

Newsletter

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

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Primary Colors

Presidential Message
by Mike Ray
& Sue McKelvy

Greetings of the Season!

Mark your 2009 Calendars NOW! HOLIDAY PARTY for PSC is scheduled for Sunday, January 4th 2009 from 1-4 PM at Carri Currier's home at 2163 S. Grant Street, Denver. Potluck...BYOB, and bring yourself, spouse, significant other and a dish of munchies to share and maybe a small wrapped gift to exchange. Relaxed, friendly, fun and 'prime-the-pump-with-pastel-painters' kind of time assured.

We are hosting Virginia Unseld as demonstrator (vjunseld@aol.com) at the PSC meeting on November 8th at 1 PM at the Art Students' League on 2nd/Grant Streets, Denver. We hope you can come to listen and watch Ginny Unseld work her magic with pastels on soft papers. An added bonus of the November meeting in Denver will be a "show and Tell" of plein air pieces created at several paint-outs this past year. A special thanks to Kathy Imel, Norbert Nagel and Mike Ray for coming up with this great idea and locations that were literally across the state.

Our next paint-out is at Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, a very scenic area, on Saturday, Nov. 15. Sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting or call Kathy Imel (303-438-9565). She has a full roster of paint-out locales scheduled for 2009. Next year you all need to try one on for size as it begets one-on-one with the muses, talent-stretching scenery, tips, critiques (if you want 'em) and did I mention the reassuring, encouraging company of fellow pastelists...which adds up to INSPIRATION! Some pieces so created on site this past year have gone on to matting, framing and winning in juried shows!

Shows! Shows! And Shows! More dates of distinction for your calendars in 2009. IAPS Convention in Albuquerque in May. The members' show will take place in July 10-27, 2009 in Grand Junction. There will be more info on this including schlepping of paintings from east to west later in the coming year. The Mile High National Juried exhibition will be in Longmont during August/September and a workshop with Susan Oglivie, our juror, will be in the offering too. Again, details are still being worked on but do keep painting up a storm, saving your best work for all of these upcoming events!

The BOD is planning a special meeting on Nov. 8th at 9 AM at the Art Students' League to go over Mile High National and the workshops in an effort to make them more profitable for the PSC and more of what you want. Suggestions are being solicited so call me, Sue, at 303-838-2890, or any of our officers to lodge a complaint, make a suggestion or brainstorm an idea. You are welcome to come to the meeting as well.

At the annual meeting in Walden in September, the BOD passed the revised By-laws to streamline our operations but already needs to tweak portions to match our hoped-for status as 501c3 organization. Our special thanks to Carri Currier, Treasurer, for wrangling the reams of documentation to be submitted in our quest for non-profit status.

Finally, Mike Ray and I wish to commend those members who have served on the BOD, with various committees, and as officers this past year. No one gets paid and rewards are usually personal but knowing the organization's burden and opportunity for shows, meetings, milestones and accolades are shared is EVERYTHING! We can't do it without YOU! Thanks!

Here's to a special holiday season with family, friends and maybe a little quiet time with pastels. Happy Holidays!

Sue McKelvy and Mike Ray, co-presidents

CALENDAR — IMPORTANT DATES

East Slope Meetings: Nov 8, 1:00 at the Art Students League, demo by Virginia Unsel & show and tell
No December meeting
Jan 4th – Holiday Party 1-4PM at Carri Currier's (see President's message)

West Slope Meetings: Nov 15, 1:00 at the Art Center in Grand Junction. Panel discussion
No December Meeting but watch for notice of Christmas Dinner party

PAINTOUTS

Saturday, November 15, 9AM to noon - Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs
 RSVP Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 13 to Kathy Imel (kjimel@aol.com)
 The huge red shapes within the Garden of the Gods are famous nationwide and even inspired Thomas Moran to sketch and paint. Walk along the many trails to find your perfect vista, or paint from the parking lot of the visitor's center. It's all beautiful.

December - No paintouts.

Saturday, January 17, 11:30 to 2:45 - Ballet Nouveau Colorado, Broomfield
 RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, January 14 to Kathy Imel (kjimel@aol.com)
 Ballet Nouveau, a professional ballet company, has invited us to come sketch and paint (pastels only) their dancers during rehearsal. Channel your inner Degas, and join us for our winter "paint in." The number of participants is limited, so sign up early.

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COMPOSITION: Editor's Perspective

Thank you all for your submissions.

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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.

Ann Willoughby PSCnewsletter@gmail.com

The next newsletter deadline is December 20th. Thanks!-

Reminders

Membership Renewal:

January is the time to renew your PSC membership. I know you want to continue to enjoy the benefits of Membership which include this newsletter, the PSC Website, group shows, fun meetings, workshops, paintouts and much more. Please use the form on this newsletter and get your dues in while you remember it. Make checks payable to Pastel Society of Colorado. Those of you have already paid...THANK YOU

Vote:

It's time to vote for the PSC Board members. You will find a form at the end of this newsletter. Please fill it out and send in your votes. Thanks!

E-mail addresses:

Also from time to time we send out an e-mail blast to PSC members with time sensitive information about workshops, calls for entries, and various other items. We do our best to keep our e-mail list up to date but that can only be done with your help. If you wish to receive these e-mails (and also have it correct in our directory) please send an e-mail to PSCnewsletter@gmail.com with your full name and a subject of "PSC e-mail update".

Advertisements



"Painting Children, Secrets to Capturing Childhood Moments"

by Bev Lee will be out November 27th through North Light books. This book shows readers how to capture the charm and warmth of children through the nuts and bolts of capturing a likeness, posing, clothing, skin tones, etc.

Bev is a signature member of The Pastel Society of America and The Pastel Society of Colorado. Her works have appeared in The Pastel Journal, The Artist's Magazine, and The Pastel International Magazine.

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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

THIS AND THAT: News of the Society

East Slope News:

Diane Edwards presented a mini-workshop at our October PSC meeting which focused on self-promotion and marketing yourself as an artist. She shared pertinent information about making it as an artist, how to set appropriate targets for marketing, and making connections with your customer base. She provided us with handouts that included helpful suggestions and tips. Some of her tips for making it as an artist included: Take all the classes that you can afford with artists who will move you forward, produce art, read art books, keep a file of magazine and ad cutouts of work for inspiration, enter all the local shows you can afford, work in a series, clarify your vision of where you want to go, look at all possibilities for venues, work with artists and friends who are positive, have an inventory of 40 pieces ready for a showing, paint what you love and follow your own path-"Remember its the destination not the journey". Diane also suggests keeping your self promotion materials current, expanding your mailing list, advertising, pricing your work right, learning to use technology to your advantage, blocking out time to work on your art, setting a course of action, and evaluating your career and art at regular intervals. She emphasized the importance of hard work, self-discipline and inspiration to establish yourself as a professional artist. Diane has been an artist for 40 years, has won numerous awards, teaches classes and workshops and is a director of Art on the Mountain Co-op in Fort Collins. She has a background in art and business. You may contact her at Diawards@cs.com and view her art and Nodic-Arts.com

West Slope News

It was so good to see everyone back at The Art Center on October 18th. for our first meeting after the summer break. We had 19 in attendance with three being visitors. We got to hear how good sales have been for some and of all the awards members have received lately. Marie Meyer from Albuquerque presented information on color theory. It was very informative, she is a great speaker. She had her book "Multi Brand Color Chart, PASTELS" covering all open stock artists' pastels, for sale. She said it is very useful for sorters. I am, to a point, but a disorganized, organized sort of sorter. To me the book will be valuable as a guide to buying. For many of us on the western slope, online shopping is our only way of getting pastels. It is always a frustration to receive an order to find the colors not exactly what I was thinking, or looking at all the charts and not know what I want! In Marie's book, you can look up the color you want and find out what brand or brands

and corresponding brand numbers available in that color. It is organized as to hue, value, and chroma. I have already made a new shopping list. It is like having a guide to chocolates that have mysterious centers. I purchased one of the books and if any members would like to use it at the meetings, I will bring it.

Members also brought paintings and we had a critique. We have a lot of very talented members!

In November we are going to have a panel discussion. We did this several years ago when the society was a baby. I learned so much from it. The panel will be made up of George Callison, Daniel Loge', and Hazel Monzingo. So, come with all your questions. Topics will range from issues on the technical side of composition, color, pastel grounds, etc. to the business side of marketing, approaching galleries, etc. We will have a critique at the end. I always find these invaluable. Come and bring your latest works.

We are also in the process of organizing our Christmas party with Lou Armstrong and Hazel Monzingo volunteering to champion it. Thanks!

Bev Lee

Project Living art is in full swing. Artists Chuck Morris, Lorraine Sells, Geri Harris, Bev Lee, Dawn Sagar and Penny Creasy are each taking two Mondays a month to teach from Sept to April. The recipients of the classes are cancer survivors or their care givers. Each class varies by the individual artist's differing persuasions. The idea being to give each student an hour and a half they don't have to think about cancer. The supplies and a very small stipend is again sponsored by the Pastel Society of Colorado.

