

THE PASTEL PRESS

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Pastel Society

February 2010

Are you tired of being confined to four walls, ready for inspiration, desperate for conversation, suffering from housitosis? Monday, February 8th, the Oklahoma Pastel Society offers a quick fix for all the above.

February Program-Marie Weltzheimer

Marie Weltzheimer will be doing our February demo. Marie has been a signature member of the Pastel Society of America since 1989. Her many awards include "Best of Show" Oklahoma Art Workshops 11th Annual National Juried Exhibition, the Steven Leitner Award during the Pastel Society of America's 19th Annual Exhibition in New York City, and First Award of Excellence during the Pastel Society of the Southwest's 11th Annual Exhibition in Dallas, Texas.

Her work has been published in "The Best of Pastel" and "The Best of Pastel 2" by Rockport Publishers, as well as the May 2000 issue of "The Pastel Journal". Most recently Marie's work was shown with the International Association of Pastel Societies exhibit at Ventana Gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from Marie.

January Program-Leslie Lienau

Leslie Lienau made magic with Art Spectrum and a limited selection of pastels at our January meeting. She started with a dark underpainting and then carefully layered color until the finished painting was rich, deep and luminous. For those of you who missed the meeting, you can check the website for photos of what went on. In addition, Pam Brewer, our workshop chairman is working with Leslie to coordinate a weekend workshop. Be watching for updates on times and dates.

Shows & Events & Member News

Member News

Current members Becky Way, Mitsuno Reedy, and Clive Tyler have been included in the prestigious Best of Pastels book for this year. OPS has been privileged to not only see their work in person, but also to have them demo at our meetings and do workshops for us.

Refreshments schedule

Feb 2010: Phyllis Baker & Nancy Boyer
Mar 2010: Roseanna & Bob Kaiser and Linda Battles
April 2010: Ronda Zenker and Sue Ann Rodgers
May 2010: *no one has signed up yet!*

News You Can Use...

Dianna Ponting, Premier Pastellist and Master Pastellist of Canada and signature member of the Pastel Society of America will be hosting a soft pastel workshop in the Oklahoma City area.

This is a still life, representational class with an international instructor. More details can be found on Dianna's web site. This is her second trip to the area and the class is already 2/3 full with returning students so don't be slow in signing up.

Dates: Fri, Sat & Sun, August 27, 28 & 29, 2010
Times: 9:30 – 4:30 all days
Place: Artzplace, Mid Del City, OK
Tuition: \$285.00 USD

Pastel Society of Colorado

6th. Annual Mile High International 2010 Exhibition.
Sponsored by the Pastel Society of Colorado. September 3-25, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, Colorado. Jury by digital entry only. Deadline July 9th. Juror Sally Strand. \$5000 cash and mdse. Two-three day Strand workshops September 3-5 & 6-8 (first one full) For prospectus and workshop info: SASE to Penny Creasy, 2177 Meadows Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81503, pencreasy@bresnan.net, or www.pastelsocietyofcolorado.org.

**See you at the meeting:
Monday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
Will Rogers Garden Center
Demo by Marie Weltzheimer!**

**And check out the OPS website too:
www.okpastel.org**