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Hello PPS Members,

Exciting things are happening with the Piedmont Pastel Society! Check out what our members are doing and all the fun events coming up. We have new board members stepping up and fresh ideas for our members. Please make plans to attend the Member Meeting as there are changes to our bylaws that we need to vote on. Keep sending in your news! We love hearing from you all!

-Scarlett Fleming

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Since 2007



Piedmont Pastel Society

The Piedmont Pastel Society, Charlotte, NC is a non-profit organization established in 2007. Our goal is to promote and provide educational opportunities for our members; to enhance community awareness and appreciation of the value and beauty of soft pastels; and to connect individual artists in our region.

Members experience a creative environment for learning and sharing in art demonstrations, membership exhibitions, plein air outings, and workshops. Our programs and socials provide channels for networking, communication, and friendship.



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President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Members!

So happy to say it looks like PPS will continue into 2022 and beyond! Several people have stepped up to help keep us going.

Jay DeChesere has agreed to become our Treasurer. Also, Cammie Stadler has offered to take on the role of Vice President. We will vote on all the officers at the business meeting before the Awards Ceremony on October 30th. Shirley Buckler (a fellow transplant from Maryland) will be Workshop Chair and Patricia Wilt will be helping with our Facebook Page. Thanks so much to those members, to our current Board (who are helping with a lot of transition) and to ALL the members who have agreed to help--we will be contacting you shortly. Also HUGE thank you to Eileen Wilhem, our current treasurer and former President. She has been invaluable in the entire process and a big help to me, a newbie at all of this.

I am so looking forward to the 3 Day Workshop with Susan Kuznitsky, Capturing the Light in Pastels which starts October 19th. There is still time to sign up! She will also be giving a demo following our Awards Ceremony on October 30th. You also still have time to enter our Member Show, which closes on Online Juried Shows on October 18th!

Looking ahead, we already booked Tara Will for a Demo in March (via Zoom), and I am so very excited to say, **Tony Allain** has agreed to be our Juror/ Workshop Instructor for the 2023 Statewide Show!! Of course, details need to be ironed out, and we still need people to help with that show and our next Member Show.

Thank you to all the members who took our survey, and we will announce the winners of that raffle at the Awards Ceremony.

I am so excited for the years to come being a part of the Piedmont Pastel Society, hopefully some LIVE events, maybe some Hybrid ones too!

Laurie Basham

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Raffle winners for August & September



Be sure to enter your work on the
FB page:

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(more info below)

The winner for August figure/
portrait was Laurie Basham for
Garden Angel

The winner for September
animals was Patricia Wilt for
The Hideway



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PPS Board Meeting

PPS Board Meeting
October 4, 2021
7pm ZOOM

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Attendees – Laurie, Eileen, Cammie, Deb A, Ginny, Carmen, Deb B
Absent – Scarlett

Welcome – Laurie

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

- Motion - Eileen
- 2nd – all

Treasurer's Report – Eileen (last one!!)

Website – Cammie and Deb B

- Cammie met with Regina and will meet with Deb B
- General Instructions
- Eileen – change automated emails to Cammie, Deb B and Laurie (currently going to Eileen and Tracy)

Moving Into 2022- Laurie

- Survey Results
 - Only 25 people completed
 - Mention at General Meeting to check spam/junk folder
 - Great response for live show
 - 14 people interested in Signature status – 2 willing to help with process
 - Like Zoom demos/workshops
 - Like FB raffle
 - Would like to have live workshops again
- New Roles for Current Board Members
 - Clarify current and future roles
 - President – Laurie Basham
 - Vice President –
 - Treasurer – Ginny Stocker
 - Secretary – Deb Ashton
 - Website – Cammie Stadler and Deb Brown
 - Statewide Chair –
 - Committee – Cammie
 - Member Show Chair –
 - Committee –
 - Hospitality/Facebook Raffle – Patricia Wilt?
 - Membership Chair – Carmen Davidson
 - Program Chair – Laurie Basham
 - Workshop Chair – Shirley Buckler / Carmen Davidson
 - Newsletter – Scarlett Fleming
- Possible Future Board Members – Call to follow up from survey
 - Statewide Committee/Member Show Committee
 - Anthony Hedrick – Ginny
 - Judith Ann Wilson – Laurie
 - Exhibit Chair
 - Malia Bryngelson – Deb A
 - Hospitality
 - Alice Vanderwalt – Carmen



