



January, 2024

President's Message:

--Nori Thorne, APAA President

Dear APAA Members,

Happy New Year and thank you again for continuing to support this wonderful organization. As I thought about New Year resolutions, I reflected on what we've accomplished as an organization this past year. I'll bet you can think of some I've left out.

Summer Online Show, Quirky Categories. Fun show, great prizes, imaginative artwork and an amazing show catalog that showcased one page per artist.

7th National Exhibition and Sale at the Phippen. We had phenomenal sales—over \$16,000 worth of our pastel paintings sold at the Phippen Museum. You can see what a great time we all had at the awards banquet—videos and photos are online.

Website: Jeanne Wellins has done an incredible job revamping our website, making it easier to navigate and more user friendly. Also, prettier!

Plein Air Events. This was the year for terrific plein air events, headed up by Leila Langston. We even had a Northern Arizona event—painting the golden aspen on Mt. Humphrey.

Programs:

Dodie Ballantine outdid herself this past year with her entertaining and educational programs including demonstrations by Lorraine Trenholm, Jude Tolar, Jim Kallenbach and others.

Artist of the Month and Artist of the Year:

Gina Murrow spearheaded our AOM/AOY program. Most of our members participate in voting for their favorites and entering the show.

Newsletter:

Carol L Bendell continues to put out a great newsletter, chock-full of important content for our members.

Art Challenge:

Nancy King Mertz did a great job with her Urban Landscape challenge that made us stretch ourselves, and Liz Kenyon gave us a colorful challenge.

We are increasing our membership, as well, and added Tony Allain and Jude Tolar to our Distinguished Member ranks.

I am so grateful for all of you who had a part in making this a wonderful year. 2024 will even be better!

Nori Thorne
APAA President

Minutes of the Arizona Pastel Artists Association

Member Show Awards Meeting

December 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 by President Nori Thorne. Nori encouraged everyone to order a copy of the show catalog and there is a link on the Association's website.

Sharon Frey thanked Nori for agreeing to stay on as President. She also expressed her thankfulness for being a member of this group. She also announced that there will be a plein air meeting at Boyce Thompson Arboretum on Saturday March 16, 2024.

Dodie Ballantine announced that the next meeting will be an in-person meeting January 14 , 2024 at the Arizona Artists Guild and the program will be a paint around. There will be sample papers and goody bags, and door prizes.

Volunteers who helped with the show should submit any receipts to Peggy Orbon, the show chair.

Awards for the Member show are as follows:

AWARDS OF MERIT

Paula Kuehl "Yellow Sunrise"

Lorraine Trenholm "Sunrise on Sage"

Sarah Watts "Ancestral"

Peggy Orbon "Dawn Wall"

Lin Boucher "Cowman"

Dodie Ballantine "Joyful"

FIRST PLACE Ken Keith "Sedona Winter"

SECOND PLACE Jean Hildebrand "Aroma de Primavera"

THIRD PLACE Linda Curtis "In the Shadows"

BEST OF SHOW Christine Debrosky "Sunsplashed Boughs"

LITTLE GEMS

FIRST PLACE Nori Thorne "Sonoran Royalty"

SECOND PLACE Janis Barrett "Le Pear"

THIRD PLACE Pam Delay "Late Summer Vernon"

PRESIDENT'S AWARD Tal Dvir "Hard Pouring"

Slate of Officers for FY 24/25

The following is a list of APAA officers who have agreed to remain on board for next fiscal year (May 2024 to April 2025) with open seats indicated. You will have the opportunity to vote on them via poll in February 2024. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or additions to the slate. Please note that all open positions require computer skills, ability to send and receive e-mails, and possibly interact with our Wild Apricot website under the direction of our webmaster.

Executive Board

President - Nori Thorne

1st Vice President - Gina Murrow (Programs)

2nd Vice President - Peggy Orbon (Shows)

Treasurer - Sharon Frey

Secretary - Judy Pechur

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: OPEN

Corresponding Secretary will send condolences cards, get well cards, welcome cards to new members, other outreach as assigned by Board.

Committee Chairs

Website Administrator - Jeanne Wellins

Programs Chair- Dodie Ballantine

Co-Programs Chair – OPEN Programs Co-Chair should be familiar with setting up and running zoom meetings, have contacts in the broader art community, be comfortable interviewing potential presenters, coordinate and communicate with your co-chair.

