



Newsletter

*Connecting pastel artists across
the Rocky Mountains and
frontiers beyond*

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Primary Colors

Presidential Message
by Mike Ray
& Carri Currier

Dear Members,

It is a new year and we have some new folks in new positions on our Board of Directors including me, Susan McKelvy, joining Mike Ray (Mr. Experience) as a co-president. My first order of business is to thank everyone who stepped up last year to accept jobs that benefit all of the PSC membership. Without our volunteers, this organization would grind to a halt. We have a few vacancies yet especially in the critical positions of show chairs for both the Mile High Juried Exhibit

scheduled for the Sangre de Christo Arts Center in Pueblo which opens in August and continues through October 2008 and our annual Members Show. We still need to find a venue for the Member's show as well. Please contact either Mike or I if you have some ideas or would like to help. Otherwise, we'll be twisting arms and shaming you into helping us could get ugly!

We have PAINT OUTS 2008 scheduled and we hope everyone will find at least one event at a time and location that pleases them to join other pastellists on the 3rd Saturday of each month painting together. See the article in this newsletter and mark your calendars.

January's demo on January 12, 1 PM, will be conducted by member artist, Terry Ludwig, a talented portraitist. Don't miss it! Terry's pastels are favorites in almost everyone's palette and I'm certain he'll have some along for your perusal and purchase.

Annual Membership in PSC is due now only \$25 for unparalleled exhibit opportunities, great demos, artistic camaraderie with other pastel pushers, and paint-outs in exciting locations. Please send your checks to Penny Creasy, Membership Chair, or hand them to Carri Currier, our new Treasurer, at the next meeting.

We hope you had the merriest of holidays and are now ready to dust off the pastels and create new art. What a privilege to know such talented artists...what a scramble to keep up with you all!

Sue McKelvy and Mike Ray, Presidents

CALENDAR — IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT MEETINGS

**Front Range - Saturday, January 12, 1pm Meeting at Art Students League
(200 Grant , Denver)**

Saturday, February 9, 1pm Meeting at Art Students League

**Western Slope – Saturday, January 19, 1pm Meeting at The Art Center
(1803 N. 7th St., Grand Junction)**

Saturday, February 16, 1pm Meeting at The Art Center

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COMPOSITION: Editor's Perspective

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-- Ann Willoughby

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Members: 1 free ad per year; \$20 per ad per issue after initial ad or \$90 per ad for 6 consecutive issues.
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PSC meets monthly on the second Saturday in Denver and on the third Saturday in Grand Junction.

Yearly Membership Dues of \$25 are payable by December 31 for the next year. Please use the form printed at back of newsletter.

The Newsletter is published every other month. Deadlines for Newsletter items are February 20, April 20, June 20, August 20, October 20, and December 20.

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WANTED

Pastel artists who can give demonstrations at future PSC meetings in Denver and Grand Junction. Please contact **Gail Posner** at 303-674-6038

We'd like to offer a big thank you to **Rising Graphics & Printing of Evergreen** (303-674-7604) for all their hard work, expertise, and caring touch in the production of the PSC newsletter.

THIS AND THAT: News of the Society

Web sites to check out:

www.wetcanvas.com (place to learn, chat and get inspired)
www.pasteljournal.com/videos (video clips for new techniques and products)
<http://pastel-pointers.pasteljournal.com> (trouble shooting by Richard Mckinley)

Western Slope News:

I would like to thank everyone on the western slope for the support and help. Special thanks to Penny Creasy for standing in the past year when I couldn't, for all her hard work on getting the tax free status, organizing the special teaching at the pavilion for cancer patients, and all of the other stuff she does over here! Thank you, Lise MacGreagor, for being our membership communicator. And thank you Bob Martin for chairing the member's show for 2007. Also thank you to Nancee McClure for making a flyer to advertise our meetings.

Our Christmas dinner at Carinos Italian Grill was a huge success with over 25 in attendance. Thanks to Maggie Cook for putting it together for us.

We have some fun and exciting things coming up in 2008! First, Charles Morris will be doing a portrait demo for our January meeting. In February, we have Steve Traudt coming to give help on photographing artwork.

We will be meeting at The Art Center again this year. They have graciously agreed to keep the fee the same as last year.

Thanks,
Bev Lee.

