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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Happy New Year!  Welcome to our 2024/2025 season—we had a terrific year and I hope that our new season is even more exciting.  It is membership renewal time, and I wanted to say thank you to everyone of you who helped make our past fiscal year a huge success and who are continuing their membership with APAA.  I'd like to share just a few of our accomplishments from last season and let you in on some things in the pipeline for this fiscal year.  We had a very successful **8th National Open show** at the Phippen Museum—a wonderful venue and it’s a feather in your cap to exhibit your work in a prestigious museum. We ended up with seven sales.  Next year our show will be about a month longer, from February 22 – April 20, with a proposed reception on March 1, 2025.  Peggy Orbon, Vice President and Member Show Chair, organized our **2023Fall Gallery Member Show**, held at Scottsdale Artists in December.  This year she put a spin on the exhibition, inviting artists to enter “little gems” which were best sellers.  In response to many members’ requests, the 2024 Fall Member show will be online only, with an in-person awards reception on December 8 at the AAG Building.  Peggy has secured an additional opportunity for our members who can hand-deliver their paintings to the SAS—a **2024 Virtual Works Retrospective**, December 2 – 16, 2024.  Please watch for more details on our website.  Our **2023 Quirky Categories Online Member Show** was great fun, with unusual categories to paint, such as “Looking Up,” and “Following in the Footsteps of van Gogh.”  Our 2024 show is even quirkier!  Sharon Frey has been sending out e-blasts about the various categories, so please register and send your images to her.  Gina Murrow chaired our **Artist of the Month** program, which highlighted many wonderful artworks that can also be entered in our Member and Open shows.  Our **Artist of the Year** will be celebrated at our May meeting and posted to social media and our website.  The Artist of the Month program begins its new yearly cycle in May.  Our **Art Challenges** were well represented, with Nancie King Mertz giving a wonderful critique for her Urban Challenge.  Liz Kenyon offered a memorable Color Challenge that many members participated in, and in conjunction with Paint Arizona Day, Leila Langston challenged our members to do a plein air painting.  Leila Langston has done an amazing job with our **Plein Air Program**, hosting or organizing eight plein air paint outs as well as coordinating with Arizona Plein Air Painters and Sonoran Plein Air Painters for Paint Arizona Day, in which many of our members participated to paint our beautiful state.  Dodie Ballantine, **Program Chair**, organized some truly meaningful programs, including demonstrations by outstanding artists such as Alain Picard, Nancie King Mertz, Liz Kenyon, Jude Tolar, and Lorraine Trenholm.  Our January Paint Out Party was especially memorable, and will be back this coming year, at our members’ request.  Finally, thank you for answering our poll, “Seeking Your Opinion.”  We have implemented many of your suggestions and look forward to getting more feedback from you in the coming year.  *--Nori Thorne, APAA President* | |  | | **Welcome New Members and Congrats to Our New Signature**  A huge APAA welcome to our newest members!  •       Sally McGann, Mesa, AZ  •       Nancy Hudson, Goodyear, AZ  •       Mary Ann Cherry, ID  •       Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner WA  •       Jean Wood, IL  Congratulations to our latest Signature Member!  ·         Barbara Archer-Baldwin | |  | | PAINT ARIZONA DAY | | Thank you, Leila Langston for the outstanding work with our plein air program.  April 6th was Paint Arizona Day, with plein air ambassadors hosting paint-outs all across our beautiful state.  Suzette Young painted with several members along Oak Creek, and Beverly Bradshaw hosted a painat-out at Jewel of the Creek.    "Just Paint Arizona Day," at the Four Corners Gallery in the Tucson Desert Art Museum, featured the incredible artwork created by artists who participated in the unique plein air event on April 6th.  Kathy Howard and Barbara Archer-Baldwin were two of our members with paintings in the show. | | |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The meeting was called to order at 1:01 by President Nori Thorne.  Nori provided a national show update and thanked everyone for entering.  There were over 70members and guests at the reception.  The zoom recording of the reception is on the APAA website.  We have had 6 sales so far.  Purchase of the show catalog benefits APAA, because we get a royalty.  Pick up of paintings is on May 7, the last day of the show between 10 and 12.  Kristine Mikesell will do a video walk through of the show and it will be posted on the website.  Members should contact Peggy Orbon regarding pick up of paintings.  Ken Keith was announced as the national show People’s Choice award winner.  We will have the 2024 Virtual Works Perspective the first 2 weeks in December which can include anything from2024 member show, artist of the month, art challenges, quirky categories.  Up to 3 paintings may be submitted and will be included on a first come, first served basis.  We will have a reception on December 8 at the Arizona Artist’s Guild.  June 30, 2024 is the deadline for registration for Quirky Categories.  Nori encouraged members to register.  Leila Langston talked about Arizona Plein Air Day.  Peggy and Leila painted at the Salt River.  The deadline for submitting paintings for the plein air challenge is April 25.  Member should submit their entries to Nori.  There is no fee to register and a $50 gift card prize for the three winners.  The Sonoran Plein Air Painters show will be held April 20-May11 at the Desert Art Museum.  Nori introduced new members:  Michelle Blackwell- Chino Valley, Sally Clark-Washington, Russell Walsh- Peoria, Celeste Woodes-Wickenberg, Kim Woods-Clarkdale  New signature members: Debborah Charboneau, Lyn DeLano, Jim Kallenbach, Carol Strockwasson, Kris Domier, Paula Kuehl, Linda Elkema, Nancy SmythE  Several of our members entered the Pastel Society of New Mexico Show:  Christine Debrosky won 1st place, Nori Thorne won 4th place, Katherine Irish won the Jeffrey Potter Memorial Award and Kathy Howard won the Richeson PSA award.  Dodie Ballantine introduced award winning artist Alain Picard via zoom who did a demo painting focusing on edges.  Alain has a mini course on his website “Expressive Mark Making” [www.picardstudio.com](https://apaa.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=JNHkiaA4Gz8r6xD3ghUfQ9YTshQ0%2bg0hfbqEaTZlJKicvBGrtfnq7D%2bkq2LrkCTJflt%2bTMrde90N4f%2fW3DETaNczmAy1WTx3NDlcFXpP8Ts%3d).  The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm. | | |

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