Artist of the Month - Gina Murrow

National Show - Nori Thorne

Member Show - Peggy Orbon

Summer Online Show – Sharon Frey

Signature/Distinguished Member - Liz Kenyon

Promotions Chair - Jo Agostinelli

Print and Online Media - Jeanne Wellins

Social Media - Rita Romero and Kathy Howard

Virtual Library - Janis Barrett

Plein Air Chair - Leila Langston

Newsletter - Carol L Bendell

APAA Photographer - Christine Mikesell Bidwell

AZ Art Alliance Rep - Jo Agostinelli

Hospitality – Steve Yancy

IN-PERSON MEETING

APAA MTG, JANUARY 14TH 11:00 PAINT-AROUND and more!

IN PERSON MEETING at AAG Bldg, 18411 N 7th Ave., Phoenix. The Paint-around will not be zoomed on this date, however the business meeting will be.)

COME! It will be so good to work together. This is our only in-person meeting until fall.

PAINT-AROUND is such fun, in a supportive environment! We get many requests to do it again. With a short meeting, we'll have more time to pastel.

PAPER AND PASTEL PRODUCTS to sample and **GOODIE BAGS AND DOOR PRIZES.**

BUBBLY TOAST to our new year.

For those who cannot attend, we'll post the meeting for you afterwards on the website.



HELPERS, PLEASE! Need 12 people to bring a pastel set up: photo, board, tape, small selection of pastels you pick out for this artwork. Or, you can choose from the donated pastels we keep in our closet at AAG - come a little early to pick them out, and return them later. **We will supply papers, hand sanitizer, AAG easels.**

If you'll bring a set up, PLEASE email dodieb@cox.net to tell her, so we'll know we have enough.

Need a few people to come early - 10:30 to help set up tables.

SNACKS - Last names A - H, kindly bring a snack to share.

2024 MTG dates, all Sundays at 1:00. Zoomed only. Mark your calendars!

FEB 4th ZOOM MTG PLEIN AIR ADVENTURES – Hows, whys, wheres and fun!

MARCH – no Sunday meeting, zooming from Phippen Reception

APRIL 7 - Demo by ALAIN PICKARD, on the topic – EDGES

MAY 5 – Challenge Program, announced in Feb.

ZOOM LINK

Zoom Meeting Invitation

Please note that the zoom meeting will be a short meeting consisting of important information for our members. After the zoom portion of the meeting, the in-person Paint-Around" will begin. You will be able to see a video of the program on our website.

Topic: January 14 APAA Hybrid Meeting - Paint Around

Time: Jan 14, 2024 11:00 AM Arizona

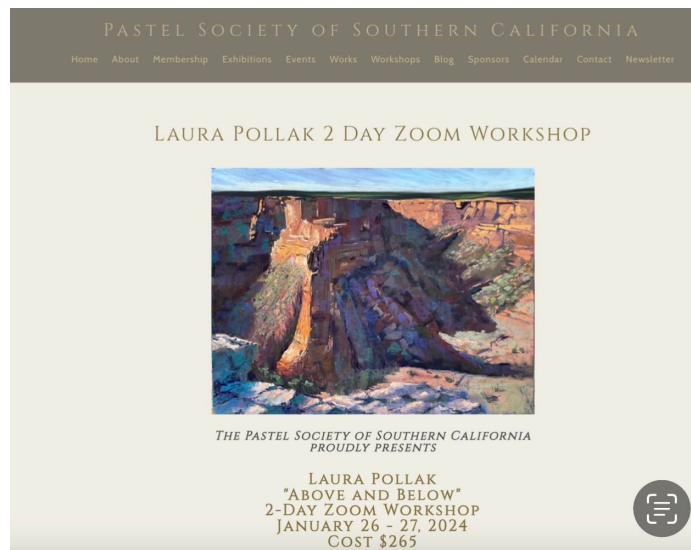
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83688371753?pwd=WklYOWgzZkpmQ2FUS3NCbEhUbS9UQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 8837 1753

Passcode: 156988

COURSES & WORKSHOPS



Submitted by **Laura Pollak:**

I'd like to invite you to my 2 Day Online Workshop sponsored by the Pastel Society of Southern California.

January 26-27.

In this 2 day ONLINE Workshop
we will begin with fundamental aspects of design in Landscape.

We will work on values, color theory
and mark making.

THEN [if you're ready...]
we will loosen the landscape and push it as far as you wish, all the way to abstraction and
look below the surface to see what lies beneath!

