

# The Pastel Press

The Newsletter of the Oklahoma Pastel Society

September 2009

Seems like our May meeting, with Debby Kaspari's demo, was only a few weeks ago. Thank you Debby! We'll be watching for information on your upcoming show (or should it be called an exhibit?) at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History on the University of Oklahoma campus.

## **JEFF GARDNER and our September Program**

What did you do this summer? Well, it's a fairly good bet that our September program presenter, Jeff Gardner, was busy all summer with his "fusion" of photography and pastel. Photography is where Jeff's passion for the visual arts began. That's also where he learned a lot about the principles of composition and design. But photography isn't Jeff's only artistic leaning. Pastel is a medium that lets him get his ideas down on paper quickly. And pastel's tactile nature fits right in with Jeff's method of combining it with photography.

When in Santa Fe last winter, Jeff saw a painting that was actually a photo that the artist had painted over. Then on the way back to Oklahoma, he took a number of "road" photos, printed the photos on a variety of types of paper and then began experimenting with mingling the photo and pastel. Since then he's had several very successful shows locally...and he's going to demonstrate how he does this at our meeting. As Jeff told me, "I chose the photos and painted like crazy – endearing me to the process, and tempting me with new thoughts and ideas."

So join us for the September 2009 OPS meeting; it will be **Monday, September 14th**, at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, in Oklahoma City; the meeting **begins at 6:30 p.m.** If you need directions, please call Sue Ann at 405-330-5467 or email her at [sueann1022@cox.net](mailto:sueann1022@cox.net). Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage to enjoy with the snacks we'll have there.

## **Future programs and other stuff**

Several OPS members have already volunteered to "be" the program for some of our upcoming meetings: Jude Tolar will be demonstrating at the November 2009 meeting (maybe something related to her recent trip to Africa!), we've got feelers out for an October and Marie Kash Weltzheimer is already scheduled for our February 2010 (!) meeting. Are you interesting in sharing your work, techniques, new pastel stuff, etc., with the group? Then give Jan Hutchinson a call at 405-613-4426.

The **APRONS ARE HERE! And they're FABULOUS!** Janie Schmitz is bringing them to the September meeting. Each apron is only \$20 and come in either a silvery gray or black. The neck strap is adjustable too!

## **Workshop News**

Clive Tyler will be teaching workshops here in the Fall (a 3-day workshop on October 5, 6 and 7 and a 2-day on October 9 and 10.) The cost for the 3-day workshop is \$280

for OPS members/\$330 for non-members. The cost for the 2-day workshop is \$220 for OPS members/\$260 for non-members. At this time, weather permitting, the workshops will be held outdoors at a wonderful blackberry farm in far-north Edmond. If that changes, you'll be the first to know. **NOTE: Unless Clive's plans change, he won't be teaching in Oklahoma in 2010.** And we don't know yet what his plans are for 2011. So, sign up at the meeting to take one – or both! – of Clive's October workshops!

How do you hold your place for these workshops? Easy! For either of **Clive's** workshops, please send a \$100 check, indicating either 3-day and/or 2-day, payable to OPS, to: OPS, P.O. Box 75696, OKC, OK 73147. **Make sure you indicate which workshop (or workshops) you're signing up for: Clive Tyler's 3-day Fall 2009 and/or 2-day Fall 2009 workshops.**

#### **Other Stuff...**

**Phyllis Baker** has had one of her wonderful paintings accepted for the **IAPS 2009 Web Show**. I don't have the exact link to the show right now but we should have that available at the meeting. And I'm betting that if you look at the IAPS website, [www.pastelinternational.com](http://www.pastelinternational.com), you can find it there.

The **Oklahoma Art Guild (OAG)** is presenting "Paint Portraits Like a Master" with Mike Wimmer. The workshop is October 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> in the Rumsey Art Education Center at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Center. Cost is \$250 for OAG members and \$275 for non-members. To sign up or get more information, contact Gayle Curry at 405-205-8990 or [art@gaylecurry.com](mailto:art@gaylecurry.com). Mr. Wimmer is also doing a portrait demonstration at the OAG September meeting. For that meeting only, OAG will be meet at...the WILL ROGERS GARDEN CENTER (you can't say you don't know where that is!) with a reception for the artist at 6 pm and the meeting at 6:30.

**Terry Ludwig**, pastel maker *extraordinaire*, has a new pastel – CONFETTI! You can read more on page 64 of the October 2009 "Pastel Journal" magazine. These sticks look like so much fun!

**See you at the meeting:  
Monday, September 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m.  
Will Rogers Garden Center  
Demo by JEFF GARDNER!**

**And check out the OPS website too:  
[www.okpastel.org](http://www.okpastel.org)**

**Oops! Nearly forgot –  
Dues are due!  
Mail your check for \$30, payable to OPS to  
P.O. Box 75696  
Oklahoma City, OK 73147  
(Even easier – bring your check to the meeting!)**