



Newsletter

Feb. 2021

From the President

Hello APS Members,

How about this frigid weather we have had? I hope a lot of you have had a chance to dip into your pastel box and pull out all of those whites to create the snow paintings that we seldom get the chance to do!

Our society takes a break from meeting through the cold winter months, but as the weather reporter stated last night, spring is only six weeks away so it is time for us to begin making plans for what we would like 2021 to hold for the Arkansas Pastel Society (APS). Our first official monthly meeting of the year scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd, will allow for us to do just that. As has become custom, we use the time during our March meeting to allow members to brain storm with ideas for programs and activities they would like to have during the year. Your input is very important so please plan to attend this Zoom meeting. We usually have pizza, snacks and drinks at this meeting, so this year, bring your own snacks, pull up a chair and join us online. Zoom meeting invitations will be sent prior to the meeting on March 2nd.

Speaking of Zoom meetings, 2020 was a challenging year for everyone, including the Arkansas Pastel Society. Our hand was forced to come up with creative ways to keep us all engaged and to carry on our mission as a group. Thanks to a hard-working board and the technical skills of some APS members, we were educated on how to stay connected through web conferencing by utilizing the Zoom platform. Our regular monthly meetings became on line meetings and because of this we were able to see demonstrations by artist such as Richard McKinley, share our paintings and ideas with each other, and tour the art studios of some of our members. 2021 holds the same challenges for us and we are already off to a great start: The new APS board met in January, a special APS on-line meeting was held in February because we simply wanted to see and hear from each other, an on-line mini workshop is planned for February 27 featuring nationally known artist Karen Margulis, and the first APS meeting of the year is scheduled for March 2nd. I would say 2021 is off to a fantastic start! And don't forget, this is the year for our national show and a coinciding workshop led by Karen Margulis planned for the fall.

Because on-line conferencing has become our lifeline during the pandemic, I would like to extend a special thanks to Debbie Strobel and Shirley Anderson for helping us stay connected through Zoom. And because social networking is such an important communication tool for us, I would like to thank Lois Davis, who keeps our Facebook account "APS Talk" going and whose efforts provide an avenue for constant sharing, communication and education among our members.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Tuesday, March 2nd. Please plan to join us!

Nancy Martin
APS President

SAM CARUTHERS

As most of you know, one of our long-time members Sam Caruthers passed away in December 2020. Sam was a member of the Arkansas League of Artists and the Mid-Southern Watercolorists. He also participated in Life Quest. Sam created strange, wonderful, and whimsical art in many mediums. In his honor the Arkansas Pastel Society is creating an exhibition award entitled "Outside the Box" for the Members Only Juried Show.

APS TALK

In addition to thinking about what you want to see in our regular meetings, Lois Davis has requested your input on how we can keep our Facebook page, APS TALK, growing and evolving. Forward any ideas you feel will energize and engage more of our members to Lois at artbylois.davis@gmail.com.

One final reminder! Our Karen Margulis mini-workshop (Livestream) will be next Saturday from 9-Noon. You can still fill out the form and get your check in. If you are afraid the check will not make it in time, just tell Susan Hurst or Debbie Strobel that it is in the mail, and we will be sure to get the Livestream link to you.

All info is in the attached document. Plus membership application also attached.

Please fill out this form and return to our mini-workshop chairman: Susan Hurst • 9 Roanne Ct. • Little Rock, AR 72211 ****If you need to join or renew your membership, you may return the membership application (also attached) to Susan Hurst with this form. Susan will confirm your membership and give you the member rate, then send the form on to our Membership Chairman, Anne Paret.****



Karen Margulis Mini-Workshop How to get Exciting Color in the Landscape February 27, 9am – Noon

Karen Margulis will be doing a mini-workshop for us through YouTube Livestream. Karen is a wonderful teacher, and you don't want to miss this opportunity!!! If you would like to view Karen's work, you can visit her website at <http://karenmargulis.com>. Karen will be judging our national show this year and will also be doing our workshop prior to the show.

This is Karen's description of the demo:

"Do you ever wonder how an artist chooses color that is unexpected but somehow works? In this livestream presentation and demo I will share the four simple tips that help me achieve more powerful and exciting color in my landscape paintings. I will put these tips to work in a full demo. You will have opportunity to ask questions during and after the demo."

We will send out a link to every person who signs up prior to the workshop. You will need an internet connection in order to view the workshop. Prices are \$25 for APS members and \$35 for non-members. You must be current in your dues for the 2021 year in order to sign up at the member price.

Any questions about the workshop can be directed to Debbie Strobel (debbie.strobel@icloud.com)
Susan Hurst (susandeehurst68@gmail.com).

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email address (required) _____

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Dominique Simmons Mini Workshop – Saturday, April 24, 2021

CLOTH, FABRIC, DRAPERY! It is at once luminous, and form revealing, and can be frustratingly hard to get right. In this workshop we will UNRAVEL(pun intended) the secrets of creating the wonderful three dimensionality that every artist wants. I will set up an array of drapery, solid, stripes and prints, discuss structure, value, light and color and look at examples of art where it's really well done. We will meet at my light filled studio, in the historic Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church at 16th and Louisiana in SOMA and just a few blocks away from many restaurants. I will see you there at 10:00 and we will stay until 4:00. We can safely fit six masked folks.



2021 Programs

Members, please be thinking about ideas and suggestions you have for our upcoming monthly meetings. Also, let me know if you are willing to do a presentation at one of our meetings. Finally, I think it would be fun if our members who attend the Karen Margulis workshop and are willing to share, show us the pieces they did during the workshop. We can talk about all of this at our March meeting. You can also email me at vm5556@gmail.com or send a text to 501-680-1055.

Valerie McNee
Vice-President

Calendar of Events

March 2, 2021	Monthly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
April 6, 2021	Monthly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
April 24, 2021	Dominique Simmons Workshop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
May 4, 2021	Monthly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
June 1, 2021	Monthly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
August 3, 2021	Monthly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
September 7, 2021	Monthly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
October 5, 2021	Monthly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
November 8-11, 2021	Karen Margulis Workshop 9:00 am -4:30 pm
November 9, 2021	Monthly Meeting -Demo By Karen Margulis 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
December 2021	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party

ARKANSAS PASTEL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print legibly)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone(Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Cell) _____

E-mail _____

Web Site _____

New Member () Renewal () 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:

Arkansas Pastel Society

Anne Parat, Membership Chairperson

807 Shea Drive

Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

***** **Check received by Chairperson:**

Membership paid through: