



# PAA NEWS

## Calendar

### Next Board Meeting

- ◆ **Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 10 am**, at the gallery. Members welcome to attend.

### Next General Meetings and Workshops at the Santa Fe Depot

- ◆ **Meeting: Friday, March 25, 7 pm.**  
Demo by Pastellist, Suzie Stach.  
**Workshop: Saturday, March 26,** from 10 am to 3pm, Pastel, **Suzie Stach.**
- ◆ **Meeting: Friday, April 22, 7 pm,** with **Glen Hill** demo, Portraits in Oil.  
**Workshop: Saturday, April 23,** from 10 am to 3 pm, Portraits in Oil with **Glen Hill.**

### Judged Members' Show, April 6 to July 2, at the PAA Gallery.

- ◆ **Rcvg: Apr. 1 & 2, 10 am to 4 pm** both days

### Children's Classes

- ◆ **1st & 4th Saturdays,** 10 am to 12:30 pm.
- ◆ 1st Saturday, 7-9 yrs: **Merrily Davies**
- ◆ 4th Sat., 10 & up: **Richard Norbeck**

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## From the President...

Dear Art Friends:

Spring has just begun, and we are trying to wring ourselves out after all the rain that has accompanied the change in seasons. There is so much going on in the near future, art-wise, here in the valley, I do not have the space to mention everything. Our March meeting is Friday, the 25th, with a Pastel demo and workshop by Suzie Stach, and our Annual Members' Judged Show receiving is April 1 & 2. There will be shows going on everywhere in April, so check inside for information on them. If you haven't been painting, now is the time to get started, but you better hurry! See you at the meeting!

Bill Tungate, Editor (filling in for Joy Harvey)

## Pastellist Suzie Stach March's Guest Artist

by Carol Byker

We are proud to have internationally known Fresno area pastel artist, Suzie Stach, with us once again as our demo & workshop artist for March. She will demonstrate her pastel painting techniques at our Friday, March 25 general meeting at the Santa Fe Depot, starting at 7 pm. Her pastel workshop will be Saturday, March 26, 10 am to 3 pm, also at the Santa Fe Depot.

Having been introduced to wildland firefighting by her husband, Suzie began to use wildfires as subjects for her paintings, some of which have graced the covers of *Wildfire* magazine, an international trade

magazine, and the National Firefighter's Bookstore Catalog. For the last five years she has been honored to create the Fresno Fire Chief's Association's yearly poster for their fund raiser.

Suzie loves plein air painting, and has also won many awards, including an Honorable Mention in the *Pastel Journal* magazine's "Pastel 100" competition.

There is no cost for Suzie's demo Friday night. The cost of Saturday's workshop is \$30 for members and \$35 for non members. You can sign up for the workshop at the gallery, at the general meeting on Friday, or at the door on Saturday the 26th.

## Judged Members Show Receiving

Time is growing short! Our first judged show of the year is almost here. On Friday and Saturday, April 1 & 2, we will be receiving for PAA's Annual Judged Members' Show. The gallery will be open from 10 am to 4 pm (regular business hours) both days, as usual, and we hope to see a huge turnout of brand new paintings. We sent out the prospec-

tus for the show in last month's newsletter, so everyone should have received one.

As is usually the case, several members will be on hand to receive your artwork, get you signed in, and help you pick up any work you may have up in the current show. Bring in your new work for us to see!

## Member News, Shows, and Other Items

*Are you scheduled to show somewhere in the valley or elsewhere? Have you recently taken a workshop or been honored with an award? If so, let us know. Help us help you get the word out!*

**Peggy Shaffer's** one person show in **Visalia** at the Engineering/Consulting firm, **Provost & Pritchard**, located at 130 North Garden Street, continues through **April 30**. Peggy will also be showing at the **Courthouse Gallery** in Exeter from **July through September**.

**Tom Howell's** show at the **PC Gallery**, "Art After Teaching," concludes **March 25**. His work will also be included in a show in Thousand Oaks in June, and he continues to participate in **Fresno's ArtHop** the first Thursday each month at **Corridor 2122 Gallery**, 2122 Mono Street, Fresno.

**George Tanimoto** and **Therese Fowler-Bailey** will team up for a show in Exeter at the **Courthouse Gallery** from **April 3 to June 30**. A reception for the artists is set for **Sunday, April 3**, at the

gallery. The gallery is open weekends, 10-4.

