



Piedmont Pastel Society

Quarterly Newsletter - March-March, 2023

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President's Letter

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Happy Spring everyone!

It's been nice having the warm weather back and hopefully some of you have found time to plein-air paint or bring in some flowers to paint.

The Statewide committee has been working hard to bring a wonderful event together this June.

Tony Allain just finished his selections and I know it will be a spectacular show!

All workshops are full the week of June 5th, but we do have a waiting list. Also, his demo on the 10th has very limited seating, so it may be full by the time you read this.

We just had a wonderful demo with Desmond O'Hagan last month. He gave some great business advice as well as showing us his process. His demo was not recorded, and many artists are now requesting that. We try to record the demos but I encourage you to attend these events if you can! We have some great artists lined up for the rest of the year! Check out our upcoming events on our website.

Kathleen Putman Newman will be the judge/workshop presenter for our member show this October. If you haven't seen her gorgeous work, check out her website

<https://www.kathleennewman.com/works>



President's Letter, cont'd

I am so pleased to announce two members have stepped up as committee chairs!

Ginger Lambert will be taking over as Workshop chair after the Statewide! She is going to try to bring Diana Sanford for next spring!

Kathy Pruett has also stepped up to help (thanks to Eileen!) and will take over the Member Show!

We are also looking for nominations for President and Vice President as I will be stepping down this year. I will be more than happy to stay on as the Website Manager and train the new President/ Vice President. I have learned so much these past two and a half years working with PPS and I am more than happy to share that knowledge. This position has had many benefits, especially in getting to know some incredible artists as well as making some life-long friends. It has truly been a blessing!

I feel we are in really good shape with our executive committee in place, Jay DeChesere as treasurer and Shirley Buckler as acting secretary (we will need to officially vote her in this fall).

With the Statewide behind us, taking over the helm will be much simpler than you think. Let me know if you are interested or know of someone who might be. I can't imagine not having this wonderful organization, so I am staying positive that someone will step-up.

I am so looking forward to meeting more members at the Statewide!

Laurie Basham
PPS President

Calendar of Events

**4/13/23 - Notice of Acceptance -
NC Statewide Shoe**

4/15/23 - Eve Miller demonstration 2-4pm

**4/29/23 - Laurie Basham -
Fun with Florals online workshop**



Piedmont Pastel Society hosts NC Statewide



**PPS Presents North Carolina Statewide Exhibit
“From the Mountains to the Sea”
with Tony Allain, esteemed juror and judge.**

Exhibit Dates - June 3-July 3, 2023

**Live Demo with Tony Allain followed
by the presentation of awards and reception at
The Art Shop - 3900 Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27407
June 10th, 2023 beginning at 1pm.
Space is limited and reservations are required for the demo.**





Workshops and Demos

A "Tulip Garden" Paint-Along with Rita Kirkman, on Zoom

Cost - \$25

Spring is in the Air!

Gather your Favorite Flowery photo and paint along

(to your pic or Rita's)

on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 1pm Central Time!

Register here: <https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshop/32765/tulip-garden-paint-along-on-zoom>

When you register Rita will send you the Zoom invitation, her reference photo, and a list of suggested materials.

The paint-along will start at 1pm Central Time and will last about 2 hours.

(PS: Registration includes a link to the video which will be ready just a few days later!

So if you must skip out early, or come in late, no worries!)

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on Zoom

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(Use your photo,
or mine!)

(Registration link in description, or in IG profile Linktr.ee)
@kirkmanrita



Workshops and Demos, continued

I am excited to announce my first virtual workshop!
This is the online version of my successful

Fun with Florals One-Day Workshop

The Piedmont Pastel Society will be hosting me the event is on Zoom on April 29th.
I still have some spots available (link below).

Laurie Basham's Fun with Florals Workshop

Fun with Florals
Virtual Mini-Workshop

Join award-winning artist, Laurie Basham, in a 4-hour mini-workshop where she will share her floral painting process and guide you in an exploration of energetic and intuitive mark-making.

with pastel artist LAURIE BASHAM

\$80 for PPS members
\$100 for non-members

April 29th, 2023
12:00-4:00 pm on Zoom

Welcome New Members

New Members 2022

1. Bridgette Comellas 12/17/22
2. Amber Conrad 10/5/22
3. Terry Davis 4/28/22
4. William Evans 1/1/22
5. Jeff Fahey 12/7/22
6. Arlene Gutterman 2/21/22
7. Katie Callahan 1/5/22
8. Stacie Jones 3/2/22
9. Marla Kurzec 5/24/22
10. Ginger Lambrecht 2/21/22
11. Kelly Milkus 6/24/22
12. Susan Morris 5/23/22
13. Susan Powers 10/2/22
14. Lorraine Roberts 9/30/22
- 15 Leigh Royer 3/17/22
- 16 Tina Sagartz 3/24/22

