

Poulsbo Artist League  
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**January 2024**

see us on Facebook at **Poulsbo Artist League Facebook Group**

**December Poulsbo Artist League Annual Christmas Party**

December 7 was the PAL annual Christmas party and exchange of miniatures. Thank you to Kay Boyce, Sheri Comfort, Margot Baeder, and Teri Bradwin for organizing and decorating. We had the new Poulsbo Chilis cater the food. It was a good time for all and no miniature of socks of coal were exchanged.



## One Wednesday a Month

**Nov. 15th -**

Guest speaker, Len Eisenhood, a very gifted and passionate artist demonstrated how he creates his own marbled papers and creates complex landscapes.



*Figure 1 Len drops paint onto gelatin surface prior to marbling.*



*Figure 2 tray with gelatin and paint*



*Figure 3 A rapt audience watches the marbling process*

See Len's art at <http://www.leneisenhoodart.com/>

### **January 17, 2024 Old & New**

Old & New – Janie will lead; this is an opportunity for you to share with Us an example of your artwork from the past (Old), to what your artwork looks like Today (New).

Bring in a few pieces of your artwork and be prepared to discuss the following with Us:

1. Please tell us your name, how long you have been a member of PAL, the art work title and art media used.
2. What art media have you used in the past and what is your favorite media to use now (watercolor, acrylic, pencil, pen & ink, etc.?)
3. What art subjects have you painted in the past and what is your favorite subject to paint now (landscapes, flowers, birds, people, rocks, etc.)
4. What do you enjoy creating the most (can be media, subject, etc.)?
5. In comparing your new artwork to your older artwork, what have learned about yourself and your art?
6. What are your artwork goals, and is there anything PAL can do to help you to achieve your goals?

### **Feb. 21, 2024 –Make your own Concertina Sketchbook**

Judy Guttormsen will demonstrate how to “Make Your Own Concertina Sketchbook”. A concertina sketchbook is a sketchbook that is bound in a non-traditional way so that there is effectively just one long page that is folded like an accordion into a sketchbook size. They can be enjoyed as one long work of art or they can be paged through like a traditional sketchbook.

### **March 20, 2024–Collage**

Bring in torn up used paper, tissue paper, old water color art (to be torn up) wrapping paper etc. Set up a still life in the room to create from these scrapes from the past. We would need to bring our craft glue and a panel or paper to create from. This will be fun.

### **April 17,2024 – tentative challenge**

This could be a challenge of painting in monotone colors only, all browns, all grays, and all blacks. A still life could be set up???

### **May 15,2024 – Bill Fulton demo**

### **June 19,2024– tentative; Name this painting!**

Artists to bring in a painting and receive help in arriving at a name for the painting.

### **July 17,2024 – David Repyak**

Teacher and artist, David Repyak will be giving a presentation on composition with a little color theory. Perhaps on abstract landscape (Earth, Water, Sky) (Valerie West coordinating)

**August 21,2024** – No confirmation; Perhaps the Artist Edge would give a talk on proper care of brushes, i.e., oil painting brushes, watercolor brushes, acrylic brushes etc.

### **September 18,2024 ?**

October 2 nd – PAL Annual Meeting

### **October 16, 2024?**

### **November 20, 2024?**

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## **Calendar & Exhibits**

### **PAL Exhibits and Sales**

**Poulsbo City Hall** ~ various members ~ Contact: Robbi Beery. We have been asked by the Mayor to report any changes in City Hall hangings, should you sell a painting and replace it. The City Hall staff needs an accurate inventory on file. So please report to Kati Diehl at the 3rd floor desk, or leave a note, with your name and the titles of the works involved. You may also email her: [kdiehl@cityofpoulsbo.com](mailto:kdiehl@cityofpoulsbo.com).

### **Town &Country (formerly Central Market) in Poulsbo**

Contact Bill Fulton and Garven Kinley

**Edward Jones Building**~ various members ~ Contact: Judy Guttormsen

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Collect Art</b>	<b>Hang Art</b>	<b>Return Art</b>
<b>Central Market</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Edward Jones	TBA	TBA	TBA
City Hall	TBA	TBA	TBA

### **Member Exhibits**

Janie Easley Ballard is exhibiting at the Treehouse Café on Bainbridge Island and at the Artist's Edge in Poulsbo.

*\*\*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.*

### **A Fellow Art League.... Port Ludlow Art League**

Our new member, Janie Easley Ballard, is also a member of the Port Ludlow Art League. We have asked her to give us some ideas of how another art league does things. Here are her notes:

1. PLAL annual dues are \$40 (you can get the membership application on the website and mail in a check)
2. PLAL has a non-profit status
3. Artist demonstrations are paid \$100
4. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm.
  - a. They are started with a meeting and then the demo is from about 2-3pm.
  - b. Our meetings are regularly advertised and guests are invited to attend. The Membership board member greets everyone at the entrance, has them sign in, gives members their name tags, collects \$5 from guests and gives guests a blank name tag to put their name on. This is a good way to increase membership.
  - c. Coffee and goodies are provided (one of the Board members coordinates volunteers to bring goodies and the coffee is provided).