East Slope News:

Happy New Year to all of you. We're looking forward to having another great year of painting and being creative. Our January 12th meeting will feature a portrait demonstration by Terry Ludwig. He is also having his pastels on sale for 20% off until January 11 th. Visit his new improved website at www.terryludwig.com .

On February 9th, Ginger Whellock, a landscape artist will be demonstrating for us the emphasis on atmospheric perspective techniques. www.gingerwhellock.com . Both demos will be great!

"The PSC would like to extend our condolences to Marianne Beedle and her family on the passing of her husband Wally in December. Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

Living Art Project a Success

The Living Art Project, sponsored by the Pastel Society of Colorado is all that it was hoped it would be.

This project is providing art instruction to people surviving cancer. Twice a month since October professional artists Deb Bonzek, Charles Hardy and Penny Creasy have provided lessons complete with supplies purchased and provided by our Pastel Society. The classes are at the oncology building of St. Maries.

Penny is so pleased to see 9 to 12 students come to class each time. Some are too ill to come to one class but will make the next one. These classes provide an hour and a half that they don't have to think about their challenges. It gives opportunities for students to learn to see shapes, to use color to express distance or create magical imaginary subjects. The thought in selecting instructors was to find a variety of approaches to inspire each student's creativity. Dawn Sagar will be the instructor for January and Geri Harris will teach in February.

2008 Paint-outs:

Get out of your studio and paint!

Kathy Imel

The Pastel Society has decided to hold paint-outs every month from February through November this year. What is a paint-out? It is simply an informal opportunity to get outside and paint, sketch, take reference photos, expand your perspective, or just hang out with a group of like-minded artists. There is no critique or expectation of accomplishment other than to have fun!

We will publish a full list of the year's paint-out dates and locations in the next issue of the newsletter. Most events are free, but since the Pastel Society will be providing beverages, we do need to have you RSVP to let us know you are coming and so we can send you the directions to the location.

Our first paint-out will be at Union Station in Denver on **Saturday, February 16**, from 9 AM to noon. Please RSVP by Friday, February 15. Plan on joining us!

For questions about the paint-outs, call Mike Ray at 303-674-1455. To RSVP, contact Kathy Imel at 303-438-9565, or via email at: kjimmel@aol.com.

Complimentary Colors

Members in the News

Please send your items via email to: PSCnewsletter@gmail.com or by mail to Ann Willoughby, 8724 Armadillo Trail, Evergreen, CO 80439

New Members!

Sandy Marvin Englewood
Judith Hall Olathe

Welcome back

Palea Goemmel Grand Junction
Iva Lemmons Denver
Becky Lucas Highlands Ranch
Anthony Crosby Denver

Congratulations!

Judy Sprague, PSC, has learned that her newest pastel portrait, "Spicer Arena Cowboy" has been juried into Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum National "Western Spirit Art Show" which will be run March 1-2008 through April 13, 2008 in Cheyenne, Wyoming

Astrid Paustian is having a show at Gallery 1 of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, from December 31 to January 26. The reception is going to be held on Sunday, January 13th from 2-4pm. NCAR's Mesa Laboratory is located at 1850 Table Mesa Drive in Boulder. The art galleries and science exhibits are free and open to the public weekdays from 8:00-5:00pm and on weekends/holidays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. n the web:

www.ucar.edu/outreach/art_gallery/calendar.html
Penny Creasy was juried into the "Western Spirit Art Show" in Cheyenne Wyoming for the second time. She was delighted to be invited to participate in the 45 minute Quick Draw held in conjunction with the show.

Call for Entries

The Artists Association of Northern Colorado would like to put out a Call for Entries for their 17th Annual National Juried Show. Slides are due January 31, 2008. Over \$5,000 in awards. Juror: Desmond O'Hagan. Any fine art media. Opening April 5th, 2008. Prospectus: SASE: AANC, PO Box 1039, Fort Collins, CO 80522. OR www.artistsassoc.org.

Nordic Arts -(t) 970-229-9846 (fax) 970-229-5683 or on the web at www.nordic-arts.com

Workshops

JAN MYERS WORKSHOPS

Pastel artist, Jan Myers, www.janmyers-artist.com member of the Pastel Society of America and painter for over 40 years, will be offering several workshops in the Northglenn area this February, and March, 2008. These are Saturday classes from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information e-mail Jan at jan.myers@earthlink.net or call her at 303-428-7394.

