

March 2024 Edition

AZ PASTEL ARTISTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

Our 8th National Exhibition at the Phippen opens March 10, and it is truly outstanding. I hope that all our members have a chance to visit the museum before the show closes on April 21st. You can also see the entire show in our online show catalog, and you can purchase one by following the link on the home page of our website.

Our awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 23, with a demonstration by our Awards Judge, Allen Garns at 11:00, followed by our luncheon and awards announcements starting at 1:00. We will also celebrate our new board members as well as showcase our Artist of the Month winner. Our national show received recognition in Art of the West's Guidebook, an article in Western Art Collector, the Phippen's newsletter announcements, and Jeanne Wellin's articles in print and social media outlets in the Sedona and Prescott area.

The awards announcements will be zoomed at 1:00 on March 23. Award winners will be posted in our online catalog on Monday, March 25th and red dots will appear in the online catalog as we receive notice of sales.

Our show coincides with the Women Artists of the West's 54th Annual Exhibition, Dreamweavers, in the Marley Gallery. Several APAA members are also showing their work with the WAOW show, so be sure to visit that excellent all-woman exhibit before it closes in June.

Our Zoom Invitation is below:

Nori Thorne is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 8th National Awards Ceremony

Time: Mar 23, 2024 01:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84793584807?pwd=NHZ2TDA2WU1HQzNoS1I0clRra0w2dz09>

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--Nori Thorne, APAA President

Minutes of the Arizona Pastel Artists Association

February, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Nori Thorne. Kristine Zinkgraf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Christine Debrosky seconded the motion.

Show Updates: The next member show will be online secondary to conflicts with Holiday dates. Paintings do not need to be shipped. December 8, 2024 there will be a party at Arizona Artists Guild to celebrate the show opening.

For the National Show, 222 paintings were in the jury pool and 79 paintings were chosen to be hung. There will be only 1 painting per person. Nori thanked everyone who participating and also thanked people who sponsored awards. She encouraged members to participate in Artist of the Month and online shows. Shipped paintings must arrive at the Phippen by February 24. They must be shipped in an Airfloat Masterpak box with the artist sale sheet because the Phippen needs to have it for sale. An artist biography must also be included. We should also send Nori a copy of our biography. People in Northern Arizona should contact Nori Thorne if they need to have a painting transported. Those in the west valley should contact Ken Keith or Judy Wegenast, East Valley should contact Gary Binder or Peggy Orbon, far East Valley should contact Linda Curtis. Peggy will be at the Arizona Artists Guild for the next 2 weeks. Volunteers for the next National Show. Your Name and the name of the painting must be firmly attached

to your painting. The reception for the National Show will be March 23 2024 with a Demo from 10:30 - 11:30, Banquet 12 – 1, Awards Announced 1 – 3. Christine Mikesell Bidwell will take photos. Alan Garns will be the judge of awards and will be doing the demo from 10:30-11:30.

New officers were voted in unanimously and will be installed at the reception.

Artist of the month is Annie Gee for her painting “The Snowman.”

There is a Plein Aire painting group that meets every Thursday in Sedona.

Dodie Ballantine reported on future programs. April 7, Alain Piccard who is nationally known for portraits, landscapes and still life paintings will do a presentation on handling edges.

May 5th will be a zoom meeting with the Artist’s Challenge.

Treasurer Report: we have a bank balance of \$20,564.44.

Leila Langston reported on the plein air painting schedule.

October outing was at Mount Humphrey, November Phon D Sutton in the Tonto National Forest. Peggy Orbon won 3rd place in the Arizona Plein Aire Show for the painting she created during this outing. January was at Lost Dutchman State Park Linda Curtis hosted this event. February’s meeting will be at Oracle State Park in Tucson. This will be hosted by Jude Sheldon February 21. March 16 will be held at Boyce Thompson Arboretum hosted by Alan and Sharon Frey. The Arizona Plein Air Painters will have events on weekends. Members should contact Leila if you have ideas for events. The artist’s challenge for May will be a Plein Air Painting. The prize will be a Dakota gift certificate. Dodie thanked Christine Debrosky and Nori Thorne for their presentation on Plein Air painting.

Gary Binder reported that the Women Artists of the West opens March 1 and overlaps with our National show.

Two new members were recognized: Lynn Berte and Teresa Lazo.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22.