The meetings are held 6 months at the Bay Club and 6 months at the Beach Club.

5. The PLAL has a Gallery. It is a room right next to the Sound Community Bank in PL. The bank has let us use this space for our Gallery for many years – at no charge! It has its own entrance. There is a Board member in charge of the Gallery (Gallery Manager). She changes out the artwork every 2 months. Members provide her with information for labels and she prints them all out ahead of time (so the labels all look alike). It is very nicely done. We have wall art, a note card rack, print rack, ceramics, textiles, woodwork, lavender, jewelry, pine needle baskets, etc. You are all welcome to come and visit us! It is located at 9500 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow. The current hours are Tuesday-Friday Noon-4pm. Members have to pay \$5 a month advertising fee and work in the Gallery once every 1-2 months. Members collect their own sales tax (it is included in each price). Currently we do not have the means to take a credit/debit card. The customers can go next door at the bank to get cash. As sales are made, a 3-copy receipt is written – 1 copy to buyer, 1 copy to artist, 1 copy in book. The artist's money is put in their file and a phone call if made to the artist to let them know they have money – YEAH! Love those sales ☐ We have an Artist & Jeweler of the Month who displays their artwork inside the bank, with special advertisement for them.

6. We currently have 4 Art Fairs a year:

- a. Spring Art Fair at the Bay Club - Memorial Day
- b. Port Ludlow Performing Arts – Art Fair – on lawn in front of the PL Inn – Summer
- c. Labor Day Art Fair – on lawn in front of the PL Inn – September
- d. Holiday Art Fair at the Beach Club, November 25 th , Saturday this year –PLEASE COME!

7. Merchant Exhibits

- a. Beach Club
- b. Bay Club
- c. Coldwell Banker Realty
- d. Post Office
- e. Active Life Physical Therapy

8. We have a website. Members can have a bio and photos of their paintings up:  
[PortLudlowArt.org/Janie Easley Ballard](http://PortLudlowArt.org/JanieEasleyBallard)

- a. There is a link to the current membership list and other links/info

I really enjoy attending the Poulsbo Artist League. You are all so nice and welcoming! I am really looking forward to know each of you and participating in many of the opportunities to display our artwork. I am hoping PAL will become involved in CAFNW, as they offer many wonderful opportunities for artists.

## Member Profiles

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Janie Easley Ballard is one of our newest members. Here is her artist biography so we can all get to know her better.

Janie Easley Ballard, a gifted artist proficient in watercolor, collage, and acrylic mediums, originates from the sun-kissed landscapes of California and currently calls beautiful Port Ludlow, Washington, home with her husband. Her lifelong love of art was nurtured by a supportive family that recognized and encouraged her innate talent. High school became a pivotal chapter in Janie's artistic journey, as a cherished art teacher sparked her inspiration and guided her passion. Selling her inaugural painting during those early years marked the beginning of a creative odyssey that has flourished in her retirement. Janie's art is a reflection of her love of nature—drawing inspiration from the intricate details of flowers, color hues, and the captivating interplay of sunlight and shadows. Her palette, rich with vibrant colors, echoes the beauty and wonder of nature. For Janie, the process of creating something beautiful is an artful exploration, a means to capture and share the profound beauty that nature bestows upon us.

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[PortLudlowArt.org/Janie Easley Ballard](http://PortLudlowArt.org/JanieEasleyBallard)

[FineArtAmerica.com/profiles/Janie-Easley-Ballard](http://FineArtAmerica.com/profiles/Janie-Easley-Ballard)

*If you are a new or recently joined member please talk to Judy Guttormsen about introducing yourself in the newsletter so we can learn what kind of art you like to do, what inspires you, and a brief biography.*

## PAL WEBSITE

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Please check out our PAL Website at: <https://poulsboartist.com/>' We have been working to improve our website and have more positive changes coming soon.

1. We are adding all member names and the artistic media they use (watercolor, acrylic, pen & ink, pencil, colored pencils, etc.) to the PAL website. Only member's names and media will be entered. The purpose of this is to let site visitors see who our members are, and what their art media is. No phone numbers or contact information will be added here, however, **if you do not want your name on the PAL website please contact Bill as soon as possible and we will honor your request.**

2. As a separate website improvement project, we have added a PAL Member's Art Gallery. As a member of PAL we are offering you a free opportunity to display your artwork online, a web page that is dedicated to you and your art. By directing friends, family, and customers to your PAL web page they can easily see your artwork. This will also demonstrate to site visitors, who may be thinking of joining us, the opportunities we offer members and to learn more about us. Currently, we only have two artists participating, but we are hoping many of you will join us. Please go to the website (under artists) and check it out. The two artists have chosen to post 10 photos of their artwork, an art biography, and their photo. It looks really great.

If you would like to add your artwork to the PAL website do the following:

Send an email to Bill Fulton and include the following information you would like on the website

- [BillFulton2001@yahoo.com](mailto:BillFulton2001@yahoo.com)

1. up to ten images less than 3 MB in size/each
2. a short bio/artist's statement
3. a photo of yourself