New Members 2023

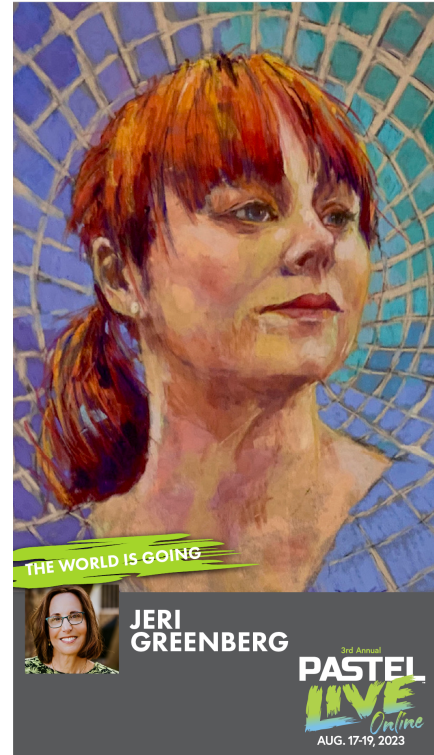
1. Teri Carter 2/17/23
2. Didi Hallahan 1/19/23
3. Patti Jeffries 3/25/23
4. Terri Moore 1/11/23
- 5 Anna Moreland 2/2/23
6. Mundise Mortimer 1/30/23
7. Anita O'Connor 2/17/23
8. Fran Thei 1/2/23
9. SM Bolstein
10. Chris Burch
11. Christin Carroll



Workshops and Demos, continued

Jeri Greenberg, PSA IAPS-MC

Join Me for PASTEL LIVE 2023!
This summer as I will be one of a
dozen International teachers
bringing our classes to you for a
fun and intense weekend. I will
be teaching a still life workshop!



Stacked
By Artist - Jeri Greenberg

Join me in NEW ORLEANS IN SEPTEMBER!
I am honored to be teaching for
PAINTSPACE NOLA
Sept 14-16, 2023.

The links to all these classes are on my website
WWW.JERIGREENBERGART.COM



Featured Member

Lorraine Roberts

In January 2022 I took up pastel painting and have found a renewed passion for creating art.

Even though I haven't been painting with soft pastels very long my art has been juried into many shows across Canada and the USA. Last year I was fortunate to have some commissions and sold some paintings.

I've been studying (online) with Karen Margulis and Marla Baggetta. Every chance I get, I sign up for Zoom demos of fantastic pastel painters. Recently I attended the online 4 day Masterclass with Albert Handell.

It was a fabulous experience, and I created a painting from Albert's reference photo that he generously allowed us to use. My painting from the workshop is called Journey Through Rocks.

I create landscape and botanically inspired soft pastel, impressionistic paintings.

There is inspiration everywhere.

Living in the rolling hills of Caledon, Ontario surrounded by trees, ponds, rivers and flowers, I'm inspired by the ever-changing light and color that nature provides.

Life has come full circle for me.

Since early childhood I have always expressed myself with artistic endeavors.

I went on to study drawing and painting in all different styles and mediums from pen and ink, charcoal, acrylic, oil, watercolor and soft pastels.

In my late teens, I was creating large, abstract, 3-dimensional, papier mache, acrylic paintings rented to corporations through Arts Etobicoke (Ontario).

At the end of high school, I received an Award of Excellence in Art Scholarship.

In my early 20's I was teaching adults painting and drawing at night school, but

I instead went on to pursue a successful career in music for over 20 years...

Connect with me through my website or Instagram:

<https://lorraine-roberts-fine-art.ca/>

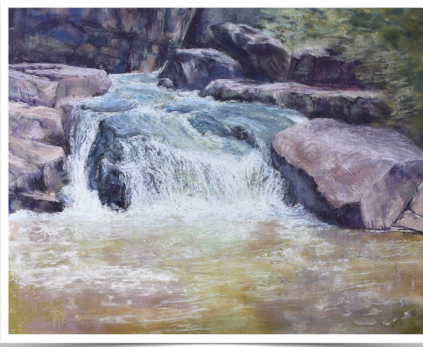
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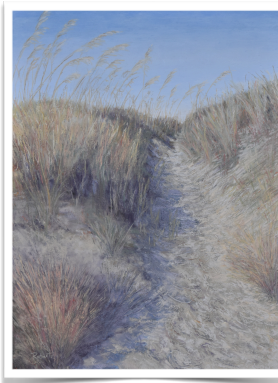
Recent Exhibitions & Shows

