

# Poulsbo Artist League Newsletter

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## PAL Meetings

### Regular Meetings

12:30—3:30 PM

Vinland Lutheran Church

2750 NW Finn Hill Rd  
Poulsbo, WA 98370

### Quote of the Month

"A goal without a plan is only a dream."

- [www.artistswhothrive.com](http://www.artistswhothrive.com)

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

Although it doesn't feel like spring (at least not while I'm writing this), flowers are starting to blossom and fill our gardens with color. It's the perfect time to pick a few and try out some of the techniques learned in Nina Dempsey's "Loosen Up" workshop.

In case you missed Nina's presentation, or if you just didn't have time to jot down some of her ideas, here are a few quotations and tips on "loosening up" your paintings:

- "Plan like a turtle; paint like a rabbit." *Edgar Whitney*
- "Painting loose doesn't mean you're out of the driver's seat." *Cathy Woo*
- "I prefer a brush that's too big for the size of my paper. It keeps me from obsessing about detail and treats me to plenty of surprises." *Mary Bloksma*
- Think big and make big shapes.
- Use a combination of soft, hard, and dry brush edges. The soft edges make your eye move across a painting.

Some of us also were intrigued by several interesting colors and materials:

- Buff Titanium - an opaque beige that is good for sand. Nina used sandpaper and a watercolor pencil to add texture to it.
- Cobalt Teal - a beautiful, opaque blue that resembles tropical waters.
- Permanent Brown (Daniel Smith) - a rich, transparent, reddish brown.
- Recipe for black (from Judy Morris): 1/8 tube Sepia, 1/8 tube Cerulean Blue, 2/3 tube Windsor Green, one 1 tube Windsor Red (14 oz. tubes).
- Ox Gall - a liquid flow enhancer that can be added to paint to help it move on the paper.
- Gum Arabic - a liquid that can be added to paint to hold it in place.

With all these tips and ideas, we can enjoy trying a style that is more free and loose. Thank-you, Nina, for sharing your knowledge and talent with us!

Lisa



## PAL Calendar

### This Month

Regular Meetings 12:30—3:30 PM:

Wednesday, May 4—Nancy Sefton's Demo "**Computer-Prep Your Paintings**"

Wednesday, May 11 —Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 18 —\*\* NO Meeting at Vinland

\*\*PAL Outing to Daniel Smith's in Seattle\*\*

Wednesday, May 25 —Regular Meeting

## Happy Birthday!

### Happy March Birthdays

Kathy Johnson May 2

Mary Sardiff May 7

Phillip Chirmara May 11

Pricilla Preus \*Everyday\*

## PAL NOTABLES

**Laura Dicus** is May's Notable of the Month. Her painting has placed 6th out of the Top Fifteen in the 2011 International Art Show, Part I \*Realism Category\* Her entry is a watercolor entitled "Evanescent Peace". Last year her "Crocus" WC painting came in 5th. She is a wonderful artist with an extraordinary brilliance for detail. Congratulations to Laura and please go to this website for viewing pleasure. <http://www.guestsgallery.com/11IASRealism.htm>

We are so lucky to have you in our group, Laura.....You are awesome!

Visit Laura's "Link" on our Website to view her Web Page and beautiful work.

### PAL Newsletter Editor:

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Hostmark WC Teacher

Request from Nancy Sefton who will be Volunteering for Host Mark Retirement Village.

Nancy spoke to someone who lives at Hostmark apts. today and they wondered about getting help with watercolors. She committed to instructing **two Tuesdays** per month in the afternoon until she leaves town about June 15<sup>th</sup> for the summer. She I can help out again starting late Aug. So would there be a PAL member willing to help teach during the summer? - Please let Nancy know ASAP- email:

Nancy Sefton Event Chairperson: [nrsefton@comcast.net](mailto:nrsefton@comcast.net)

This is fun and we would like to fulfill our volunteer position at Host Mark.

## Welcome New Members

Wow! We have three new amazing women who have joined our Group!

Please welcome **Karla Koths, Diane Jackson and Lindsey Craig**. All are interested in learning new techniques and expressing their talents. Lindsey is an author of children's books who wishes to pursue illustrating them. Be sure to say "Hi" and introduce yourself at the meetings. Please remember to wear your name tags.

## *EXHIBITS*

- Coastal Cafe** in Kingston ~ Mary Sardiff is exhibited  
**Hospice** in Silverdale ~ various Member's artwork exhibited.  
**Kenneth L Hair Salon** in Poulsbo ~ various Member's artwork exhibited.  
**Jac's Café** in Poulsbo ~ April 15-July 15 ~ Pam Asan, Laura Dicus are exhibited.  
**Hot Shot's** in Poulsbo ~ Maggie Huft has her work displayed.  
**Male Hair Preference** in Silverdale ~ Mike Clayton has his work exhibited.

## *Up and Coming Events in May*

### **Wednesday, May 4 – Demo Nancy Sefton** -"Computer-Prep Your Paintings."

- ◆ Plan your paintings, using the computer to determine placement of subjects, background colors, values, etc.
- ◆ 1:00 -1:30 PM ~ ½ hour multi-media presentation.
- ◆ Nancy will bring a projector, screen and laptop.
- ◆ Bring your usual painting materials.

### **Wednesday, May 18 – PAL Group Outing** ~ Daniel Smith Tour, Seattle

Since Vinland Church is having a Conference in the meeting rooms, we will not be having an Artist's Session. A PAL Group Outing is planned for a Daniel Smith Tour in Seattle. We will advise you all as to specific details when they are finalized. It is anticipated that a tour, demonstration, catered lunch, and class in the afternoon will be part of the activities.

Cost for class and lunch is \$27.00, in addition to ferry transportation fees.

