



Piedmont Pastel Society

Quarterly Newsletter - October, 2023
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President's Letter

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Vice President - Marla Kurzec

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Treasurer - Jay DeChesere

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Zoom Coordinator - Kim Long

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Happy Fall PPS members!!

My name is Bridgette Comellas. I will be taking over the role of President for Laurie Basham.

Laurie has done such an AMAZING job leading our society; we are so thankful for her vibrancy and skill that has enhanced our society!

I'm thrilled to have Laurie guide me in my new role as President. Also, very pleased to have Laurie staying on the board as technology chair.

As a society, our board is seeing several changes in October as faithful leaders step down and new ones step up

Our proposed Executive Board for the new year is as follows:

President- Bridgette Comellas
Vice President- Marla Kurzec
Secretary -Katie Hallahan
Treasurer- Jay DeChesere

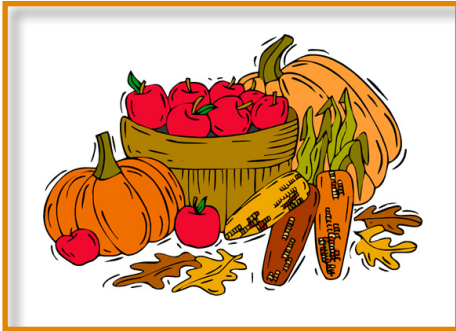
Our proposed Board Chairs:
Program Chair-Kim Long
Workshop Chair-Ginger Lambrecht
Member Show Chair- Kathy Pruett
Technology Chair-Laurie Basham
Membership Chair- Katie Hallahan
Facebook Raffles-Patricia Wilt
Newsletter-Joan Dreicer

We will be voting on this new slate at our virtual Member Awards Show on October 28th.

A huge thank you to all our board members!!



President's Letter continued



Having only been a member of PPS since December 2022 , I'm VERY excited for our Members Show coming up this month!!

We are very fortunate to have Terrilynn Dubreuil as our Judge/Juror for this event!

Our awards reception for the members show will be held virtually on October 28 at 1:00pm. Following the awards Terrilynn will be doing a demo for us!

Terrilynn will be having an online workshop following our members show on Nov. 2 & Nov. 3 from 10am - 4pm. Be sure to sign up for this wonderful opportunity!!

I look forward to serving the Piedmont Pastel Society and continuing the momentum Laurie has established.

With Fall leaves beginning to change , pumpkins starting to pop up and the wafting of cinnamon and pumpkin spice, we can anticipate cooler weather on its way.

Be inspired to paint what thrills you about this season, then show us on our Facebook page. [PPS Facebook Page](#)

Until we join virtually for our Members Show, Happy Painting!

~Bridgette Comellas
(Interim) President

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I would like to welcome
all our newest members to PPS
as of July:

Teri Gainey Bastian

MaryAnn Grib

Marilee Klosterman

Mundise Mortimer

Deborah Shea

Doug Stewart

Marsha Tidy

Kim Wilder Hinson



Workshops and Demos

Some Paint-Along fun with Rita Kirkman this fall!
Join along on Zoom with one (or both!) of these fun topics and subjects:

Oct 21: A "Cow Selfie" Don't miss this moooving pose!
Nov 18: "Golden Tamarin" Release your Wild Side!

Each Paint-Along is only \$25.

Register EARLY to have time to prep your drawings.

Rita will send you the Zoom invitations, the reference photos, suggested materials,
and even line drawings for the animals that you can use to transfer to
your board or paper in case you don't have time to freehand your drawings.

No drawing skills required!

Rita will be using pastel with an acrylic-based underpainting,
but you can use the medium of your choice.

Plenty of instruction will focus on values and temperature
which are universal to all color mediums.

The paint-alongs will start at 1pm Central Time and will last about 2 hours.
(Registration includes links to the videos which will be sent out just a few days later,
so if you miss the date, no worries!)

Register here for A "Cow Selfie" Oct 21:

<https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshop/34366/a-cow-selfie-paint-along-demo-on-zoom>

Register here for the "Golden Tamarin" Nov 18:

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Workshops and Demos, continued

Member - Jay Dechesere is hosting Liz Haywood Sullivan to teach a workshop in his studio in Wilmington, NC.

The workshop is filled, but if you are interested in being added to the waitlist, please contact Jay at jdc001@mac.com.

