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

A Message from our President



Dear PAL members.

Janie Ballard has been busy looking for new places to display our art work which is great. However, we need more artwork to display. Town and Country mezzanine in the past has been and still is a good location for our art. However, we could use more art in that location. And now we have year-round location in the Tree House Cafe in Lynnwood on Bainbridge Is. Here again we will need more artwork. Part of our problem is that we have fewer members due to Covid. That is something we need to address again. We did try to encourage some former members to return by sending cards to them last year but that wasn't very fruitful. But this isn't the reason for this letter.

What I want to suggest is that our members need not feel compelled or limit yourself, to just displaying your latest art. We all have art that we may have displayed in the past which didn't sell but the viewers don't know that or remember seeing them. So, my suggestion is this. Go through your paintings and bring them out of darkness and hang them again in our venues. They won't sell in your closet. This will help us fill up our venues and perhaps put some money in your pocket.

Keep painting.

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PAL Third Wednesday Committee Art Demonstration or Challenges For 2024



By Janie Ballard

January 17, 2024 - Old & New

PAL members shared their artwork from the past (Old), to what their artwork looks like Today (New).

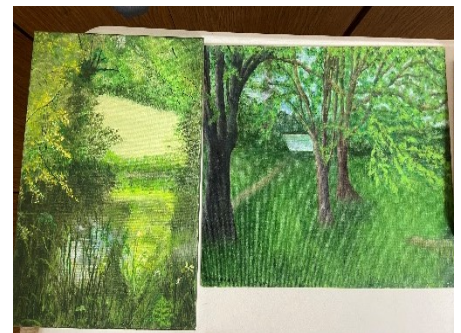


Margot Baeder with her Past Painting

Margot with her present painting



Jill Newkirk talking about her new style



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PAL Third Wednesday Committee Art Demonstrations and Challenges for 2024, Continued



Liz Haney brought the oldest past painting



Jan Lytle discussing her past painting 1



Janie Ballard's old and new

Feb. 21, 2024 – Judy Guttormsen - Make Your Own Concertina Sketchbook”.

PAL Secretary, Judy Guttormsen, will demonstrate two methods on how to make a 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.*

Bring old failed paintings or new paper and scissors. Judy will supply tape and glue.

March 20, 2024 – Jan Lytle - Collage

If you want to make it a Collage play day bring some materials (papers, glue and a backing). Jan prefers to use archival materials but it won't matter for this. Jan will demonstrate how to create a Collage. You can watch or participate,

Challenge for April: The At Home Challenge is to paint or draw a Monochrome Painting/Drawing using ANY ONE COLOR, subject of your choice, and to bring your challenge artwork to the next Third Wed meeting, April 17.

April 17, 2024 – A Monochrome Painting/Drawing Challenge was issued at the March 20th Third Wednesday meeting. The challenge is to paint or draw at home a Monochrome Painting/Drawing using ANY ONE COLOR, subject of your choice. Bring your artwork to this meeting and be prepared to show your challenge artwork to the PAL group and explain your process. Our masterpieces will then be placed on a table for members to admire.

Monochrome means one color. The Old Masters started their paintings this way, usually working out the lighting issues and contrasts in their art by using only gray tones. The most popular monochrome artworks are graphite drawings, but you can paint or draw using any color you like. This lesson is to practice the use of lights, darks and form before delving into the confusion of color.

PAL Third Wednesday Committee Art Demonstrations and Challenges for 2024, Continued

May 15, 2024 – Bill Fulton - Watercolor

PAL Webmaster, Bill Fulton, will be providing a Watercolor demonstration

June 19, 2024 – Name This Painting – an activity lead by Pal member Valerie West.

Bring your artwork to the meeting and receive help in arriving at a name for the painting. Valerie says “I have found that a catchy title often captures the interest of a potential client.”

July 17, 2024 – David Repyak – Composition & Color Theory

A teacher and artist, will be giving a presentation on composition with a little color theory. Perhaps on abstract landscape (Earth, Water, and Sky). Pal member, Valerie West, is coordinating this event.

August 21, 2024 – Andy Mabra - Needle Felting

Andy Mabra, from Amanda’s Art-Yarn shop in Poulsbo, will be demonstrating Needle Felting. Needle felting is a creative craft that involves sculpting small animals, shapes and figures using wool and special felting needles. You can also use the wool felting to create unique artwork.

September 18, 2024 – Carol Durbin - Japanese Brush Painting Sumi-e

Carol Durbin, a local artist from Port Ludlow, will be giving a demonstration on Japanese Brush Painting – Sumi-e.

October 16, 2024 – Ingrid Amirault – Composition, Perspective & Value

PAL member Ingrid Amirault will be giving a demonstration on art composition, perspective & value.

Challenge for November: The At Home Challenge is to paint or draw a Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Winter Painting or Drawing, and to bring your challenge artwork to the next Third Wed meeting, Nov 20th.

November 20, 2024 – A Thanksgiving, Christmas or Winter Painting/Drawing Challenge was issued at the October 16th Third Wednesday meeting. The challenge is to paint or draw at home a Thanksgiving, Christmas or winter artwork and to bring it to this meeting. Our artwork may be any media and any subject related to the challenge. Bring your artwork to this meeting and be prepared to show your challenge artwork to the PAL group and explain your process. Our masterpieces will then be placed on a table for members to admire. This lesson is for Holiday fun!

CALENDAR AND EXHIBITS

EXHIBITS AND SALES OPPORTUNITES

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

Central Market (Town&Country)	Collect art March 13	Hang art March 16	Return art March 20
Edward Jones	TBA	TBA	TBA
City Hall	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tree House Cafe			
Village Green	June 26	June 39 hanging committee needed	TBA

Town &Country (formerly Central Market) in Poulsbo - Contact Bill Fulton and Garven Kinley

Edward Jones Building~ various members ~ Contact: Judy Guttormsen

Member Exhibits & Sales

Kay Boyce, Judy Guttormsen and Janie Easley Ballard are exhibiting at The Treehouse Café, on Bainbridge Island, until the end of February.

Liz Haney is showing her art at Christa Shores and sold a collage painting there.

***If you are exhibiting anywhere and would like to have it listed here, contact the PAL Secretary by the last week of the month. If you have a show that closes, please notify the PAL Secretary regarding any changes or corrections.*

PAL WEBSITE

Please check out our PAL Website at: <https://poulsboartist.com/>

We have been working improve our website and have more positive changes coming soon.

PAL MEMBER NAMES ADDED

We have added 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.

If you do not want your name on the PAL website please contact Bill Fulton.

PAL MEMBER'S ART GALLERY

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.

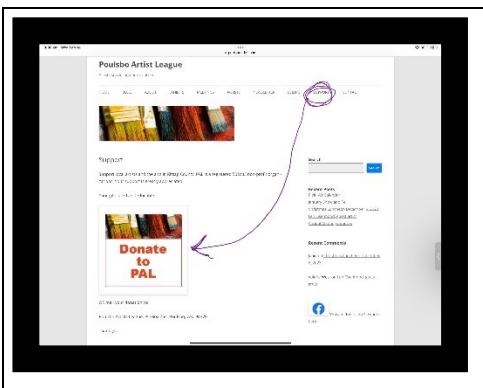
If you would like to add your artwork to the PAL website do the following:

Send an email to Bill Fulton and include the following information you would like on the website - BillFulton2001@yahoo.com

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

PAL WEBSITE DONATION BUTTON

Anyone perusing our website can now donate to PAL. On our website click Support and the Donate button appears. See image below.



KINGSTON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SILENT AUCTION by Terry Bradwin

Margot Baeder, Jan Richards, and I have been volunteering at Kingston Boys and Girls Club teaching art!

The Boys and Girls Club is having their annual auction March 23 to help the club with operating expenses and would love it if any of our PAL artists would like to donate a piece of art for the Silent Auction. They are a 501-C-3 organization so it can be written off as a taxable expense. You need to have art delivered to our PAL meeting by February 28. Please put your contact information on your piece so that a donation letter can be sent to you for tax purposes. Please call Terry Bradwin at 425-543-4884 for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

<https://www.facebook.com/boysandgirlsclubofnk/>

ARTIST TIPS

It does not matter how old you are, if you have formal education in art, or if it is the first time you have held a brush in your hands - if you want to create, you can do it.

Learn the basics of drawing; Everything you need to know about the basics of drawing, like composition, anatomy/figure, perspective, volume, light and shading will serve as a foundation for your paintings.