**Bob Goetting** is featured in the **Mission Federal Art Walk** in **San Diego**, a 2-day event, **April 30 & May 1**. He was also the subject of an interview on a British web site. Here is a link to the site: <http://www.blankvet.co.uk/blog/interview-with-bob-goetting/>.

**Joy Collier** will be featured in a three-part exhibition of oil paintings and photographs focused on the Porterville-Springville area and on Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, **April 9 through May 15**. The **Porterville Historical Museum, Burford's Gallery** on Putnam Street, and the **Bethesda Center** on Main Street, will each host parts of the exhibition. A **reception** is set for **April 9** at the museum.

## Video Workshop

**Tuesday, April 12 at 1 pm**, our video selection will be, "The Language of Landscape in Watercolor," with Dale Laitinen. His work is based in abstract design and is very exciting.

Come on down to the gallery and join us while we watch. See you there.

## Silent Auction Items

**Vedra Mc Elfresh's** small collage has been awarded. The next piece up for bid is a work by Fran Lykins. Come in and see it on the back counter, and place your bid!

## Bunco Party Fundraiser in May

by Carol Byker

In the last newsletter, we told you that we would be putting on a big **May 14 BUNCO** party at the **Santa Fe Depot**, which will be one of PAA's main fund raisers for the year. I will be chairperson for the party, and we have made progress in organizing, but we will need lots of help from you, our members.

**Peggy Shaffer** has consented to be in charge of the refreshments. Please call her at **784-1346**, if you think you might be able to donate cookies, or other refreshments.

Several people will be needed to help out during the day. We will need ticket sellers, people to help in the kitchen, and people to help on the floor during play

and to help set up and clean up afterward.

One of the big money makers will be the raffle prizes, and we will need your help with these, too. I am hoping that you will come through by donating miniature paintings, jewelry, and other new gifts in the \$10 to \$20 range. Money for gift cards will be accepted also. Wal-Mart has given us a 19 inch color TV worth \$129 that will be used for our Door Prize. That alone will bring in the players. All of your donated items can be tax deductible, just ask for a receipt.

You can call the gallery and leave your name and number if you would like to help or donate an item, or call me at home (**784-6678**). This can be a lot of fun and make us a lot of money, but we can't do it without your help. Thanks.

**Doris Joy Martin** called me a while back from Ft. Myers, Florida, wanting to pass along some information, and I promised her I

would give her a shout-out. Hey, Doris!! Thank you so much for the call! It was a lot of fun talking with you. Watch those 'gators!

## PAA MEMBERSHIPS

**Membership Year: June 1-May 31**

**Adults: \$35 / yr**

**Family: \$45 / yr**

**Students: \$20 / yr**

(25 or younger, currently enrolled)

## Classes Offered

Here is a list of those members who are teaching classes at the gallery on a regular basis:

Theresa Crowley, Watercolor.....733-0696  
Vedra McElfresh, Watercolor.....784-8748  
Lawanda Wollenman, Pastel.....562-3144  
Merrily Davies, Children's Art.....781-6296  
Richard Norbeck, Children's Art &  
Colored Pencil.....781-0447  
Bill Tungate, Drawing & Pastel.....709-6178

Members teaching classes elsewhere:

Joy Harvey, Chinese Brush.....539-6123  
Edie Babb, Oil.....781-4753  
Rebecca Haigh, All media.....784-1766

## PAA's 2nd Annual Open Show Coming in July

Once you have taken your newest paintings and entered them in our Judged Members' Show, which opens April 6, it will be time to start working on the next masterpiece, so you can enter it in the **2nd Annual PAA Judged Open Show**. **Receiving** for the Open Show will be Friday and Saturday, **July 8 & 9, from 10 am to 4 pm**. You will have 3 months to prepare for it, but there will be so many shows and exhibits going on in the area, it may be hard to focus on it. Don't delay. Start work on that masterpiece as soon as you can.

Again this year, the Open Show is intended to draw as many of the Porterville area's hidden artists as possible, out of their hiding places and into the light so their artwork can be seen and enjoyed by the rest of the community. Last year's show was a tremendous success, and we hope to match it with this year's show.