Judy Guttormsen and Lisa Stowers, Event Co-Chairs.

Please sign up as soon as possible ~ coordinated carpooling.

## *CLASSES AND OPPORTUNITIES*

### **Artist's Edge Derek Gundy**

[www.artistsedge.com](http://www.artistsedge.com)

(360) 779-2337

### **Michele Zarb Painting in Oils**

Tuition: \$160/month (4 sessions)  
 next session begins next Tuesday,  
 May 3rd at Artists' Edge in Poulsbo

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

### **Chris Britton Cartooning (3 week class)**

Tuition: \$175

Saturdays 10-12 beginning May 7th

### **Fingers Duke (A Knowing)**

705 Pacific Avenue  
 Bremerton, WA

A new design studio and gallery has been opened this year by talented Graphic designers, Greg Cook and Mark Gaviglioi, who are graduates from the Northwest Art School in Poulsbo. It is worthy of a look with a fresh eye as to what our talented, young creative minds are producing. They offer many services, so check them out!

Next Friday, May 6, is the Art Walk in Bremerton. Stop by to see the Studio and Gallery what they have to offer, also visit their website: [www.fingersduke.com](http://www.fingersduke.com)

## ***PAL NEWS & FYI CORNER***

**POULSBO FARMER'S MARKET** – 7th & Iverson, Saturdays April 9 thru October 22, 2011 FROM 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will be participating with our PAL booth on Saturday, June 25~ ~ See Upcoming Events for Details. We will need volunteers of Four (2 for 2 hours 9-11 and then 2 for the last 2 hours 11-1). Set up at 8:15am to place the tent and ready the space for viewing. Lisa Stowers is the Event Chairperson.

### **APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE – ARTISTS TAKE A BOW**

**Lisa Stowers** designed this year's Poster for the summer-long Poulsbo Farmer's Market 2011 Event (See our Bulletin Board) Think we should have T-shirts made up just for the PAL Group at Fingers Duke?

**Laura Dicus** has placed 6th out of the Top Fifteen in the 2011 International Art Show, Part I \*Realism Category\* Her entry is a watercolor entitled "Evanescent Peace" (below).

**Judy Guttormsen** has been accepted in the National Water Color Society exhibit IN San Pedro CA - NWS All Member Juried Exhibition May 15 – June 12, 2011 NWS Building, 915 South Pacific Ave., San Pedro, CA 90731 NWS invites you to attend the reception for the 2011 All Member Exhibition on Sunday, May 15, 2011, 2–5pm. Her entry is entitled the "Waiting Room" (below). Anyone up for a Road Trip?

<http://www.nationalwatercolorsociety.org>



*Evanescent Peace* by Laura Dicus



*The Waiting Room* by Judy Guttormsen

### **INVITATION TO Nita Johnson's EXHIBIT**

#### **Greenspot Teahouse and Gallery**

April 1 to May 31, 2011 3318 Bridgeport Way West, Suite B

Gallery Hrs: M-F 8-5 University Place WA

Sat: 10-5 Closed Sunday Phone: 253-565-2832

**Poulsbo Art League Trip to Tacoma** was enjoyed by all! If you get a chance, be sure to see the Norman Rockwell Exhibit. Highly recommended at the Tacoma Art Museum.

American Chronicles: Norman Rockwell

February 26 through May 30, 2011 ~ View Website: <http://www.tacomaartmuseum.org>

## *Up and Coming Events for the Summer*

### **Mark your Calendars – It's going to be a busy summer!** **UP AND COMING SUMMER EVENTS**

#### **SURPRISES are in THE WORKS**

The Venue Committee is planning for several "Plein Aire" outings this summer and working on the details. They will advise when finalized.

The Venue Committee is always interested in your ideas and feedback.  
Lisa Stowers, Marge Keeton, Nancy Sefton, Pam Asan, Diane and Mike Clayton

### **JUNE**

#### **June 24-26, 2011**

**Third Annual Plein Air & More at the Cannon Beach Gallery Group** [www.cbgallerygroup.com](http://www.cbgallerygroup.com)

#### **June 25, 2011**

**POULSBO FARMER'S MARKET** – 7th & Iverson, Saturdays April 9 thru October 22

Lisa Stowers Event Chairperson Contact her for additional information & volunteering.  
Kudos to Lisa, also, who designed the poster for the Market Show...(See our Bulletin Board)  
We will be participating with our PAL booth on Saturday, June 25 and will need volunteers of Four (2 for 2 hours 9-11 and then 2 for the last 2 hours 11-1). We will start to set up at 8:15am to place the tent and ready the space for viewing.

For the Exhibit, small to medium sized paintings are suggested as there will not be space for Large representations. Also, Cards and Postcards, Prints etc. are encouraged. It will be a good venue for our group. More information to come. Questions are always welcome. Help is always needed.

### **JULY**

#### **July 1-August 1, 2011**

#### **KITSAP ARTS AND CRAFTS**

Information sent to you via email with Application Form. Volunteers are always welcome.  
Kitsap Arts & Crafts Festival celebrates its 52nd Anniversary in Kingston with open and juried art shows, artisans and craft vendors, food, ...  
<http://www.kitsapartsandcrafts.com> for more information.

### **AUGUST**

#### **August 19-21, 2011**

#### **Poulsbo Art Festival**

Friday 10:00 – 6:00  
Saturday 11:00 – 6:00  
Sunday 11:00 – 5:00

Mike Clayton is the Event Chairperson and details will be available in upcoming newsletters.  
We will have a display tent, as usual, which will be manned by volunteers in 2,3,4 hour shifts.  
This is always a wonderful venue to showcase your work and it is a lot of fun.  
We look forward to participating again this year. Any questions, contact Mike.