



SPS NEWSLETTER

Bringing Brilliance to Art and Life

January – February 2009

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Message from the president

Happy 2009 to one and all! Before we start the New Year, I want to thank everyone who helped to make all of our activities last year such great successes – board members, show chairs & volunteers, Pastels on High team, phone tree callers and all of you who participated with such enthusiasm. For this, our 10th anniversary year, we're planning more exciting events of learning, sharing and, most of all, painting with pastels!

This year's board is a mix of old and new. We're lucky to have several returning members: Kathryn Hall (Secretary), Jimmie Grann (Special Events Director), Marise D'Abreu (Newsletter Director), & Mary Ann Broddrick (Liaison to IAPS). Welcome to our new crew: Judy Hamner (Vice President), Joyce Amlick (Treasurer), Susie Baggett and Dave Williams (sharing the position of Affiliate Representative),

Ramona Beckwith (who was Membership Director for several years, now Exhibition Director), and Judy Perry (in Ramona's old position). It's a great group; give any of them a call whenever you need to.

Special thanks to our wonderful outgoing 2008 board members – they were all a great help in making the past several years so terrific. Cheers to David Beauchamp (Treasurer), Melody Lane (Public Relations Director), Gloria Vernon (Exhibition Director - she'll now be Spring Member Show Chair), and, very importantly, Kathy Frevert Levenson, who was last year's Vice President and President for the two years prior. Note we don't yet have a new PR Director (or a Fall Show Coordinator)...if you have an interest please call me! Getting our message out to the public is a very important part of our mission.

For our 10th year we'll be planning some new events to celebrate. Our February 28 General Meeting will feature a critique with our first President, Connie Randmaa. We will also have our first "Art Swap Meet", so clean out your studios and get ready to deal! Perhaps also a signature show during the holidays, or a miniatures show...let us know what you'd like. Throughout the year we'll have more paint-ins, and -outs, and demonstrations. We're holding a 5 day workshop with nationally known artist, Lorenzo Chavez, in October. You can check the Events Calendar listings in this newsletter, or on our website, sierrapastelsociety.net, to find out what's up. Please be sure to call the hosts of these events beforehand so they will know how many folks to expect. And if you have any website questions or suggestions, you can call Kathy Frevert Levenson, our new 'Web Coordinator'.

Please pay your dues ASAP if you haven't already; we need to have a firm grasp on our funding to plan the year's events. And let's make the most of our winter painting time – it'll be spring before we know it! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Susan Levitsky

Saturday, January 17th 10 am-2 pm

Paint-in at Jimmie Grann's home

What better thing to do on a cool winter day than paint in the comfort of indoors. Jimmie Grann opens her studio in El Dorado Hills. If enough of us would like, Jimmie will hire a model. (That would cost about \$5 per person for each of you painting the model, if at least 6 sign-up for it). Bring your painting gear, something to paint (if not the model), lunch and your enthusiasm. Let Jimmie know by Jan 9th if you would like to have a model.

Location: 7032 Hearst Dr, El Dorado Hills

For directions and to RSVP contact Jimmie at 916-358-3805, or jcgrann@comcast.net



Saturday, February 7th 10 am-2 pm

Potluck and Critique

Bring a few of your paintings to have them critiqued in a friendly learning environment by other SPS members. The Spring Membership Show is in April so you will have time add final touches to your paintings! As part of this day of sharing, bring something to contribute to a potluck lunch. You could also bring fun holiday art presents (like books) to show and tell. All experience levels are welcome!

Location: Susan Levitsky's home, Cameron Park. RSVP to Susan, 530-676-0781, by Tuesday, February 3rd. She will provide directions.

Saturday, February 28th 9:30 am-noon

General Membership Meeting: Connie's Critique and an Art Swap

We're starting off our 10 year anniversary events with a critique by SPS's first president, Connie Randmaa. Members may bring 1 to 2 completed or in-progress paintings for Connie to evaluate. Connie has taught pastel painting for many years and will explain her critiquing process before beginning. Depending on the number of members who bring paintings, she will discuss one or both of an individual's paintings with the group and make recommendations for strengthening the painting.

Also, we will have our first SPS "Art Swap Meet". You are invited to bring any extra, new or lightly used, painting/art gear that you do not need anymore. You may put an asking price on it, offer it for trade, barter or give it away! Please label your items before you come with your name and price (or whatever). Please contact Susan Levitsky if you have ideas on how to make this exciting event go smoothly and fairly

Location: Greenstone Estates Clubhouse (directions on web), [4700 Old French Town Road](#), Shingle Springs, CA.

