



PASTEL SOCIETY OF MAINE **PSME**

2021 PSME Holiday Newsletter

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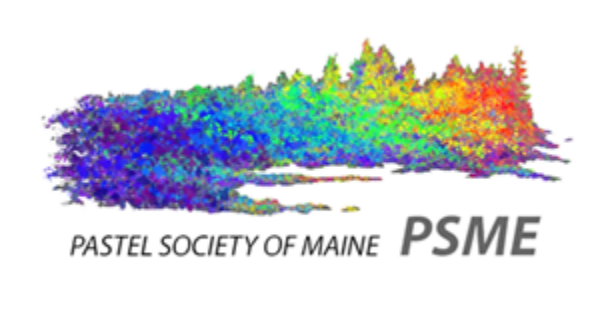
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PSME Welcomes New Members

Linda Murray, Scarborough ME **Margaret Smith**, Putney VT, **Ann Sylvester Roseman**, Tucson AZ, **Annie Halvorsen**, Concord MA, **Sue Speers**, Kennebunk ME,



Cheers at Christmas Time ...from the President,

The year 2021 saw most of us more active in community, though our society activities were presented electronically due to planning during covid restrictions. PSME's calendar for activities for 2022 and beyond plan restored actual shows, meetings and workshops, while using virtual services for meetings and when needed.

Jan – April, 4 demos for Weekday Wine and Watch, these are super fun and available free to members.

May 1- July 15 - A juried signature member show will be mounted at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens Bosarge Education Center. May 28 - pastel workshops to the public scheduled on the premises.

May 14 - PSME Members are invited to Wade Zahares' studio in Lyman for a tour, and a demo, by registration.

May – September – paint outs/paint ins scheduled regularly in your region of the state! We will post area contacts and other seasonal info.

June 21 - 26 – IAPS Convention in New Mexico. Several PSME Board Members are registered, please let us know if you are going, too – we can host a society table if there are a few Maine reps.

August – Abstract Workshop with Polly Castor, Portland area

September – Annual Juried Open Exhibition 'Pastels Only'?

September/October – Workshop?

December – Member show at the Topsham Public Library, opening reception, awards. Mini kids workshop and artist demo.

February, May, August and November –PSME Board and Member Meetings. Programs to be determined. Watch the website for details.

Please help support PSME programs! We are counting on a few more hands to help with these areas of need. Thank you for your support of PSME as we move forward.

We need:

- a Juried Show Coordinator by January 15, or we may not put on the juried exhibition, traditionally in September.

-a Workshop Coordinator by March 15, or we may not have a major workshop in conjunction, traditionally, with the Open Juried Exhibition.

- an Awards Person by April 15, or we will not have awards for winning artists in our shows.

Grateful thanks to Fran Townsend for her work with membership, to Sara Ostrov for 4 years of treasurer service, to Jeri Whitman for being Hospitality Chairperson. Thanks to all presently on the Board for their wonderful service to the Pastel Society of Maine in this last year. Your support is invaluable.

Ahead, we will enjoy new personalities in leadership. Welcome Susan Cuniff as Treasurer, and Laura Beckering as Vice President plus Membership Chair. Sara Ostrov is Member at Large in the new year.

DO look often at the PSME Website and the Facebook Pages for update. There are lots of resources there.

Respectfully,

Mary Beth Morrison

President

Member News

Lee Skalkos from Newtown Connecticut has a solo show until December 31 at Greisers Coffee Market in Easton

Don Drake's painting "The Least of These" won an Honorable Mention in the recent Northeast Fine Art Exhibition in Ware, MA.



"The Least of These"

From **Bernadette L. Quirk, PSA,**

This is the first time I am sending a piece of news to the PSME newsletter!
I received an Honorable Mention Award in the Central Massachusetts Pastel Society's Members Only Fall Show for this pastel:

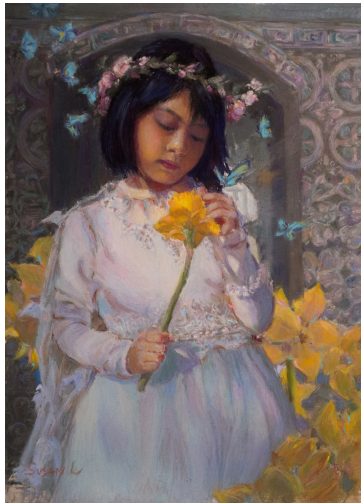


"Abigail Adams, Dolly Madison and Molly Pitcher"

I was pretty surprised because it was such a fun subject matter. My partner and I volunteer at the Minuteman National Park 2x a week with the care of chickens (and Dwarf Benton Lambs) and I have given all 8 of the hens famous Revolutionary Women Names. Meet Abigail Adams, Dolly Madison, and Molly Pitcher. Happy Holidays to PSME members and their friends and relations.

