



Spring 2017 Newsletter

2017 PSME Board Members

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vacant

Vice President

vacant

Member Show Chair

vacant

Public Relations Chair

vacant

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New PSME Members

PSME welcomes new members **Sandra Jean Barry**, Topsham ME and **Tycelia Santoro**, Belfast ME.

PSME Board Members Needed!

New PSME Board Members Urgently Needed!

The current PSME board has been working together to plan events and present opportunities for the membership. We are in urgent need of a leader or two with a vision who can steer the organization into the future. The following positions are vacant and need to be filled:

President

Vice President

Members Show Chairperson or Co-Chairs

Public Relations Chairperson

The following positions are also in need of being filled, as they are currently being filled by interim people that need to step down:

Facebook Administrator

Website Administrator

2017 Membership Renewal Reminder

Have you renewed your PSME Membership???

Do you need to renew your membership? Signature Members who have let their membership lapse stand to lose their Signature status! Check on our website to see if you are listed as a current member.

You can now conveniently renew your membership on our website:

pastelsocietyofmaine.org

PSME membership is at 98 persons as of this writing. Members desiring a copy of member contact info may request one at mbkmarartist312@gmail.com or call

Mary Beth at 207-624-2401.

Mary Beth Morrison, Membership Chair

PSME Excellence in Education - Young Adult Scholarship

The PSME Excellence in Education Scholarship will be awarded in June, at the Kennebunk High School's Annual Award Ceremony. The award will be presented to a graduating senior planning to continue their art studies at the college level.

PSME provides \$500, issued through two checks. One check is to be used for summer art classes and the other check for second-semester college expenses. In addition to the monetary

award professional materials will be donated by the scholarship's founder. This year's scholarship includes a Unison 63 half-stick pastel set, Rembrandt 30 half-stick pastel set, 24 Art Spectrum pastel sticks, Nupastels 12 stick pastel set, Carb-Othello 12 pastel pencil set, sketchbook, miscellaneous pastel papers and boards, and a copy of *Pastel Pointers* by Richard McKinley.

The scholarship is valued at approximately \$1,000.00. This year's scholarship recipient will be announced in the next newsletter.

Giving Back - Consider Establishing An Award Or Underwriting A Scholarship

Are you interested in giving back to the PSME organization or the larger community?

Consider sponsoring an award for one of the PSME exhibitions or helping to establish or underwrite a scholarship for a cause that you believe in.

Contact the International Exhibition or Scholarship Chairpersons or any current board member for more details.

Remember, your donation will be tax deductible, since PSME is now a 501c3 charitable organization!

Member Show ?

Why isn't there a PSME Member Show scheduled for 2017?

Quite simply, no one has stepped forward to take on the responsibility of

making a 2017 Member Show happen.

The current PSME board members are stretched to their limits and it is time that members become more actively involved if the organization is to remain viable.

Please contact a current board member if you are interested in helping to make a 2017 Members Show or other events possible.

PSME 18th Annual International Juried Exhibition – Pastels Only

Our prospectus is printed and available for handing out. Call to artists begins May 1 with online entry through Show Submit, and Joe Baker is helpful by phone or email to ensure your application is successfully received.

Prospectus is available on

www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/juried

shows/, or by requesting one from Mary Beth at mbkmartist312@gmail.com.

International CoChairs Cheryl Dicara and Terrilynn Dubreuil have been busily working with Mary Beth in contacting art supply vendors and businesses for award donations. Many thanks for multiple hands! We are excited to bring Kim Lordier, as juror of selection and awards, to Maine for our event, and expect it to be a great success. Her October workshop will be an anticipated highlight of the PSME year.

Mary Beth Morrison, 2017 Exhibition CoChair
(mbkartist312@gmail.com)

THANK YOU! From Kate Bergquist

At the recent April PSME Education Program, I was presented with two beautiful hand-bound books containing numerous small paintings generously donated by PSME Members. The books were created by Judy Segal, with the help of all the submitting artists. The books are stunning, priceless, and so very meaningful to me because so many members participated and contributed their beautiful paintings to the project!



Who knew that so many of our members were such excellent watercolorists? Thank you again to everyone who contributed, I am truly humbled and touched by your generosity. -Kate Bergquist



If you would like to view additional photos of the books, please visit the PSME Facebook page.