Saturday, March 14th 10 am-1:00 pm

"Paint Around" at Gloria Vernon's (studio or outside, weather dependent)

This will be our 2nd time trying this new activity. The first was fun and creative. It works is something like this: Each person will have a set number of minutes to work on a painting, then will move to another painting, & so forth until a set of 10-20 minutes is completed in one hour or so (e.g., a team of three artists would have 20 minutes per painting for one hour). We hope to have enough involvement to have 2 to 3 teams going. Come with something to paint (photo, an object or a few small objects), an easel, pastels, paper or painting surface, & a sense of adventure. Bring something to share for a potluck lunch while we critique our productions!

Location: Gloria's Studio, 5735 Thompson Hill Rd, Placerville (toward Coloma). From Placerville: take Cold Springs Rd. Pass Gold Trail School go down the hill, across the road from Girard Vineyards, turn it onto Thompson Hill Rd. 2nd driveway on the right. About a 15 min drive. From Cameron Park, EDH...take Shingle Springs exit off 50 (Ponderosa Rd) go it over freeway, turn rt on North Shingle Rd. going towards Lotus. Go past Sutter's Mill School, turn rt on Thompson Hill Rd. Go 2.1 miles to 5735 on the left. (about 15 mins)

Contact: Gloria Vernon, rgvernon@cwnet.com, or (530) 621-2468 to RSVP

Saturday, March 21st Start 9 am

Plein Air Painting – Foothills in Spring

One of our newer members, Pat Stoddard Aragon invites us to paint with her on her property in Somerset. There are open fields with big old oak trees and granite boulders, a vineyard is across the street, and even cows and chickens. To top it off, the flowers should be out, too. Bring your painting supplies, snacks/sack lunch, sunscreen, walking shoes, etc. If it rains, we'll move the date to Saturday, March 28th.

Location: Somerset; call or email Pat for directions and to RSVP, paragon6261@earthlink.net or 530-620-2432

Mon-Fri April 13-17

Spring Membership Show

Members of the Sierra Pastel Society bring your paintings to Building A on Monday, April 13th between 8-10 am. Each member may enter a total of six paintings. The entry fee per painting is \$5.00. See web info on shows for full rules. Other pastel artists may become members when entering their paintings into the show.

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Location: El Dorado County, Placerville Government Building B, 360 Fair Lane, Placerville
Spring Show Chair: Gloria Vernon,
rgvernon@cwnet.com, or 530-621-2468

Saturday, May 16th Start 9am

Plein Air Painting – Foothills in Later Spring

Judy Hamner invites us to paint out with her on her property in east of Diamond Springs.. She has oaks and a pond; the wildflowers should still be good. Bring your painting supplies, snacks/sack lunch, sunscreen, walking shoes, etc.

Location: Past Diamond Springs on Pleasant Valley Rd, 4550 Alameda Rd; call Judy at 530-644-0131 to RSVP and for more specific directions.

Saturday, August 8th 9:30 am

General Membership Meeting & with Guest Speaker/Demonstrator

To be determined... (who would you like to see??)

October 5-9 (Monday –Friday)

Lorenzo Chavez Workshop

The workshop details and fee are still being worked on. Information will be provided as soon as the publicity goes out.

Hotel accommodations are being arranged with Sorensen's Resort on Hwy 88 in Hope Valley, or students have options available in So. Lake Tahoe, Meyers, Kirkwood, Woodford or Minden/Gardnerville. Motor home/camping accommodations are also available at several locations in the area for those who have RV's or wish to camp.

If you, or others, want to offer your homes in the area for accommodations, Thaleia will need the address, contact, price, distance from Hope Valley in terms of driving time, etc.

Location: Hope Valley (300 Blue Camas Road)

Contact: Thaleia at 530-626-9188 or
Thaleia@directcon.net

November 1st

Slides due for Signature Status applications

December 12th noon

Holiday Meeting & Luncheon, Share a bit of holiday cheer with other SPS members. Raffle and white "art" elephant gift exchange included in the fun. See your November - December Newsletter for more information.

Location: To be decided.

