



SPS NEWS LETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

September is here and that means it's time for our very own Harvest of Art. The fall show is September 17-21 so you still have time to finish paintings to enter. Susan Levitsky's article in this issue provides details. The show will be judged by Claire Verbiest, a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and the Pastel Society of the West Coast. As usual, we need to ask for help — please volunteer a few hours!

Another event that comes with Fall is the Placerville Arts Association's Open Studio Tour, September 22 & 23 and 29 & 30. Several SPS members are participating (several for their first time, including yours truly). Support your fellow artists, while enjoying the day. Last year several of us toured and it was great fun. I highly recommend it.

Perhaps you haven't had a chance to paint lately? We can fix that. There will be a Paint-Out in Apple Hill on October 20 and a Portrait Paint-In on October 27 (see the List of Events for details). Thaleia will select the location for the October 20 paint out. We will send out a notice (phone and email) closer to the date. Jimmie Grann is hosting the Paint In so just give her a call and she can provide directions. This will be our first Portrait Paint-In. No experience necessary so come and give it a try!

Another event I'd like to flag is our General Membership Meeting on November 3. We are honored that Urania Christy Tarbet will be demonstrating her painting techniques. You may know Urania as she is a founder of the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS), a well-known and accomplished artist, a signature member of numerous pastel societies, and furthermore, she lives just a bit "up the hill." We are fortunate she can join us! You won't want to miss this event!

Each fall the SPS oversees a process for becoming Signature Member. The deadline for submitting three slides is November 1. Details follow in the newsletter. We are delighted that Terri Ford will be our juror this year! She is a member of IAPS Master's Circle, a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and several other pastel societies and has won many awards.

There is so much art happening this fall. Be part of it and enjoy!

Kathy Frevert Levenson

President, Sierra Pastel Society

Artists Opportunities

WORKSHOPS

Margot Schulzke Pastel & Oil Workshops 2007

Hope Valley, CA, October 1-October 5, 2007

Pristine pocket of the Sierras, a high mountain valley with alpine meadows and groves of aspens in fall color -- all on the spectacular eastern slope of the Sierras. Old barns, ranches, small creeks. The West Carson River meanders through the valley along the old emigrant trail. A range of accommodations is available, from plush to nice but economical. All levels; oil and pastel instruction, with design emphasis-watercolorists are welcome. Indoors and plein air. 5 days, \$375 tuition.

Contact: Linda Roemisch: artandsoul@hughes.net or call 530-265-9213

Reif Erickson, classes on landscape are now being held on Tuesday night 6-8:30 pm starting July 10th, with continuing classes on Thurs 3-5:30 pm, and Fridays 9-11:30 am. Cost \$25 session. Classes are small and on a drop in when you can basis. Classes at his home studio 1436 Lowe Lane in Auburn. Second Wednesday is a Critique Circle at 7-8:30 pm which is free for students, and \$10 for non-students. Several outdoor painting sessions are scheduled for the summer. The first will be at the summit view downhill from the arch bridge on Old Donner Pass Rd. Sunday July 15th starting at 9am with a demo and supervised artist work until noon. Cost \$25. Call 530-887-0565 for more information.

Richard McDaniel, PSA

Santa Rosa, CA, October 9-13. Wine Country Plein Air. For information contact: 707-537-7537 or www.richardmcdaniel.com

Clark Mitchell

September 28-30-Plein Air Pastels in the Wine Country, Sonoma County CA

Sonoma County Plein Air workshops based at Clark's fabulous new straw bale studio in Cotai, California, southern gateway to the beautiful Sonoma County Wine Country. \$300 for three days.

For information: clark@cgmitchell.com or cgmitchell.com

EXHIBITIONS / COMPETITIONS

The Art List

www.theartlist.com

This website gives you a monthly e-newsletter and searchable database listing hundreds of upcoming art competitions.

Slides due September 15, 2007.

Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas Pastel Society, Soft or Oil Pastel National Show. November 1-December 2. Albert Handell Juror. Awards \$4,000. Prospectus: www.arkpastel.com; e-mail APS@arkpastel.com or SASE to Box 250783, Little Rock, AR 72225.

Call for Entries: Deadline November 1, 2007 *BEST OF ARTISTS* and artisans *BOOK SERIES* Presents *BEST OF PASTEL 2007* Competition, up to 200 winners featured in a beautiful softcover book. Open to all Artists and Artisans working in PASTEL. \$30/3 CD or EMAIL entries 300dpi png, tiff or jpg files, photos 4x6 (or larger) \$5 for each additional entry. For more information or to download an entry form visit our website at www.bestofartists.com or info@bestofartists.com.

Deadline: November 23, 2007

NVAL 24th National Juried Art Show January 2008.

Juror: Nancy Collins, nationally recognized artist. Grand Prize \$1000: (5) \$100 awards of excellence; (5) \$50 merit awards. Download a prospectus at NVAL.org or request a copy at 48 Quartz Hill Rd. Redding CA 96003; 530/243-1023.

HARVEST OF ART MEMBERSHIP SHOW

November 17 - 21, 2007

Bring your artwork to Government Building "A", 360 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA, between the hours of 8 and 10 AM.

PRE-ENTRY FORM FOR HARVEST OF ART MEMBERSHIP SHOW

Fill out this form and bring it with your paintings Monday, September 17th, between the hours of 8 and 10AM, to speed up entry process.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

| Painting Name | Category | Price |
|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6) _____ | _____ | _____ |

I can sit for 3 hours at the show on _____ from* _____ to _____
 (*sitting hours are 8-11 am, 11-2 pm, and 2-5 pm)



Drawing for complimentary one year subscription to International Artist magazine

International Artist

The international art magazine for artists by artists

Congratulation to **Pat Watkins**, Shingle Springs, CA. She is the winner of the free one-year subscription to *International Artist* magazine from the July/August 2007 edition of the SPS NEWSLETTER.

Do all of the members of Sierra Pastel Society have subscriptions to this magazine? Or had one in the past? This is a very generous offer by the editors and publishers of *International Artist* to anyone who is interested in having this magazine in their studio or home. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the drawing form, slip it in an envelope, and send it to Roberta Hendry, 1272 Rosier Street, Placerville, CA 95667. Please have your name to Roberta by October 25 for the next drawing.

Yes, please enter my name in the drawing for The International Artist magazine 1 year Subscription Prize Drawing:

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Member News

Ellen Dreibelbis won the Degas Pastel Society Award of Excellence at the Pastel Society of America Exhibition at the Eastern Shore Art Association in Fairhope, AL. She has 2 pieces in the invitational show, Kaleidoscope : Noted California Pastelists at PlacerArts Gallery in Auburn. Ellen also had two of her pastels of jazz musicians purchased by the Alameda County Arts Commission for their public art competition. They were installed in the Alameda County Courthouse in Hayward, CA.

Sam Liberman is showing his paintings at the Meatro Coffee House and Gallery on an ongoing basis. He was accepted into the Chicago Pastel Painters National Exhibition where he won the Terry Ludwig award, the Pastel Painters of Cape Cod National Exhibition, and has been accepted into the upcoming Connecticut Pastel Society National Exhibition and the NCA "Bold Expressions" National Exhibition. Sam also has 12 of his paintings hanging at the new Benvenuti Center for the Performing Arts .

New member, **Helene Minelli**, was accepted in the 2007 PSWC "Pastels in Light" exhibition, congratulations and welcome to SPS.

Lee McVey was invited, once again, to act as one of the art coordinators for the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center fundraising event "Open Space: A View with Room".

Anne Gladwill won the *Pastels of the West Coast Award* at the PAA Mother Lode Show for one of her tongue in cheek "Egg series".