From **Shuk Susan Lee:**

1. Earned the Signature status with the American Artists Professional League.
2. "We Will Always Have The Moon" won the "Vermont Pastel Society" award at the PSNH National Juried online show, as well as the "Pastel Society of America" award at the 93rd Grand National Juried Show of the American Artists Professional League at the Salmagundi Club.
3. "Summer Oasis" was juried into the International Guild of Realism Fall Salon show, and was published at the American Arts Collector magazine in the November issue.
4. "In Her Own World" was juried into the PSNH "It's Pastel" National Juried online show.



"In Her Own World"

5. "When East Meets West" was exhibited at the Connecticut Pastel Society's Renaissance National Show.
6. A figurative was juried into the PSEC's Les Pastellistes International Juried online show that will start on Dec 15th.
7. "Unveiling the Morn" was juried into the Degas Pastel Society's member online show.

“My Favorite Posy”, by **Lisa Regopoulos** was juried into the the 7th Master Circle Division 2021 IAPS Webshow,

http://iapspastel.org/iapshow_display.php

This pastel also received the Juror of Selection Award in the “It’s Pastel” National Juried Show at the Pastel Society of New Hampshire, www.pastelsocietynh.com



“My Favorite Posy”

Lisa is also thrilled to have a pastel accepted into the Pastel 100 Competition in the Pastel Journal, which will be available at newsstands March 2022.

Website, Social Media, Upcoming Programs

PSME has many great programs upcoming for 2022 which you can follow on the PSME Website and via Facebook & Instagram. (Please do LIKE, FOLLOW and SHARE!) Keep up to date via these links or if you have any questions, email us at PastelSocietyOfMaine@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pastelsocietyofmaine>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/pastel_society_of_maine/

Website: <https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/>

Events/Calendar: <https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/calendar>

Check the menu on the website for other links: workshops, retreat, demos, prepping photos for submission, library, and other items. For instance, our Winter Weekday Wine & Watch demos have these great artists: Polly Castor, Aline Ordman, Andy McDermott, and Tara Will.

DO SUBMIT NEW WORK ASAP: PLEASE send about 2-3 images of new work, edited and labeled as if for show submission, (name & title in high resolution) to PastelSocietyOfMaine@gmail.com so we can promote you and the Society. Thank you!



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PSME MEMBERS CALL FOR DIGITAL IMAGES of PAINTINGS

for the Website and Facebook

Aiming to keep the PSME Website and Social Media pages always fresh and interesting!
This is also a chance to promote and get exposure for PSME and your personal artwork.

If interested, please send:

- **2-3 high resolution photographs of your artwork, especially new piece**
 - **LABEL as if submitting online LASTNAME_FIRST_TITLE**

Any questions on how to prepare the image, see the **PSME Image Prep** info, or email below:
<https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/newsletter>

The aim is to rotate as many of our PSME artists as possible and create interest and exposure.
There is *no guarantee* of getting all work out there so your understanding is appreciated

E-MAIL THE ABOVE to the following address
Please write "PSME ARTWORK" in the subject

(along with any questions or comments)

pastelsocietyofmaine@gmail.com

PSME Lending Library



Wintertime is a great time to borrow books, videos and DVDs from the PSME Lending Library. Remember our chapter has a wonderful selection of items to borrow. Information about our collection is found on our website www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/lending-library. In order to access lending privileges, your membership must be current and you must pay a one-time registration fee of **\$10.00** and fill out a request form from the website.

Ruth Van Dine, Librarian. Ruth@VanDineDesign.com or 401-480-7761 cell.

2022 Annual Spring Retreat: Wednesday June 8 – Sunday, June 12

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

PSME's Annual Retreat features a nice balance of plein air time and gathering time. The quiet coastal inlets of Boothbay Harbor inspire us for wonderful painting experiences. Plan to reconnect with your artist friends. Featuring a visiting artist's demo, an optional critique, and camaraderie make this an event all can enjoy.



“Audacity” T. Dubreuil (painted during 2021 PSME Retreat)

Annual Spring Retreat 2022 **June 8 (Wednesday) - 12 (Sunday) 2022 in Boothbay Harbor, ME.** We had a most wonderful time last year and plan to do so again! It is a beautiful location with many choices for views.

Registration form will be available at www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/retreats by February 1st.

PSME Annual Dues

PSME dues are \$40 annually.

Renewals are due in January

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS NOW AVAILABLE for 2022
Entry into a DRAWING, is a SPECIAL MEMBER INCENTIVE if you sign up by January 10

PSME dues provide members with the quarterly newsletter, membership in the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS), opportunity to accrue points toward a PSME Signature Member status, reduced application fees for shows & workshops, benefits of our website link, some art supply store discounts and the great fellowship of pastel artists!

You may pay dues through the website membership online service with a credit card, or send a check direct to the Membership Chair, Laura Beckering, PO Box 133, Lincolnville Center ME 04850.

If you are a new or renewing member, send your dues by check to Laura Beckering, membership chair. Please include the membership application which can be downloaded from the PSME website. This will ensure that we have your latest address, phone number, email address and personal website (if applicable).

Thank you for paying dues in a timely fashion! It helps keep our records current.