



*Newsletter: February 3, 2014*

### *President's Message – Debbie Strobel*

The Arkansas Pastel Society started off 2014 with a board meeting in January, and it sounds like this is going to be an exciting year! Lois Davis, our vice president, has come up with a great new idea for meetings that we hope to start in March. Check elsewhere in the newsletter for the details from Lois.

We have two member shows scheduled, one at Garvan Gardens and the other at Community Bakery. We also hope to get a Members' Juried Show set up for this year if we can find a location. That will give you another opportunity to earn points for Signature Membership.

Marlene is doing a great job with our website and also our APS Facebook page. She has also set up a Google Group for us to make it easier to email all members. She asks that you remember to post your new work to our Facebook page. I know I am guilty of posting it to my personal page but forgetting to post to the APS page.

With the new year your dues of \$25 are due to Babs Steward at P.O. Box 250022, Little Rock, AR 72225. Dues must be paid no later than April 1st to be eligible to participate in member exhibitions. You also need to update our Historian, Mary Nancy Henry, with any new points gained in 2013 toward Signature Membership. Her email is [mnhenry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mnhenry@sbcglobal.net).

Since we don't have a national show to take up much of our time this year, I hope we can focus on growing as a Society, both in terms of our personal growth as artists and also expanding our membership. If you have any ideas of how to help in those areas, please email me at [sailstrobel@aristotle.net](mailto:sailstrobel@aristotle.net).

See you at the March meeting!

### *Website News – Marlene Gremillion*

We want to hear from you! Do you have a favorite pastel tutorial, link or blog? If you do, please send it to me so that I can post it on the website. [www.marlenegremillion.com](http://www.marlenegremillion.com)

Also, if you have won an award, or have a show, or otherwise have an announcement, please post it on our APS Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/arkpastel>

I have set up an APS Google Group. You need to add the Google group to your address book so that incoming messages are not deleted by your email spam filter. Just add [Arkansas-pastel-society@googlegroups.com](mailto:Arkansas-pastel-society@googlegroups.com) to your contacts.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Southwestern Bell Room of the Center for Health Education Building of St. Vincent's Hospital. If you need directions, go to <http://www.arkpastel.com/contact-us> and click on the link.

## *News Flash Programs*



### *March Program – Lois Davis*

Hello everyone,

As VP I have been working on our programs for the coming year. I have decided we're in a rut and it's time for a change. APS is celebrating its tenth year anniversary this year. So for ten years we've been coming to meetings and watching demos with an occasional paint around thrown in. Don't get me wrong, we've had some wonderful demos by some excellent artists and the paint around is lots of fun, but everyone knows you learn best and retain the most when you participate.

This year we are going to totally change our programs. Instead of demos, we are going to have mini classes. APS will furnish all the materials needed so just bring yourself and get ready to have fun creating. We will have a very short explanation and then the rest of the meeting will be spent EXPLORING PASTEL by doing.

Each class will be a challenge to explore an idea, palette, paper, technique, intensity, background, under painting, perspective. I could go on forever.

Our first meeting this year will be March 4th. We will be exploring a different way to choose a palette, but that's all I'm going to tell you. Watch the newsletter each month for hints about the next program.

Come and explore with us. Hopefully, it will stretch you as an artist.

Lois Davis, Vice President APS

### *Dues are Due! Babs Steward*

The dues are due! By April 1, 2014, to enjoy a continuous membership!

Checks (\$25.00) should be made out to Arkansas Pastel Society, and mailed to Babs Steward, Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 250022, Little Rock, AR 72225.

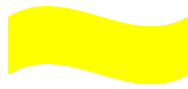
If you are presently a member, and your contact information has not changed, you may simply mail a check (with no form). If you are new, please go to [www.arkpastel.com](http://www.arkpastel.com) and print off a Membership Form, and include that with your check. That way you will be sure and receive the information about meetings, workshops, and more.

Please note: If you are pursuing the Signature Membership status, continuous membership is required to utilize points for an extended time, so send your check in by April 1st to avoid a lapse! (See website for more information on the Signature Membership.)

If you have any questions, please email me, and I will be glad to help.

### *Signature and Gold Membership – Mary Nancy Henry*

If you are pursuing Signature Membership you need to record any points you earned last year (2013) with Mary Nancy. Please complete the Signature Membership Form found on page 3 and send it to Mary Nancy at [mnhenry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mnhenry@sbcglobal.net) If your membership status has not changed and you earned no points in 2013, then you do not need to send the form back. You must maintain your membership (stay current) to be eligible for Signature Membership – that is, the points start over if membership lapses.



## *The National Exhibit 2013 – Nancy Martin and Lois Davis*

The APS national show is scheduled to come down on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. APS members who exhibited in the show should plan to pick up their paintings from the Butler Center Galleries at the Arkansas Studies Institute **between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that this time is actually one week earlier than the original scheduled time so please adjust your calendar!

Volunteers are needed to help take down the show and pack it up for shipping on February 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. Please email Lois or Nancy at the national show email address [apsreflections@gmail.com](mailto:apsreflections@gmail.com) if you can help.

