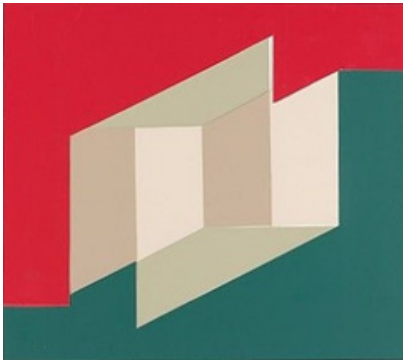


Newsletter

December OPS Regular Meeting



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DATE: **Saturday, December 7, 2024**

LOCATION: **John Brown University (JBU)
Art Barn Building**

TIME: **9:30 AM**

MAIN PROGRAM:

We will have a presentation and discussion of the “**December Challenge**” works created by the OPS Membership. The theme of this years challenge is a pastel painting of “**anything RED and GREEN**” related to Christmas. ANY subject, size, format, shape, framed or unframed is acceptable...be creative and have FUN!!!!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025:

Every year at the December Meeting officers for the following year must be elected. The proposed Slate for 2025 is on the next page for your information and review.

BONUS PROGRAM ONE:

Following the December Challenge there will be a presentation given by Charles Peer, Diana Harshbarger, Cindy Rowden and Margi Tucker on their experiences and take-aways from attending the 2024 IAPS Convention in Albuquerque, NM this past June.

BONUS PROGRAM TWO:

SHOP & SWAP! Buy and/or sell some of your art materials. That’s right, just in time for Christmas...buy yourself a gift, buy someone else a gift, sell some things and get some quick spending cash to pay for Christmas presents, ETC.

BONUS PROGRAM THREE:

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON! By this time, we will all have worked up an appetite so plan to stay and enjoy lunch together! OPS Board will provide sandwiches and drinks for all. Please plan to bring a side to share with everyone...chips, fruits, cookies, etc. AND, rumor has it that again this year, similar to last year, **Santa** may show up with a bag full of surprise gifts for some lucky members attending the meeting!

Remind your friends, or invite a friend who may be interested in joining us. Offer a friend a ride if you come a long distance. HOPE to see you & a friend on December 7th!!

SLATE OF OFFICERS/BOARD FOR 2025

Diana Harshbarger - President
Suzanne King - Vice President
Mary Ann Garnett - Secretary
Cindy Rowden - Treasurer & Membership Chair
Program Team - TBD
Exhibits Chair - Charles Peer
Newsletter Editor - Randall Kronblad
Social Media Chair: Mary Ann Garnett
At Large Board Members* -
Burneta Venosdel, Charles Peer, Randall Kronblad, Robert Sutton

thank
you!

Get involved.



First of all, we want to offer a **BIG Thanks** to everyone who served as an OPS Board Member in 2024. Kathy Markus who has served as Secretary for over 2 years is stepping down. Margi Tucker is also stepping down from the At-Large Board. We want to extend a special Thanks to BOTH of them for their service but look forward to their continued involvement with OPS.

We also want to extend a **SPECIAL Thanks** to Mary Ann Garnett for volunteering to take over for Kathy Markus as Secretary. The Board looks forward to working with you in 2025 and beyond.

***Secondly, with Margi stepping down we now need at least one (1) new At-Large Board Member, two (2) new members would be better. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. We need some NEW OPS members to step forward with new ideas!**

Membership Dues

Please bring cash or your check book to the December meeting as it is that time again to pay your dues for the next year, 2025. The dues are \$25 for an entire year of fun and friendship!!! **NOTE: If you pay your dues at this meeting (or before) your name will be entered into a drawing for a gift to be given away at the meeting!!!**



September Meeting Recap

The September 28th General Meeting at JBU was kicked-off by Charles Peer with a very informative explanation / demonstration of how to make your own pastels from small bits and pieces of pastel that are no longer large enough to use when creating a painting.



Charles Peer



The "ingredients"



The finished pastels



Following the presentation by Charles, Clint Howard from Harrison, AR gave a wonderful demonstration on how to paint reflections on water. Clint was very kind to come back after lunch and hold a "paint along" with about 15 interested people that wanted to learn more from him.



Clint Howard



Early stages of two demonstration pieces that Clint created during the morning session.



