

Poulsbo Artist League Newsletter

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WEDNESDAYS NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25 12:30 – 3:00

“I’ve been doing a lot of abstract painting lately, extremely abstract. No brush, no paint, no canvas, I just think about it.” Steven Wright



Birthdays

November-December

Libby Anderson, Maggie Huft, Gaven Kinley, Karin Klein, Vicki Maheu, Pat Mitchell, Jill Newkirk

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Prose from the PAL President:



Your Newsletter is late this month because your president totally forgot about writing this letter. I will put it on my calendar so that I don't overlook it again.

We, the executive board, had an initial meeting to discuss the coming year activities and some very interesting ideas came forth:

- ✚ Membership: How can we improve our membership? Idea one was to contact our existing membership and encourage them to be more active. Idea two was to contact our past members and encourage them to return to PAL. Idea three, suggested by Bill, was to create a Facebook Page showing our art and sharing about PAL and encourage the readers to visit and join.
- ✚ Other Activities: Some of these ideas were also discussed at our annual meeting. Guest Artists...do we want more during the year? Encourage art demonstrations by PAL members. Plein-air outings...I would like to see us do more of that. Field trips...this can also add more interest to our group.
- ✚ One other suggestion as to how we can be recognized in our community was to reach out to the children during Poulsbo Art Festival. We would set up another canopy for children to paint their own greeting cards. We will need time and help to develop this idea so we can share it with you at another time.

Give these ideas some thought.

I look forward to serving you again as president for another year.

Garven

PAL Ponderings/Christmas Lunch

PAL Ponderings by Vice President Bill Fulton

1. Why do you paint? I paint to satisfy an urge. It's not primarily because I want to show my paintings off, or to make money through my art. It's just that I love seeing visual art and I love the creative process of making art. There's something tactile that I love, the working with brushes and pencils and paper, and there's the excitement of seeing an image come alive under my hand. A visual artist is always looking for color and value and shape in everyday life, so we can re-create that in a piece of art. I also enjoy seeing my progress. I'm better this year than I was last year, and that's progress!

2. a. What subjects seem to sell the most in our area? Since I haven't sold any paintings, I'm not a very good one to ask! But I would guess that paintings with local interest are going to sell best, especially with a locally identifiable subject. I like to paint local barns and rural scenes, marine subjects such as boats and harbors, landscapes that have a Pacific Northwest feel, and street scenes with figures. I think Kitsap County is full of fascinating subjects, and I assume art buyers will too!

b. Your feelings about pricing. I like my art works and I don't really want to get rid of them, so I put my highest prices on the ones I like best. That being said, I really don't have an objective way to set a price. When I asked someone about prices, she said, "Three times the cost of the frame." Since framing costs so much, that's probably as good a way as any to set a price.

c. Any other ideas that would help us all succeed in our artistic endeavors. I think it's important to keep showing our work in local venues. It keeps us challenged to produce new art, and it keeps us in the public eye. I think perhaps we could do more things that bring public awareness of our endeavors.

I hope you'll answer Nancy's survey. I can't wait to see what answers others have!

PAL Christmas Party and Miniature Exchange

Can you believe that it is once again time for our fun and festive PAL Christmas Party and Miniature Painting Exchange? The date is Wednesday, December 2 at the Whiskey Creek Steakhouse in Keyport at 11:30. It is always fun to exchange art work. Your piece is to be no larger than 5" by 7" before the mat and frame. Sign up on line by responding to secretary Libby Anderson or on PAL Wednesdays with our Christmas lunch event planner Laura Zetterberg.

Current Exhibits and Sales

Poulsbo City Hall ~ Various members Contact: Nancy Sefton

Central Market in Poulsbo ~ various members Contact: Richard Daugherty
Judy Guttormsen and **Karin Klein** have recently sold paintings.

Hospice in Silverdale ~ various members Contact: Marge Keeton

Edward Jones Building~ various members **Nancy Sefton** has recently sold two paintings at this venue.

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 in Bremerton.

Ildiko Deaky has her work on display at Liberty Bay gallery in Poulsbo, on an ongoing basis.

**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	Jan 13	Jan 16	Jan 20
Hospice	April	April	April
Edward Jones	TBA	TBA	TBA

Art Opportunities/Survey/Cartoon/Order

Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Fall Class offered by Nancy Sefton

The Magic of Watercolor: 5 weeks

Mondays 12:30 – 1:30

October 25-November 23....This class is also offered from January 25-February 22.

Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Fall Class Offered by Julia Turk

Pastel Portrait Painting and Drawing

Wednesdays 9:30-12:00

November 4-December 23 (not on Nov. 11 or Nov. 25).....This class also offered in January.

To register online <https://secure.rec1.com/WA/poulsbo-parks-recreation/>



Member Survey:

Nancy Sefton is putting together a short article, actually a members' survey, for a future PAL newsletter, on "Why We Paint", i.e., for enjoyment alone?--- simply to see one's works on display?--- or mainly to sell? etc. Feel free to remain anonymous!

---And most important, based on PAL members' experience, your opinion re: (1) what subjects seem to sell the most in our area, (2) feelings about pricing, and any other ideas that would help us all succeed in our artistic endeavors. Please send Nancy your own thoughts by mid-December, to nrsefton@comcast.net. Even just a few words would be appreciated. A big thank you goes to those whom have already responded! Nancy would like this survey to appear in the January 2016 newsletter.

Cheap Joe's Order:

Laura Zetterberg is putting together an order from Cheap Joe's. See her if you wish to add to this order. We have not had to pay shipping in the past as our combined orders have been large enough to qualify for free shipping. She is hoping to order by mid November.

December Darkness:

A reminder to all members that we do not gather to paint on the second, third, fourth or fifth Wednesdays in December due to it being such a busy time of year. We will begin again in on the first Wednesday in the New Year which will be January 6, 2016. Also note that this a combined November/December newsletter.