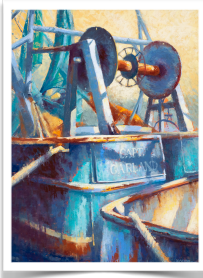
Members News

From Jay DeChesere

I have been experimenting with watercolor and pastel

(alla James Bartholomew and Ray Balkwill).

Here is one completed this month of a dinghy in the harbor at Portofino, Italy.



Also was pleased to have received the Peak Media Award at the Pastel Society of West Coast's 99 Voices in Pastel for Capt. Garland.



Members News

Joan Dreicer participated in the Blowing Rock Plein Air Festival in August.

The exhibit limited each artist to two paintings. What a beautiful location and well organized event!



View from the Blue Ridge

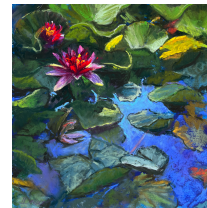
Joan won 2nd place in the 3rd Quarter Dakota Competition in the Emerging Artists Category.

She also received an honorable mention for the same painting at the MidAtlantic Pastel Society's 7th Annual Members Judged Exhibit.



Norwich Beauties

Joan also was part of the BozART exhibit at the UVA Hospital which runs through November 5th

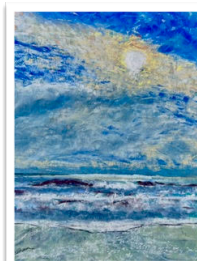


Welcome to My Pad

From Eileen Wilhelm I am in two shows as follows:

Walker Art Studios Presents
"Singing the Blues"
At Historic Locks Cannery
Seagrove, NC 27341
September 22 to October 30.

Mooreville Arts
Artoberfest 2023
103 W. Center Ave
Mooreville NC 28115
September 26 to November 9





Members News

Laurie Basham, our former president has been keeping busy lately.

She is still on the PPS board as the Technology Chair.

This past August she was on the Faculty for Pastel Live and also did a Pan Pastel demo and mini workshop for PSNC. She recently became a Signature Member of PSNC.

In addition, she had works accepted to PSNC's Pure Color, the Southwest Florida Pastel Society's National Show, and the APS Breaking Boundaries International Show.

Laurie is a member of the Carolina Painters' Guild and participated in their Fall in Love with Art Show and Sale, which benefited Habitat for Humanity and greeNest.

How They Shine
9x12
Pan Pastel with a
few soft pastels
Demo for PSNC



Laurie at her booth
at the Fall in Love
with Art Show



"You use a glass mirror to see your face;
you use works of art to see your soul."

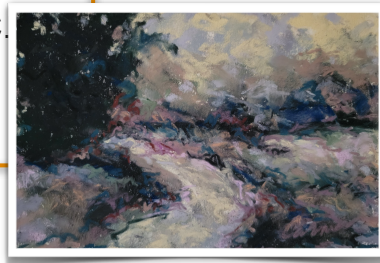
— George Bernard Shaw



Members News

Carmen Davidson received an Honorable Mention for the Matthews Alive Show at the McDowell Center in Matthews, NC.

A pastel called "Going Home".



Going Home - Carmen Davidson



News from Member - Kim Long

In addition to lining up the many wonderful artists we have for each month's demos for our membership.

This is what Kim has to share.

I am honored to be asked to be a pastel painting instructor at the Brunswick Community College here in Southport, North Carolina.

Other exciting news is to have my pastel paintings displayed at "The Art Shak Gallery" here in Southport, NC .



What's On the Easel

Recently, after a man saw a small exhibition of my work at the Novant Hospital in Matthews, NC, he called and asked me to do some Southwest Paintings to go on his lamp shade of a lamp, he had made.

I just delivered them to him on Tuesday, Sept 12th.
He was happy with them, which made me happy, too.

Here are the 4 watercolor paintings.

I have also included pictures of his lamp with my paintings on the shade.

** (I mainly paint in Pastel & Oil, NOT Watercolor. I had to do a lot of practicing, before attempting them. Whew!!)

The Finished Lamp Shade Pictures are Below :

Carmen Davidson





PPS Facebook Raffle

PPS Monthly Raffle Winners

July - Marla Zurzac

August - Jean Pharr Giland

September - Eileen Wilhelm

October Theme is Halloween

November Theme - Reasons to Be Thankful

December - Let it Snow

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! [PPS Facebook page](#)

**Thank you all who contributed to our
October Quarterly Newsletter.**

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

I will keep it for our next Newsletter in January!

Joan Dreicer - Newsletter Chair