- The pastel paintings, Wildflower Melody and Over the Hills and Beyond have been juried into the Headwaters Art Gallery Show – Wild and Free March 22 until April 23, 2023.
- The pastel painting, Wildflowers at Sunset, has been juried into the Headwaters Art Gallery Show (Alton Mill) – Dark into Light – February 15 until March 19, 2023.
- Pelham Juried Art Festival (Ontario) May 8-18, 2023.
- Solo exhibition in the Headwaters Restaurant at the Millcroft Inn (October 2 – December 4, 2023)
- The pastel painting, Sandbanks has been juried into the Pastel Society of the West Coast's Online Show – MOOS (beginning March 1, 2023) <https://pswc.ws>
- The Poppy Field and Sandbanks pastel paintings have been juried into the 2023 10th Annual Online Juried Exhibition for the Pastel Artists of Canada <http://pastelartists.ca/2023-02-online-show>.
- The Poppy Field pastel painting has been juried into the EXPRESSIONS 2023 Pastel Society of Colorado Online Show: <https://pscshows.com/online-show.html>



Journey through Rocks
By Artist - Lorraine Roberts

Sandbanks
By Artist - Lorraine Roberts



Poppy Field
By Artist - Lorraine Roberts

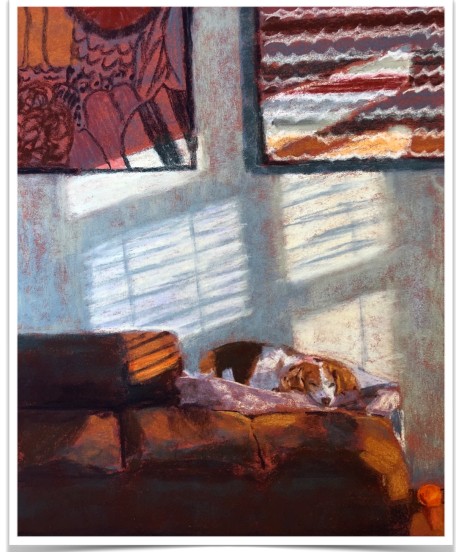


Member News

Katie Hallahan is one of ten artists selected by Creative Greensboro for their Downtown Arts program. Her soft pastel work, "Lazy Beagle," will be featured on the 11 digital kiosks located throughout downtown Greensboro this year.

Read more about the Downtown Arts initiative here:

<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Home/Components/News/News/17816/36?backlist=%2fdepartments%2fcreative-greensboro>



**Piedmont Pastel Society
Now has Signature Status!!!
Click on the link below to learn more.**

[Signature Status](#)





Members News

Rita Kirkman's painting "The Letter"
is one of only 20 pastels selected from the
PSA 50th Annual Exhibition, 2022,
to exhibit at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown Ohio.



**The Letter - pastel by artist,
Rita Kirkman**

"The Letter" had won the
Flora B. & Joseph V. Giffuni Memorial
Award
at the PSA 50th Annual Exhibition last fall,
and earned for Rita the designation of
PSA Master Pastel
This exhibit is personally curated by
Dr Louis A. Zona, Ph.D.,
Executive Director of the Butler Institute,
and will show through May 14, 2023.

Rita Kirkman's painting "Chicklet"
has won First Place Animal
in the Austin Pastel Society
Annual Juried Member Exhibition
"Celebrate Pastels!"

The show continues at the Austin Fine Art
Gallery,
2805 Bee Caves Rd, Suite 430, Austin TX,
through May 5, 2023.

See the show online here

<https://www.artframingservices.com/Art-Art-List.php?eventId=23>



**Chicklet
By Artist - Rita Kirkman**



Members News

We are so proud that 5 out of 12 awards went to PPS members in the Left Coast Painters Society international show

“Pastels in Paradise”

Laura Pollak

Best of Abstract/Innovative

Anthony Hedrick

Best of Portrait/Figure/Animal

Malia Bryngelson

Irresistible Impact Award (see page 12)

Jeri Greenberg

Luscious Lines Award

Laurie Basham

Scintillating Shapes Award

The show is up on Online Juried Shows where many members were accepted as well!



