

**Newsletter of the Oklahoma Pastel Society
April 2012**

April Meeting-

Our upcoming April meeting will be held **April 9** at our usual location-Will Rogers Garden Center. We will be fortunate to have Debby Kaspari give a presentation on her time in Harvard Woods with slides and drawings. We had originally scheduled her for February and weather and illness prevented us from being able to see what Debby has prepared. As you know Debby is a masterful storyteller both with words, drawings, and paintings. She spent a good part of last year in Harvard Woods drawing archeological ruins. She also studied the history of the sites as well as the ecology of the forest. We are fortunate to be able to hear as well as see through her eyes in a way unavailable to most. Don't miss this opportunity to be transported to another time and another place.

Debby is well known for her spectacular drawings both of birds and nature. Her work has been in many books and magazines and her chronicle of the months spent in the Amazon was the subject of a one woman show at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman.

Her fascinating blog can be found at <http://drawingthemotmot.wordpress.com>.

Upcoming Workshops-

Becky Way is doing 2 upcoming workshops-the first is a 2 day workshop at House Gallery May 18-19- "Painting Pastels with Energy" and the second is a one day workshop June 9 "Shape it up with Color and Gesture" that follows her demo for the Mid Del Art Guild on June 4. Contact information is on her website- <http://www.beckyway.com/>.

OPS Spring Show

If you missed the OPS Spring show that began March 9 in the Waterford, you missed some exceptional art work. There was a large variety of work and it

was a beautiful venue. The winners, who will also be recognized at the April meeting, are:

Best of Show-Sheila Minnich-“Got Pork?”

Portraits

1st-Donna Branson –“Eyes Wide Shut”

2nd-Terry Hunt- “Asleep at the Wheel”

Still Life-

1st – Phyllis Baker, “Pears”

2nd-Becky Way “Early Tomatoes”

3rd- Jude Tolar-“Tasty Turnip”

Animals-

1st-Sheila Minnich- “Got Pork”

2nd- Bob Kaiser-“Cardinal Pair”

3rd- Linda Battles-“Blue Sky”

Landscapes

1st-Sue Ann Rodgers- “Late Snow”

2nd-Donna Branson- “Fall Color at Red River”

3rd- Jude Tolar- “Autumn Light”

Floral

1st- Jude Tolar-“An April Poem”

2nd-Linda Probst-“Tulip & Blue Delftt”

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

www.okpastel.org