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# ARKANSAS Pastel Society

Color is popping up all around us and I hope this newsletter finds you painting! We had a wonderful time with Hugh Dunnahoe as he presented how he works with pastel at our May Meeting. It was fun to catch up with old friends and meet new ones!

We have lots of exciting things going on around the State in the coming months! In June, I am thrilled to say that Sally Strand will be teaching a workshop in Little Rock. The South Arkansas Art Center Members Only Exhibit also opens in June. Please make plans to attend the Artist Reception June 9th, from 6 – 8 pm in El Dorado. The South Arkansas Art Center is a beautiful venue and you will love the people there too!

In July, the South AR Art Center Exhibit will travel to Christ Church in Little Rock and hang there for 2 months. Following are more details about the exhibits and member's shows.

Enjoy the color all around us – and keep painting!

Always curious about color,  
*Virmarie*



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## People, Places & Things!

### June Program – Suzann Waggoner

Suzann Waggoner is an active competition painter in water color, oil pastel, and mixed media compositions. Her works range from the loose washes of contemporary expression to the fine detail of photo realism. Her paintings, drawings, and illustrations have been exhibited in selected, juried art shows that are recognized locally, regionally, and nationally. Her works are included in the archives of women artists at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, as well as in many private, corporate, and museum collections. Suzann lives, works, and teaches painting and drawing in Mt. Vernon, Arkansas.



### SAAC Exhibit

Entry form is attached with newsletter. Forms due by May 11; paintings due to Virmarie by May 25th.

### Christ Church Show

Christ Church has agreed to let us do a mid-summer show there. The show will hang there for the months of July and August with a reception on 2nd Friday Night Art Night in July. Please mark on your forms for El Dorado if the piece can go to Christ Church but remember the 24in wide by 30 in height restriction.

### Artist of the Month

Cathy Spann won the drawing for the Artist of the Month. Her paintings will be on display at the Starving Artist Cafe in North Little Rock under the special “Pastel Society” area.

### Christmas Party

The date for our Christmas Party will be December 4th. We are considering having it at a home or restaurant. If you have any suggestions, contact Virmarie.

### Our Website and Facebook Site

Be sure to check out the new look of our website at [www.arkpastel.com](http://www.arkpastel.com). If you are on Facebook, “like” our Arkansas Pastel Society page.

### 2013 National Show

Planning is going great for our national show next year. Richard McKinley has been confirmed as the juror and judge. He will also be doing a workshop prior to the opening. The opening reception will be November 8, 2013.

### Mary Ann Stafford

Mary Ann Stafford will be at White Wagon Farm Studio, and will also be showing at Mt Magazine in July and Ketz Gallery June – July.

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### **Virmarie Depoyster**

I started working on a Conservation Sign Project with Park Hill Elementary's 5th Grade class in Oct. 2011. The Conservation Sign Project was an art/science project designed to extend Park Hill Elementary's fifth grade study of ecosystems and biomes while emphasizing visual arts. The program's goal was to cultivate an awareness of the human impact on ecosystems, and help students to develop deliberate habits to prevent a negative human impact. This public art project will be on permanent display and reach across a diverse audience to remind the community of the human impact to the animals in our State. I had the pleasure of working with Mrs Barton and North Little Rock Park Ranger, Kate Finefield. Kate helped identify the animals living in the area and talked with students about their habitat, and how important it is to preserve their ecosystems. I worked with students for 6 weeks and taught them how to draw and then, paint with oil pastels. They went on a field trip to the trail and the students artwork was unveiled! They were so excited to see their work on the trail and the bright colors of pastel made the signs stand out! This project will continue to bring art to people walking along the trail and provide a positive human connection through the student's drawings. The project was funded by an Arkansas Arts Council, Artist-In-Education Grant and a Beautification Grant from North Little Rock Aldermans Beth White and Debi Ross. The signs will be permanently displayed at the Isabella Jo Trail, off Cook's Landing road on the North Little Rock side of the Big Dam Bridge. The trail is a beautiful shady bike / walking trail, so I hope you visit the trail this summer and see the students work.



### **An Evening of Art**

Two of our AR Pastel Society Members (Shelley Gentry and Mary Nancy Henry) will be participating in this event next week! It will be from 4pm to 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1818 Revervoir Rd. in Little Rock. There will be 13 participating artists. Acrylic, Jewellery, Oil, Pastel, Pottery, Watercolor. Cash and check only, Please bring your art-loving friends!

## **No Meeting in July!!!**

**Our monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the south auditorium of the Center for Health Education building of St. Vincent's Hospital. Email newsletter information to Debbie Strobel at [sailstrobel@aristotle.net](mailto:sailstrobel@aristotle.net). Email web page information to Marlene Gremillion at [gremartist@gmail.com](mailto:gremartist@gmail.com).**

**ARKANSAS PASTEL SOCIETY**  
**South Arkansas Arts Center Member's Only Show**  
**El Dorado, Arkansas ♦ Merkle and Price Galleries**  
**June 1 – 29, 2012**

**Calendar:**

- May 31, 2012 - Painting due to SAAC in El Dorado  
If you want Virmarie to deliver your painting to El Dorado, deliver paintings to her by May 25th - email her at [vdepoyster@yahoo.com](mailto:vdepoyster@yahoo.com) to schedule time
- June 1, 2012 - Hang date, Show Opens
- June 9, 2012 - Artist Reception, 6 - 8 pm
- June 29, 2012 – Show Closes
- July 2, 2012 – Pick up hand delivered entries at SAAC; will transport back to Little Rock

**ELIGIBILITY AND SALES:**

- Commission: 35% of sale of artwork shall be given in commission to SAAC
- No artwork can be included in a show if it has previously shown at SAAC unless it has previously hung in a SAAC sanctioned competition.
- Artwork should be 80% soft or oil pastel.
- Members may enter 2 paintings each.
- There is no entry fee.
- Entries must be original and executed within the last three years.
- Images from internet or copyrighted materials may not be used as source. Work must be artist's original work.
- APS reserves the right to refuse any work submitted.
- Entries must be suitably framed under glass or Plexiglas and ready to hang with wire hangers (saw tooth hangers are absolutely not allowed).

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**ENTRY FORM**

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist email: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #1 Title \_\_\_\_\_

H" x W" \_\_\_\_\_

Soft or Oil Pastel \_\_\_\_\_ Sale Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #2 Title \_\_\_\_\_

H" x W" \_\_\_\_\_

Soft or Oil Pastel \_\_\_\_\_ Sale Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email your entry form to [vdepoyster@yahoo.com](mailto:vdepoyster@yahoo.com)