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please make necessary changes to your membership roster

New Members

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Sunny Sorensen

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Helen Minelli

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Changes/Corrections

Lucy Kapple

New address:
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Change email: lucykapple@global.nit

ATTENTION: Please notice that you have received a pre-stamped ballot in this newsletter. We ask that you vote on the proposed slate of members who will serve as your officers for the Sierra Pastel Society in 2008. We are so grateful for those members who have volunteered to serve. Please mark your ballot and return it by Sep 29, 2007.

WE NEED YOUR VOTE !!!

Calendar of Events, 2007

Visit; www.sierrapastelsociety.net for updates

September 17-24

Fall Membership Show

Our fall "Harvest of Art" show will be judged by Patricia Suggs, a recipient of the IAPS Master Circle Award.

El Dorado County, Government Building B,
360 Fair Lane, Placerville.

Fall Show Chair: Susan Levitsky, 530-676-0781
slevitsky@sbcglobal.net.

September 22-23 and 29-30

Studio Tours

This is an event sponsored by the Placerville Arts Association and you won't want to miss it. Several SPS members will be participating!

October 20 - Apple Hill Paint and Picnic

Spend the day in the glorious colors of fall. Bring your picnic and gear. Details will follow.

October 27 - Paint-in with a model (portrait)

This paint-in will provide the challenge and inspiration of painting a live model. Bring your camera and paint gear. Coffee, tea, water and light refreshments will be available. Location: El Dorado Hills, CA. Cost: \$5 per person to cover the cost of the model. If you are interested, contact Jimmie Grann. She will contact you about date changes (if needed) and other opportunities to paint from models.

November 1

Slides due for Signature Status applications. (See article on obtaining Signature Status in this newsletter.)

November 3

General Meeting and Demonstration by Urania Christy Tarbet. Urania is the Founder/President of the International Association of Pastel Societies, a signature member and honorary member of numerous Pastel Societies. We are honored that she will share her techniques with us.

Location: The Clubhouse at Greenstone Estates
4700 Old French Town Road
Shingle Springs, CA

December 8- 1:30 PM (tentative)

Holiday Luncheon

We have a reservation for the "Maad Tea Party", an american cafe in El Dorado Hills, at 4355 Town Center Blvd, 916-933-2121. This is a fun place with good food. More Details to come.

October 2008

Pastels on High International Exhibition

August 2009

Richard McKinley Workshop - 5 days.
(tentative)

September - October 2009

Lorenzo Chavez Workshop - 5 days.
(tentative)

Becoming a Sierra Pastel Society Signature Member By Kathy Frevert

Signature Members may use the initials "SPS" after their signature on their art or in publication as long as they remain a member in good standing. For those of you interested in becoming a Signature Member, consider participating in the annual review process. Here is what you need to do.

Send in three slides and a \$10.00 check to me by November 1 (payable to the Sierra Pastel Society). The address is: 1590 Velvet Horn Lane, Rescue, CA 95672. The slides will be retained in our files and will not be returned to you. After November 1, each submitted slide will receive a number and be forwarded to our juror for evaluation. Each participant will receive an acceptance/rejection letter with any comments the juror may give. Winners will receive a certificate and also notice of their accomplishment in our newsletter and website.

Another way to obtain Signature Status is by automatic acceptance. A member in good standing may request Signature Status if they have had at least one painting per show accepted in three different SPS juried "Pastels on High" International Exhibitions within a five year period.

Signature Status is an opportunity to be recognized for your accomplishments as an artist!

A Harvest of Art

A Bounty of Beautiful Pastels

It's time again to get ready for our Fall 2007 member show, "A Harvest of Art." It will be held **Monday, September 17th through Friday, September 21st** at the El Dorado County Government Center, Building B in Placerville (on Fair Lane across from the library). An *awards reception* will be held Friday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00, with awards given at 4:30.