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PPS Board Meeting continued

- Facebook Social Media
 - Patricia Wilt - Laurie
- Open
 - Joan Dreicer – Cammie
 - Betty Morgan – Ginny – Exhibit Committee
 - Anne Hunter – Ginny – Exhibit Committee
 - Edyce Elworth – Cammie – Exhibit Committee
 - Karen Mello – Eileen – Statewide Committee
 - Shirley Buckler – Laurie – Workshop Chair
 - Celia Mills – Eileen
 - Tim Williams – Eileen
 - Price Story – Cammie
 - Laurie – check Facebook PPS raffle participants
- Bylaws
 - Laurie – Motion to submit consideration of changing bylaws to members regarding length of term
 - All in favor

Current: "All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. No officers shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office."

Suggest changing this to read: "All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) to three (3) years (their choice) and are eligible to serve for a second term of three (3) years. The officer must then take a break of at least one (1) year where they do not serve as an officer in any capacity. After a year's absence they may again serve as an officer."

- Workshops – Laurie
 - Susan Kuznitsky – 5 current registrants
 - Open up to APS and PSNC
 - Laurie to send out reminder
- Member Show – Ginny and Board Discussion
 - Presentation Ideas
 - OJS – slideshow option / link to images
 - Laurie – create slideshow – easier to navigate that OJS
- Final 2021 General Meeting
 - Fall Meeting will be held on Zoom at the time of the Reception on October 30, 2021
 - Attendees will vote for new slate of officers
 - President – Laurie Basham
 - Vice President –
 - Treasurer – Ginny Stocker
 - Secretary – Deb Ashton
 - Timing? Susan Kuznitsky is 3 hours behind us
 - Start at Noon with Member Meeting / Reception / Demo
- 2022 Calendar Planning
 - Demos – scale back to every other month (attendance drops off in summer)

Meeting Adjourned – 8:27pm

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Please join us for ...

Our Zoom Member Show Awards Reception 2021

October 30th from 12:00pm - 3:00pm EST



Come join the fun! Raffle prizes in the first hour! Awards Presented!!

Entries accepted until October 18th at Online Juried Shows

*The awards will be followed by a Pastel Demo
by our judge, Susan Kuzinitsky!*



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SUSAN KUZNITSKY



BIO

Susan Kuznitsky is an accomplished, award-winning artist and a gifted teacher, comfortable working and teaching in oil, pastel and various drawing media. Her representational style is arresting, perceptive and dramatic without being staged.

After studying at American Academy of Art in Chicago, her hometown, Susan moved to Woodstock, New York, where she became the studio assistant for Master Artist Albert Handell. For the next two years Mr. Handell not only taught her about pastels and oils, but also how to teach.

Moving back to Chicago in the mid 1980's Susan began painting at the Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Art with another living Master Painter, Richard Schmid.

In the early 1990's Susan married and moved to the Pacific Northwest where she raised her family. She has and continued to paint and teach locally and nationally. Her Zoom classes have become very popular.

Susan is an IAPS Masters Pastelist as well as a Signature member the Pastel Society of America, the Pastel Society of the West Coast and the Northwest Pastel Society. She is also the founder and honorary member of the Chicago Pastel Painters (formally the Midwest Pastel Society)

"My life's work is to leave the world more beautiful than I found it. I look for light and beauty. It is everywhere...even in the ordinary. My job is to translate this onto canvas or paper and share it. I have been blessed to have studied with some of the greatest artists of our time. It is my joy and my responsibility to pass along what was given to me by these masters."



Susan Kuznitsky's
demo will follow the
Member Show Awards
Ceremony!





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Member News

A painting of mine was given an honorable mention in the Dakota Arts 3rd Quarter Exhibition, Emerging Artist Category. It is called "Blue Marlin Mambo," 11 x 20, watercolor underpainting with medium and soft pastels on Uart 400 paper. I am pretty excited about it because I recieved a \$50 gift certificate - yay!

