



2021 PSME Summer Newsletter

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PSME Welcomes New Members

Suzanne Groshong, Brunswick ME,
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Introducing a New PSME Member...Suzanne Dickson Albert

From Suzanne... "Much of my pastel art work has been from 30 or so years visiting Stonington on Deer Isle! Hopefully we are going up there this year too. Although it is oil painting, I'm taking Stan Moeller's workshop on Monhegan Island in September! However my main squeeze is pastel, as you might see from my website Suzanne Dickson Albert

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President's Message

June 2, 2021

Greetings to Artists and Friends,

Spring is fast approaching summer. Take a few minutes to savor something of the season each day! For me, it's the air, perfumed by piney woods and copious flowers around my home.

on the PSME website. Thanks to **Marijke Damrell, Claudette Gamache, Cheryl DiCara** for organizing, and **Terrilynn Dubreuil** for presenting it online!

I hope you are finding painting buddies to paint out or in with. There are groups open to share the wealth – request a partial list by contacting the PSME gmail. Please send in your paint out group contact info to us so we have it to share when people ask.

Opportunity - the **Gibbs Library** in Washington, ME asks if any pastel artists would like to mount some paintings there in July and August. Please contact Kathleen Gross for more info at kmcdgross@gmail.com

Needed: 3 positions!

Terrilynn Dubreuil, website manager, has been learning software & techniques to present PSME well on the internet. We appreciate the increased visibility and opportunities! Terrilynn needs a helper to do the **Facebook and Instagram picture and news updates**, which reach people, keeping PSME visible and active. She will train a volunteer to do them. If you are interested contact her at PastelSocietyofMaine@gmail.com subject line 'helper'.

Sara Ostrov has done an excellent job keeping the PSME books. She steps down in November. We are seeking a **replacement bookkeeper** within the ranks of our membership – books are managed on Quickbooks software. Training will accompany the transfer.

Programs upcoming:

Signature Member show, online only, June 15-July 12. Thank you to the 21 PSME Signature Members who submitted work, a 65% showing. Northwest artist Susan Kuznitsky judge for awards. Opening Reception/award ceremony is set for June 15 at 6pm, by Zoom.

June 9-12 retreat, in Southport Island, organized by the illustrious Ruth VanDine, features Christine Bodner as guest artist. We are thrilled to meet again in person!

PSME 21st International Exhibition – open for submissions through ShowSubmit now through July 31. Show online only in September.

Laura Pollak 3 day Zoom workshop – “Abstracting the Landscape”, September 10-12. Register now! More info on PSME website.

September 11, **Pastel Fest 2021**, (the IAPS of the Northeast!) at Saima Park in Fitchburg, MA, put on by CMPS (Central Massachusetts Pastel Society). They have a fantastic day planned with pastel painting as the star of the day. Give aways, special speakers, demos by noted artists. See more, plan to go! at www.cmpastels.org

Looking back, the PSME May Member Show had 69% participation of artist members for a lovely spring show online, available as a viewing resource

Please contact the PSME gmail above with "bookkeeping" in subject line.

I will step aside as **president** in November. This is a good time for a learning experience for a new president with fresh vision.

Anyone wishing to talk further about serving on the PSME board please contact a board member or email pastelsocietyofmaine@gmail.com, put 'positions' in memo.

Fran Townsend is passing the Membership Chair, to **Laura Beckering**, who brings her good business sense to the work. Many thanks go to Fran for her faithful management and good spirit!

Enjoy the season! Make the most of it!

Mary Beth

Virtual Spring Members Show May 1-31, 2021

If you haven't seen this show, it is still available to view online.

Go to the PSME website pastelsocietyofmaine.org to "Exhibits" and scroll down to the 2021 PSMEMember Show.

Not to be missed!

Member News

From Terrilynn Dubreuil... Breaking out of Covid-isolation this year and into a beautiful spring gives great opportunities for plein air painting .. and I've been taking advantage.