Field Trip to Crystal Bridges Recap

On Saturday, October 14, 2024, six members of OPS (Diana Harshbarger, Jeanette Foreman, Mary Ann Garnett, Suzanne King, Charles Peer and Randall Kronblad) met at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art for a wonderful and educational get together. They walked around the museum and viewed a large portion of the general exhibit, discussed specifics on some select pieces and generally just had a FUN time. Following the walk around, they enjoyed lunch together in the Eleven Restaurant at the Museum. The general take-away from the day was “let’s do this again sometime”!!!



Famous Quotes for Artists

“Colour is my day-long obsession, joy and torment.”
Claude Monet

“An artist is not paid for his labor but for his vision.”
James McNeill Whistler

“I am seeking. I am striving. I am in it with all my heart.”
Vincent van Gogh



Signature Status Reminder

Just a quick reminder that if you think you have achieved Signature Status with OPS, NOW is the time to get your paper work submitted for review. The criteria and application form are all on the OPS website. www.ozarkpastelsociety.org Look under the Tab “Membership”, then “OPS Honors”.

Member News

Margi Tucker

Margi had her painting "En Pointe" accepted into the prestigious 52nd Annual PSA Enduring Brilliance juried show in New York City AND won the Bill Creevy Award for Pastel Innovation! **CONGRATS!!!!**



"En Pointe"
12"x9"

Charles Peer

Charles gave a public painting demo (Aug 16) and led a two-day workshop (Aug 17 & 18) at the Arts on Main in Van Buren, AR.



"Morning Deliveries"
11"x14"

On October 5th Charles's painting, "Morning Deliveries", won First Place in the Adult Division of the Heart of America Artists' Association 2024 Plein Air event in Siloam Springs, AR.

"Standing at the Ready"
10"x32"



On October 11th Charles's painting, "Standing at the Ready" was selected for the current IAPS 2024 Juried Webshow – 13th Master Circle Division.

One of Charles's paintings won an Honorable Mention in the Portrait & Figure category of the 26th Annual Pastel 100 Competition sponsored by the Pastel Journal. The title and image of the painting can't be revealed until it is published in the Pastel Journal's February 2025 edition.



Member News (con't.)

Randall Kronblad

In September, Randall participated in the Joplin Arts Fest in Joplin, MO for his 9th straight year and won a 2D Merit Award for his body of work at the Festival.



On October 11th, Randall's painting "Ode to Summer" was selected for the current IAPS 2024 Juried Webshow – 13th Master Circle Division.

"Ode to Summer"
14"x14"

Judy Howard

Judy had her painting "On A February Afternoon" accepted into the prestigious 52nd Annual PSA Enduring Brilliance juried show in New York City. She attended the reception at the National Arts Club and got to help check in the walk-in deliveries of the paintings. She said it was a wonderful experience as she got to meet several PSA artists whom she has admired for years.



"On A February Afternoon"
8.5"x 10.5"



Judy also got her pastel painting, "Slice of Morning Light," accepted in a pastel show juried by Shawn Dell Joyce at the Wallkill River Center for the Arts in Montgomery, NY. The show ran Sept. 4–Oct. 27.

"Slice of Morning Light"
12"x 9"

Last, but certainly not least, Judy recently obtained Signature status with the Pastel Society of America (PSA)...VERY exciting and **CONGRATS!!!**



Member News (con't.)

Clint Howard



"Memory of Youth"
24"x16"

On October 11th Clint's painting "Memory of Youth" was selected for the current IAPS 2024 Juried Webshow – 45th Open Division.

Clint also won an Honorable Mention in the Landscape category of the 26th Annual Pastel 100 Competition sponsored by the Pastel Journal. The title and image of the painting can't be revealed until it is published in the Pastel Journal's February 2025 edition.

In September Clint was on "Art School Live with Eric Rhodes." The video is available on his YouTube channel. The title is *"How to paint water with Clint Howard."*

Jeanette Foreman

Jeanette has 2 paintings exhibited at Arts on Main in Van Buren, AR in the Artist Coalition Exhibit. The exhibit will run through December 18th.



"Listen to the Fall"
12"x9"

"Energy"
8"x10"

Arts On Main has current exhibit called No More Secrets Garden. It is a Survivor/Artist collaborative to enable some of the members of the Monarch 61 Project to celebrate their stories of growth and self love during the healing journey. I was so lucky to be paired with Lisa Myers to paint her vision of growing seeds of change! This exhibit can be viewed through December. If you know anyone struggling with sexual violence, abuse, trafficking, addictions, past life trauma... please contact Monarch 61 in Van Buren



A warm welcome to the following new Members:

Gayla Burson from Forsyth, MO
Sherry Rybolt from Ft. Gibson, OK