



2021 PSME Spring Newsletter

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PSME Welcomes New Members

Lisa Daigle, Townsend MA, **Marianne Crowley,** Naples FL. **Margret Munson,** Franklin MA, **Donna Roy,** South Hadley, MA, **Ellen Williams,** Pawley's Island SC, **Lilly Yanagita,** Glendale, CA, **Jana Schwartz,** Apex, NC, **Yael Maimon,** Israel, **Carol Rogers,** Little Silver NJ, **Daphne Hobson,** ShrewsburyNJ, **Anne Jameson,** Bowdoinham ME

New Signature Members

Congratulations to the following PSME Members who have achieved Signature Member status in the past year;
Christina Davis, Terrilynn Dubreuil, Shuk Susan Lee, Mary Beth Morrison.

Introducing a New PSME Member...

Yael Maimon is an Israeli artist, born in 1980 in Ashkelon. She is best known for her *Cats* painting series.

Her special bond with cats was created while volunteering for years at an animal rescue center in her hometown. Today, Yael takes care of abandoned kittens, raises elderly cats and feeds many street cats. Although grounded in realism, her artwork is often

impressionist in nature, traditional yet contemporary. She enjoys painting in a variety of media including oil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media. Her artwork was featured in solo and collective art exhibitions in Israel and abroad, won numerous awards and gained international recognition. More info at www.yaelmaimon.com

President's Message

March 15, 2021

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Greetings to you, valued members and friends, and come on, Spring!

We have a full slate of activities for 2021 and expect that by year end caution will be less domineering. However, erring on the side of caution and respecting the needs of our members and communities, the PSME will conduct show and workshop activities online only, until the fall. Consult the website for info on all events, which are continuously updated. All events are posted months in advance for your perusal and preparation.

The **Weekday Wine and Watch** series, free to PSME members, with excellent demos by Rita Kirkman and Corey Pitkin, has been recorded and made available for members (non members at a small fee) through the PSME website. Be sure to watch **Jeri Greenberg, Monday, April 12**, for her demo and a wine pairing, (link will be sent to all members 2 days prior) starting at 6pm.

Save the Date:

May 1 - PSME Spring Member Online Show-open to all members.

June 9-12 – PSME Art Retreat, Boothbay area, with guest artist **Christine Bodner. In Person.**

June 15 - PSME Signature Members Online Show – submissions through Show Submit

Sept 1-28 – PSME 21st International Juried Exhibition – open for submissions April 15, through Show Submit. Virtual online only. Big prizes!

Sept 10-12- Online 3 day workshop with **Laura Pollak, NCPS, PSA, IAPS MC, Driven To Abstraction.** Open for registration May 10.

November TBA – Workshop with **Martha Miller, Expressive Self Portraits. In person!**

December – PSME Holiday Members Show, Topsham Library, Topsham, ME. In Person!

The Board meets Sunday, April 11, 11 am. By ZOOM. Members are welcome at this meeting.

Your questions may be directed by email to pastelsocietyofmaine@gmail.com and will be addressed within 24 hours.

Happy Spring! Paint and enter paintings! Read art, talk art, study art, share your art!

Mary Beth Morrison

Virtual Spring Members Show May 1-31, 2021

This is a friendly reminder that the **April 1, 2021 deadline** for registering for our virtual member show to be held in May 2021 is quickly approaching.

We are very excited to be having our PSME Spring member show this year through ShowSubmit with wonderful awards, and having Robert Carsten, PSA-M, IAPS-MC, CPS as juror of awards.

This is a great opportunity to show your best artwork with the knowledge that at least one or maybe all of your submitted paintings will be accepted in the show.

Check out www.showsubmit.com about how to submit entries and also the PSME website, where you will find under resources, tips about Preparations of Photos for Online Exhibition Submission.

And please, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Marijke Damrell, Show Co-chair

Member News

Tim Parks' PSA-MP, PSME pastel painting, "Old Toy Sloop", 32" x 36" was included in the winter edition of The Pastel Society of America's magazine, "PASTELAGRAM".



old toy sloop

Tim's painting was part of an issue titled, "REALISM: WHAT IS IT NOW? Answers from Some of Today's (Top) Realistic Painters.

This painting can be seen on the Facebook artist's page at:

www.facebook.com/timothyparksartist and on the "Signature Member Page" of the PSME Website.

Jeff Fiorvanti CPS, CMPS, NHPSA, PSME, PPSCC, PSA, IAPS-MC

had two pastel pieces juried into the Newburyport Art Association Winter Juried Exhibit II. *To Touch Your Shore* and *Orange Knew Black* (Before TV) are the two pieces.

From **Terrilynn Dubreuil**...I had such amazing plans for this winter in isolation. Plans to paint a hundred paintings and make new videos and reorganize my website and ... well, we all get the idea. (Lots of changes made to the PSME website as well! Demos & workshops now offered via videos.) It seems that daily, even though I am busy busy doing so much, that my heart and mind are basically just waiting for SPRING to come so I can get outside and enjoy the sunshine! And plein air paint.

