

Poulsbo Artist League Newsletter

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WEDNESDAYS MAY 6, 13, 20, 27 12:30 – 3:00

"PAINTING IS AN INFINITELY MINUTE PART OF MY PERSONALITY." SALVADOR DALI



Birthdays

May

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Kathy Johnsen, Mary Saurdiff,
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Prose from the PAL President:



Once again, it's time for a President's message. The months seem to just fly by; and now all the "outside garden duties" start. But it does provide new opportunities for painting. I am eagerly looking forward to the upcoming plein-air session at the lighthouse at the end of the month. I want to express our thanks to Libby for all the work she is doing to organize this event. I've been to this beach many times. The area is beautiful with lots of interesting things to focus on. Not only is the lighthouse picturesque; the water, driftwood and the forested areas are inspiring.

Next, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped with the two painting exchanges - Central Market and Hospice. Things go more smoothly when there are plenty of helpers; and I'm sure we all appreciate the chance to have our work displayed.

I will mention again, if you have any ideas for demos or have someone you'd like us to consider for a day class, please talk to one of the board members and we will look into it.

We have several newer members. Welcome to you all. We hope you find your time with us interesting and that you continue your membership for a long time.

And finally, I know all our thoughts and prayers are with Mike and Diane Clayton. I'm sure they realize if they need anything all they have to do is ask.

Maggie

PAL Ponderings, Spring/Summer Classes

PAL Ponderings:

by Bill Futon, Vice President

I remember the first time I bought watercolors. I was 22 years old, working on a summer job with the Forest Service in northern Idaho. Every day I worked in the woods with the timber inventory crew, slashing through the brush and measuring trees. It was a great job.

On my day off I drove into Sandpoint and walked by a small art shop. In the window was a display with a set of watercolors, paper and brushes. And there was a small watercolor painting displayed with fresh, bold strokes of watercolor.

I just couldn't take my eyes off those watercolors. There was something so attractive about the watercolor washes on the paper. The watercolor set seemed to lure me into the shop. Despite the fact that I had no experience with painting, I opened my wallet and pulled out the precious cash that was required.

When I opened the set, it seemed like magic. There was a small plastic pallet; I squeezed the colors out of the tubes, dabbed them with a wet brush, and they came alive. I was mesmerized with the flowing washes that came out of the brush. The paint pulsed and glowed with lovely granulation and graceful shapes that came off the brush.

I sat down in the yard of our rental house and spent the afternoon painting the house across the street. Of course it was a beginner's effort – too many greens and a blocky composition. But I still have that watercolor – my wife framed it as a present for me, and it hangs on our wall to remind me of that magical afternoon.

I'm still captivated by watercolors. When I mix a watercolor wash and brush it onto the paper, I still get a thrill. I've ruined many a piece of watercolor paper, but I still keep trying. The pleasure of seeing the light coming through the layers of watercolor keeps me going.

I hope you enjoy your art materials as much as I do, and I hope you'll never lose the thrill of creating art.

Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Classes:

PAL members Nancy Sefton and Laura Dicus are teaching classes for the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation this spring and summer. Nancy's 5 week "Watercolor Painting: Beginning/Intermediate" class has begun. Laura is offering a wide range of classes: some are one class session and others are for six weeks. Many of her offerings are still available. Here are a few of her classes: "Watercolor Materials Workshop" 1 class; "Shadows and Light" 4 weeks; "Color Basics Workshop" 1 class; "It's Not Just About Color!" 1 class; "Mixing Greens Workshop" 1 class; "Watercolor Pencils Workshop" 2 classes; "Floral Watercolor Weekend Workshop" 2 classes, "Fibonacci Simplified Workshop" 2 classes; "Painting Trees in Watercolor" 1 class session; "Painting Skies in Watercolor" 1 session, and "Painting Sunrise/Sunset in Watercolor" 1 session. For more information, activity guides are available at the Parks and Recreation Department. Their website is www.cityofpoulsbo.com

Current Exhibits and Sales

Poulsbo City Hall ~ Various members Contact: Nancy Sefton Nancy also has her work at Poulsbo Athletic Club through mid June.

Central Market in Poulsbo ~ various members Contact: Richard Daugherty
Lisa Stowers sold her painting “Beets” at the above venue.

Hospice in Silverdale ~ various members Contact: Marge Keeton
**You may wish to use paintings returning from Central Market for the Hospice showing.

Edward Jones Building~ various members

Laura Dicus has her art at Bluewater Artworks gallery on an ongoing basis.

Liz Haney has her art at Savage Plant Nursery gift shop, Highway 104, Kingston. She is also showing at Mercantile (used to be Shabby Chic) on 11th Street, Bremerton. Liz reports that it is a really fun shop.

Mary Saurdiff has a photographic exhibit at Jak’s in Poulsbo during the month of May.

**If you are exhibiting anywhere and would like to have it listed here, you need to let the secretary know at least by the last week of the month. Also – if you have a show that closes, please let me know so I can remove it from the newsletter.

Venue	Collect Art	Hang Art	Return Art
Central Market	July	July	July
Hospice	TBA	TBA	TBA
Edward Jones	TBA	TBA	TBA

Announcements and Art Cartoon

May 6 Art Supply Donation: “My name is Roz Heffner and I work for the City of Poulsbo. Mayor Erickson provided me with your e-mail address. My mom was Mary Heffner who was a member of PAL for many years and was ‘part founder’ of The Vested Gallery. As you are probably aware, she passed away a couple years ago. My daughter and I recently went through her ‘spare’ room where she maintained all her art supplies and picture frames and filled up 5 boxes that I would like to donate to the PAL. Four of the five boxes are mostly picture frames (all new or in excellent condition), and the fifth box is miscellaneous art supplies.”

May 27 Point No Point Lighthouse Plein-Air: Plan ahead for an afternoon at Point No Point Lighthouse There will first be a potluck lunch starting at 12:30 with the PAL board providing tableware and beverages. Members are to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. PAL secretary Libby Anderson is docent coordinator for the Friends of PNP Lighthouse and has rented the vacation rental portion of the two story keeper’s quarters. She will also provide tours of the lighthouse, if desired. Remember that we will not be meeting at the church on May 27th. See you all at the light!

Bremerton Art Walks: Bremerton is having Art Walks the first Friday, June through August.

Framing Needs: Laura Zetterberg recommends “Frame Station” 18539 Augusta Avenue, Suquamish (phone 360-697-6030) for your framing needs. She has been extremely happy with their work and says that you will get a discount when you show your PAL membership card.

