



PASTEL SOCIETY OF MAINE **PSME**
pastelsocietyofmaine.org

2020 PSME Spring Newsletter

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**PSME 20th International Juried Exhibition
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PSME Welcomes New Members

Lyn Asselta, Damariscotta ME, **Polly
Castor**, Bethel CT, **Eliabeth Hunter**,
Saco ME, **Carol Ast**, Damariscotta ME,
Ruth Wallingford, Old Orchard Beach,
ME.

From the President...

Dear! That is how I think of our pastel society members and friends!

The PSME board has been working together this first quarter to bring a very special year of activities. We will host a program in April that features Martha Miller and a 4 hour self portrait workshop in Bath. Norma Johnsen is taking registrations.

Notices have been sent out with news of a Members show in Westbrook, at the central Continuum for Creativity and Judged for awards by Mary Brooking. Kay Sullivan brings a demo on the day of Opening Reception. Marijke Damrell will watch for your registrations.

The delightful PSME retreat this year has moved to Boothbay, and with a new twist. Two large rental homes, and on one day, a Christine Bodner demo and critique. It should be a great experience. Ruth Van Dyne is organizing the registrations.

The Signature Members show is at the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden all summer. This will be such an opportunity for participation and visibility! Lisa Regopoulos is happy to hear from our 34 eligible members. The Reception Day on June 19th will include a kids' and adults' half day workshops,

and PSME members painting on location.

Lyn Asselta workshops at Ferry Beach in August are filling up but still available, and Terrilynn is organizing registrations. We will enjoy our 20th International Show Juried by Lyn Asselta in September, in Portland at the Roux and Cyr Gallery. I'm excited to have our presence in such a visible and vibrant location. Send your application by July 10th to Show Submit.

Personally I have enjoyed some winter vacation time in Florida, and though I have not painted as diligently as I'd planned, my heart is thinking in color names and my eyes are recognizing values and shapes ! I have enjoyed planning for the PSME calendar. I am truly thankful for the wonderful board folks and members who make up this great society. I do hope to enhance the health of the organization and to edify it's members, and continue the promotion of their work. There are many aspects which need improvements and we are working on some of those. Be patient! All is in progress. Meanwhile, paint while the day is yours! My best wishes are with you.

Mary Beth

Call for Membership Dues

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

Dues enable members to receive 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, Fran Townsend, 33 Westwood Acres Road, Richmond, ME 04357
ftownsend0908@gmail.com

If you are a new or renewing member, send your dues by check to Fran Townsend, 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.

Board Vacancies Available

The PSME Board of 2019 has recently filled several of its vacancies and looks to our membership to fill those remaining.

Members who live in rural areas and other states are urged to participate on our board. Most of our business affairs are conducted through email. There are four board meetings scheduled during the year. Meetings can be participated in via phone or computer.

These are the currently available positions.

Nominations Chair

Educational Programs Chair & Co-Chair

Public Relations Chair

Exhibit Co-Chairperson

PSME 2020 Events Calendar

WORKSHOP WITH MARTHA MILLER

Saturday, April 11, 2020
1:00 PM 5:00 PM

“The Expressive Self Portrait”, with
Martha Miller

Saturday, April 11, 2020, 1-5 pm
Chocolate Church, 804 Washington
Street, Bath, ME 04530

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 Deadline for
Registration: [https://
www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/
workshops](https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops)

MEMBER SPRING SHOW 2020

Sun, May 3, 2020 10:00 AM to
Sat, May 30, 2020 5:00 PM

Artists Reception & demo Saturday,
May 2, 2020

1-3pm Pastel Demonstration by
Kay Sullivan

3-5pm Artist Reception and
Awards Ceremony

Registration Deadline, Sunday, April
5, 2020

INFO: [https://
www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops](https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops)

SPRING RETREAT 2020 @ BOOTHBAY HARBOR

Wed, Jun 10, 2020 10:30 AM to

Sat, Jun 13, 2020 4:30 AM

PSME Spring Retreat in Boothbay
Harbor. Registration here: [https://
www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/
retreats](https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/retreats)

SIGNATURE MEMBER SHOW 2020 (JUNE 15 - SEPT 3)

Jun 15, 2020 9:30 AM

Sept 3, 2020 4:30 PM

Bosarge Family Education Center,
Boothbay Botanical Gardens,
Boothbay, ME 04537

Registration Deadline, Wednesday,
May 20, 2020

INFO: [https://
www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops](https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops)

EXHIBIT: 20TH INTERNATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION, PASTELS ONLY