I have one virtual class in June: "Drawing for Absolute Beginners" through a studio in Asheville, NC .. but

since it's virtual, participants can be from anywhere (my last workshop had an artist from France!). It's not only for beginners but for ANYONE who feels they'd like a refresher on the fundamentals of drawing. The class is 4 weeks long, in the morning, so after attending you can be out in the garden or on the beach! Link here (and scroll down the page a bit): <https://www.purplecrayonavl.com/workshops>



Venetian Alley

The painting that I posted in the last newsletter, "Venetian Alley", has been juried by Stephe Clark into the Pastel Society of North Carolina statewide show and has won an award! Not sure what award yet, but I will find out at the Artists' Reception June 5. Then I head north to Maine for our wonderful PSME

retreat in Southwest Harbor! Stay dusty, my friends!

Sara Ostrov describes being a lucky participant in a Gelatin Print Workshop given by the PSME President, Mary Beth Morrison..

"What fun! Four of us, all PSME members, were given a 'station' where all the materials needed to make gelatin prints, were available. Mary Beth guided us through the steps in creating the printmaking process. It was a first for me and I found it to be tremendously engaging and freeing. Here are some results."



Loretta M. Turner has been juried into the Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockland, Maine, in their Concurrence Show

"It has been over 20 years since I was invited to show at the CMA/CMCA, back when it was still in Rockport, so was glad to be back on their agenda. Everything seems to be juried now, including the annual Alumni Exhibit Sale at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (which is now run by Tufts Univ) that used to be by invitation. So, one has to choose where to aim one's art annually. The painting at the CMCA is acrylic but I did have the same subject matter done in pastel which sold in the Boston show at SMFA. Life is good as long as we have art everywhere".

Loretta

Loretta's comments on her painting...



"When met with challenges, one's tendency is to return to what welcomes and comforts us.

How interesting that Jeff Loxerkamp went to the Belfast harbor with the comforting waves of the water moving in contrast to the static masts of the boats, constancy and change. I went west to the farm lands surrounding the China Lakes, an area that provides food for our tables, firewood for our heat, and the colors and movement in nature to feed our psyches.”

Sandra Kavanaugh is very happy to report that she will have a pop-up show at Maine Art Hill in Kennebunk from July 29th to August 4th. Her theme is ocean and dunes. The painting is called "Wet Feet”



Wet Feet

2021, so far, has been very busy for artist, **Shuk Susan Lee**

1) Juried as the Professional Member at the International Guild Of Realism and invited to become a signature member of the Degas Pastel Society.

2) "Contemplating" won the Great American Artwork award at the Degas Pastel National Juried Society National show. It has also been juried into the 123th Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club International Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club.

3) A painting was juried into the IAPS 38th Open Division 2021 Gallery Exhibition, at the Zhou B Art Center in Chicago, IL.

4) "Summer Oasis" won a Merit Award at the Left Coast Painters Society's 3rd Annual "Pastels in Paradise" International Juried online show. It was also juried into the 1st American Impressionist Society's Associate Member online show.

5) "Boston City Lights" won Honorable Mention at the BoldBrush online Painting Contest in the Semi-Pro Category.

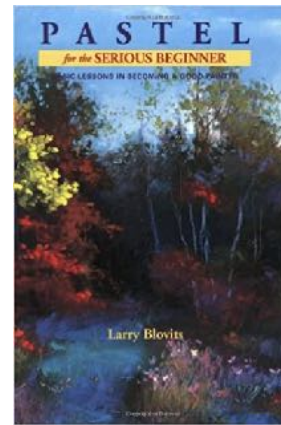


Boston City Lights

6) "The Maze Of The Rooftops" won "Outstanding Pastel" award at the online BoldBrush Painting Contest.



