



Artist Joey Frisillo to Provide November OPS Demo

Joey grew up in Ft Wayne, Indiana and pursued her early love of drawing as a Fine Art major at Miami University of Ohio. Her journey in the world of art took a detour when she moved to Colorado and followed a career path in oil and gas exploration spanning 25 years in Denver and then in Tulsa. Joey's artistic outlet during those years was photography. "Composing a good photograph is much like composing a good painting; both must read well and tell an interesting story." After retiring, she eagerly returned to art and was pleased to see that old talents could be renewed. She has immersed herself in painting and enjoys both pastel and oil as mediums for her realistic style. Her enthusiasm has been fueled by studying with well known local and national artists such as Mary E Russell, Margaret Aycock, Leonard Wren, Albert Handell, Ann Templeton, J Chris Morel, Diane Ainsworth, Marc Hanson, & Terry Ludwig. She has also organized workshops for some of these artists.

She works both from life on location and from her own photographic references in her studio. Joey and her husband, Al, who engraves metal by hand, share a two-story studio behind their home giving them both room for their artistic pursuits. Primarily a landscape artist, her work is inspired by nature's subtle beauty in her Oklahoma surroundings and other intriguing locales. "The longer I live in Oklahoma the more I appreciate its beauty. I see the most inspiring sunsets from my own patio." Whether painting sweeping vistas or more intimate subjects, her pastels and oils are enlivened with rich layers of color and texture.

Frisillo has been in numerous national juried exhibitions including Gilcrease Museum's "Collectors Reserve." Honors include "Best of Show" and an Award of Excellence from Art of the West magazine at the Woman Artists of the West 38th Invitational Show in Chicago, IL, "Best of Show" two years in a row in Ozark Pastel Society's annual competition and a purchase award at the Pastel National. Her latest honor was to receive the "Allen Award" for best plein air painting through the Woman Artists of the West Invitational Show in Estes Park, CO. Her artistic excellence has been rewarded by achieving signature status in the Pastel Society of America, Women Artists of the West and Ozark Pastel Society and an associate membership in the Oil Painters of America. Other memberships include Tulsa Artists Guild, Alpha Rho Tau Civic Art Association and Bartlesville Art Association. She is on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition. Joey has been invited to teach classes at Gilcrease and Philbrook Museums and for other organizations.



Message from OPS President Donna Branson

Greeting OPS Members,

It is so hard to believe that it is time for our November newsletter and meeting. Where did the fall go to? But November does bring several interesting exhibitions and shows, do check out our section on **Upcoming Events** for more information on some events. Very soon it will be holiday time, and most likely everyone will have more to do than time permits. So as always, we will not meet in December.

Last month, we held our very own OPS Paint Around. **Our brave volunteer artists were: Bob Kaiser, Becky Way, Sue Ann Rodgers, Janie Schmitz, Pam Brewer, and Gary Sharp.** Six unique works of art were created, and the rest of us had front row seats watching each painting gradually evolve into a masterpiece! We all had a marvelous time! Thank you to each of our artists for putting yourself out there and for making the evening such a success! Many thanks to **Dodie Guffy and Bob** and **Roseanna Kaiser** for bringing delicious snacks.

This month, we are fortunate to have Tulsa artist **Joey Frisillo** who will paint a landscape using pastels from a photo reference for our meeting. Joey has an impressive list of art accomplishments as you can see from our cover story, and her works are exquisite. She has recently returned from Santa Fe where she participated in a paint-out with other artists represented by Canyon Road galleries. Joey will bring stories from the paint-out as well as some of her paintings including small works created as part of her design process. It will definitely be a treat!

Hope to see you Monday, November 10th for Joey Frisillo's pastel painting demonstration. You don't want to miss this meeting!

Donna

Donna Branson, PhD
President, Oklahoma Pastel Society





Spotlight on OPS Member Pam Brewer

How long have you worked in pastels?

I started about 10 years ago when my friend Becky Way invited me to a workshop. I was hooked! I grew up having a grandmother who owned a ceramics store. So I had painted ceramics and she taught me a little oil painting and china painting. I love pastels for so many reasons but mainly the beautiful colors and the instant gratification. My favorite things to paint are landscapes and still lifes.

Who is your favorite artist?

I love every artist I have ever taken a workshop from, especially Clive Tyler for his landscapes and Stephanie Birdsell for her beautiful flowers. Not only are workshops so educational but so much fun. I am currently reading and studying a new book I purchased, *All Prima II* by Richard Schmid.

Family History?

I was born and have always lived in the Oklahoma City area. I've been married to my high school sweetheart for 34 years, Brian. We have two sons, Trent and Derek, and as of June, I have a beautiful daughter-in-law, Kayla. They have already provided me with a granddog Beau, but I can't wait until I have a grandbaby.

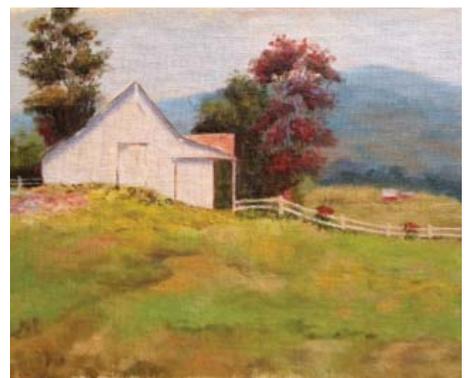
What is the inspiration for your paintings?

