



Newsletter

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From the President

It's Time to Plan to Enter Our APS National Show

Hello APS Artists,

It's beginning to look a lot like spring. My husband and I just got back from taking our dogs on a hike in the woods and everywhere I look this blue-skied, sun-drenched day, I feel inspiration for a painting. My husband thinks it looks rather drab but I see it more in the eyes of an artist. Yes, there are gray bald trees and brown leaves covering the ground, but there are also the remains of last summer's tall grasses that have turned a beautiful golden wheat color, sometimes nearly orange, against the bleached-out skeletons of last summer's Queen Anne's lace. Peeking up from the earth are tender blades of fresh grass and clover and yellowish-green sprigs promising to become this year's wildflowers. Tiny purple petals peek through the carpet of velvet moss under my feet and the dark green cedars that rise from the forest's floor are now tipped with orange threatening to share their pollen at any minute. I can see all of that "spice" Karen Margulis talks about. Such a contrast of the untainted reborn colors of spring dappled across the bleak neutrals of winter.

Need inspiration for a painting for this year's APS national show? You might try taking a walk during this special time of year when nature embraces spring. And remember to take your camera and your artist's eye with you!

Happy Painting!

Nancy Martin

Changes To The APS Board

Two members of the APS Board have resigned recently. Anita Bogard headed up our Garvan Gardens Exhibit and has not renewed her 2021 membership. We will not need to replace the position since there are no plans for the Garvan Gardens exhibit this year.

The other change is much more urgent. Debbie DeCuir has stepped down from being the webmaster for personal reasons. However, she will remain a member of APS. Our website has not been updated with information such as past workshop pictures, upcoming workshops and our 2021 newsletters. Someone who has experience with Weebly is needed to help update items on our website until we can get someone to fill that position.

Please contact Nancy Martin if you can help.

Save The Date

Sheliah Halderman will be the featured artist showing many new pastel paintings for the month of April at The Artists' Workshop Gallery, located at 610A Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR. The Artists' Workshop Gallery will be participating in the April Hot Springs Gallery Walk on April 2nd.

Debbie Strobel has heard back from **Karen Margulis** about other Livestream events. It seems that she has gotten VERY popular since we booked her, and she can only fit in one more event for us. It will be Saturday, August 14th, again from 9-noon. This one will be on painting wildflowers, which is one of her specialties.

Debbie will send out the application in early July, so mark your calendars now.

April Meeting

For our April 6th meeting, Linda Pneuman has graciously agreed to share with us her art collection. She says she has collected pieces that are very personal to her, most are by people she has some connection with or they bring back special memories. Her collection includes pastels, oils, acrylics, fiber arts, photos and prints.

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.



IAPS 2021 Juried Exhibition

The International Association of Pastel Societies is accepting entries for the 2021 juried exhibition to be held in Chicago this summer. Submissions can be made through ShowSubmit, and the deadline is April 10th. The exhibition will hang in the Zhou B Art Center from June 17th through July 19th. The exhibition is separated into the 38th Open Division and the 6th Master Circle Division.

Calendar of Events

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.
August 14, 2021	Karen Margulis Livestream 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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: