

The Pastel Press

The Newsletter of the Oklahoma Pastel Society

April, 2008

First, I have to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. Sometimes being an accountant seems like a 24/7 job – especially around this time of year. So please excuse this somewhat abbreviated April 2008 edition of “The Pastel Press.” Now – on to the news!

Sure hope you were at the March meeting to hear – and see – Rick McClure explain how he juries/ judges an art show and how he developed his system. By using three paintings, selected from those brought for the members’ mini art show, Rick demonstrated various points in his system. Interestingly enough, Rick will use his system for OPS really soon – he’s the judge for the OPS Spring Show in Paseo. More about that in just a bit!

The new “enticements” to attend our meetings (as if you need anything more than a great program, good food and fun people!) were a hit. Lindel Hutson won the door prize; after counting the members’ ballots and realizing that two paintings were tied for the members’ choice, Rick broke the tie. We decided to award only one of the prizes for that. SO, the moral of all that is **come to the meeting and bring a painting because YOU could be a winner**. And unless there’s a tie – again! – in the members’ choice voting, we’ll have THREE winners this month! (By the way, make sure your painting is framed.)

April Program – Dennis Parker Paints a Portrait!

Say THAT five times really fast! Anyway...Dennis Parker, who did a landscape demo for our group last fall, painting his FIRST pastel in TWELVE years, will be painting his SECOND pastel in more than twelve years when he shows our group how he approaches portraiture. Dennis is an interesting, informative and fun instructor; this will be a meeting you don’t want to miss! If you want to sketch along as Dennis does Jim Hiller’s portrait (yep, Linda’s hubby), bring a drawing pad and pencil or charcoal.

Our April OPS meeting will be **next Monday, April 14th**, at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 N.W. 36th Street, in Oklahoma City and **begins at 6:30 p.m.** If you need directions, please contact Sue Ann at sueann1022@cox.net or call her at 405-330-5467. Bring your beverage of choice; Linda Battles and Charlotte Rodgers have graciously volunteered to bring the snacks.

Future Programs and Other Ideas

Becky Way is our program presenter for May’s meeting; and at least two of the programs for Fall 2008 are set – Glen Thomas in September and Mitsuno Reedy in October. OPS prez Jan Hutchinson has suggested that since we’re not meeting during the summer months (June, July and August), this might be a good time to consider having a couple of Mid-summer Paint Outs. This area, heck the whole state, has lots of good sketching/painting places, so the hard part will be deciding the when and where. Let one of the officers know if you’d be interested in something like that. I mean, three months is a long time between our get-togethers!

Show in Guthrie is Going On Right Now!

At least 15 or more Oklahoma Pastel Society members have some wonderful art currently hanging at the **Owens Art Place Museum**, located at 1202 E. Harrison Avenue, in Guthrie. Mr. Wallace Owens hosted an opening reception on March 2nd; the show will hang through the end of April.

The Owens Art Place Museum is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is approximately 12 blocks east of downtown Guthrie. Mr. Owens has promoted the show but efforts by our members to get the word out are appreciated too. So invite all your family and friends to make that short drive to the Owens Art Place Museum in Guthrie!

On the off chance that some of our paintings haven't sold when the end of April rolls around, those paintings will have to be picked up. At this time, we don't know exactly what date Mr. Owens wants the paintings picked up...but we'll find out and let you know. _

Our NEXT show will be at the Paseo Art Space Gallery the first part of May 2008.

The entry form, with all sorts of information about the show, is attached. Janie Schmitz is busy gathering up all sorts of awards and prizes to be given to the various winners at the show. Prizes will be awarded in these categories: Landscape; Still Life; Portrait; and Animal or Non-Representational. At this time, the "mix" of cash and merchandise awards hasn't been finalized but the awards will be good!

Rick McClure will judge the show for awards sometime on Friday, May 2nd; the opening reception will be that evening – during the May edition of Paseo's "First Friday Art Walk" – from 6 pm to 10 pm. See you there!

Other Show Opportunities

The **IAPS** 12th Exhibition/Web Show is coming up. **All entries for the Web Show must be received by August 8, 2008.** (This is also a juried show.) To get more information about either, or both, shows, call IAPS at 703-536-0308 or go to their website, www.pastelinternational.com and click on "Exhibitions."

The entry information for the **Harness Tracks of America "2008 Open Art Competition & Auction"** is as follows:

Eligibility: Open to all artists 18 or older. Art should be original work depicting the harness horse in any setting.

Entry Fees: \$10 for one entry; \$5 for each additional entry. Entries must be 4" x 6" or larger color photos; no slides accepted.

Entry Deadline is June 15, 2008. Acceptances and shipping information will be mailed in August 2008.

Awards: Best of Show: \$500/ribbon; First Place: Five \$100 awards/ribbons; Special Excellence: 10 ribbons.

(This is just a brief listing of major "things to know" from the prospectus for this show. If you're interested in entering, you can contact Harness Tracks of America through their website www.harnesstracks.com or email them at info@harnesstracks.com.)

The **Pastel Society of the Northern Rockies** is sponsoring a huge four-gallery national open, juried show in Loveland, Colorado. Over \$2,000 in awards will be presented; awards juror is Margaret Dyer, PSA Master Pastelist. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2008. You can download the prospectus at www.psnr.net and for more info, contact show chair Heather Coen at heather@artintherockies.com.

A lot closer to home is the **June Fest Arts Festival in Purcell, Oklahoma.** I've attached their "call for entries" brochure to the newsletter. No sales commission is charged for this show, just a \$50 fee to reserve a display space but you are responsible for the sales tax. This arts festival takes place on Saturday, June 7, 2008, so check it out!

And the **5th Annual "The Girlie Show"** is set for November 7 and 8, 2008 at the Farmer's Public Market building near Downtown OKC. Sorry guys, but this is a show that features exclusively female artists and crafters; the show is juried with all participants selected by The Girlie Show committee. If you're interested in learning more, go to www.thegirlieshow.net where you can find out all about past shows too.

Workshops!

Missouri artist Jerry Brown will be teaching a one-day "Painting Clouds in Pastel" workshop on Tuesday, May 27th – right after the Paseo Arts Festival finishes its Memorial Day Weekend run. The cost for this one-day workshop is \$75, we'll be painting in the large room that's available at AKA Gallery in Paseo and there are a few spots still open. If you haven't done so yet, go to the OPS website, www.okpastel.org to see some of Jerry's wonderful paintings – you'll like what you see!

Then, later in the summer, **Terry Ludwig** will be back in Oklahoma City for another 3-day workshop scheduled for August 15, 16 and 17! Once again Terry will be teaching in the wonderful facilities at The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Many of you will remember that Terry is a big advocate of awarding a scholarship to his workshop. Last year's scholarship went to a wonderful senior art student from a local high school. The OPS board of directors has talked about some ways to consider

how the scholarship might go to an OPS member – things like attendance, participation, possibly even a multi-chance drawing. Let us know what your ideas are!

At the time of the writing of this newsletter, **only two spaces are available for Terry's workshop**. So, get your registration form in SOON. As you'll remember from the February newsletter, the "protocol" for reserving a spot in Terry's workshop is changing. With so many members in OPS and only a limited number of spaces available (the number of students is set by Terry), here's how you'll get your name in for Terry's workshop:

First, you'll complete a registration form (email sueann1022@cox.net or call Sue Ann at 405-330-5467 to get a form.)

Second, you will MAIL TO THE OPS POST OFFICE BOX your completed registration and deposit.

Third, only mailed in, completed registration forms with the stipulated deposit amount included will be considered.

Also, Terry's workshop fees have increased for 2008. At this time it looks like his 3-day August workshop will be \$275 for OPS members and more for non-members.

Other Possible Workshops in the Future

As you know, Becky Way's "It's All About the Strokes, Folks" workshop has been postponed. BUT we're working with Becky to re-schedule it for later in 2008. And as we've said before, the Oklahoma Pastel Society is definitely blessed to have so many talented artists who are not only willing but are also extremely qualified to conduct great workshops. Let Pam know who you'd like to have here to teach a workshop – both our own talented members and others from other areas of the state and country!

Local Workshop and Classes for ALL Artists!

Dennis Parker is offering a Life Drawing Class beginning in March 2008 and continuing on into May. Classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. His classes and workshops are open to both beginners and more experienced artists. Contact Julie McAfee at 755-5672 or painterly1@juno.com for all the details and to sign-up.

If you'd like to take a workshop outside Oklahoma...

Maggie Price will be teaching in a variety of places in the United States and overseas in 2008. Her workshop schedule along with contact information and a brief description is listed at www.MaggiePriceArt.com.

Well-known pastel artist **Doug Dawson** is also teaching workshops all over the United States. Go to his website, www.dougdawsonartist.com, where you can see a list of his scheduled 2008 workshops. Also you can email him at dougdawson8@aol.com or even give him a call at 303.421.4584.

Mike Mahon, a pastel artist from Amarillo, Texas, is teaching a 5-day workshop through the Cloudcroft Art Workshops, Cloudcroft, New Mexico. To find out more about this workshop, visit www.cloudcroftart.com, write to Cloudcroft Art Workshops, P.O. Box 1202, Cloudcroft, NM 88317, call Linda at 1-888-682-3601 or Jan at 1-505-682-2889; also email Jan at janrasch@zianet.com.

Other News...

Several of our members have pieces in the current Oklahoma Art Guild "Oklahoma Friendly" art show. The show continues at the Urban Art Loft and Istvan Gallery Wednesdays - Sundays, 11 am to 6 pm, through April 26, 2008; the address is 1218 North Western Avenue, OKC 73106-6824. Congratulations to our members whose works were accepted for this show!

OPS member Shelly Henry is the featured artist at Gallery One, 2927 Paseo, for April; drop by and see her newest paintings.

Did you know that Porch Art and School Supply carries Sennelier pastels? And full-size sheets of Art Spectrum's Colourfix pastel paper in all colors? And that they now have all the colors of Canson Mi-Tientes paper too? Add to that – RIGHT NOW and through APRIL, all Sennelier boxed-sets of pastels are 20 % OFF!! And Sennelier open stock is on a special "buy two sticks, get one free!" Guess we'll all be heading to Porch real soon!

And one more thing – the OPS Website!

The newly re-designed OPS website is up and running and is beautiful. Thank you for all your hard work, Becky Way!! Email one of your paintings, along with some biographical info, to Becky Way at beckyway@cox.net so she can add YOUR work to the Gallery page. And email Sue Ann (at sueann1022@cox.net) any of your news – if you don't tell us, we aren't always able to pull it out of thin air!

See you at the meeting!
Monday, April 14th, 6:30 p.m.
Will Rogers Garden Center
DENNIS PARKER PAINTS A PORTRAIT