I love to travel and I have so many pictures from trips that I will never run out of reference material to paint. My favorite trip so far was to Ireland. I have a very long list of places I would love to visit and make it a painting trip.

Tell us about your business, Awards, Etc.

I have owned my own business Awards Etc. for 31 years. I custom engrave plaques, trophies, badges, signage and also specialize in selling advertising specialty items.

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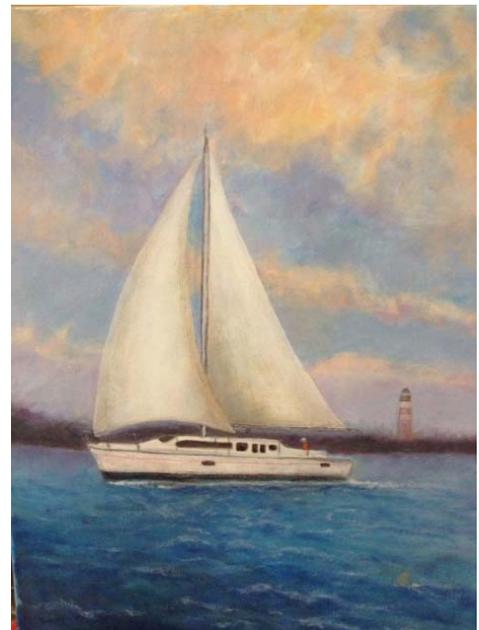
What do you do for relaxation?

I love to read, make jewelry and learn calligraphy. I'm never bored!

What is something that very few know about you?

My maiden name is Chenoweth and I have a cousin Kristin Chenoweth who is known as a Broadway, TV, movie and singing star. Its been really fun watching her career over the years and attending as many things as I can.

I am thrilled to have just celebrated my one year anniversary of being cancer free! I treasure the friendships I have made with my artist friends. They have helped me through some very difficult times as well as helped me celebrate some of the happy times in my life.



October Paint Around

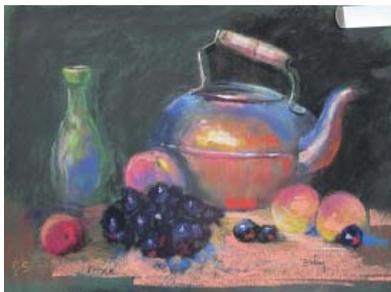
Six OPS members were faced with a unique challenge during the October OPS meeting. At the National Pastel Convention, several artists participate in a 'Paint Around' and, Donna, our OPS president, thought something similar to this would be a great program for our October meeting. So, six of our members accepted the

challenge and the fun began. Each provided a photo reference and started a painting based on that photo. After 10 minutes, each moved to the next painting on his/her right. Each artist worked for 10 minutes on each painting until they finally arrived back at the painting they had started.

Once each painting was completed, the artist ended up with a frame-worthy work of art. For those of us observing this process, it was a lot of fun. For those of you who didn't attend the October meeting, you really missed out on a fun experience.



Sue Ann Rodgers



Bob Kaiser



Pam Brewer



Gary Sharp



Becky Way



Janie Schmitz

Upcoming Events

Oklahoma State University's new art museum has two exhibitions in November. Chris Ramsay's 'Meditations' continues and James Rosenquist's 'Illustrious Works on Paper, Illuminating Paintings' opens November 10. The Opening Reception is scheduled for November 20, 5-8 pm. RSVP to Amanda Harrison, 405-385-0707. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Thursday until 8:00 pm, free admission. On November 19, 6:00 p.m., OSU's Department of Design, Housing and Merchandising will showcase apparel design students' original designs in a fashion show; no RSVP is required. The museum will be closed November 27 and 28 and open only 11:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. on November 29.

The University of Oklahoma's Fred Jones Museum of Art's exhibition 'Macrocosm/Microcosm: Abstract Expressionism in the American Southwest'; October 3 – January 4, 2015, continues. On November 11, there will be a Students' Choice Gallery Talk, and on Sunday, November 16th, there will be an afternoon of hands-on family activities, both related to the exhibition. November 18th, there will be an examination of Louis Ribak's painting, 'Red Canyon Rising.'

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum has two special exhibitions currently underway, the Cowboy Artists of America 49th Annual Exhibition and the Traditional Cowboy Arts Association 16th Annual Exhibition, both end January 4, 2015. Small Works, Great Wonders Show/Sale will be November 14, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OAG Fall Member Show is being held at Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park, 2920 Paseo, OKC, November 7-29. Opening and public reception will be Friday, November 7, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Oklahoma City University, Norick Art Center, December 8, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m; all ages welcome; paint and/or draw a costumed model session; music and pizza.

New information on IAPS: Signup for IAPS Convention Registration (and the Hotel Albuquerque reservations) now begins Monday, November 17, noon, ET. Use new domain name to access website: www.iapspastel.org.

4th Annual Plein Air Convention and Expo; April 13 – 17, 2015, Monterey, CA. This year there will be tracks for oil, pastel and water media. Call 561-655-8778 or go to www.Pleinairconvention.com.

*Thanks to Sue Ann Rodgers & Jimi Layman
for providing snacks for our November meeting.
We need snack providers for our January thru May 2015 meetings
so let Donna or Jimi know if you're interested.*

*See you on Monday, November 10th, 6:30 p.m.
at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th, Oklahoma City!*