



## PSME Welcomes New Members

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## Summer 2019 Newsletter

### 2019 PSME Board Members

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**PSME 19th International Juried Exhibition CoChair.**

**Christina Davis**, [crisdavis12@gmail.com](mailto:crisdavis12@gmail.com)

### Call for Membership

PSME dues are \$40 annually. They 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, [ftownsend0908@gmail.com](mailto:ftownsend0908@gmail.com)

If you are a new or renewing member sending 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 and saves the Chair work by getting it done early.

## 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 only four board meetings scheduled during the year. Meetings can be participated in via phone or computer if you wish.

These are the currently available positions.

**Nominations Chair**

**Educational Programs Chair & Co-Chair**

**Pulic Relations Chair**

**Exhibit Co-Chairperson (new)**

## Exhibit Co-Chairperson

The PSME President has been putting out lots of feelers for locations for exhibits and events for the PSME for the next 2-3 years. This requires time, work and mental concerns that need to be shared. It has been observed that other societies have an "Exhibit Chair" who does specifically this kind of work. SO...

**Wanted: 2 Year Term  
Exhibit Co-Chairperson**

PSME needs a helper in finding venues and coordinating plans for future shows and exhibits. Contact the president if interested.

Mary Beth Morrison,  
[mbkmartist312@gmail.com](mailto:mbkmartist312@gmail.com)

## Lending Library

Did you know that PSME has a great Lending Library with numerous pastel books and DVDs that are available upon request? Visit the PSME website to learn about how the library works and find a list of available materials. Make the most of one of the benefits of your PSME membership - borrow books and DVDs from the PSME Lending Library and learn something new.

## Recent PSME Events

### PEMAQUID RETREAT 2019 MAY 30 - JUNE 2



The Annual PSME Retreat at Pemaquid was another wonderful gathering of members of the Society. Lisa Regopoulos was the Visiting Artist and shared some great information and techniques.

The weekend was dominated by fog, and not necessarily the good fog that creates wonderful atmosphere, but the souped-in kind that obliterates things in the distance. No worries! We intrepid painters spread out across the peninsula to paint then gather for critiques, sharing, and dinners. A number of "regular attendees" arrived and a few new artists joined our ranks. Much creativity accomplished! And delicious breakfasts and dinners enjoyed (especially those at the Harbor Room!



Lisa Regopoulos

Photos from the weekend are available both on the Pastel Society of Maine and the PRIVATE Facebook groups. Please enjoy! <https://www.facebook.com/pastelsocietyofmaine/>

## PSME Member Show



Rebecca Shorb

**April 30-May 31, 2019 at Morrell Room, Curtis Library, Brunswick, Me**  
**This was a non-juried show open to all current members of PSME.**

**May 1- 29, PSME Members' Show, Curtis Library, Brunswick, ME**  
**May 11, Opening Reception at Curtis Library, 1-3pm Pastel Demo with Rebecca Shorb, 4pm Award ceremony**  
**May 18, Children's Pastel Mini Workshop, Curtis Library**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**June 27, Thursday; Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd, Livermore ME, 04253**  
10am - 3:30pm,  
Jerri Whitman will give a demo, 12:30-3:00pm  
Jerri will be using a very minimum kit of supplies for painting plein air... 12 pastels, pastel paper, alcohol, back board, & small brush. This will be a perfect opportunity to challenge ourselves to use less to do more! Bring your own pastel kit if you would like to paint out. The Norlands is a beautiful, peaceful farm with pretty buildings.



**July 10**, Online Submissions to PSME  
19th International Juried Exhibition  
CLOSE.

**August 17**, Saturday, Unitarian  
Universalist Church, 114 Main St,  
Kennebunk 04043.

10-noon board meeting,  
1-4pm Program & Demo with Jeff  
Fioravanti, (PSA;PSME, PPSCC,  
PSNH,IAPSMC)

*Painting the Soul of America* a  
presentation demo by Jeff Fioravanti.  
“The Atlantic Ocean's character is  
defined by the rocks and surf one finds  
from Gloucester up through Maine. It is  
something that is near and dear to me  
from my summer's spent in Gloucester  
as a youth and continue to this day and  
by my many trips to Acadia National  
Park, Ogunquit and Maine's  
breathtaking coastal offerings. I hope to  
share not only my love of this signature  
sea coast, but how I work my pastels to  
bring that love to the viewer and the  
world”.