Meanwhile I am trying new approaches and new subjects for my artwork. Trying to find that unique niche while also accepting small challenges from various societies .. like the one from Appalachian Pastel Society that called for "as many forms of perspective as possible in one painting." Attached here is "Venitian Alley" (15"x11"). It was fun and I surprised myself some.

There is so much coming up: teaching a class for the Asheville Art Museum via Zoom, our PSME Spring Retreat in Boothbay (for which I must drive the

1000 miles north), and facilitating Zoom workshops for some well-known, but self-admittedly tech-challenged, artists.



Venitian Alley

Life is full even though life is lonely here. Virtual connections help, but they just do not replace face-to-face activities.

Stay dusty, my friends!

Terrilynn

2021 Annual Spring Retreat June 9-12, 2021. Boothbay Harbor, Maine

June is approaching fast and we are pleased to be hosting our 3 day spring retreat in Boothbay on June 9-12. The chance to be outside painting with friends is hard to resist.



Please visit our website to sign up to attend this event either for the whole session or just the Friday demo with Christine Bodnar (our guest artist). We hope to see you there.

PSME's Annual Retreat features a nice balance of plein air time and gathering time.

The quiet coastal inlets of Boothbay Harbor inspire us for wonderful painting experiences.

Plan to reconnect with your artist friends.

Featuring a visiting artist's demo, an optional critique, and camaraderie make this an event all can enjoy.

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.

See the registration form on pastelpaintersofmaine.org

Registration opened February 1, 2021.

PSME Lending Library

One of the benefits of PSME Membership is your eligibility to borrow books, videos and DVDs from the PSME Lending Library. **Information of our collection is found on our website** www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/ . In order to access lending privileges, your membership must be current and

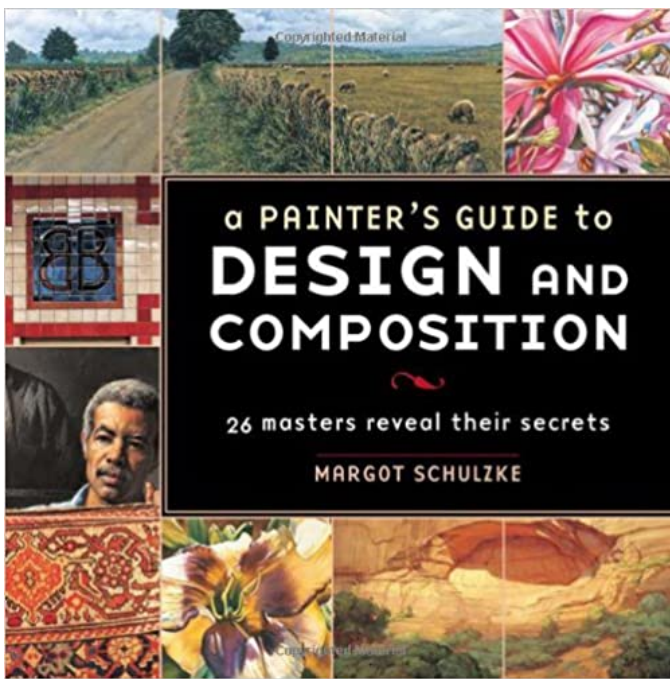
you must pay a one-time registration fee of \$10.00 and fill out request form from website.

NOTE: The library will be available at the Spring Retreat in Boothbay on June 9-12. If you have any requests, please let me know so I can bring that exact item for you to pick up.
Ruth@VanDineDesign.com or 401-480-7761 cell.

Ruth Van Dine, Librarian

A Recent Addition to The Collection

A Painter's Guide to Design and Composition by [Margot Schulzke](#)



Design makes the difference between a decent painting and an unforgettable work of art. Learn from 26 modern masters as they bare their souls and their secrets for crafting magnificent works that delight the eye at every viewing. Daniel Greene, Albert Handell,

Maggie Price, Richard McKinley and 22 other award-winning artists share notable insights and practical advice for making a painting succeed no matter what the subject.

Packed with beautiful, inspiring paintings and a wealth of advice and instruction, this invaluable reference will show you how to:

- Lay out a composition that best places and supports your focal point
- Arrange contrasts of value, shape and color for optimum impact
- Balance simplicity and detail to suit your subject, statement and style
- Enhance your painting strengths and improve weak points
- Do away with complacency and become an artistic risk-taker

PSME Website(useful link)

There is a new page on the PSME Website that has links on HOW TO EDIT PHOTOS FOR SUBMISSION. The links are offered by Show Submit and help artists to get the photos of their paintings edited and ready to submit to whatever the online requirements are. PSME is also willing to help as best we can. Go to the PSME Website and open RESOURCES and the IMAGE PREP page is there. Or here's a direct link to the new PSME page:

<https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/image-prep>

Group Painting Opportunities

(Will hopefully return soon)

PSME Annual Dues

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

PSME dues provide members with the 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.

PSME currently has ninety-six active members.