There is a difference between talent and skill: Talent is a gift from God. Skill takes lots of practice.

Be yourself: Do not compare yourself with anyone – form your own unique style.

Be patient, be kind to yourself: To achieve the desired result, you may need to draw hundreds of pictures. Take time to determine what you want to express to others with your creativity. Have fun!

Draw what comes to your imagination: Take opportunities to unleash your creativity.

Connect with other artists: Connect with other artists to share words of encouragement, inspiration and to learn new techniques. Find someone you

trust and critique each other's art work. Constructive criticism can be helpful and help you to see something that you have missed (but may be obvious to others).

Never stop learning: Look at the works of great artists and try to find perfect lines and shapes. Experiment with form and style, and techniques. Read books, go to art galleries, and watch YouTube videos.

Be willing to try new things: New art can be an endless resource for inspiration.

Open your eyes: Go to familiar places and try to find some little things that you have not noticed before. Look at the colors, the shadows, the people, the buildings, the mountains and the sky. The sky is not just blue –it can be many shades of blue, pink, red, yellow, white, grey, and even black = amazing.

PLEIN-AIR CALENDAR 2024



By Ingrid Amirault

Plein Air season is almost upon us! Our plein air painters are getting ready for painting together outdoors, and the 2024 calendar for PAL plain air outings has been published. A group of us PAL folks will be meeting every Friday between 10am- noon May to September in a pre-specified location.

Plein Aire is a french term meaning painting out in the open air. It is an invigorating process where we have the opportunity to capture the moment - often in a loose impressionistic manner. It aids in seeing color, value, and large shapes. It aids in loose painting techniques. It helps to improve your drawing and composition skills. And best of all - it's fun!

PAL painters will gather, we'll decide on what we want to paint that day and then we'll paint, draw or take pictures. Afterwards we gather again, show each other our work and talk about whatever we discovered that painting day.

Bring your camera, sketch book, pencils, colored pencils, markers, paints and easels. Whatever suits your fancy. Just come out and gather your own image and inspirations. If you can make these paint outs, we welcome you. If not, then we hope to see you on the next paint out.

PAL Plein Air Painters 2024 CALENDAR

MAY 3 – Fish Park Finn Rd Poulsbo

MAY 10 – Silverdale Old Town Waterfront Park

MAY 17 – Port Gamble (Puget Sound Parking Lot)

MAY 24 – Eglon Beach and Boat Launch

MAY 31 – Seabeck Flat Land Big Beef Creek Bird Watching

JUNE 7 – Kingston Waterfront Boat Launch area

JUNE 14 – Shine Tidelands Park

JUNE 21 – Foul Weather Bluff Preserve (Sand Dollar Beach) Hansville

JUNE 28 – Adam Park B.Is

JULY 5 – Seabeck Community Conference Center
JULY 12 – Private Residence Indianola (Address to come)
JULY 19 – Hansville Lighthouse Point No Point
JULY 26 – Port Ludlow Burner Point

PLEIN-AIR CALENDAR 2024, continued

AUGUST 2 – Fort Ward by Lynnwood B. Is.
AUGUST 9 – Marrowstone Mystery Bay State Park
AUGUST 16 – Manette Area Bachmann Park Bremerton
AUGUST 23 – Port Gamble – Meet in the Puget Way Parking Lot
AUGUST 30 – Lazy C. Farm B. Is. address to come

SEPTEMBER 6 – Fat Turnip Farm Eglon Rd Hansville
SEPTEMBER 13 – Fay Bainbridge Park
SEPTEMBER 20 – Poulsbo Gazebo
SEPTEMBER 27 – Winslow Waterfront Park

OCTOBER – TBD if we still are wanting to continue and weather is co-operating.

Artists' Opportunities

John Adams is offering watercolor classes in Port Townsend and on Bainbridge Island. See his website

<http://www.johnadamsdesign.com/Watercolor-Classes.html>

The city of Poulsbo offers art classes and activities. See the list at

<https://cityofpoulsbo.com/parks-recreation-class-activity-brochure/>

Black Barn Fine Art Studio offers classes. You can sign up for their email list for updates on classes, workshops, & events as well their anticipated monthly newsletter



<https://www.blackbarnfineartstudio.com/>