A FOND TRIBUTE TO TERRY LUDWIG



With sadness we share news of the passing of Terry Ludwig, who endowed us with luscious, richly colored pastels, and memories of his buoyant and generous spirit. Remember our excellent zoom tour of his pastel studio, hosted by his son. Raise your *Eggplant* (his famous color) or your other favorite color and wave it with thanks in his honor!

A link to a nice picture and article about Terry Ludwig in PASTEL TODAY: <https://pasteltoday.com/2024/02/21/the-vibrant-legacy-of-terry-ludwig/#:~:text=Terry%20Ludwig%2C%20creator%20of%20Terry,profound%20impact%20on%20pastel%20art.&text=A%20statement%20released%20by%20Terry,quick%20friends%20out%20of%20strangers.>

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

Submitted by **Leila Langston:**

We're thrilled to announce the continued success and growth of our Plein Air program as we delve into the heart of another vibrant season! Every month, our dedicated community of artists gathers to immerse themselves in the awe-inspiring beauty of the Southwest landscape and the captivating allure of the Sonoran Desert, capturing its essence in pastels en plein air.

From the rugged majesty of desert canyons to the serene tranquility of saguaro-studded vistas, our program offers a diverse array of breathtaking landscapes for artists of all levels to explore and interpret. Participants not only hone their artistic skills, but also cultivate a deeper

connection to the natural world around them, fostering creativity and inspiration in every pastel mark they make.

Our Plein Air program isn't just about painting landscapes; it's about forging connections, sharing experiences, and celebrating the beauty that surrounds us.

Please join us!

Our plein air members enjoyed a fantastic day at **Oracle State Park** on Feb 21st! A big thank you to Jude Endia Sheldon for graciously hosting this event! We extended invitations to fellow artists from the Sonoran Plein Air Painters, Tucson Pastel Society, and Tucson Urban Sketchers groups, and we were delighted to welcome close to 20 participants to join us for a lovely day surrounded by nature's beauty. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with new plein air enthusiasts, share techniques, and soak in the tranquil atmosphere. The day was topped off with delicious oatmeal cookies and a lively critique session, adding an extra layer of enjoyment to our artistic endeavors. We look forward to more memorable gatherings like this in the future!



****Upcoming Plein Air Events:****

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Plein Air painting events, where we'll explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Southwest and the Sonoran Desert:

Boyce Thompson Arboretum: March 16th

A big thank you to Nori Thorne, Linda Curtis, Jude Sheldon, Sharon Frey, and Beverly Bradshaw for generously hosting these events, providing our community with inspiring locations to unleash their creativity.

We'd like to express our gratitude to Nori Thorne for her invaluable video demonstrations, which are fantastic resources for plein air painters of all skill levels. Don't miss out on these insightful sessions!

Let's come together to celebrate the beauty of nature and the art of plein air painting. See you there!

PROGRAM NOTES

Your Invitation to a Plein Air Challenge



Criteria:

Open to all subject matters substantially completed outdoors in plein air.

Artists may add signature and some final highlights in the studio.

It is permissible to paint from the indoors, looking through a window to the outdoors.

Use of photographs as a reference is prohibited.

Open to members only.

Art Eligibility:

Entries must be original and completed in natural light within the last year.

They must not violate copyright laws or have been shown in a previous gallery exhibition.

Works must be in soft pastel.

Mixed media must be predominantly soft pastel with the final surface being at least 80% traditional soft pastel.

Size:

No restrictions apply.

Awards:

Three Dakota Arts gift certificates will be awarded in the amount of \$50.

Deadline:

Submit your entries to Nori Thorne by April 25th. norithorne@gmail.com

MAY 5 Sun 1:00 ZOOM – Challenge Results to be Announced at this meeting.

MARCH - Saturday, March 23rd RECEPTION at PHIPPEN MUSEUM SHOW.

Hope to see you on this exciting day. No Sunday meeting in March.

APRIL 7, 1:00 ZOOM - Demo by ALAIN J. PICARD,
on the topic: EDGES



We are excited to have ALAIN PICARD as our presenter! An award winning artist, revered instructor, author and speaker, he will zoom from his studio in Connecticut. His marvelous portraits, landscapes and more have brought him awards in esteemed exhibitions, and distinguished status with Pastel Society of America, The American Artists Professional League, the Portrait Society of America, IAPS,...