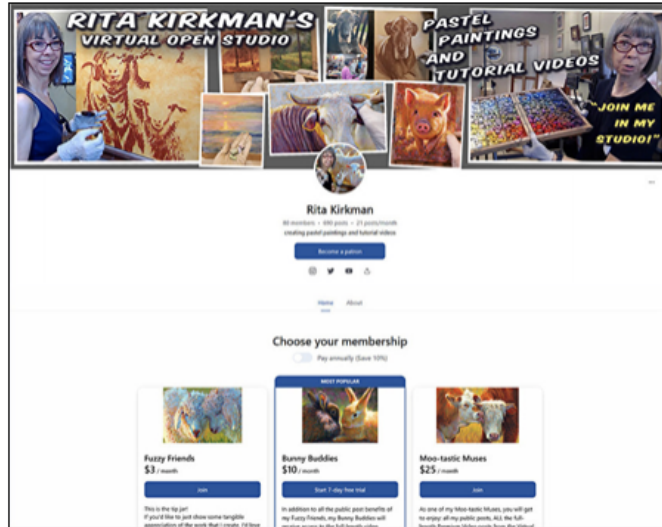
If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at:

LauraPollak.artist@gmail.com.

Link for Registration is:

<https://www.psscwebsite.org/page/41038/laura-pollak-2-day-zoom-workshop>

For an Ongoing Inspiration Boost... My Patreon Page



Check out my [Patreon Page](https://www.patreon.com/RitaKirkmanStudio), full of more than 150 inspiring and tutorial full-length pastel videos from the past three years. Demos, art tips and engaging conversation from my ongoing [Virtual Open Studio Days](#), and more!

(PS: The highest tier now includes quarterly critiques!! :)

It also contains tons of free public posts with quick vids, art tips and progress pics. If you're not yet ready to join as a Patron, you can follow the public posts for free!

<https://www.patreon.com/RitaKirkmanStudio>

"The greatness of art is not to find what is common but what is unique."

~ Isaac Bashevis Singer

Loosening Up Your Landscapes!

sponsored by The Tucson Pastel Society
March 13, 14, 15, 2024

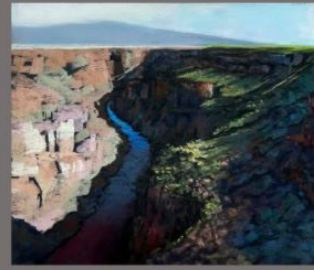
In this 3 day **IN PERSON** Workshop
we will begin with the basics of design
and move quickly into values, color theory and mark making.
THEN [if you're ready...]
we will loosen the landscape and push it as far as you wish,
all the way to abstraction



Ancient Roundabouts



Ancient Spires



Ancient River Gorge

If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me at:
laurapollak.artist@gmail.com.

This will be packed with information and lots of FUN!
I hope to meet you there!

Laura

I'd like to invite you to an IN PERSON WORKSHOP in Tucson sponsored by the

Tucson Pastel Society. March 13, 14, 15, 2024. To get on the sign up list contact Becky Neideffer @ bneidefferart@gmail.com to get on the registration list.

Cannot wait to meet you there!

UPCOMING SHOW AND EXHIBITION POSSIBILITIES

Show Submit, www.showssubmit.com.

Online Juried Shows, www.onlinejuriedshows.com

Call for Entry, www.cafe.com SIGN UP WITH CAFE.COM TO GET UPDATES OF NEW SHOWS.

Remember that the Arizona Art Alliance, of which APAA is a member, sponsors many excellent shows that our members are now eligible to enter. Check out their webpage at <https://azartalliance.com/artist-opportunities/>.

Digital Entry Art Shows are listed on sites below: Arizona Artists Alliance: <https://azartalliance.com/>

Arizona Artists Guild: <https://arizonaartistsguild.net/2023-2024-call-for-art/>

Art Deadlines List: <https://artdeadlineslist.com/>

CaFÉ: <https://artist.callforentry.org>

Juried Art Services: <https://www.juriedartservices.com>

Online Juried Shows: www.onlinejuriedshows.com

ShowSubmit: showssubmit.com

Our APAA Newsletter

We send the newsletter out a few days prior to our monthly meetings so you are sure to get the zoom link. We have meetings on the first or second Sunday of the month. In person meetings will be announced when appropriate.

Remember that we have changed the format regarding member news. We encourage you to use social media to post your pastel related news, exhibition participation, publications, and prizes.

We will, however, continue to post workshop announcements in the newsletter.

Remember to take advantage of our Facebook Page for Announcements which do not fit the newsletter timeline. Our **APAA Facebook page** is also the appropriate place for displaying new pastel artwork.

Thank you.

Carol Lei Bendell, Newsletter Editor

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