



Piedmont Pastel Society

Quarterly Newsletter - July-September, 2022
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President's Letter

Greetings PPS members!

Whew! Just got back from my very first IAPS conventions and it was everything I was told it would be! I learned so much and got to meet and chat with some of my pastel idols. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. What incredible energy and inspiration!

Thanks to our own Eileen Wilhelm for providing a door prize for people who joined on the spot at the Fiesta Night! As a result... we have 7 new members!!!



**Cheryl Christian, Laura Dunne, Paula Eiblum,
Kathy Martin, Terry Metzler, Kelly Milukas,
Elizabeth Neer.**

**Earlier this month Marla Kurzec,
Terry Davis and Susan Morris joined our
membership.**

Welcome new members!



President's Letter continued

I also got to meet our fabulous judge for the upcoming member show, Mark Ivan Cole, who will not only be offering a virtual workshop at the end of October, but he will also be composing a piece of music to be included behind the slideshow of accepted works! He is so multi-talented! He wrote a science fiction novel called *The Valenblade*!

Earlier this month, I was very happy to see several members joining Eileen Wilhem at her farm next to Pilot Mountain for some plein air socializing. Let us know if you have an event you'd like to put out there for our members. It's a great and safe way to get together.



Paint Party at Eileen's

Judy Wilson has been working hard on securing our venue for the Statewide in June 2023.

The AFAS Center for the Arts will be hosting our Tony Allain workshops the week of June 5th and the show will be held at their Red Dog Gallery in the arts district of Winston Salem.

They would like to invite you to become a member of the group at no charge.

<http://www.theafasgroup.com/become-afas-artist/>

Anyone who is accepted into the Statewide Show will need to become a member to be able to be included in the show. It's a wonderful center and there are great benefits, so check it out!



President's Letter continued

I am also excited to announce that Christine Swann reached out to me to let me know she has moved south to Greenville, SC and she has agreed to be our Judge and Presenter for our 2023 Member Show. It's great when things just fall in your lap! She is a fabulous presenter and just received her Eminent Pastelist Award!

We've had some great demos the past few months from Colette Smith and Greg Barnes. If you didn't catch them live, look for the email with the link for the recordings that our wonderful Zoom Coordinator, Kim Long, has sent out.

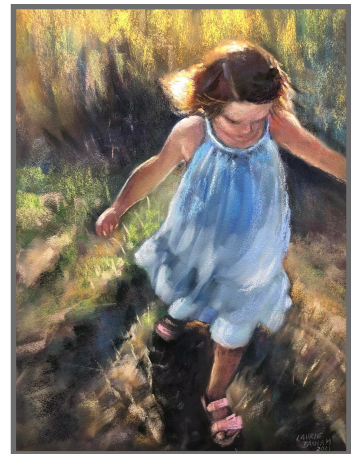
I also hope to see you at our next demo on July 16th with yours truly. I would love your support, as this is my first ever demo (for adults)!

I will be working with pan pastels, so if you ever wondered about them, I will show you some ways I use them for under paintings and sometimes finished pieces. I actually, just today, found out I received an Honorable Mention for one of my pan pastel pieces from the Pastel Guild of Europe's "Get Dusty" Competition!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and look out for our member show prospectus this month on Online Juried Shows!

Happy Painting,

Laurie



The worst walls are never the ones you find in your way, the worst walls are the walls you put there..... Ursula K. Le Guin

Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity.
Don't fight them,
just find a new way to stand.....
Oprah Winfrey



Workshops and Demos

“Sunrise at the Beach” Paint-Along, with Rita Kirkman

July 16, 2022, 1pm CT on Zoom

\$25

Beat the Heat this July, with a "virtual" walk on the beach!

Paint some beach sunrises from a handful of photos Rita took at Pensacola Beach long ago! Feel that cool water washing your feet and the sand tickling your toes!

When you register Rita will send you the Zoom invitation, the reference photos, and a list of some suggested surfaces and materials.

Rita is changing it up a bit for this one, and might or might not be underpainting with a variety of media on some different pastel surfaces.

Use what you have! You can also use the medium of your choice, if it's not pastel.

Rita has had some attendees enjoy using oil, acrylic, pastel pencil, and even watercolor with her paint-alongs.