September 13-17th 2010

Richard McKinley Workshop – 5 days

Learn to Market Your Art

A workshop by Marty Rudolph on Saturday and Sunday, January 31 and February 1 will be held at Capital Athletic Club in Sacramento. This 2-day workshop is limited to 12 people and costs \$125. To attend email: marty@martyrudolph.com or call Marty at 541-352-3535. Go to <http://www.martyrudolph.com> to learn more.

Class: Introducing Pastel Painting
February 19th

Try your hand (literally!) at creating beautiful paintings using pure pigment - sticks of pastel. You will learn about the types of pastel, and grounds (papers, boards, etc. to paint on), and have a chance to try out several painting techniques. You can take home your work. Framing and protecting these works of art will also be discussed. Susan Levitsky, award-winning pastel painter and current president of the Sierra Pastel Society, will lead this one-evening "check it out" class. For beginning and intermediate painters wanting to try a new way to 'paint'; Call (916) 355-7285 to register (\$40), or call Susan at 530-676-0781 if you have questions. Supplies to be provided for small charge. Class is Thursday evening, February 19th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Folsom's Park Recreation Building, 48 Natoma St.

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Spring Show Coordinator: Gloria Vernon.
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Fall Show Coordinator: position open

Getting Your Art on the Sierra Pastel Society Website

by Kathy (email: kathyhoward85@yahoo.com), Website: sierrapastelsociety.net

Several people have contacted me about submitting paintings to our website. It is fairly easy to have your art posted at our website and this is a great way to share your work on-line.

There are two places where a member's painting can appear on the SPS Website, the Member Gallery and the Home Page.

The Member Gallery is a page that lists each member. If you would like, an image of one of your paintings can be included by your name. Our web master, Steve Arrigotti, charges \$5 to add an image to the membership page. Steve also charges \$20 to set up a small webpage with 4 images. You may contact Steve directly on this (see the following article).

The Home Page features paintings by member artists that have won awards, with preference given to paintings awarded Best of Show, People's Choice, or 1st place at a SPS sponsored show. The page features paintings, one at a time; the paintings randomly change each time the page is opened or refreshed. If you would like to have one of your paintings considered for the Home Page, send it to me. This painting should be saved as a jpg file @72 dpi and the longest side should measure 6.0". The paintings on the homepage will be changed periodically.

Additionally, I would like to start showing the award winning paintings from our shows at our website. To do this, I need artists to send images of their paintings after each show. Please take digital images of your paintings before you frame them! If there is enough interest, this is something we can add to the website.

Below is information from Steve about having your own webpage.

Hello Artists,

For any member that is interested I'll be happy to add a page with your artwork to the Sierra Pastel Society website. My charge for a single page is \$20 payable after I upload and you approve the page.

Your Input: The following items are included on the page and should be sent to me via email to: steve@arrigotti.net

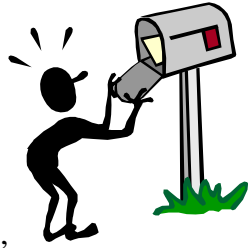
Please put "pastel society web page" in the subject line so I don't think it is spam.

- 4 images saved as jpeg's @72 dpi. The longest edge should be 4.0"
- If you want to add titles, sizes, prices and medium send that information in the body of the email.
- If you want to include a VERY brief artist statement (1 or 2 short sentences) send that information in the body of the email.
- If you have an existing web site include the complete URL (domain name) and I'll link to it from the page.
- If you have an email address send that information in the body of the email.

***What's not included** on this page is phone #'s, mailing address, classes, workshops, schedule of events etc. As a member of the Sierra Pastel all/some of these **MAY** be included elsewhere on the website.

If you would like a complete web site built my rates are very affordable.

Check out my web site at: <http://www.arrigotti.net>. If you have questions or want to talk about the page just call me at 916-933-Here's my address:
Steve Arrigotti, 1481 Lomita Way, El Dorado Hills, CA. 95762, steve@arrigotti.net



THE BULLETIN BOX

Dear Members,

This box has been created for you! The box you have been waiting for - the place to announce your achievements or vent your frustrations to fellow artists ... the place to sell, barter or giveaway your wares..., the place to let us know of interesting places you have seen that could be future venues for our creativity.

So don't hold back – the box waits to be filled.



"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures." ~ Henry Ward Beecher



SPS Needs You!


We have openings for:

- Public Relations Director
- Fall Show Chair

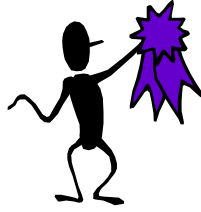
Contact a Board Member if you are interested!



