

THE PASTEL PRESS

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Pastel Society

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Demo by Becky Way-

Admit it-you've always wanted to take a Becky Way workshop and learn how to make your pastels dance with color, freshness, and vibrancy, but it's never worked out. There's really good news for you-not only is Becky going to do a demo, but she's going to do a paint along so bring a small set of pastels and paper that's toned-a warm color would be best and prepare to get your hands dirty and to fan the flame of your creativity. Art Spectrum paper in a darker color would be great-even black will work well-8X10 or smaller will be a good size. If you just want to watch and not paint along-feel free to do that as well.

Becky has won numerous top prizes in local exhibitions as well as being the "Creative Spark" winner for The Pastel Journal. Her work was also selected for inclusion in volume 2 of the "Best of America-Pastel Artists".

March Meeting-

Thanks to Bob and Roseanne Kaiser and Theresa Smith for the wonderful variety of refreshments in March. Even though Bob and Roseanne couldn't make the meeting, she dropped off food for the rest of us which we promptly devoured.

This month Donna Branson and Anita Tackett are providing the tasty treats.

Member News-

Congratulations to Jason Leisering who was also accepted into the OAG national show at IAO Gallery-his name was inadvertently left off last month's listing.

The OKC Spring Arts Festival is coming up and as you know it's rated in the top ten arts festivals in the nation. During the festival Oklahoma Art Guild will be having various artists demonstrating in their tent and there are at least 3 OPS members who will be part of working on site. Becky Way will kick off April 28 from 10-1 and then Jude Tolar will finish that day from 1-4:30 in the same location. Donna Branson will be in the tent painting from 11-4 on Friday April 29. Don't miss this opportunity to see them when you're enjoying the sights and sounds of the festival.

Workshops

Save the Date-

Mark your calendar for May 9-not only is it the May meeting for OPS which will feature Lorenzo Chavez, but he will also be doing a one day workshop on that Monday. Many of you have requested a workshop on painting in the studio from photographs and Lorenzo has agreed to use that as his subject for the day. He and his work is featured in an article in the April 2011 issue of Southwest Art. Check his website for examples of his work which is collected and exhibited throughout the United States and the world. <http://www.lorenzochavez.com/home.html>. Cost for first time students is \$125 with a 10% discount for returning students. The workshop will be held at the Will Rogers Garden Center from 9-4:30.

Clive Tyler will be teaching a 2 day plein air workshop Friday May 13 and Saturday May 14 in Oklahoma City at a cost of \$240. Contact Cynthia Wolf at Adelante Gallery to sign up for his workshop.
<http://www.adelantegallery.com/workshops.html>

If you're already enrolled in the workshops from Lorenzo and Clive and still have time and funds for more workshops-here are some other upcoming local opportunities.

Dianna Ponting will be doing a workshop on June 16,17,18,2011 at Rubye Atkinson Garden Center, Oklahoma City from 9:30 to 4:30. She will be teaching her highly realistic style of painting in soft pastels and the cost for the workshop will be \$285. Her website is www.ponting.com and to sign up for the workshop, please contact Dianna at 604-856-2063.

Ramon Kelley will be teaching a 4 day pastel workshop at the National Western Heritage Museum during the Prix De West the first week of June. Contact the Museum at 405-478-2250 for more information.

IAPS News

As the IAPS Convention gets closer, there are frequently things of interest to be communicated and rather than a barrage of emails, there is an IAPS Convention Blog for updates, news, a sneak peek at planning progress and information that will help prepare for the convention. <http://iapsconvention.blogspot.com/>

We'll look forward to seeing you April 11 at 6:30 PM at the Will Rogers Garden Center!

Check the OPS website for the latest updates on news and other interesting information-

www.okpastel.org

Meetings
Will Rogers Garden Center
6:30 PM
2nd Monday of the month