The show will be open to all artists 18 or older who want to enter it. There is no theme for the show (though, unsuitable entries will be rejected), and there are a wide number of categories to enter, including Sculpture, Ceramics, Photography, and Digital Prints. Cash awards will be paid to winners in the categories, with the amounts to be determined by the number of entries received. We hope to see your works on display!

## Mural Committee's Fundraising Efforts are Continuing

The Porterville Mural Committee is now in the process of trying to raise funds to pay for the City's latest mural, "The Band Mural," a history of the school bands in Porterville, which will be painted and installed along the back wall at Centennial Park, downtown. Glen Hill's original painting is on display in the gallery, and Giclee prints of it are available at a cost of \$25. A book entitled, [Big Art in Small Places](#), which features photos of many of the murals in smaller towns across the State, is also for sale. There is a box available in the gallery in which donations to the Mural Project can be placed.

All checks should be made out to the Porterville Mural Project.

## Upcoming Area Shows and Other Special Events

The **50th Annual Sequoia Foothill Art Show** in Springville is scheduled for March 26 & 27. **Receiving** is **March 25, from 2 - 6 pm** at **Springville Veterans Memorial Bldg**. Call **Sue Marcotte** at **539-5012**, or **Velma Coates** at **539-2937**, for information.

The **Alliance of California Artists (ACA)** will hold their **Spring Open Fine Art Show**, at **Arts Visalia** this year. **Receiving** is Saturday, **March 26, from 10 to 11:30 am**. The show will run from **March 26 to April 30**. An **Artist's Reception** is scheduled for **April 1, from 6 pm to 8 pm**.

**Tulare Palette Club's Spring Art Show** at **Tulare Historical Museum** will be held from **April 2 through April 30**. **Receiving** for the show is Friday, **April 1, from 5 pm-7 pm** at the museum. Call **Wanda Cottengim** at **688-6158** or **Nancy Quinn** at **686-1945**, for more information.

**Courthouse Gallery & Museum** in Exeter will feature the work of **George Tanimoto and Therese Fowler-Bailey**, which will run from **April 3 through June 26**. The opening reception is set for Sunday, **April 3, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm**. The gallery is open weekends, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Lindsay's **Orange Blossom Festival Art Show** is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, **April 16 & 17**. **Receiving** will be Thursday, **April 14, from 10 am to 6 pm**. A **Reception, including a visit by the Orange Blossom Queen and her Court**, will be held **April 15, from 5 pm to 7 pm**. This is **not a competitive show**; it is **exhibition only**, and will be the first show held in the **newly remodeled Old Library Building** on North Gale Hill Avenue in Lindsay, next door to the Fire Station.

The **Porterville Historical Museum** will celebrate its **Porterville Sesquicentennial Exhibit** with a wine and hors d'oeuvres party, June 4.

*Several PAA members and friends are in need of our support:*

- ◆ *Mac McElfresh is having a tough time of it with illness and treatments;*
- ◆ *Doris Board is in the Convalescent Hospital, trying to regain her strength;*
- ◆ *Judy Orth and Linda Hengst have both undergone recent surgeries and are at home, recovering.*

*Please keep these friends in your hearts and in your prayers. We wish them all the very best.*

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## **2011 Meetings & Workshops at the Santa Fe Depot**

**Meeting: Friday, March 25, 7 pm.** Guest artist, **pm, Glen Hill**, portrait painting in oil, from life.  
**Suzie Stach**, demonstrating in Pastel.

**Workshop: Saturday, March 26, from 10 am to 3 pm.** **Annual Potluck Dinner: Friday, May 20, from 6 pm to 9 pm.** More info in the next newsletter.  
**Suzie Stach**, working in pastel.

**Meeting: Friday, April 22, 7 pm.** Guest artist,  
**Glen Hill**, will demonstrate painting the portrait in oil, from life.

**Workshop: Saturday, April 23, from 10 am to 3**

### **Website Redesign in Progress**

The PAA website is currently being redesigned. The existing site will remain in operation until the new design is ready. Visit it at: [www.portervilleart.org](http://www.portervilleart.org)

Please continue to use your **S.H.A.R.E.S.** cards when you shop at **Save Mart**. This has been a wonderful program for the Porterville Art Association, and we are grateful for our members' support.

**E-mail Newsletters:** If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, call Bill Tungate at 709-6178. Help us save \$\$\$\$!

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