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2013



Last Tuesday was an extremely fun and interactive evening as our own Virmarie Depoyster gave us a program on sketchbooks. She showed us her own personal sketchbooks she has filled over the years, and explained how she uses sketchbooks when teaching children and teenagers.

We all felt a little like kids as we were encouraged by Virmarie to “let go” and have fun with our sketchbook and not be concerned with the final product. We started with a contour drawing. We had to look at our neighbor and draw without looking at the paper or ever picking up our pencil from it. Interesting results! Then we supplied us each with watercolor sets to use with our pastels. The theme for the drawing was “Change,” which we were encouraged to write somewhere on the page. Then we just had fun! I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed this and was encouraged to do more of this at home. The results of some of those pages are shown later in the newsletter.

Sister Maria was chosen as the artist to exhibit at the Starving Artist Cafe in North Little Rock.

Our next meeting will be June 4th with Denise Dupont doing a tutorial on papers. Invite a friend!

Debbie Strobel



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People, Places & Things!

Program for June

Denise Dupont & Lois Davis

A Primer on Papers!

Denise will have samples of several different papers to use for pastel paintings. Lois will have samples of different brands of pastels. It will be hands on. Members will have an opportunity to try out any or all of the samples.

Tom Herrin

Tom has a watercolor painting in the Mid-South Watercolorists Show at Cantrell Gallery. His painting is titled "Arkansas Landscape."

Arkansas League of Artist Show

Sr. Maria and Debbie Strobel have paintings in the ALA Show at the Cox Creative Center. The opening reception is Friday, May 10 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Debbie Strobel

Debbie sold 4 paintings at Community Bakery in April.

Sandy Bennett

Sandy Bennett of El Dorado, one of our longtime members, won the Purchase Award for the 2013 Camden Daffodil Festival. Her oil painting, "Spring Social," will be featured on the posters and t-shirts for the 2014 festival.

Gert Tara-Casciono

Gert has a sculpture Exhibit at the Historic Arkansas Museum from Friday, May 10 (reception 5 – 8 p.m.) until August 4th.

Artists' Gallery Workshop

Sheliah Halderman will have an exhibit at the Artists' Gallery Workshop at 810 Central Ave. in Hot Springs during the month of May.

Members Only Exhibit

Don't forget to go see our Members Only Exhibit at Garvan Woodland Gardens. Pick up is May 31 from 9 – 11 am.

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First Mini-Workshop

This year, the AR Pastel Society is providing mini-workshops at the Butler Center in Little Rock. Members of APS will be conducting the mini-workshops and all the proceeds from donations will help support the APS National Show in November! Here is a link to the APS Website with more info. Click on link on page for application form or see below.

<http://www.arkpastel.com/workshops/84-mini-pastel-workshop-correction>

Less is More...Composition, Edges and Color

Instructor: Vimarie DePoyster

June 15, 2013 • 9:30AM-3PM • Butler Center • Little Rock, AR

Donation: \$20 (APS)

This helps support the APS National Show

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Vimarie's workshop will stress the fundamentals of compelling composition, while encouraging a personal approach to the creation of powerful color relationships. Her approach: "Painting is a process... value and color studies will help to set the stage for great composition and better paintings, while exciting edges create mystery and the magic." Vimarie will demo and provide individual guidance with each student. "It's all about letting go...remembering that every painting has to be ugly before it can be pretty and enjoying the ridge!"

----- **Complete and send check (\$20) made out to Arkansas Pastel Society** -----

First come first serve only 16 positions
Registration begins now and must be in by May 30, 2013

To: Marlene Gremillion
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

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. Email web page information to Marlene Gremillion at gremartist@gmail.com.