INTRO TO SOFT PASTELS: for people who are new to painting and/or new to pastels and would like an introduction. February 16, 2008 - How to do mesas and sagebrush; scenes from New Mexico
March 15, 2008 -Painting scenes from Ghost Ranch, NM; O'Keeffe country

EXPERIENCED PASTEL WORKSHOP: for any experienced painters.
Landscapes
February 23, 2008 - How to do still water and reflections
March 29, 2008 - Painting from O'Keeffe's "backyard" (by photos)

COST: \$55 per day or \$150 for any three classes. Or if you bring a friend who doesn't know about the class, you may have your fee for one class at half price.
Minimum class size is four, maximum about ten.

PASTEL CLASSES AT THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE.

Plein Aire Painting with Oils or Pastels

Doug Dawson Ability: All Levels

Fall in love with plein aire painting! Learn to identify interesting outdoor subject matter and move toward mastery of major principles including: creating depth, solving color problems, color harmony, linear perspective, and design. Learn the differences between working in overcast light and full sunlight and how to capture mood and feelings. Whether learning to paint water, trees, greens, figures or animals, you will be expertly guided in fine tuning your art. Although instruction will be in oil and pastel, students may work in their medium of choice. Special Note: Class meets at the League on the first Tuesday of each month. The instructor will demonstrate plein air painting at an off-site location on each second Tuesday. Class will meet and paint on location on remaining Tuesdays. Thursdays are uninstructed days. Session Length: Monthly Ongoing
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Dates: September 4–July 31
Cost: \$100 per month

Pastel and Oil Painting: The Seven Esthetics

Doug Dawson Ability: All Levels

Did you know that there are seven esthetic elements in painting? Whether painting a figure, still life or landscape, you will learn and be guided by these principles. You will explore composition and color theory while organizing a painting and mastering value. From studying proportions and anatomy of the figure to finishing a painting, you will be encouraged to discover new ways of thinking about your

art. You are also welcome to bring in work done outside of class for critique. Special Note: Fridays are uninstructed.

Session Length: Monthly Ongoing
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Dates: September 5–May 30
Cost: \$123 per month

Painting the Flowering Trees of Spring

Joanne Burney

Ability: Intermediate to Advanced

Each spring we have a small window of opportunity to capture magnificent flowering trees in our art. Some trees will fruit, some will only flower, but all will provide a range of colors and textures, making them beautiful subjects. Don't miss this opportunity. We must work quickly before they are gone for another year! Special Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, such as weather or late/early flowering of trees, this workshop may be cancelled or moved to different dates.

Session Length: 2 days

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Dates: April 19 & 20

Cost: \$100 for 2 days

Register by: April 16

Painting the Forest for the Trees

Joanne Burney

Ability: Intermediate to Advanced

Spring is an excellent time to study the perspective, textures, and intricate silhouettes of trees as they change from bare branches to full foliage. In this workshop, we focus on trees in the landscape, going outdoors to draw and paint trees in an interpretive manner. Learn how to use artistic elements and media to highlight trees or incorporate them more effectively into landscape painting. Special Note: All mediums welcome.

Session Length: 6 weeks

Thursdays, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Dates: March 20–April 24

Cost: \$150 for 6 weeks

Register by: March 17

Demo & dialogue with Joanne Burney

Saturday, January 12 | 1:00–3:00 p.m.

\$15 for members, \$20 for non-members

Register by: January 9

Joanne Burney, pastel artist and painter, has been teaching for more than 10 years. Join Joanne as she demonstrates her expertise and participate in a provocative dialogue.

Introduction to Pastels

Joanne Burney Ability: Beginner

This class offers a hands-on approach to learning about pastels and covers the basic information necessary to expand into intermediate and advanced work. Experience pastels as a tool with an emphasis on techniques including drawing, layering, blending and crosshatching. Investigate aspects of the material itself, including comparing brands and exploring different colored grounds. Learn how to store pastels and frame your finished work.

Session Length: 8 weeks

Thursdays, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Dates: January 17–March 6

Cost: \$200 for 8 weeks

Register by: January 14