Jeff Fioravanti

**Sept 10- Oct 26**, 19th International  
Juried Pastel Exhibition, Saco Museum,  
Saco, ME

**Sept 11-16**, Pastel Workshops with Jen  
Evenhus, Ferry Beach Park Association,  
Saco, ME

**Oct 5**, 1-3pm, Program, ‘My Travels with  
Pastel’, with Suzanne DeLesseps, Saco  
Museum, Saco ME

**Jan 4, 2020**, PSME Annual Board  
Meeting.

## International Juried Exhibition

**September 5-October 26, 2019**  
**19th PSME International Juried  
Exhibition, *Pastels Only***  
**Saco Museum, Saco ME**  
**Juror of Selection and Awards,**  
**Jen Evenhus.**

Prospectus for the event is currently  
available on the PSME website:  
[pastelsocietyofmaine.org](http://pastelsocietyofmaine.org) , Open  
Exhibitions. Open Juried Exhibitions.  
Entry submissions open May 1 with a  
submission deadline at midnight on  
August 1, 2017.

## 2019 PSME Workshops

A 3 day and a 2 day pastel workshop  
are planned at the Ferry Beach Park  
Association in Saco Me, a destination  
retreat facility on the ocean.

Instructor, **Jen Evenhus** will teach  
workshops on the theme, "Beauty in  
Imperfection"

This will occur in **September /October  
2019**, in conjunction with the 19th  
International Show, at which Jan  
Evenhus will be the judge for awards.  
Further information and prospectus is  
currently available on the PSME  
website; [pastelsocietyofmaine.org](http://pastelsocietyofmaine.org).  
Open Education. Open Workshops.

## Member News

Members of PSME who participate in  
UUC Church Open Studio on Friday  
mornings in Kennebunk will have a  
group exhibition of their work at the  
Kennebunk Free Library, Main Street  
Kennebunk ME., July 2019.



Participants include: **Ellen Pelletier, Sara Ostro, Norma Johnsen, Ruthe Clark, Cheryl Dahn and Mary Barrett.** Drop by and check out their work.

**Paula Fraser** has been juried into the Colorado national show by Barbara Jaenicke which runs until the end of June.

Paula just finished coordinating the members show of NH.

Robin Thornhill was the juror for this show and Paula was honored to have won the PSNH award for *Early Morning Catch*.

The show is at the Jaffrey Civic Center NH and runs until June 27

**Loretta Turner** will be hanging a one-woman show at the Dyer Library in Saco for the month of June. The show will be a broad spectrum of medium and subject matter.

**Maryann Mullett's** "Understated Beauty" has been juried into the



Understated Beauty

Academic Artists Association 69th Annual National Exhibition of Traditional Realism.

The exhibit can be seen from June 2-23 at Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT.

"Crater" has been awarded the Terry Ludwig Award at the Pastel Society of the West Coast's, "Pastel's USA" 33rd Annual International Open Exhibition



Crater

which is on display at the Haggin Museum Gallery through July 17th.

**Bernadette deCesare** has had a busy few months. Currently, she has a solo show of pastels at the Green Lion Gallery in Bath Maine. The show is called "Demons, Dances, and Dreams". The show will continue until June 16th. Bernadette was accepted into the Stable Gallery in Damariscotta, Maine for this season.

The River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, has given her almost monthly opportunities to show her work. This month is the members show, where her painting "Water Lilies" can be seen.

## Member Workshops and Classes



“Art from the Soul”.

**Claudette Gamache** is planning to do a ten day workshop/ retreat in the Umbria area of Italy in September 2020 titled “Art from the Soul”.

The group will be picked up at Rome airport. Travel to different towns each day. Room and three meals/ day are included. The group will be meeting ahead to plan where we want to go. For more information please contact Claudette at email, [claudettegamache@yahoo.com](mailto:claudettegamache@yahoo.com) tel # 207 389-2513 cell 207 841-3820 The workshop description is on the La Romita Art School website.