Special Invitation to PSME Members

**‘Why Draw? ‘ Exhibit at the Bowdoin Museum of Art.
Save the date!!**

This is an exhibit opening May 3 at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. It will represent an overview of highlights from the BCMA’s historic collection.

The curator of the show, Joachim Homann, has invited members of the Pastel Society of Maine to visit the museum for a tour of the show with him on June 28, at 11:00 am.

During this tour he will put a special emphasis on the pastel medium. Please let me know if you plan to attend, so I can give Joachim an estimate of attendees. jsegal@comcast.net

Judy Segal

PSME Educational Meeting

Developing Realistic Textures in Pastel Paintings

Owls Head pastel artist Nancy Lee Lovley was the presenter at the April PSME educational meeting at the Curtis Memorial Library on 23 Pleasant Street in Brunswick.

Nancy is a lifelong artist who began painting with pastels as a pre-teen. Nancy paints wonderfully realistic textures in her work.

She brought four of her completed paintings, to demonstrate how she achieves realistic texture in four different subjects.



Nancy Lovley portrait demo

Nancy works almost exclusively on the ‘smooth’ side of Canson Paper not sanded paper. The paper is mounted onto adhesive board. Much of her painting time is spent creating a detailed drawing often making use of a graph. The subject matter is copied onto the graph from a photograph. Backgrounds are painted with pan pastels and the painting continues with hard pastels first and continuing with softer pastels as needed.

She is especially well known for her still life and her portraiture of people and animals in the classical realism style. Nancy’s preferred teaching style is to work while answering questions from her audience. This audience provided interesting questions and commentary. A worthwhile and informative educational experience was achieved .

Thank you Nancy!

Mary Barrett

Member News

PSME Member, **Polly Cain** would like to share the following news.

On Saturday, June 10 from 10-4pm at the town hall in Wolfeboro, NH the Gov. Wentworth Arts Council (GWAC) is sponsoring an "Art and Bloom". This project utilizes both the art work from the Council Members and pairs them with floral arrangers from around Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, to interpret a painting.

More details, email Polly Cain at pollywerks@aol.com or 603-569-1190 August 16(rain date, August 17) GWAC is also sponsoring a "Paint Wolfeboro" for more details call Deb Hopkins 603-569-4994 or email muddywheel@metrocast.net

Claudette Gamache will be giving a pastel demonstration titled, " Capturing The Light In The Landscape" Saturday, May 20th, 1-3pm. \$15.

Roux & Cyr International Fine Art Gallery, 48 Free St, Portland.

To reserve your seat for this demo, telephone the gallery at 576-7787.

Jeff Fioravanti CPS, NHPSA, PSME, PPSCC, PSA, IAPS-MC will have a solo exhibit "The Vision Place of Souls" at the Lynn Museum in Lynn, Massachusetts, opening on July 5, 2017 through December 23, 2017. The artist reception TBA.

Anne Gable Allaire's pastel paintings will be the June Studio Show at Roux & Cyr International Fine Art Gallery in Portland. The show opens on Fri. June

2nd with a reception from 5 – 8 pm. and continues through June 29th.

Amy Puleo and **Elaine Hranich** currently have their work on exhibit through the end of May at Centre Street Hair Studio and Art Gallery in downtown Bath. The gallery is located next door to the Sweet Shoppe on Centre Street. Their collection includes pastel, watercolors and oil paintings!

Three pastel artists **Marijke Damrell**, **Diana Johnson** and **Elaine Hranich** are part of a group, "Sebascodegan Artists" who are having an opening reception at their summer gallery in Harpswell Maine. The gallery is just 7 miles down from Cooks Corner at 4 Old Orrs Island Road!

The reception is being held on June 24th 2 to 4pm .

This gallery is a collective group of 20 local artists who create in different mediums including; hand carved wood sculptures, pastels, oils, acrylics, watercolors and pencil drawings, stained glass creations of antiques and artifacts. This collection is highly desirable and collectors from around the country make the trip to this beautiful little historic church each summer.

Our pastel medium is well represented here. This quaint area of Maine overflows with wonderful desirable places to paint so please come down and visit us this summer and maybe you too will find a nice gem of a cove to paint!

Mary Beth Morrison will show 10 paintings at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, MA, from June through December 2017.

