



Newsletter

August 2020

From the President

Dear fellow artists,

It was wonderful to see so many of you participate in our first ever Zoom meeting for the Arkansas Pastel Society. Thank you Debbie Strobel for monitoring the meeting and Denise Dupont for arranging with the selected artists for a tour of their studios. This was the first time some of our out of town members were able to participate in a meeting.

We all have had to adapt to changing times brought by the coronavirus pandemic. The milestones of our lives continue to evolve and how we react to those events has evolved as well. Funerals, graduations, birthdays, art exhibits, classes, friendships, events too numerous to mention here have had to be online. Through the use of technology we can still participate in these significant moments and stay connected to each other. And we as the Arkansas Pastel Society can stay connected as well and continue to grow. Staying flexible and embracing technology seems to be the way for us to stay relevant.

An adjustment I have had to make in recent weeks was a change in my vision. A few weeks ago I decided I was having trouble reading. My ophthalmologist diagnosed me with a macular hole in my right eye and my left eye was not far behind. I had the surgery on the right eye and the eye is recovering. I won't know how much of my central vision will be restored for several weeks. The left eye will be operated on in a few weeks.

During my recovery I stayed with my sister and her husband. Nancy and Bob moved to Little Rock in March having lived most of their lives in Ohio. A few years ago she took up painting and has received instruction in acrylic, watercolor, colored pencil and pastel. On weekdays at 6:30 a.m. she watches Create AETN and sees different artists give an instructional demo of their work. It may not be the kind of style you would adopt but I found it inspiring. We actually managed to paint a few hours during my stay there. Especially painting landscapes one is encouraged not to see details. With my current affliction that was not a problem!

Keep painting and learning. With technology our world has become closer. Adding a few happy little clouds to my skies these days.

Susan Hurst
Co-President

Richard McKinley Workshop

The workshop is cancelled.

Plein Air in September (Cathy Nugent)

Finally!!! Come join us for a fun evening. We will meet to Plein air paint safely with masks and distancing!

when: Tuesday, August 1st

time: 4:00 p.m. 'til dusk

place: Two Rivers Park Drive, LR
There is a parking lot and
brick building with a
bathroom. We will gather
there.

bring: suggestions...



Supplies can be as minimal as you wish. Some members may want to sketch, do underpaintings, watch...anything you choose.



- mask
- water
- bug spray
- chair
- firm surface for drawing
- 12- 1000 pastels!



Susan Hurst's Pastel from 2019

If you have any questions or concerns, please text or call me at (501) 960-0548
No rain date has been set.

From the Librarian (Claudia Spainhour)

If you want to turn in books and DVDs that you have checked out, you can do it at the September meeting at Two Rivers Park or drop them by Cathy Nugent's house. Or I can meet you in Little Rock to get them turned back in since we cannot have regular meetings right now. I will also have materials at the meeting that you can check out if you like. You can contact me at cspainhour453@gmail.com if you wish.

Member News

MaryAnn Stafford

MaryAnn recently sold three pastel landscapes and her mask design is selling on [Vida.com](https://www.vida.com). She's been making watercolor greeting cards and sending them to Hospice Patients -- so far, she's mailed 30 of these!



Calendar of Events

September 1, 2020	Monthly Meeting Plein Air Two Rivers Park Drive, Little Rock 4:00 p.m. 'til dusk (officially starts at 6:00 p.m.)
September 27, 2020	Deadline to Enter APS Juried Membership Online Show
October 12-16, 2020	CANCELLED Richard McKinley Workshop
October 13, 2020	Monthly Meeting Richard McKinley Demo (tentative) ZOOM 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November 3, 2020	Monthly Meeting Dueling Artists ZOOM 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November 7, 2020 – December 3, 2020	APS Juried Membership Online Show
December 7, 2020	Virtual Holiday Party