He has lectured and demonstrated for The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Arts Club in New York City, the IAPS Convention, and the Biennial International Pastel Art Exhibition at Ming Gallery in Suzhou, China.

Rather than have him concentrate just on people or landscapes, he will give a demo on Handling EDGES, a topic to help us all!



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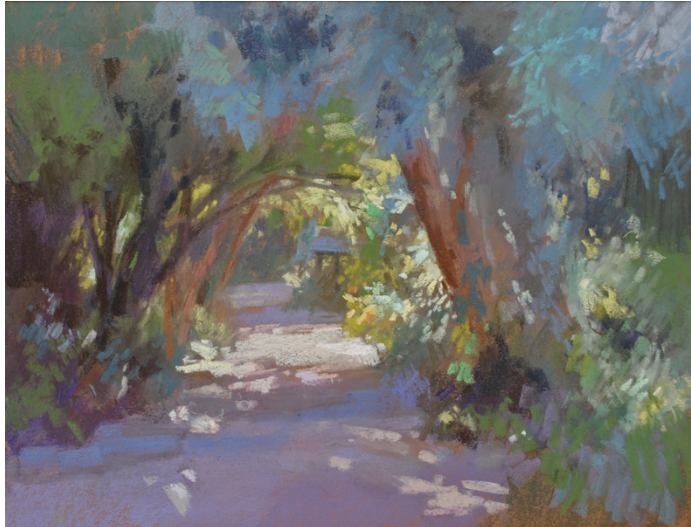
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COURSES & WORKSHOPS



Pastel Landscape Fresh and Bright, April 29 to May 1, at the Scottsdale Artists School.

Christine DeBrosky. **Cost is only \$395 .**

Paint with confidence, clarity and that special sparkle that is unique to pastel.

Some of the points covered will be:

How to make best use of reference ...make it work for you.

Pastel strokes and the importance of touch.

Design elements ...does this composition work?

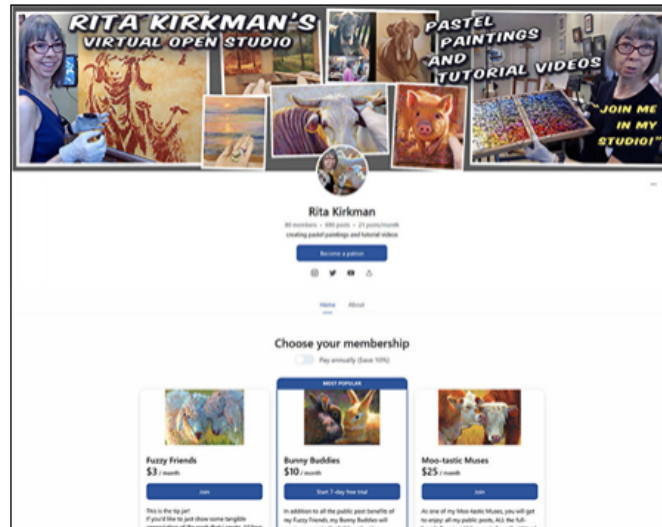
Color choices; harmony and mood...and so much more!

Link to register is <https://www.scottsdaleartschool.org/events/271>

Did you know that scholarships are available? The link to apply for a scholarship is:

<https://www.scottsdaleartschool.org/about/apply/>

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!

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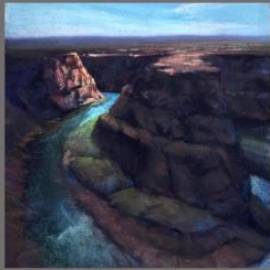
"The greatness of art is not to find what is common but what is unique."

~ Isaac Bashevis Singer

Loosening Up Your Landscapes!

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

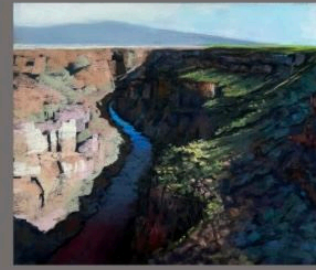
In this 3 day **IN PERSON** Workshop
we will begin with the basics of design
and move quickly into values, color theory and mark making.
THEN [if you're ready...]
we will loosen the landscape and push it as far as you wish,
all the way to abstraction



Ancient Roundabouts



Ancient Spires



Ancient River Gorges

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.showsubmit.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/>.

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: showsubmit.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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