Joelle Feldman's upcoming shows are: the "Enchantment" exhibit at the Yarmouth Gallery, Yarmouth, ME through May and the "Nature's Delights" exhibit at the Wild Salamander Center for the Arts in Hollis, NH.

Reception: Friday 2 June, 6-8PM.

Joelle received an Honorable Mention for "Cottonwoods in Zion" at the Connecticut Pastel Society Members Show, Juror Dave Kaphammer.



painting by Joelle Feldman

Kay Sullivan will be showing her work as a guest artist at Centre Street Arts in Bath, ME from May 20th to July 14th, 2017. Please join her at the opening reception, Friday, May 26 from 5 - 7:00 p.m.

PPOM Lending Library

We have just added a new and different pastel instructional video this month. The video, by Barbara Jaenicke is somewhat different from the other videos in the library. This DVD comes with an Online Course and a Pastel Course Instructional Booklet. The video will be available on loan as usual, while the Online Course will benefit the members as a group event, possibly as an educational program.



If you are a new member to PSME, you can access the library by paying a **one time** \$10 fee. This fee is used for postage and mailers etc. You may borrow any of the books and DVD's listed in the PSME Library and posted on the PSME website. Please email me at, nancylovley@roadrunner.com with your request and I'll get it right out to you.

Nancy Lovley, PSA, Lending Library

Workshop Opportunities

Joelle Feldman

The June 2017 workshop in Provence is full. To inquire about the 2018 workshop, please contact me at

Joelle.feldman@gmail.com

There will be a two day workshop at the Fruitlands Museum in July. More details later. Register here:

<http://www.fruitlands.org/learn,calendar-of-classes-and-workshops>

Liz Haywood Sullivan

Seascapes in Pastel

September 30 & October 1, 2017

Monadnock Area Artists Association
Keene, NH

For more information and a registration form, please go to our website:

www.monadnockareaartists.org



painting by Liz Haywood Sullivan

Please contact Carol at pastels@tpdi.biz for questions.

The April workshop was cancelled due to a snowstorm and we have rescheduled. We currently have 2 spots left.

Pastel Classes

Kate Bergquist

Focusing on the Fundamentals

Biweekly Pastel Classes

Join Kate Bergquist, PSA, for pastel classes starting in June. Classes will be held in the Freeport area on Thursdays, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Each session will address a different fundamental topic through specific exercises. Each class will include a demo, followed by ample time for students to paint with assistance at their easels. For more information visit: www.kbergquist.faso.com

Joelle Feldman

Has classes on:

Tuesdays 6-8PM, May 9-June 13,
Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, MA.

Register here:

<http://www.fruitlands.org/learn,calendar-of-classes-and-workshops>

Wednesdays 1:30-3:30PM, HUUC,
Harvard, MA. For more information,
contact me at

Joelle.feldman@gmail.com.

Member's Work Jpegs Requested For PSME Website

The PSME website features slide shows representing both Regular Members' and Signature Members' work. To have one of your paintings included in one of these slide shows, please send a .jpeg with your name and painting title to PSME Interim Website Administrator at kbergquist36@comcast.net

Group Painting Opportunities

Paint Outs

PPOM 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.

cmcintyrepaintings@gmail.com

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

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

Weekly Midcoast Plein Air Group

A few midcoast plein air painters are planning to meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30PM each week when the weather allows.

The selected location will be posted on both the PSME Facebook Page and the Elaine Hranich Facebook Page.

Most of the selected locations will be in downtown Bath and all are welcome to join the group!

The first paint out is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th.

PSME Facebook Page

Members are invited to email pictures to Geraldine Aikman (gaikman@roadrunner.com) for posting on the PSME Facebook page. Remember, this is free publicity! Include a caption, including your motivation, or some interesting info. Or send your link to your website, blog, Facebook page. You can post directly on our Facebook page as well! Please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pastelsocietyofmaine/ and like us!

PEMAQUID RETREAT 2017

Last chance to sign up!

June 1 - June 4

\$35 for members/ \$45 for non-members
Visiting artist Kay Sullivan will demonstrate her techniques on Saturday morning and critique late that afternoon. Caren Marie-Michel will critique on Friday afternoon. Critiques are always optional!!

This is a great way to start the summer plein air season, and it's always interesting to see the many different approaches to this stunning coastline. To register, please contact Cindy Asherman at 207-615-4332 or Sharon Gorman at 772-359-8744.