The Western Center for the Arts of Grand Junction will feature the work of 15 Pastel Society members. The works will be featured in the Gift Shop during the months of November and December, a nice place to be during that time.

Pen Creasy

Other stuff: The Pastel Society of Colorado is a member of the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS) and there is a new website. Check it out www.pastelinternational.com. Thanks to Karl Johnson the PSC has a website which IAPS links to.

PSC Annual Board Meeting & Paint Out

PSC's annual meeting was held on September 6, 2009 in Walden, CO. Present were the elected BOD and general members from east and west slopes. We primarily reviewed the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules to make them workable and appropriate to our current and future operations as an active arts organization. Treasurer Carri Currier recommended several additions to specific articles to better align them to our hoped-for status as a 501c3 organization. Final vote on the recommendations will take place at the next BOD meeting in November. Tabled were discussions and potential actions on Mile High National Exhibition and attendant workshops with the jurors of selection and or awards of the show. These will be addressed at the November BOD meeting.



For those in attendance, the fun began with paint-outs at several locations sleuthed out by Karen Miller, our esteemed hostess for the event. Over two days, pastellists were able to paint at scenic spots north, east and west of the ranching communities of Walden and Cowdry in North Park. Trees and shrubs were in a glory of hues of autumn and peaks in the distance sported first snow dustings. Several participants saw moose, elk and deer and got photos of out buildings, rustic fences and old vehicles for future painting inspiration.



It was a grand idea to combine a paint-out with a BOD meeting and we hope to do it again!

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!

Fran Combs	Denver
Cynthia Underwood	Grand Junction
Fred Davenport	Tempe, AZ
Marcia Sanders	Arvada
Pam Boutilier	Carbondale
BB Hahn	Pueblo

Congratulations!

Live Johnson was proud to have her work represented in The Mile High Nat'l in Pueblo, CO. She also has three pastel pieces juried into the Pastel Society of New Mexico 17th Annual National Pastel Exhibition in Albuquerque: Hot Rocks of Ghost Ranch, Georgia's Garden, and Taos Christmas Magic. The exhibition to be held Nov 7-23, 2008 at the Hispanic Arts Center. You are all invited!

Deb Kaylor has been accepted as a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of Colorado. In September, she also was juried into the the Oil Painters of America Western Regional Show in Coeur d'Alene as well as the Annual Pastel Society of America Show in New York City. She was notified that her pastel "44th & Tennyson" has sold.

Kathy Imel had two paintings accepted into the New Mexico Pastel Society's National Show, hanging from November 7-23 in Albuquerque. She also had a piece juried into the Denver Plein Air Festival Exhibit, at the main Denver Public Library from November 14 to December 31. The reception is at the main Denver Public Library downtown, Level 7, on Friday, November 14, from 6-9 PM. Here is a link where you can learn more about the festival and also preview the artwork: <http://gtmd.org/companyinfo.aspx?companyid=58>

46th Annual Art Festival Results

The PSC fared well in the 46th Annual Art Festival in Glenwood Springs. Mary Lou Felton made the cover of the show book. PSC members who won awards are: Professional Class: Pastel Landscape Susie Harvin (2nd), Dawn Sagar (3rd), Maggie Cook (HM) Pastel Still Life: Ginger Lecher (1st), Lise MacGregor (3rd & HM) Pastel Portrait/Figure: Ginger Lecher (1st), Beverly O'Neil (2nd) Pastel Non-Human: Marcia Fusaro (1st), Betsy Blackard (2nd). Advanced Class: Pastel Landscape: Emmi Starks (1st), Carol Murphy (2nd & HM) Pastel Portrait/Figure: Tina Belle Valdiserri (2nd), Pastel Non-Human: Emmi Starks (HM). Dawn Sagar took a Juror's Choice and Laurel Astor and Marcia Fusaro won PSC awards. Congratulations to all of you!

Call for entries:

If you know of a juried competition you think the PSC members would like to enter please send the following info to Ann Willoughby at PSCnewsletter@gmail.com, our newsletter editor:

Name of exhibition with location and dates

Deadline for submissions

Website or address to obtain prospectus

Bear in mind that the deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the month prior to bi-monthly publication. We get the newsletter out the first week of the month so if the deadline is close ask her to send an "email blast" and Karl will put it on the website.