## *Arkansas Pastel Society Library – Cathy Spann*

Returning to the role of librarian, I see that our library needs to be updated and refreshed. It's time to clean out what doesn't get used and find new materials our members will enjoy.

DVDs are checked out much more often than books, so I've decided to remove books that are rarely used and add more DVDs -- though I do plan to add a few new books. So if you have anything that you'd like to see in the library, please let me know.

I've ordered a few things already, but plan to add several more before we meet again in March.

The discarded books will be available at our March meeting, if any members present want to take one to keep. Any books left over will be donated to the drawing studio at the Arts Center for use by students there.

On the other hand, several DVDs have gone missing, so please look around and see if you might still have any that you've forgotten to return. Our library needs your help too.

## *Treasurers Report – Shelly Gentry*

The Arkansas Pastel Society bank balance is \$7,870.94



# Announcements

## Garvan Woodland Gardens Show – Sheilah Halderman

Garvan Woodland Gardens show will be held in May, 2014. You can show two paintings if they are 16 X 20 or smaller, or one painting larger than 16 x20. The deadline for entering the show is Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Members can bring paintings to the April meeting in Little Rock, or bring them to Garvan Woodland Gardens for hanging on Thursday, May 1 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A 20% commission will be charged by Garvan Woodland Gardens on any painting sold. See the entry form at the back of the Newsletter.

## *Community Bakery Exhibit – Sr. Maria Liebeck*

Get ready for the Community Bakery Exhibit coming up later this summer. The dates for the Exhibit are August 3, 2014 to October 4, 2014. Members may enter 2 or 3 paintings and there is no commission on the sale of artwork. Buyers will contact the artist directly. This is a great opportunity to show and sell your work!

## *Mini Workshops – Malene Gremillion*

Mini Workshops were a great success in 2013. Marlene plans to offer them again with tentative dates in April, September and November 2014. We will keep you posted.....

## *Contemporary Painting Workshop – Tom Herrin*

Tom Herrin's Contemporary Painting Workshop - check it out at the Arkansas Arts Center web site under Museum School, Painting, and Workshops. You will find my workshop listed under museum school "Painting", and then "Workshops". You will need to scroll down to see my workshop. The workshop will be a fun look at designing a painting in a contemporary manner.

## *Interesting Links – Margaret Lincourt*

I have been checking out various websites for pastel artists and techniques and found some interesting sites. So if you need an inspirational break, check out: <http://artmatch4u.com/pblogs.html>

One of the most active, and interesting blogs is maintained by Karen Margulis. Check it out!  
<http://kemstudios.blogspot.com/>

If you have a favorite blog, website, or book, please let me know and I will put it in the next APS Newsletter.

## *Forms follow on the next few pages...*

Membership Form

Signature Membership and Gold Membership Form

Garvan Woodland Gardens Show Entry Form

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  
Babs Steward, Membership Chairperson  
P.O. Box 250022  
Little Rock, AR 72225

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Check received by Chairperson:

Membership paid through:

Levels of Membership in Arkansas Pastel Society for Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the boxes that apply. Keep your own cumulative point total; record here the current year for Historian  
 Cumulative points began with 2010 Members only Juried Show.

Mail form to Historian, MN Henry, 9 Nob View Circle, Little Rock, AR 72205.

General Membership:	Dues paid for current year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold Membership:	Member for one year AND	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Volunteer for one year as EITHER:	
	Committee Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signature Membership Points:	<p>* Point System can be used over an extended period of time as long as membership is kept current.</p> <p>* When requirements for signature status are met, member may submit a letter to Arkansas Pastel Society Board for Signature Status award. With Signature Status the member has earned the right to use this honor for promotional purposes.</p> <p>* In order to keep Signature Membership, the member must keep general membership current and consecutive.</p>	
	<b>Gold Membership for One Year And</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>12 Points from the Following:</b>	
	One of top four awards in Arkansas Pastel Society National Show (5 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____points
	One or more painting juried into Arkansas Pastel Society National Show (4 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____points
	One of top four awards in Arkansas Pastel Society Juried Members Only Show (3 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____points
	One or more painting juried into Arkansas Pastel Society Juried Members Only Show (2 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____points
	One of top four awards in Arkansas Pastel Society Non-juried Members Only Show (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____point
	Total points for current year	_____points
	Total cumulative points	_____points

GARVAN WOODLAND GARDENS SHOW  
540 Arkridge Rd. Phone: 501-262-9300

April 21<sup>st</sup> deadline to enter show

May 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00-11:00 brings paintings to Garvan Woodland Gardens for hanging

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00-3:00 take down and pick up your paintings

Contact person: Sheliah Halderman

e-mail: [sheliahhalderman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sheliahhalderman@sbcglobal.net), phone #: 501-922-9375

A 20% commission will be charged by Garvan Woodland Gardens on any painting sold.

Please fill out this information: two paintings if 16x20 or one larger

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Title of painting: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of painting: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Painting:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Please no sawtooth hangers, put your name and title on the back of your painting.

Thank you.

Sheliah Halderman