

Poulsbo Artist League Newsletter

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WEDNESDAYS

MAY 4, 11, 18, 25

12:30 – 3:30

“The Artist is no other than he who unlearns what he has learned, in order to know himself.” E. E. Cummings



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Prose from the PAL President:



Dear PAL,

Having talked to several people regarding a plein-air, one place that sounds attractive is Island Lake Park. It is close by and easy to get to. There is a covered eating area with a number of picnic tables as well as other tables in the open.

If you go online you can see that the park has good potential for painting scenes, plus there are directions if you have never been there. I am suggesting going on May 25th. If the weather remains good as it has been we will have a summer like outing.

This will be a potluck so bring your favorite dish and we will all enjoy lunch and the fellowship.

If you have any questions or suggestions talk to me.

Keep on painting.
Garven Kinley

PAL Pets: New idea being bantered about: Join the conversation about painting our pets or neighbor's pets, etc. and have a showing at perhaps our Central Market venue entitled something like "PAL Pets". Make your thoughts known to Jill Newkirk or Judy Guttormsen.

PAL Ponderings

PAL Ponderings by Vice President Bill Fulton

When I was in grade school, I started music lessons with the baritone horn. The reason I played the baritone horn was because my cousin had a baritone horn he had given up on playing and I inherited it. I remember clearly the practice record printed in columns on a white card, and how hard I had to practice to be able to finally scrawl '30' for the number of minutes in the daily column. It was drudgery.

They say that practice makes perfect, and they may be right. I'm not sure – practice sounds so monotonous and boring. But I do perceive that the more I practice my art, the better the results.

I'd rather not think of it as practice. I'd rather think of it as another chance to try a drawing or a watercolor. Every time I start a new piece of art, I'm anticipating something great. That couldn't fall under the category of 'practice,' could it?

So I try to sketch, draw, and paint as often as I can. When I'm in meetings, I often pull out my sketchbook and draw the faces around me. I find that I can still listen to the meeting; in fact I think that using my hands prevents me from mentally checking out of the meeting. Maybe it's some kind of attention deficit disorder, who knows?

When I'm having coffee at Starbucks, I pull out my sketchbook and draw the people around me. Usually they're too absorbed in their smartphone or their conversation to notice me. Besides, I'm very surreptitious and I don't attract any attention to my drawing.

In the evening I often pull up a portrait on my internet portrait group and draw or paint it. Sometimes I'll listen to music while I draw and I get absorbed into my little world. It's a great way to practice portraits.

When I have free time on my days off, I try to make a watercolor, even if it's just a quick sketch. It doesn't have to be perfect. I know that the more I paint, the better I'll get. I tell myself that every failure is another learning opportunity.

Lately I noticed that I've been using up a lot of paint and paper. That means I have to order more supplies – another expense! But it's all right. If I've been using up art supplies, it means I'm practicing... and getting better.

I wish you the best in your practice of art!

Current Exhibits and Sales

Poulsbo City Hall ~ Various members Contact: Nancy Sefton **Lisa Stowers** recently sold a 3 panel painting.

Central Market in Poulsbo ~ various members Contact: Richard Daugherty

Jak's ~ various members ~ Contact: Mary Staurdiff and Marge Keeton

Edward Jones Building~ various members **Nancy Sefton** has recently sold two paintings at this venue and Liz Haney, one.

Poulsbo Library ~ various members Contact: Maggie Huft, Nancy Sefton

Liz Haney has her art at Savage Plant Nursery gift shop, Highway 104, Kingston.

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	June 22	June 25	June 29
Jak's	May 18	TBA	May 25
Edward Jones	TBA	TBA	TBA
Poulsbo Library	June 15	June 20	June 22

Changing Art at Our Venues

Jak's

It is time to change the paintings at Jak's. The wall space will accommodate about 25 smaller paintings. They will be collected on Wednesday, May 15 with the paintings currently on display returned on May 22. Contact persons: Mary Saurdiff and Marge Keeton

Library Hangings

The Friends of Poulsbo Library have a book sale every four months. Our artwork needs to coincide as the wall where PAL art is displayed is lined with shelves during their book sale. So this is a convenient time to renew our display, and the next changeover will be bring your new art work to PAL on June 15; take down the current paintings on June 17 with new ones to be hung on June on June 20. Future Friends of Poulsbo Library Book Sales are October 15 and February 18.