The Maze Of The Rooftops

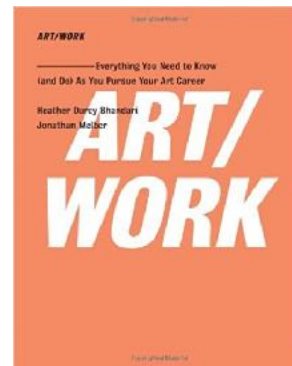


Pastels For The Serious Beginner **by Larry Blovitt**

Thanks to the practical instruction in these pages, you will soon know how to use the beautiful, delicate pastel medium to create light-filled landscapes, sophisticated still lifes, and pleasing portraits. Beginning with materials and methods, then moving on to practical, step-by-step demonstrations, master pastelist Larry Blovitt shares with readers the time-tested theories and techniques he employs in producing his widely admired, award-winning paintings.

PSME Lending Library

One of the benefits of PSME membership is your eligibility to borrow books, videos and DVDs from the PSME Lending Library. Information of 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 request form from website. **Ruth Van Dine, Librarian.** Ruth@VanDineDesign.com or 401-480-7761 cell.



Art/Work Everything You Need to Know (and Do) As You Pursue Your Art Career

By Bhandari, Heather Darcy & Jonathan Melber

Find Out What They Didn't Teach You in Art School

Unlike other creative professionals,

visual artists don't have agents or managers. You have to do it all yourself, at least until you find gallery representation -- and even then, there are important business and legal issues you need to understand to stay in control of your career and ensure you're being treated fairly. Heather Darcy Bhandari, a gallery director, and Jonathan Melber, an arts lawyer, walk you through these issues so that you can essentially act as your own manager and agent. They show you, for example, how to tackle business basics such as tracking inventory and preparing invoices; how to take legal precautions like registering a copyright and drafting consignment forms; how to use promotional tools like websites and business cards; and how to approach career decisions such as choosing the right venue to show your work.

Pastel Exhibitions



16th Annual Member Exhibit

JAFFREY CIVIC CENTER
MAY 22 - JULY 2



The Pastel Society of New Hampshire is excited to have their Member Show at the Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH this year! It's so wonderful to see such a grouping of beautiful pastel paintings in person and is worth taking a road trip for! Many PSME members have paintings at this exhibit as well.

Hours: Wednesday-Friday 12-5 and Saturdays 10-2.

Group Painting Opportunities

The Plein Air Painters of Maine are back painting!!

Heads Up!

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay is hosting Plein Air Days June 3-6. Reservations required.
mainegardens.org 207-633-8015

New England Watercolor Society & Plein Air Painters of Maine gathering at Pemaquid Lighthouse Park Wed. June 23, Diane Dubreuil contact ddubreuil2017@gmail.com (details/directions coming soon)

Paint the Town and Plein Air Show, Wiscasset July 21-25
maineartgallery-wiscasset.org

Regional contacts

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Volunteer leaders/monitors needed for:
Downeast Chapter (Lubec-Eastport)
Medomak Region Chapter (Waldoboro/
Pemaquid)
Somerset Chapter (Skowhegan Region)
others?

pleinairpaintersofmaine.blogspot.com
m for workshops and opportunities
and visit the **plein air painters of
Maine Facebook page.**

presenting



Paint-Out

Saturday June 12th

Rain date June 26th

10-2

Plein air at the Jaffrey Civic Center
40 Main Street, Jaffrey NH

First 10 people to sign-up
Will receive 2 new Unison pastels!

To sign up

Email Maryann.mullett97@gmail.com

PROMOTE PSNH Members Exhibit!!!

The Civic Center will be open to use the facilities and to
view the exhibit!

Artists' open studio and workshop is back!!



All media
Bring your own easel.
Kennebunk Unitarian Church
Every Friday 10 to 2
\$5 donation to Church
Parking behind Kennebunk Library

No limit of participants.

Clean the space you use,

PSME Annual Dues

**PSME dues are \$40 annually.
Renewals are due in January.**

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.

Free Offering

Free to a good home: professional quality, **silkscreen** mounted on a pine base. Box area is 22" x 30." Silkscreen image area is 16" x 24." Can help with transport. Jane Frost, Richmond. janefrost12@gmail.com