- Kathy Pruett



Blue Marlin Mambo



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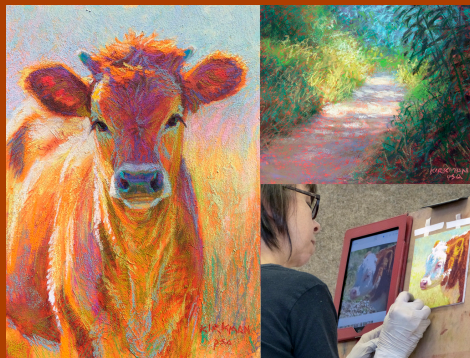


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Rita Kirkman's painting "Persephone" (pastel, 8x6 inches) has been accepted into the Eighth Biennial National Juried Exhibition, Pastels Chicago 2021. The exhibit is at the McCord Gallery and Cultural Center in Palos Park, IL, Oct 4 - Nov 11. Reception Oct 10, 2-4pm.

Rita Kirkman's painting "Cousins" (32x32) has been accepted into the Pastel Society of North Carolina Pure Color 5th Annual ONLINE International Juried Exhibition of Pastel Paintings. Of the 873 paintings submitted by 259 artists, 175 were chosen by

our juror of selection ISABELLE V. LIM, PSA-MP, IAPS/MC, SPF-MP, to be in the show. The exhibit goes live on Sept 1st on www.onlinejuriedshows.com



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Thrilled to report that my pastel Valeria Andreevna (Model: Rachel Sartain) placed 4th in the New Mexico Exhibition followed by The Pastel Society of America Herman Margulies Bequest Award.

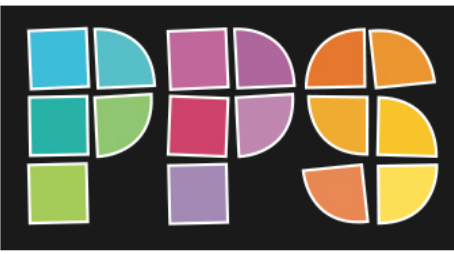
- Tony Hedrick



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I won Best of Show at Mint Hill Arts last month for my Pastel, "Behind the Turquoise Door".
Won a \$200 Best of Show Award!

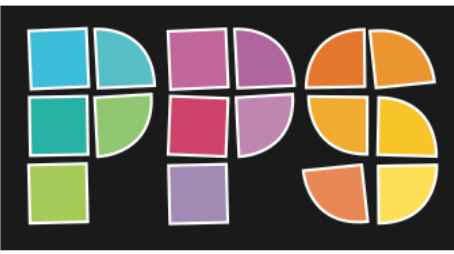
Thanks,
Carmen Davidson



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On My Easel

On my easel - Cammie Stadler



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On My Easel

Irises this month. Here is what is fresh off my easel.



And I am trying to Plein Air, here is a color study and my set up. Eileen Wilhem

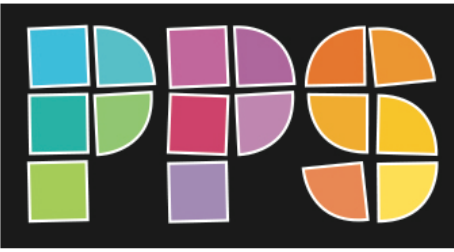
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Share your love of pastels!

The Mint Hill Arts Center is looking for a pastel artist to teach classes at their Gallery. If you are interested, please contact the Education Director, Kim DeBiasio. You can call her at [704-989-0758](tel:704-989-0758) or email kimdibiasio@yahoo.com. She would LOVE to talk to you!

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Workshops & Events

PPS Member Show Demo

Susan Kuznitsky

Susan will also be teaching a 3 day Zoom workshop

October 19-21.

To sign up for the workshop, follow the link on page 16 below.

EVERY PPS member who enters work in the show will have at least one piece in the exhibit!

Over \$1000 in prizes as well as drawings for gift cards during the Virtual Awards Ceremony.

The October 30th Awards Ceremony will be followed by a demo by Susan Kuznitsky.

