



Newsletter, January 2019

President's Letter:

Hello APS Members,

We begin a new year at APS and look forward to sharing some exciting times in the months ahead. I want to thank our outgoing APS Board members for their gifts of time and welcome the new.

Among the events to anticipate will be mini workshops, and educational programs at each of the monthly meetings. In November APS will be hosting a national show and an exciting four-day workshop. Stay tuned...information will soon be sent out to members by Babs Steward, Workshop Coordinator.

Many of our members participate monthly in the "challenge" on the APS social media Facebook page- APS Talk. This is a fun opportunity to learn, share, and obtain feedback from APS friends as we post pieces we've been working on. This site is also rich with other information on pastels. Lois Davis has done an excellent job developing APS Talk to be a benefit of APS membership.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th in the educational building at #2 St. Vincent Circle. (our usual meeting room). This is an important "Pizza and Planning" meeting for the year. Please bring a friend! We want to know what you, the members would like to see APS offer for events and workshops. This is your organization and we're looking forward to hearing and implementing your ideas!

So stay warm, keep painting and we look forward to seeing all our APS friends March 5th.

p.s.** don't forget to renew your APS membership before the end of March!

Cathy Nugent
Co-President, APS

Membership Chair Karen Jones also reminds us to renew our memberships. The Sign-Up Sheet is on the last page of the newsletter.

From your outgoing newsletter editor:

Hello, Everyone. Your incoming editor, Susan Goldner, and I are collaborating on this interim newsletter, since I didn't get one out at the end of 2018.

As far as I can tell, everyone was having such a good time at the Christmas Party that nobody remembered to take pictures, myself included. It was a great party, with good food and company, and the perfect December day had us drifting back and forth between the kitchen and the patio, with its great view. A huge thank you to Dottie Funk for inviting us to her lovely home for our Christmas gathering. And thank you as well to everyone who attended for the festive food and exchange of mini-paintings.

Our December business meeting consisted of voting to approve our slate of officers for 2019, who are listed below.

Thank you all for your input and encouragement during my term as your editor. And welcome to Susan Goldner as she begins her tenure.

Cathy Spann

APS Officers for 2019:

Co-Presidents: Babs Steward and Cathy Nugent

Vice President: Susan Hurst

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Membership: Karen Jones

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Exhibits: Cathy Slater

National Show: Debbie Strobel

Historian: Mary Nancy Henry

Librarian: Claudia Spainhour

Sunshine Chairman: Gerry DeLongchamp

Announcements:

IAPS Updates from Shirley Anderson: There's still time to register with classes still open! Join the excitement! The dates for the convention are June 4, 2019 through June 9, 2019. To register, go to <http://www.iapspastel.org/>. The website will give you information on finding lodging. Also, associated with the IAPS Convention is the Pastel World Exhibition. Exhibition will be broken into two portions with artists who have attained Master Circle status applying for The Fifth Master Circle Exhibition, and those artists who have not attained Master Circle status applying for the 34th IAPS Juried Exhibit. **Entry deadline is tomorrow, 2/1/19.**

From Debbie Strobel:

LifeQuest is looking to have a pastel class this spring. This would be great as it would introduce more people to our medium. They are looking for pastelists to help teach. It could be as little as ONE session, or as many as four. Please read this info below from Anne Parat and see if you can volunteer to help. Please reply to Anne if you want more information or to volunteer. Thanks!

LifeQuest’s primary focus is to provide lifelong learning for adults of all ages. We offer three eight-week terms of classes during the year and one four-week summer term. Classes are held in the borrowed facilities of Second Presbyterian Church (corner of Pleasant Valley and Cantrell, just off I-430) all day on Wednesdays and on Thursday mornings. The wide variety of topics will appeal to practically any interest, and all for one flat fee. Our unique, volunteer-based structure stresses that the same people who participate in the organization should be actively involved in planning, implementing and funding the programs. The average age of a LifeQuest student is 74.

LifeQuest has had students express interest in a pastel class. The time slot we have available is 9:00-11:50, Thursdays, April 4-May 23. The typical class structure is for the teacher to provide something to draw or paint, then all work on the same thing. The results are similar, but never close to the same! Another approach has been to have each person bring something of interest to draw, and the teacher to circulate and make suggestions/answer questions during the class. The skills of the students vary greatly, from quite accomplished to rank beginner. Our maximum class size in the art rooms has been 20, but we average about 15 each session. We would need a supply list (typically between \$25 and \$50, since many students are on fixed income), then instruction as to what to use when and how to achieve various effects. I would think landscape and still life drawings would work well to start. I have someone (Clarence Cash, an APS member) who has said that he will teach 4 weeks, but I have not confirmed that he is available this particular term. We can modify hours to start later or end earlier if necessary. Thank you so much for sharing our need! I hope some people will want to become part of our little effort to bring art to more people and give them means of expressing themselves while having fun!

Anne Parat, LifeQuest Curriculum Committee

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Dates to Remember:

January and February, 2019	No monthly meetings.
March 5, 2019	Monthly meetings resume, 6:00 PM St. Vincent Meeting Room, Pizza and Planning
July, 2019	Garvan Gardens Show, details to come
November, 2019	National Show and Workshop, details to come

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

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New Member () Renewal ()

Apply for year _____

I am willing to serve:

___ as an officer, ___ on a committee, ___ help with a show, ___ other

Signature _____

Mail completed form with annual membership fee of \$25 to:

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Karen Jones, Membership Chairperson
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