### Monadnock Area Artists Association

Two upcoming pastel workshops

Lisa Ober – Realistic Still Life –  
Nov. 2 & 3, 2019



Rita Kirkman – May 15, 16 & 17, 2020



To request an application when ready, or for more information, please contact Carol at [pastels@tpdi.biz](mailto:pastels@tpdi.biz)



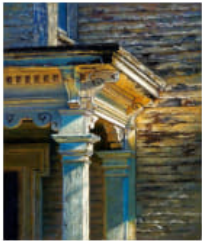
## Group Painting Opportunities

### J. Whitman Studio 2019 Workshops Contract: Jerri Whitman

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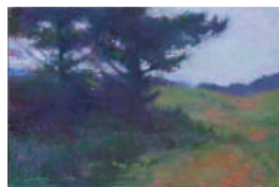
**Helen Kleczynski : Aug. 23-25, 2019 Cost \$350**



**Mike Beeman: Sept. 27-29, 2019 Cost \$400**



**Doug Dawson: Oct. 3-5, 2019 Cost \$425**



### Paint Outs

### PSME has joined PAPME for Paint Outs.

#### 2019 Season News from PAPME

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](mailto:cmcityrepaintings@gmail.com)

Southern Maine Members can email Corinne McIntyre, [opstudio@roadrunner.com](mailto:opstudio@roadrunner.com) to join the email list for paint outs.

Until we start painting again, check out the [pleinairpaintersofmaineblogspot.com](http://pleinairpaintersofmaineblogspot.com) for messages of interest.

And for your calendar: May 30-June 1, Plein Air Days at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, complimentary admission for artists who want to paint there.

The following folks will be organizing painting locations when weather cooperates:

Midcoast Chapter  
Volunteers needed.  
Fran Scannell [franscannell@gmail.com](mailto:franscannell@gmail.com)  
(email caregiver)

Southern Maine Chapter  
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Downeast Chapter (Lubec)  
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Western Maine Chapter  
Mike Ranucci [mjranucci@roadrunner.com](mailto:mjranucci@roadrunner.com)

Anyone is welcome to form a chapter in Maine, just let me know who you are and where you are, and you can let everyone know where you will be painting when we resume regular emails.

I want to share some nice thoughts from Freeport artist Suzanne deLesseps who does outstanding oils and pastels (see <https://suzannedelesseps.com/> )  
"We are all guilty of going out to paint and searching, searching, searching for the perfect scene, the perfect light, the perfect subject. Well, I've got news for you! It may just be right in your back yard, at the end of your driveway or from your steps. I've recently had a couple of discussions with fellow artists about some of my recent paintings and how I manage to show beauty where you least expect it. I think it has to do with "seeing" the interesting possibilities in the ordinary things of everyday life. It's not about finding a beautiful subject to paint but making the subject at hand beautiful in the way that you paint it. Painting is so much more than recording what you see. And, that goes for painting from photographs, too. As artists, we need to bring something more to the party, show something of ourselves - some intrigue, some

emotion. That's what it's all about."  
Suzanne deLesseps  
<[suzannedel@zwi.net](mailto:suzannedel@zwi.net)>

## 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

## PSME Facebook Page and 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](mailto:travelingartista@gmail.com).

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

## PSME Member Discount

The South Portland A.C.Moore Store (will recognize a current PSME membership card with a 70% discount in their framing section. Also offered is a teacher discount of 15% off most inventory anywhere in the store. They have a VIP program that affords more discount but is an elective annual purchase by the consumer. These discounts apply only to active PSME Members and cannot be transferred to another person. Members will need to present their PSME Membership Cards\*, before receiving a discount on their purchase. These discounts will currently only be available at the South Portland Store.

\* To obtain a PSME Membership Card, email Fran Townsend at [ftownsend0908@gmail.com](mailto:ftownsend0908@gmail.com) and request your membership card. The card will be emailed to you. The card may be printed and used by you