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Susan Kuznitsky

Capturing the Light in Pastels

3 day Zoom Workshop:

Oct. 19, 20, 21

12:30pm-5:30pm

Join award-winning artist, Susan Kuznitsky for a 3-day intensive pastel workshop. The focus will be on capturing the light. No matter the season or the subject, it is the light that draws us in. Whether you are a landscape painter or figurative painter you will benefit from this highly popular virtual class. Each class will be focusing on different aspects of color as well as different approaches to the underpainting. Susan will demonstrate a variety of subjects. You will have the option to paint along from the same image or work from your own reference material. Or just watch and paint later. Demo images will be emailed prior to each class. After each day you will get a link to the demo to review. There will be time for personal and constructive feedback during this workshop. This class is appropriate for all levels of skill.



Each class will begin with a Power Point Presentation covering the following topics:

Color and Relativity – how color is influenced by what color is around it.
Painting 'White' – how to create colorful whites in your paintings.
Chroma – how to use the power of strong color without over doing it.

More things to be covered:

The power of the underpainting
Working from photos – what to leave in and what to leave out
Drawing tips – line, rhythm, negative shapes
Lost and found edges
Color and value
Mark making
Organizing your pastels in studio and for plein air

Visit Susan's Featured Artist Page to see some of her demos and her website to see more of her work.

<https://www.dickblick.com/featured-artist/SusanKuznitsky/>
<https://www.susankuznitsky.com/>



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Will you be attending?

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[Not attending](#)



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2 Spaces Left!

Rita Kirkman Pastel Workshop "Layering the Light"

Rita Kirkman Pastel Workshop (F2F)

October 13-15, 2021

Minneapolis, MN

With the Lake Country Pastel Society

Capture the vibrant glow with an innovative underpainting technique! Receive helpful hints and tips from Rita's 40+ years of experience with pastel.

Instruction will emphasize value and temperature control, composition and techniques for a small format, and how to stay productive with your art within a busy lifestyle. All questions answered and individual attention given. From beginner to advanced.

\$375 for LCPS members. \$400 for non-members.

Registration info at <http://www.lakecountrypastelsociety.org/workshops.php> or contact Becky Jokela bjokela@gmail.com





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Oct 30 -
"Halloween Skull"
Draw-Along/Paint-
Along with Rita
Kirkman
\$22

Meet Harry... a
spooky, bald,
fleshless
model. We'll
be drawing or
painting Harry
in a variety of
poses on
October 30.

Rita will start off with
a quick diagram of
basic skull proportions, then will proceed to draw Harry using a variety of
drawing materials on a variety of papers. You can use the medium of your choice.
It's whatever you want to make of it! We'll have a spooky good time!
Upon registering, Rita will send you the Zoom invitation and several reference
photos.
All registrants will receive a link to the video a few days later, so if you have to
miss part, no worries!

Register here: <https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshop/28535/halloween-skull-paint-along-draw-along>



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Monthly Raffle Challenge

This is a new month for the Face Book Raffle. A \$25 gift certificate to your favorite art supply store will be awarded each month by a drawing.

How it Works....

There will be a theme each month for you to post your painting right here on the *Piedmont Pastel Society Sharing Page*.

No judge necessary. Your painting will be automatically entered when you post. Please be sure to note on your post that your painting is for the Monthly Raffle. This is necessary since you can also post your other paintings for other contests and events may be in progress at any time.

You can post as often as you like. Post any pastel painting you have done within the monthly theme. It does not have to be recent work! Please feel free to title for your work and add any other comments you would like to share about your work.

A drawing will be done at the end of the month.

ENJOY!!!!

Monthly Theme

MAY	- Structures in the Landscape
JUNE	- Water or Seascape
JULY	- Sunsets
AUGUST	- Figure/Portrait
SEPTEMBER	- Animals
OCTOBER	- Fall Foliage
NOVEMBER	- Abstract
DECEMBER	- Holiday Theme

Keep sharing...

[Here](#) is the link to use. When you get there click on join. You will then be accepted and can begin to post. Patience, please, as it will only be checked a couple of times a day.

