

Poulsbo Artist League

Member Information

General: The Poulsbo Art League "PAL" is a gathering of people interested in all levels of art mediums. PAL originated in 1983 by like-minded individuals who wanted to paint together, offer encouragement among themselves, learn more through having guest professional workshops and demonstrations and just to enjoy the world of art. PAL is an informal organization open to all levels of artists including first time beginners. We direct proceeds toward an annual Art Scholarship Award or to other worthy events which encourage aspiring young artists.

Member Benefits and Services: We continue the goals of the original PAL founding members by offering the following services and benefits.

- 1. Weekly Artist Work Sessions:** We meet each week on Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30 at the Vinland Lutheran Church on Finn Hill Road in Poulsbo. The working sessions are light hearted and informal, with artists working in their own medium. More experienced painters are glad to help beginners upon request. There is a great opportunity to see others' work and have your work reviewed. You are always invited to ask for an informal or formal critique of your work. There are no meetings during the month of December except for our *Annual Christmas Luncheon* on the first Wednesday.
- 2. Weekly Announcements and Monthly Newsletter:** We announce activities such as workshops, demonstrations and other art or PAL business each week on Wednesdays. Monthly, except December, we publish a newsletter that is delivered by email or postal mail (for those without email). Any member can submit information to be included in the newsletter to the secretary. Our newsletters are also posted on the website <http://www.poulsboartist.com>
- 3. Lectures/Workshops/Demonstrations:** PAL schedules several events featuring member and professional artists. The newsletter or special emails are sent to members about these events.
- 4. Participation in Shows and Venues:** All members are eligible to enter these events and show their work. Various Venue Volunteers organize the show or venues and rely on other volunteers to assist them. To participate in shows and local venues, the member must have a signed *Hold Harmless Agreement* submitted to the PAL Secretary. PAL does not have insurance that covers loss, damage or theft of members' artwork. Art to be entered must be framed, glass or Plexiglas (if appropriate), and wired for hanging. Space permitting, you may submit one very large piece, two to three of the 16 X 20 size or five smaller 5 X 7. Each piece must have a PAL ID card. Be prepared to handle your own painting if it weighs 6 pounds or more. All art is signed in and out of the Red Log Book. If a painting is sold, the artist is responsible to update the Red Log Book which is in the PAL storage space at the Vinland Church. We participate in excellent events and venues. We have a specific

show guideline process to help you if you wish to coordinate or participate in a show. These guidelines are in the front of the Red Book. Check with each Venue Volunteer as to how monies from sales are handled.

- 5. *Painting on Location:*** Members are invited to paint on location (plein air) in places around the Puget Sound. PAL members have also hosted these sessions at their residence or local gardens.
- 6. *Field Trips:*** Sometimes we arrange trips to museums and galleries in Seattle, Port Townsend, Gig Harbor, Port Angeles, etc.
- 7. *Group Art Supply Buys:*** On many occasions during the year, a member will get an Art Suppliers Sales Catalog and will put together a group buy which saves a substantial amount of money for participating members. Not only is there savings on the items but in many cases, we get free shipping.
- 8. *Art Store Discounts:*** PAL has arranged to receive discounts of 10% from participating local art stores by showing your PAL membership card. The Artists Edge (in Silverdale and Poulsbo) is an example.

Dues: Annual Dues are \$35.00 per year. Dues are payable by the end of October. New member's dues are \$35.00 if becoming a member before March 1. After that date, new member dues will be assessed at \$20.00 for the remainder of the membership year. A membership roster is available to members each January.

Annual Meeting and Potluck: The Annual Meeting and Potluck is held the last Wednesday in September at the Vinland Church. A *Nominating Committee* is formed in July to gather and submit nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We additionally have the nonelected positions of Sunshine and Webmaster. New officers will assume their duties on the 1st of each October. At the meeting, a vote will be taken for all candidates for the Officers, a report of Financial Status will be presented, and all ideas and issues pertinent to the general membership will be discussed with any actions taken as needed.

Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange: The Christmas Party is held the first week of December at a place selected by the committee. All members and their spouse or guest may attend this great event. There is an optional gift exchange at the party. If you choose to participate in the wrapped gift exchange, an approximate 5X7-inch original piece of art (before framing) can be brought for exchange with other members. The art piece is also wired for hanging. (Please, no claw type hanging devices).

Again, Welcome to PAL: All the members look forward to getting to know you and your work. Please get involved in the committees, activities and the benefits that PAL has to offer. If you have other artist friends or acquaintances that may want to join, please bring them to PAL Work Sessions on Wednesday and introduce them to the group. Remember that suggestions to the Board are always welcome.