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PASTEL SOCIETY

Newsletter: April, 2014

President's Message - Debbie Strobel

Our April meeting was another great "hands-on" meeting led by Lois Davis. This time she gave us several photos to choose from, then we cropped to get a more pleasing image and did one painting. Her next challenge was for us to crop drastically and basically create an abstract drawing. That part was especially interesting to me as a way to come up with abstract ideas. We used Multimedia Artboard that Shirley had gotten for us. It is a very lightweight board that can take the application of water and not curl or warp.

We had three visitors, all of whom did well and seemed to enjoy playing with pastels! Paul Leopoulos also joined us for part of the meeting. He accepted our yearly scholarship check to The Thea Foundation, and told us about the new things they have going on. In this newsletter you will find opportunities to help at the Thea Art Festival on April 26th.

Thanks to all who brought their paintings for Garvan Gardens to the meeting. If you did not, you will have to take it to Hot Springs yourself on May 1. Shelia is requesting one or two people to help her that day to hang the exhibit. You can contact her at shelialderman@sbcglobal.net.

At the meeting we also introduced the new logo for the Arkansas Pastel Society, which you can see on this newsletter. We have



Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Arkla 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.

created a new trifold brochure to use for publicity, which might be printed by the next meeting. Please use them to publicize the Society and invite others to join us.

Continue to invite your artist friends who have never tried pastel to the next meeting. It is a wonderful way to give them a chance to try it out. And enjoy the beautiful Spring weather that is finally here with some plein air painting!

April Program - Lois Davis

April's meeting challenged us to create more than one painting from a photo or plein air scene. Lois had us think about new ways to use photos in our paintings. We also had an opportunity to try out a new media: Multimedia Artboard Pastel Panels.



Lois showing us some examples of composition.



Shirley describing the pastel panels.

Some of our work



Getting Down to Work!



Workshops

Sequach National Research Center Artist Workshop.

Saturday, May 10, 2014. For information contact Art4barb@yahoo.com

Upcoming Shows & Exhibits

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 21st. 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!

Announcements:

- *FLORALS AND FRUITS* – an exhibit of paintings by Dr. Mary Ann Stafford of Maumelle will be on display at the Patrick Hays Senior Center throughout the month of April. Media used are pastel, watercolor, acrylic, and colored pencil. Several of the works have received awards from various regional shows. Dr. Stafford is a signature member of the Pastel Society of the Southwest, The Arkansas League of Artists, and the Mid-Southern Watercolor Society. : See Mary Ann's Blog at pastelanne.wordpress.com
- Thea Arts Festival
Thea Foundation will celebrate its 3rd Annual Thea Arts Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 26, in North Little Rock's Argenta District. What makes this exciting day an extra success and possible is our volunteer support. We are seeking your time and talents for the Festival in three areas:
 - 1 - Demonstration artists needed. Along with showcasing talent, artists will engage audience in an informational conversation about the artistic process.
 - 2 - Volunteers are needed to assist with overall festival activities. Please click [here](#) for more information and to sign up directly.
 - 3 - Volunteers are needed to provide and assist with activities for children throughout the day.

To sign up or for additional information, please contact Shanta Nunn-Baro at 501-379-9512 or shanta@thefoundation.org.

The Form for Garvan Woodland Gardens Show is found on the next page...

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

April 21st deadline to enter show

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

June 1st 1:00-3:00 take down and pick up your paintings

Contact person: Sheliah Halderman

e-mail: 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