

# **THE PASTEL PRESS**

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Pastel Society

May 2011

## **Demo by Lorenzo Chavez-**

We have a wonderful opportunity to see Lorenzo Chavez demonstrate his skills in pastels this Monday, May 9 at our regularly scheduled meeting. He is featured in the April issue of Southwest Art and is a participant in many national shows. He will be part of a 2 man show at Grapevine Gallery in Oklahoma City May 7 & 8. He was born in New Mexico and now resides in Colorado with his family. He graduated with honors from the Colorado Institute of Art in 1983. He participates in many prestigious national invitational group exhibitions including the Pastel Society of America in New York, Artists of America Show in Denver, the Coors Western Art Show, Northwest Rendezvous group, Pasadena Art Museum, Albuquerque Art Museum, Bradford Brinton Museum, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Colorado Springs Fine Art Museum, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Loveland Museum, and the Gene Autry Museum in Los Angeles. Recently, Lorenzo has participated as a guest artist with the Plein Air Painters of America, the Laguna Plein Air exhibition at the Laguna Art Museum, and in the "American Art in Miniature" exhibition at the Gilcrease Museum. Lorenzo was honored with a successful one-man show at the C. M. Russell Museum. He teaches workshops throughout the country and is represented by 5 galleries as well as being in numerous collections both private and corporate throughout the United States and internationally.

## **April Meeting-**

Thanks to Donna Branson and Anita Tackett for wonderful snacks in April-as usual it was a feast.

## **Member News-**

Becky Way, Jude Tolar, Donna Branson, Mitsuno Reedy, Phyllis Baker, and Anita Tackett were all demo artists at the Festival of the Arts this year. Becky created quite a buzz on Channel 9 when they broadcast her teaching Jed Castle how to do a pastel still life. Her teaching skills were well displayed by his finished piece.

## **Workshops-Still a few spots available!**

## **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 wonderful work <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 and there are still 4 spaces available. Contact Cynthia Wolf at Adelante Gallery to sign up for his workshop. He is also doing a demo on Thursday night May 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Adelante Gallery where his work will be featured for the month of May. If you're planning to attend the demo, please bring a small folding chair.**  
<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](http://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 May 9 at 6:30 PM at the Will Rogers Garden Center!**

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

**Meetings**  
**Will Rogers Garden Center**  
**6:30 PM**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month**