It's whatever you want to make of it! Plenty of instruction will focus on values and temperature which are universal to all color mediums.

The paint-along will start at 1pm Central Time and will last about 2 hours.





Workshops and Demos, Continued

Rita Kirkman July Paint Along Register here!

<https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshop/30687/sunrise-at-the-beach-paint-along-on-zoom>

(PS: Registration includes a link to the video which will be ready just a few days later! So if you must skip out early, or come in late, no worries!)

If you can't do July, Rita will have another cool summer Paint-Along August 13, subject TBD, check back at Rita's site for updates!

<https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshops>



Calendar of Events:

Laurie Basham Demo via Zoom - July 16 - 10am to 12pm

**Member Juried and Judged Show -
Mark Ivan Cole Juror and Judge**

Call for Entries - August 15, 2022

Entry Deadline - October 1, 2022

Artist Notification - October 7, 2022

Zoom Awards Ceremony and demo - October 15, 2022

Mark Ivan Cole virtual workshop - October 28-30, 2022



Workshops and Demos, Continued



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Please join us for ...

Our July Zoom Member Demo

July 16th from 10:00am - 12:00pm EST

Laurie Basham

Laurie Basham is an award winning pastel artist who enjoys capturing the beauty of color found in light and shadow, whether it's a landscape, figure or still-life. She loves spending time plein-air painting, but is also inspired by her travels around the country. When she can't be outside, she will be found working in her studio using her own reference photos of her grandchildren or painting a still life of freshly cut flowers.

Laurie started working with pan pastels about 4 years ago after she discovered she could have a quick underpainting or even a finished piece in a short amount of time. If you have ever wondered what it's like to use these colorful cakes of pastel, join Laurie as she demonstrates using various tools and techniques to create color studies, under-paintings, quick backgrounds or finished works with this versatile medium.





Member News

Tony Hedrick is thrilled to announce that his pastel "Along the Blue Ridge" was juried into the IAPS Annual Open Exhibition.

Additionally, below are some recent portraits of Tony's



Along the Blue Ridge



Rita Kirkman has won the Gold Award in the Established Artist Division of the Austin Pastel Society Spring Non-Juried Exhibition with her painting "Seeking Social Sheep" (pastel, 30x40")

**Thank you to show judge Mike Etie!
The show continues at
Artworks Gallery in Austin TX through June 11.**





Member News

PASTEL LIVE! A Global Virtual Experience

Member Rita Kirkman is SO excited to have been selected to be on the faculty of the 2022 Pastel Live: A Global Virtual Experience!

Couldn't make the trip to IAPS? Enjoy a power-packed 3 days learning from 30 of the world's top Pastelists *from the comfort of your own home!* **August 18-20, 2022.**

[Info and tickets HERE](#)

This is brought to you by Art Marketing Guru Eric Rhoads' Streamline Publishing, who brings you other fabulous events like the Plein Air Convention, Art Marketing Bootcamp, and Paint New Zealand. Rita participated in the 1st Annual Plein Air Convention, and she can tell you these events are very well done and SO worth it!!

[Check out the 2022 Pastel Live here!](#)

(use these links to register, and feel free to share... Rita gets a small commission from signups through these specific links!)





Member News

Eileen Wilhelm will have a solo show at the Apple Gallery in Danbury, North Carolina from August 16 - September 30.

The opening reception is Friday, August 19th.



Mystical



Gossip Circle



On Point



All A'glow



Prague Moonrise



Member News Continued

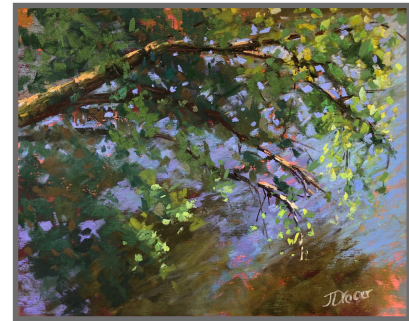
**Joan Dreicer has a solo show at the
Restaurant - Botanical Fare in Downtown
Charlottesville from
July 12-August 23rd**



The Greene Gazebo



Solo Show



Branch Beauty

**Joan also has a fundraising exhibit for the
University of Virginia Cancer Center.**

**The exhibit will hang at Random Row Brewery,
Charlottesville, VA from September through October.
A percentage of all sales will be donated to UVA CC.**



Sleeping Beauty



Cobalt Skies



Member News Continued

Laurie Basham recently attended the Maryland Pastel Societies Shades of Pastel National Juried Exhibition at the Strathmore Mansion near her hometown of Rockville, Maryland. Her painting, *Twinkle Toes in a Blue Tutu*, just happened to be below the show's signage.