Please *bring your paintings* to the Center on Monday morning between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. You may submit **up to 6 paintings** in any or all of the following categories: **Land/Seascape, Floral/Still Life, Portrait/Figure, Miniature, Other, and Signature.** ***New this year:* miniatures - those whose outside frame measurement of two adjacent sides equals 24 inches or less - will no longer be judged. That way, Signature members can enter paintings as miniatures and all of us can benefit from their sales.**

All paintings must be original works, not produced under the direction of an instructor or a copy of another's work. Since our show is in a public building it is important that paintings be appropriate for the general public to view. Paintings must hang by wire on back, with taped wire ends. The member entry fee per painting is \$5.00. If you are not a member, you may join when you deliver your paintings (the membership fee is \$25). See included in this newsletter an entry form to help you organize the information that will be needed when you sign in.

We are honored to have **Claire Schroeven Verbiest** serve as **our juror** for this year's autumn show. Claire is known for her lively, crisp and truthful depictions of people, landscapes, flowers and objects, and for her distinctive use of color. Her work regularly appears in national shows and publications. Claire says, "My obsession is to charm the eye with intense color, dramatic light and strong design."

Please remember that **our member shows are our primary opportunities to educate and excite the public about pastels** (and to earn money for the Society). So please **tell your friends about the show and remind them it's a great way to get a head start on their holiday shopping**, as all paintings are for sale (and you get 80% of the price of your painting)! Also, **the membership show is a volunteer event.** By entering, you are also (we hope) agreeing to help make the show a success. ***We need members to 'sit'*** with the show throughout the week to answer questions of the public, to sell works and to be sure the paintings are safe. **Please be prepared to sign up** to sit (see pre-entry form) for a 3 hour period sometime that week (8 a.m. – 11 a.m., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., or 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.). **Please contact Susan Levitsky**, Fall Show coordinator, at 530-676-0781 or slevitsky@sheglobal.net to sign up or to help with coordination or food for the reception. **Your involvement is vital to the Society's ability to provide these shows – and its fun!**

Finally, don't forget to *take photos of your work* before you frame it. If you win a first prize, or Best of Show, your photo will be featured on our website and sent to the International Association of Pastel Societies to be put on our SPS section of their website!

THANK YOU and Good luck all SPS-ers - see you at the Harvest of Art!!

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!

Upcoming 'Pastels on High' 2008 International Show

The next POH show will be in October 2008 at the Hang It Up Gallery at Town Center in El Dorado Hills. Dave Williams has been very generous in making a large portion of their beautiful gallery available to SPS for 3 weeks to hold this prestigious show. We will be able to hang at least 50 to 75 entries in a wonderful gallery setting. The gallery is open 7 days a week and will be staffed by the gallery owners and a few of us to help out.

Thaleia Georgiades has taken up the task of organizing our 2008 Pastels on High Juried Exhibition. Connie Randmaa has graciously agreed to assist in getting us off to a good start by sharing her background and experience. Thank you Connie! The plan is to assemble a large group of members to share the tasks and make this show bigger and better than ever. Many members have already stepped up to join the committee and more are needed. If you have show experience or you would like to learn, please join us! We want to train a large group of members for the future and to spread the work load so no one gets burned-out! Some of the tasks are:

- Advance Publicity
- Computer Generated Materials: Prospectus, Announcements, Title Cards, Catalog, Posters, etc
- Judge/Juror Selection & Coordination
- Communications: Mailings, E-mailing & Phone Calling
- Slide Receiving & Preparation
- Obtaining Sponsors and Awards
- Ribbons and Awards
- Hanging the Show: Set-up, Take-down, Lighting, etc.
- Judging Day Helpers
- Reception: Food, drinks, set-up, clean-up, etc.
- Shipping & Receiving Art Work
- Hosting at the Gallery during Reception & Show Days
- Workshop Coordinator & Assistants
- Paint-Out Coordinator & Assistants

We are looking for great ideas to promote more show entries, greater participation, and increased SPS membership. So far we are planning to have a workshop some time during the show dates, and a paint-out immediately before or after the reception date so we can include out-of-town artists who come to the show. Other great new ideas are wanted! Call or e-mail Thaleia at [***Thaleia@directcon.net***](mailto:Thaleia@directcon.net) or 530-626-9188.