Painting Demo at Poulsbo Library

After the short talk about PAL by Garven Kinley, Nancy Sefton, and Liz Haney on February 1st, we were invited by the Poulsbo Library to stage a couple of painting demos on their main floor this fall, probably October. More information will be forthcoming, but right now it appears that it will be two sessions, a week apart. Each session could feature two or more members, working in different mediums. Library patrons will simply stop by to watch this event which will be well promoted in advance. Members' feedback on ways to make this an extra special event are very welcome. (Who knows! The artist may actually end up selling the painting he/she is working on, right there on the spot!)

City Hall

Nancy Sefton has updated our inventory of City Hall paintings for this spring. If you weren't at the April 13th meeting when the new list was passed around, and you want to be reminded regarding specific works you may have hanging there, email Nancy at nrsefton@comcast.net, after May 14th. When you exchange paintings at City Hall be sure to let her know so that the Inventory list reflects the current paintings. Several members have sold art from this venue.

The Artist's Edge in Silverdale has offered me the front wall in the store for my artwork for the months of May and June. They said I can advertise for the Poulsbo Artist League; so I was planning on having membership forms there. They also said that they would be willing to have other members display there - but people would have to make those arrangements themselves. I am not in charge of this. It could be an individual show - or maybe 2-3 members combined. (There is 16 foot of wall space to fill.)

They would want to see samples of the work people want to display. They are letting me hang that nude I've been having difficulty getting shown anywhere - but they did mention no political or religious material. Also, they take 40% of sales.

Good opportunity.
Maggie Huft

Maggie also noted this website of interest: Artwork of partially nude woman in window leads to fines; gallery sues

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/04/20/artwork-partially-nude-woman-leads-to-fines-gallery-sues.html?intcmp=trending>

Announcements

Calling All Artists! Enter to win!

Over \$2,000 in prizes! Professional, Amateur and Student Categories

Peninsula Music & Arts Society

Presents



***Saturday, May 7 10:00-4:00 at Northwest College of Art and Design
16301 Creative Dr. Ne – Poulsbo***

**Artist Entry info at Artists Edge
18723 WA-305, Poulsbo**

www.TheMusicAndArt.com

An update from Andie Anderson: We've extended our lease for another six months here in Cedar City. So that is where you will find me. Just Graduated from SUU Venture Program in Humanities and am entertaining the thought of taking some additional classes. SUU is an amazing University as well as this community that offers so much cultural education. Shakespeare Festival will be in full force this summer as well as the opening of the SUMA...Southern Utah Museum of Art in June. Come on down.....and enjoy all that Southern Utah has to offer. Love to All, and Joie de Vivre, Andie, Adrienne Marie, Adam and Jeffrey Dean a/k/a The little Emperor (now 17 Months and rules our world)

*Andie also submitted our art quote for this month's newsletter.

Art Inspirations/Outreach/Cartoon

Models for Artwork

People have asked me where I get models for artwork.

I use this site: <http://www.posespace.com/default.aspx> I have four of their books; however you can download just one pose at a time. I just finished a painting that I want to display places and don't want to run into copyright issues - so I went back and bought the one pose. It cost me only \$5.99 - and there are 30 versions of that pose. Prices may vary. They shoot the model on a round turntable - and the versions are of the model as if the turntable is moved around.

Maggie Huft

Promoting High School Art

Recently the PAL board agreed to help with the scholarship committee for Kitsap Arts and Crafts held in Kingston in July. We are just helping, not funding a scholarship as we have committed prize money for the Paint Poulsbo to be held on May 7th. I am willing to meet with the applicants as is Julia Turk, would like at least one more person to interview the students. Judy Guttormsen also said she could help with interviews which will take place in early June. Also need people to contact the art teachers at Kingston HS and Spectrum I will try to meet the teachers at North Kitsap HS, and West Sound. I have cover letters and the application forms to give them. Hope you will step forward as one of our purposes is to promote art in the community and this is a great way to do it. In the past we have given money for this, but since we are funding Paint Poulsbo we won't contribute this year. There are opportunities to participate individually in the Kingston show and I will have more info on that later.

Thanks, Elizabeth Haney