Sat, Sep 5, 2020 10:00 AM to
Fri, Sep 25, 2020 5:00 PM

20th International Juried Exhibition,
Pastels Only. **Roux & Cyr Gallery,**
48 Free Street, Portland, ME 04101

Deadline for SHOW SUBMIT: Friday,
July 10, 2020, 8:30 AM -11:30 PM

INFO: [https://
www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops](https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops)

WORKSHOPS WITH LYN ASSELTA

3-DAY STUDIO WORKSHOP WITH
LYN ASSELTA: EXPRESSIVE
LANDSCAPE STUDIO

Mon, Aug 24, 2020 8:00 AM to
Wed, Aug 26, 2020 6:00 PM

2-DAY PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP WITH
LYN ASSELTA

Thu, Aug 27, 2020 8:00 AM and
Fri, Aug 28, 2020 6:00 PM

INFO: [https://
www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/
workshops](https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/workshops)

PSME 2020

Annual Spring Retreat Wednesday, June 10 – Saturday, June 13 – Boothbay Harbor



This years' *Spring Retreat*, is coming together and we are looking forward to painting in the Boothbay Harbor area. The days will be spent painting out and around in the quaint town, along rocky shores and several light houses. Each evening, we will share a meal at a nearby restaurant.



Christine Bodnar (christinebodnar.com) will be our featured guest artist, giving a Friday afternoon demonstration and gentle critique of our retreat paintings.

So come for the full retreat, or just for the Friday afternoon demo/critique. Feel free to provide your own lodging or take a room in one of the two chapter rental homes on the water. See the registration form on pastelpaintersofmaine.org

Member News



painting by Carol Corliss

Carol Corliss has been chosen as 1 of 8 artists to be in the Newport Library Arts Center Selections 2020 Show in Newport, NH.

These artists were chosen from their juried regional show in 2019. The show runs through March 27, 2020. There are 7 floral portraits in the show.

In April, Carol will be exhibiting her floral portraits at Dartmouth Hitchcock, Lebanon, NH through June.

Shuk Susan Lee has news of her pastel paintings.

1) "Fiesta in Panama" won Honorable Mention Award in the general member category of the Pastel Society of the West Coast online member show. Online show starts on 3/1/2020.

2) Recently elected as Artist Member at the Salmagundi Club, NYC

3) "Big City Lights" was juried into the Salmagundi Spring Auction Member Exhibition. Show dates are 3/16-4/3. Auction dates are 3/27 and 4/3. See attached image for "Big City Lights", 12"x9", Pastel.

4) Earned Signature Member status with PSME

5) Shuk Susan will have a Newton Open Studios Preview Exhibit at Newton City Hall 3/4-3/31, Newton, MA.

Open Studios dates are 4/4 and 4/5. See her painting image for the Open Studio Brochure -- "Strolling After The Rain", Pastel, 15.5"x12".

Profile link below:

<https://newtonopenstudios.org/artistpage1.php?userid=49>



"Strolling AfterThe Rain"

Claudette Gamache's painting, "Ocean Sunset" was juried into the Pastel Society of the West Coast Online Member Show.

Lyn Asselta would like to tell everyone that she is excited about being back here in the state of Maine and teaching workshops for PSME in September! Lyn currently has work hanging in Boothbay Harbor at Gleason Fine Art and is happy to say that she has a painting in the upcoming IAPS 36th Juried Exhibition to be held in Dunedin, FL, beginning April 6.

Laetitia Borden Macos has an award winning painting in the current VPS & PSNH 2020 Dual Member Exhibit at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. The show ends March 30, 2020.



"Subdued Nest"

The Judge, Mary Iselin, commented on the lively still life: *Subdued Nest*

" I was drawn immediately into this piece! Here so many elements are so masterfully displayed: the texture of the nest and eggs; the unusual composition; the tonal colors.

It is highly realistic, but still calls attention to the medium in a marvelously painterly way.

It is uncommon for a "still life" to move so dramatically. I felt that the nest is both complete unto itself, and, at the same time, so vulnerable to the elements! Beautiful rendering."

Terri Brooks has three pieces, two pastels in an upcoming show, Strong Women Move Mountains at the Pace Gallery in Fryeburg. Opening Friday March 5, 5-8. <https://www.strongwomenmovemountains.com/>

Tom Bailey has been included in "Pastel 100". Tom's painting "Exploring IS Enough" was selected for Pastel Magazine's "Pastel 100" special edition. Only one hundred pastels were chosen from around the world for this special annual issue. Available March, 2020. Tom will also be an exhibiting member of the new "The Pleasant Street Gallery" in Newburyport, MA. See the inaugural show with works of 24 regional artists in all media at 31-R Pleasant St. Opens March 5th, 2020.