Tara's Sunflowers - 25x19



Iris Energy - 28x22

Laurie also had two pieces entered into the Appalachian Society Statewide Show.

Laurie is now being represented by the online gallery, Artfolios. Here she is at a recent pop up exhibit with the group in downtown Winston-Salem





Member Opportunities

Click pic to play>>>



Members of the Piedmont Pastel Society,

As you ready your submissions for this year's Statewide Show, please keep in mind that we, PPS, will be the host society for next year's show. A show of this caliber can not take place without the many volunteers who are willing to give their time and expertise.

Please consider volunteering to help. At this time, we especially need members who are willing to lead a Committee. Although, I have some people in place, there are still a lot of empty spots. If you have the desire or skills needed for the following positions, please let me know as soon as possible. It might seem like it's early in the game but we need to get our team assembled.

Hospitality/Opening Reception Committee
Publicity Committee
Website Committee
Catalogue Committee
Budget Committee

Thanks

Judy Wilson

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Member Opportunities

PPS Facebook Monthly Challenge

Don't forget about our Facebook Raffle! Our PPS Facebook page is a great way to stay connected and see each other's work, as well as share news. Thank you to all of you who continue to post and comment on our page. Without meeting in person, this is our best way to stay in touch.

Each month a different theme is identified. Join us and post your theme related work for a chance to win our monthly raffle for a \$25 gift certificate. We love hearing from you and admiring your talent!

Themes for the remainder of 2022:

July - Sunsets

August - Figure/Portrait

September - Animals

October - Fall Foliage

November - Structure in the Landscape

December - Artist's Choice



Early Summer Morning
Shirley Buckler

Previous months' 2022 winners

April - Jane DS

May - Rachel Pearson

June - Shirley Buckner



Members Share



How to Find Your Fave Pastels

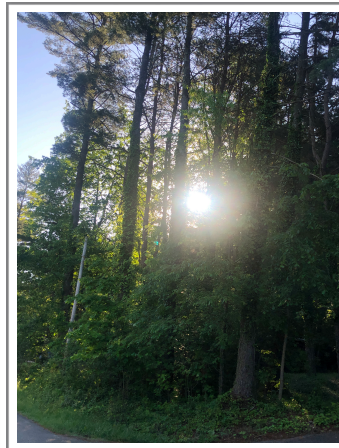
New to pastels, and wondering what brands to buy?
Here's a short video from Rita Kirkman showing you how you can discover what your favorite pastels will be...

<https://www.patreon.com/posts/67315702>

From member - Ginny Stocker

Tara Will taught us many things during our 3 day workshop this spring.
One thing that has been changed for me is looking at just how the sun filters through the trees!

I also learned from her social media page the beauty of a knitted pair of fingerless gloves. This just might be my favorite plein air tip ever!





Members Share

Rita Kirkman was a recent guest artist for one of the Pastel Society of Southern California's

Themed Thursdays, and painted this

"Half-Faced Hereford" (12x6 inches).

The full-length video is free to watch on the PSSC YouTube Channel!

Info and video link on the PSSC Blog!

<https://www.psscwebsite.org/blog/178706/themed-thursday-with-rita-kirkman-half-faced-hereford-09jun2022>



IAPS Convention - 2022



Anne Strutz demo



IAPS Exhibit Awards Ceremony





Members Share

IAPS Convention - 2022



The Candy Store



Group Photo



Congratulations, Laura Pollak!



Hotel View



Old Town Albuquerque



Make new friends but keep the old.....





Members Share

IAPS Convention Workshops- 2022



Sally Strand



Colette Ody Smith



Teresa Saia

Van Gogh would have sold more than one painting if he'd put tigers in them.

—————Tom Hobbes

**Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter.
If you have suggestions or comments, let me know.**

Next newsletter October-December, 2022

Joan Dreicer-Newsletter Chair