The Richeson 75 International Pastels art Competition

Richeson School of Art & Gallery, a division of Jack Richeson & Co., Inc, is proud to announce the Richeson 75 Pastels Competition. Seventy-five twodimensional works of art and several alternates will be selected to represent the finest examples of pastel painting and drawing being produced by today's visual artists. You may download the prospectus at <http://www.richeson75.com/>

AANC 18th Annual Fine Art National Juried Show

Artists Association of Northern Colorado 18th Annual National Juried Show April 4-May 8, 2009 . Deadline: January 31, 2009. Over \$5,000 in awards. Juror: Arleta Pech. All original media. Prospectus: www.artistsassoc.org. Members: \$30.00, Non-members: \$35. Up to three images. Online or CD to: AANC, PO Box 1039, Fort Collins, CO 80522.

Many art shows, juried exhibitions and competitions are listed on: www.artshow.com. There are links to the organizations to obtain the prospectus

Workshops

DESMOND O'HAGAN - PSA Master Pastelist

Pastel Workshop in Artist's Studio
January 23-25, 9AM to 5PM - Denver, CO

A Comprehensive Workshop emphasizing technique, style, and composition

\$345 per student/Eleven students maximum.

To sign up or for more Information, contact Desmond O'Hagan at desmondohaganfineart@earthlink.net or 303-691-3736.

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www.webstersworld.net

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Please visit <http://www.pleinairamerica.com> and www.artaspens.com
719 545-2795

TERRY LUDWIG

2008 Pastel Workshops at the Terry Ludwig Pastels Teaching Studio
Littleton, CO. See www.terryludwig.com for schedules and information.

Thursday Open Studio

Artists are invited to join the painters in The Art Colony Thursdays, 1-4, in an un-coached Open Studio. Cost is \$10, easel provided, reservations are accepted by the month only, otherwise first come, first served. 10 easel spaces available. All media welcome, but please keep your kit compact. The atmosphere is friendly, the music is grand and the atmosphere is lively, but please remember that your fellow artists are there to work.

Intermediate to Advanced Painting Series

Hone your skills as a working artist with this intensive series of 5 one-day workshops to be offered at The Art Colony, on the 2nd Sunday of each month, July through November, 10-5pm, cost \$52 per person. You must sign up for the whole series, cost is \$260, payable with reservation, but pro-rations may be offered if all easels are not spoken for in advance. Study subjects include Color, Understanding and Pushing Composition, Line & Stroke, Values as a Design Tool, Developing a Personal Style. Information is in-depth and hands-on so you will be painting and practicing, best media is pastel or oil, but experienced watercolorists or acrylic artists are also welcome.

For any of the above, contact Sara Oakley at saraalynoakley@msn.com. The Art Colony is a studio cooperative with 20 working artists, located at 565 25 Road, Suite A106, Grand Junction, CO 81505.

Don't forget to Vote for PSC Board Members and Pay your 2009 dues!

Orphan Works Bill

This is some very important information about some legislation that is proposed (has passed the senate and is currently before the house). This legislation would require artists to register their artwork with companies in the "copyright registration" business. Failure to do so would mean that anyone could use your artwork royalty free if you did not register. As it is now, you automatically have copyright protection. This means that you would have to pay for what is now free. Also, if you registered with a company that later went out of business, you would have no copyright protection. So you would have to search out and pay every company in the "copyright protection" business to protect your rights, or risk losing them!! Even though you may not produce work that can be copyrighted, we artists need to stand together to stop this blatant attempt to steal the hard work of artists. Click on the first link in the attachment to send a letter to Salazar to oppose this nefarious legislation. The following link will take you to the CapWiz site which is set up to send prepared letters to your representatives. It's very easy to do.

<http://capwiz.com/illustratorpartnership/issues/alert/?alertid=11980321>

If you want more choices of letters that you can send, go to this link:

<http://capwiz.com/illustratorpartnership/home/>

This site will show you the organizations that are opposing this bill:

http://www.illustratorpartnership.org/01_topics/article.php?searchterm=00273

Please act quickly since this could be passed in the coming days. You work hard to create your art and you should retain control of how your images are used and marketed.

2009 PSC Officer Ballot

Vote for 2 CO-Presidents, 2 Vice-Presidents and 1 in other categories. Black lines are for write-in votes.

CO-PRESIDENTS

- Sue McKelvy (Buffalo Creek)
 Norbert Nagel (Lakewood)

VICE-PRESIDENTS

- Bev Lee (Grand Junction)
 Susan Smith (Littleton)

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- Kathy Imel (Denver)

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- Carrie Currier (Denver)

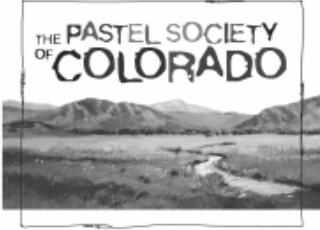
Vote for up to ten candidates.

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