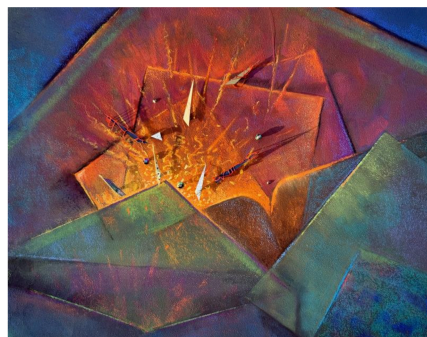
Joseph Zellers
14x11, Soft Pastel \$NFS
Anthony Hedrick
Best of Portrait/Figure/Animal



Hiding In Plain Sight
12x10, Soft Pastel \$650
Jeri Greenberg
Luscious Lines Award



Wildflowers in the Sunshine
8x6, Soft Pastel \$NFS
Laurie Basham
Scintillating Shapes Award



EXCITING NEWS!
10x10, Soft Pastel, \$320
by: **Laura Pollak**
Best of Abstract/Innovative

Laurie Basham and Eileen Wilhelm have several pieces included in the annual Spring Fest Competition and Show at the
Mooresville Arts Center
103 W Center Ave, Mooresville, NC
The exhibit continues through May 18th

NOW SHOWING

MOORESVILLE *arts* SINCE 1955
45th Annual *SpringFest*
Judged Show & Competition

Show Calendar: March 28 - May 18, 2023
Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 12-4 and Sat 10-2
Artists' Reception & Awards Ceremony:
Friday, April 14th, 2023 (6-8pm)
This Year's Judge: Anne Harkness

146 pieces, all created by 99 local artists!
Paintings, drawing, pottery, woodwork, mixed media, glass and more!
Art is for sale; sales directly benefit local artists and Mooresville Arts.

The Chain Link
By Dan McCray
2023 First Place Winner

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Malia Bryngelson was extremely pleased and honored to have her painting "Squirreled" receive the "Irresistible Impact" award in the Left Coast Pastel Painters Society's 2023 *International Pastels in Paradise* show.



Squirreled
By Artist - Malia Bryngelson



French Door
By Artist - Joan Dreicer

Joan Dreicer will be the featured artist with BozART Fine Art Collective at

Revelation Vineyard
2710 Hebron Valley Rd,
Madison, VA 22727

**Opening Reception - May 4, 2023
5:30-7:30pm**

Exhibit dates - May 4 - June 30



Member News



A Passage in Time
By artist - Ashley Mortenson

Ashley Mortenson was quite honored to recently win second place in the **Abstract and Non-Objective category. Pastel Journal's 24th Annual Pastel 100**

for her painting, "A Passage In Time."

The painting is featured on page 81.

"It was a complete surprise and I'm still having a hard time believing it."

Ashley also has work in the wonderful Ambleside Gallery

528 S Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27406.

One of the paintings featured is "Stone Mountain," which was also in the Winter Member Show.

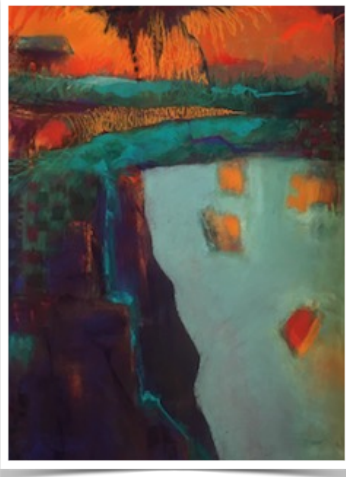
<http://amblesidearts.com/>



Stone Mountain
By Artist - Ashley Mortenson



Members News



Follow the Yellow Brick Road
By Artist - Kathy Summer

Kathy Summer received first place for her pastel painting

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"

in the 2022 Southwest Florida Pastel Society Member show.

Kathy also won an
"Honorable Mention" for
"Unwavering"

in the
Fort Myers Beach Art Association Spring Show
held at Big Arts in Sanibel



Unwavering
By Artist - Kathy Summer



Members Share

PPS Facebook Monthly Challenge

Don't forget about our Facebook Raffle! Our PPS Facebook page is a great way to stay connected and see each other's work, as well as share news. Thank you to all of you who continue to post and comment on our page. With limited opportunity to meet in person, this is our best way to stay in touch.

Each month a different theme is identified. Join us and post your theme related work for a chance to win our monthly raffle for a \$25 gift certificate. We love hearing from you and admiring your talent!

Previous month's 2023 winners

January - Rachel Pearson

February - Cammie Stadler

March - Tim Williams

Art is not what you see but what you make others see.

Edgar Degas

Thank you all who contributed to our
April Quarterly Newsletter.

I invite you to send me news as it comes
jdreicer54@gmail.com

I will keep it for our next Newsletter in July!

Joan Dreicer - Newsletter Chair