

The Pastel Press

The Newsletter of the Oklahoma Pastel Society

October 2009

Wasn't Jeff Gardner's demonstration of his B&W photography and pastel "fusion" fun and interesting? Did you ever guess that pastels and photography could "mix" together so well? Thanks for sharing you techniques with us, Jeff!

October Program – CLIVE TYLER!

You **do** know that Clive is in town, teaching two – yep, two! – workshops for OPS, don't you? Well, besides teaching workshops, he'll also be demonstrating for our group on **Monday, October 12th**. **BUT first** - if you've not signed up for Clive's *plein air* workshops, it's not too late! To sign up for at least part of his 3-day workshop that begins Monday, October 5th and/or all of his 2-day workshop that's Friday and Saturday, October 9th and 10th, call Jan Hutchinson (home # is 405-751-8958 and cell # is 405-613-4426) **now!!!** She can tell you the cost of the part of 3-day (or part that you can make it to); the cost of the Fri./Sat. 2-day workshop is \$220 for OPS members and \$260 for non-members; the **where** the workshops will be held, what to bring, etc., etc.

Even if you can't take one of Clive's wonderful workshops, please join us for his always informative and fun demonstration. Clive's paintings transport you to a mountain stream in the Rockies, the stony prairies of Southwest Oklahoma, and all points in between. And the way he uses his pastels, well, lots of people would swear that his paintings are done in oils...but we know better! The October 2009 OPS meeting is on **Monday, October 12th**, at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 N.W. 36th 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. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage to enjoy with the snacks we'll have there.

Future programs

The program schedule for the 2009/2010 "season" of OPS meetings is almost filled up: Jude Tolar will be demonstrating at the November 2009 meeting (maybe something related to her recent trip to Africa!); Marie Kash Weltzheimer is already scheduled for our February 2010 meeting; we've asked Mike Wimmer to do a program for our April meeting. Debby Kaspari has suggested that (weather permitting) all of us bring our *plein air* setup and paint outdoors for the May 2010 meeting. Are you interesting in sharing your work, techniques, new pastel stuff, etc., with the group? Then give Jan Hutchinson (405-613-4426) and/or Sue Ann Rodgers (405-330-5467) a call!

OPS Aprons

Our treasurer *extraordinaire*, Janie Schmitz, will have the **fabulous APRONS** at the October meeting. Each apron is only \$20 and come in either a silvery gray or black. The neck strap is adjustable too. Many thanks to Betty Gresham for the gorgeous monogram on these oh-so-practical aprons!

Workshop News (Note: We're repeating this info about Clive's workshops – just in case you missed it above!) Clive Tyler will be teaching workshops here in Oklahoma City – 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, call **JAN Hutchinson at 613-4426 and let her know you'll be there!**

Please let **Pam Brewer**, or any of the officers, who you'd like to come to Oklahoma to teach a workshop for us. There are so many wonderful instructors – both locally, nationally and internationally – to choose from it's hard to know where the group's interests are. So, do a bit of research and give Pam a heads-up on your pick!

Other Stuff...

In our September 2009 newsletter, we told you that **Phyllis Baker** has had one of her wonderful paintings accepted for the **IAPS 2009 Web Show**. If you haven't been to the IAPS website (www.pastelinternational.com) yet, GO!! Don't miss seeing this wonderful online show! And while you're at that website, sign up for the IAPS newsletter and download the information about the IAPS 15th Juried Exhibition which will be held in Brea, CA beginning January 25, 2010 through March 5, 2010.

Debby Kaspari has what's sure to be an amazing art exhibit coming up (like in a few days!) at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History on the OU campus in Norman. Her work will be exhibited from October 10, 2009 through January 18, 2010. The link is <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/exhibits/spex/DrawingtheMotmot>; check it out!

The **Wichita Center for the Arts'** national juried exhibition, **Pastel National 2010**, opens March 19, 2010 and runs through May 16, 2010. **The date you really need to know right now is December 14, 2009** – that's the postmarked deadline for receipt of entries. Their prospectus is quite detailed but you can access it at www.wcfta.com and I've attached a pdf copy to this newsletter too.

2009 Annual Fall Show at The Great Frame Up

Well, we weren't absolutely sure that we could make it happen...but **IT'S ON!** Once again, Kathy and Jim Benson are opening up The Great Frame Up for the Fall 2009 edition of the Oklahoma Pastel Society show. The show will run from the evening of Friday, October 23, 2009 through Monday, November 2, 2009. The Opening Reception is from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on Friday, October 23rd; we'll have light refreshments and possibly even wine tasting.

Linda Battles, Rita Busch and other helpers will receive your framed, ready-to-hang artwork on **Thursday, October 22nd, from Noon to 6pm**. The show will be judged for cash and merchandise prizes. This year, OPS member Lindel Hutson will be working with Jim Benson to get the word out about our show. Remember, YOU can help

advertise the show too – let all your family, friends and collectors know that you will have works hanging in this show!

The Great Frame Up is located in the Walnut Village Shops at 12339 N. Rockwell, OKC, 73142; phone is 405-721-8393 and website is www.okc.thegreatframeup.com. As they're always offered in previous years, Kathy and Jim have a wonderful **Special Frame Offer** for OPS members: they will professionally frame your artwork (for THIS show) in one of their "show special" frame choices for **only \$35!** This framing includes plain glass, one paper mat (if desired), spacers, etc. **If at all possible, PLEASE HAVE YOUR PAINTINGS TO BE FRAMED TO KATHY & JIM BY OCTOBER 15TH!**

You must pick up any unsold artwork (and we're all hoping that ALL of it will sell!) on **Monday, November 2nd, from 10am to 6pm.** The entry form, with receiving, opening and pick up dates, as well as information about commissions (and the **\$30 fee for up to 3 entries**) is attached. If you'd like to volunteer to help receive artwork, hang the show, help with the reception and/or with the pick up of artwork, please contact Linda Battles at 405-793-9371 (home) or 405-426-4206 (work); these numbers are in the OKC area.

And one more thing...

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, October 12, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Will Rogers Garden Center
Demo by CLIVE TYLER!**

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

DON'T FORGET!!!!

**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!)**