**Important
DATE!**



Thaleia will be participating in the Art Studio Tour next fall and she has room for a few more artists working in any media. The tour dates are September 17, 18 & 19th (3 days, one weekend). The location is between Shingle Springs and El Dorado near Mother Lode Drive and is an established tour location known for having multiple artists, ambiance, good parking and munchies! Contact Thaleia at 530-626-9188 or Thaleia@directcon.net.



Sorry we missed your name in our last issue, please accept our apologies and our congratulations!

Pastels on High Exhibition 2008:

AWARD OF MERIT	MARIE VERSAILLES <i>Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, Province of Quebec, Canada</i>	<i>Enfants le jour et la nuit</i>
AWARD OF MERIT	MIKE KOLASINSKI <i>Chicago, IL</i>	<i>Vanilla Icing</i>
AWARD OF MERIT	CHRISTINE CAMILLERI <i>Coquitlam, BC, Canada</i>	<i>A Day Off</i>
AWARD OF MERIT	RON WOODRUM <i>El Dorado Hills, CA</i>	<i>Reflections</i>

Special thanks to Deborah Hill for creating a beautiful POH Postcard!

Harvest of Art, Fall Membership Show 2008:

PORTRAIT 1ST	KATHRYN HALL <i>Placerville, CA</i>	<i>Chiara</i>
LANDSCAPE/SEASCAPE 1ST	FRANCIS ZUREK MORGAN <i>Placerville, CA</i>	<i>River's Edge</i>
SIGNATURE: HONARABLE MENTION:	MELODY LANE, <i>Coloma, CA</i>	<i>Darwin's Cousin</i>

Happenings

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ENJOYED

The Courtyard Café in downtown Placerville was the festive setting for the SPS Holiday Luncheon on December 14th. Twenty-two members and spouses attended and they were treated good food and warm camaraderie while snow flakes fell outside. An optional gift exchange was enjoyed, as mostly art-related items (new or “gently used”) were chosen and unwrapped as each participant’s number was called, stealing allowed if you preferred someone else’s already-opened gift to choosing a new one from under the tree. All in all it was a fun way to get into the holiday mood, relaxing and enjoying the company of fellow artists and friends. Thank you to Jimmie Grann, our Special Events Chairperson extraordinaire, for putting the party together.

SPS Members Win Awards in PAA Membership Show

A number of SPS members recently took awards in the Placerville Arts Association Fall Membership Show on display at the Government Center December 8th through the 12th. David Beauchamp took 1st place in the Abstract/Experimental category, and Lucia Rothgeb took a 3rd in that category. Lucile Kapple received an Honorable Mention in the Animal category, and Gloria Vernon took 1st in Floral/Still Life. In the Landscape/Seascape category Frances Morgan Zurek received a 3rd place, and Susan Levitsky and Connie Randmaa received Honorable Mentions. Mary Ann Broddrick was awarded 1st place in the Miniature category, with Lucia Rothgeb receiving 2nd and Judith Perry 3rd in that division. Jimmie Grann won 3rd place in Portrait.

Participating SPS members made a large contribution to this beautiful show whether their paintings received ribbons or not. Congratulations to all who participated, and special kudos to our award winners!

NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME!!!

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CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Tuesday Morning Group at Placerville Senior Center,
All medium, 9:00am-noon. Call Valerie Bye at
(530) 622-4111

Anita Wolff, Oils/Pastel/Watercolor. Classes are held
On Friday by appointment. Classes are semiprivate:
(530) 644-6814

Blanche Kawahara, Pastels: (530) 622-8026.

Chris Rex, workshops in CREATIVITY,
Finding the inner spark, based on a process
Called Focusing.
(916) 944-2003

Sherry Huntting Studio, Oils & Pastel. Two year
Apprentice program in Classical Realism, specializing
in portraiture. (530) 677-1282 -
website: www.SherryHunttingStudio.com

Irene Lester, Pastel School of Light and Color (916) 966-
8664

Connie Randmaa, Pastel/Watercolor. Classes by
Appointment, call for information
(530) 644-8664

**★New: Uraina Christy Tarbet PSA Life Member and IAPS
Master Circle – Founder/President IAPS** Semi private classes by
appointment-pastel/oil, pallet knife/watercolor & pen ink for plein
air painting on how to create a travel sketchbook. Easels available
for studio use. Call for information: (530) 644-4899