PSME Workshops /Classes

Kate Bergquist

Strengthening Intent Through Composition & Design



March 23 - April 20, 2020 Weekly Classes Mondays, 10 am - 2 pm \$50 per class

Freeport, Maine

Building a strong foundation for a painting from the very start will help avoid potential pitfalls further in the painting process. Convey your initial concept by exploring the importance of format, abstract shapes, and aerial perspective. Learn to simplify the landscape through the use of notans and thumbnail sketches. Strengthen the initial concept by breaking a scene into strong shapes and values, while orchestrating what to leave out, add, move, or alter. Great paintings don't just happen, they start with a strong idea and are planned for from the very beginning! Classes will include demonstrations, individual support at your easel, and critiques. Limited enrollment. For more information and a registration form please contact: kbergquist36@comcast.net

Mary Beth Morrison

Mary Beth Morrison will teach a 5 week pastel class on Mondays, beginning April 20, at her studio. Braided Streams Studio 21 Blackberry Lane New Sharon, ME 04955 FMI mbkmartist312@gmail.com

Polly Castor

Polly Castor is teaching a workshop on abstraction for the Connecticut Pastel Society. <https://www.ctpastelsociety.org/education/cps-workshops-2/>

also see <https://pollycastor.com/workshops/>

Lyn Asselta

There are still a couple of openings left in Lyn's UART Underpainting Workshop. April 25/26.

UART will supply all the sanded paper for this weekend workshop. Contact: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2-day-uart-workshop-with-lyn-asselta-exploring-underpaintings-for-pastel-tickets-92943988973>

Lyn will also be offering individualized one or two day mentoring sessions during the month of September in Damariscotta.

For more information, please contact Lyn at lynasselta@icloud.com

PSME Facebook Page PSME Website

IMAGES: Reminder to PSME Members: We are always looking for *high definition images of new artwork*, to share on social media (the Website and Facebook). E-mail good quality photos, with your name, title, size, and a short caption explaining your process or experience creating the work - to travelingartista@gmail.com.

Put "PSME Art - Your Name" in the subject line and send the link to your website so we can connect them.

Group Painting Opportunities

Paint Outs

PSME has joined PAPME for Paint Outs.

Any painter is welcome to come paint with PAPME. Just contact the Gmail below and they will let you know where they will be painting.

cmcityrepaintings@gmail.com

Southern Maine Members can email Corinne McIntyre, opstudio@roadrunner.com to join the email list for paint outs.

Just let me know who you are and where you are, and you can let everyone know where you will be painting.

Kennebunk Area Open Studio Artists' open studio and workshop

All media

Bring your own easel.

Kennebunk Unitarian Church



Every Friday 10 to 2

\$5 donation to Church

Parking behind Kennebunk Library

Still Life Painting on a Winter Afternoon



A perfect workspace and yet so comfortable.

We set up the objects we had brought, got to work sketching or painting. We moved around and utilized each other's still life arrangements. We broke our stride long enough to partake of a delicious lunch prepared by the Morrisons.

This day flew by. Great energy, productivity and camaraderie...and a few good paintings.

A group of PSME members discussed their desire to do something a little different from their normal painting routines.

What do we NOT often do?

A plan evolved.

Perhaps still lifes?

So, on a very brisk Sunday am Sara Ostrov and Mary Barrett picked Norma Johnsen up at the Peaks Island Ferry and drove to Mary Beth Morrison's home in New Sharon ME.



New Westbrook Area Art Group

A group of local artists(any media) are meeting to establish an organization to meet their interests and needs. The first meeting elicited that major interests were: plein air, indoor group painting, group shows, demonstrations, social media and website usage.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 1pm, At the Walker Library in Westbrook. This meeting is open to the public and encourage interested persons to attend. If you wish to be on their emailing list, send your email address to Stephen Beckett, mayaway@maine.rr.com.



Mary Beth's Studio is wonderful! Spacious bright and warm.

Items For Sale

Heilman Pastel Box, Dakota Studio Tray, easels and easel attachments for sale

Heilman Designs BackPack Pastel Box,

Heilman Designs 18" Easel Attachment,

Dakota Studio Tray, Guerrilla Painter Artist's Field Tripod,

Guerrilla Painter No. 17 Flex Easel Attachment,

SunEden Artist Shelf,

SunEden Traveling Adapter Easel Attachment,

Aluminum table top easels,

Lifetime 2'x4' folding tables, and Lifetime folding chairs for sale.

If interested in any of these items, make an offer.

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