September 29th at 6PM and will be held via Zoom meeting. Caitlin Warbelow will be performing, business will be covered and news about this year and next year's festival will be shared. To attend the Annual Meeting you need to be a member and this year our Memberships are only \$10! Visit our website at www.FSAF.org and click on "SUPPORT" and then choose "MEMBERSHIP". You will receive you Zoom info after your membership purchase.



Artist Spotlight~ Vladimir Zhikhartsev



Vladimir was born and received his fine art education in Russia, specializing in watercolor, acrylic and oil painting. A Professional artist, he has had numerous exhibitions in Russia and 14 solo exhibitions in various galleries in Alaska. As a Plein Air artist and recipient of the 2008 Rasmuson Foundation Artist Fellowship Award, he travels and paints Alaska from Ketchikan to Dutch Harbor. Vladimir is also well-known as a 15 times Gold Medal winner in International Ice Sculpture Championships around the World. A resident of Alaska since 1996, he has been teaching ice sculpture classes in winter and watercolor painting workshops throughout Alaska in the summertime.

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