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# PAA NEWS

## Calendar

### Next Board Meeting

- ◆ **Wednesday, Dec. 16, 10 am, gallery.** Members welcome. Raffle winners will be selected.

### Next General Meeting and/or Workshop

- ◆ **Meeting Fri, Jan. 22, 7 pm, Santa Fe Depot.** Glenn Hill demo. No workshop on Sat., Jan. 23.
- ◆ **Miniature Show ends Dec. 16.** Show and HDTV raffle winners will be selected.

### Children's Art Classes

- ◆ **Saturday, Jan. 2, 10 am to 12:30 pm,** ages 6 to 9.
- ◆ **Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 am to 12:30 pm,** ages 10 to 16.

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## From the President...

The turkey is barely in the oven, but my mind has been on what to buy those on my Christmas list for a while already. I so enjoy the turning of the leaves as late fall fills the valley with beautiful color. Just getting in the car for a drive to the store takes on a whole new meaning of adventure and wonder.

The year is not quite over yet; we still have a few things on our agenda. The new show is now up and again, it is quite beautiful and amazing. Many thanks to the wonderful crew who helped in getting all the artwork up and the gallery cleaned and ready.

The next big agenda item is the **Christmas Boutique on December 11th and 12th**, and this one is lots of fun. Five artists have signed on so far to display their work and be on hand to talk to customers. If you would like to be included, give me a call. We have a lot of fun and even make a little money.

**Marilyn Meredith** will be doing a book signing again this year, with her newest book. She is a local

writer of mystery tales whose stories are centered around Tulare County and Native American tribes in the Central Valley and mountains of California.

Tickets for our ongoing raffles for the Miniature Show pieces and the 32" HDTV will also be available at the Boutique, and this will be your last chance to bid on these items. At our December 16th board meeting, we will draw the winning tickets and award all the miniatures and the TV. You might want to be there for that. The meeting begins at 10 a.m., and members are always welcome to attend. And one last thing, I would just love it if someone would volunteer to handle the raffle ticket sales during the Boutique. It would be such a help to the vendors who will be busy selling their own wares. Call me at 784-6678 if you would like to participate in any way.

Here's hoping your Thanksgiving was wonderful, and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Carol

## October Fundraiser a Success

PAA's Sponsor Gala and Fundraiser, which was held October 20th at the gallery, was a success. Turnout for the event was down some from previous years, but in the end, our sponsors came through for us. Our members did their part as well, and thanks to their combined efforts, PAA is on firmer ground than it was earlier in the year.

The economy's downside has been of great concern to all of us, and we at PAA have had to scale back some of our activities, for example, receptions and workshops by guest artists, but we are trying to make up for that in other ways.

In February, we will be offering our first (hopefully

annual) Open Show. This is a big step requiring a lot of work, but we hope it will bring quality artists and their work to our community. We are helping to bring continuing Children's Art classes to the community, having recognized the need for this. Several of our members are offering classes at the gallery, and several others offer classes in their homes.

None of this would be possible without the support of our members and our sponsors, and we want to offer them our heartfelt thanks for supporting us, even in these tough times. Thank you.

If you would like to help more in our efforts to bring art to our community, please call us at 784-4323.

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## Member News/Upcoming Shows/etc...

Are you scheduled to show somewhere? If so, let us know. Help us help you to get the word out!

**V**irginia Wilson's **Blue Ridge Photography** will be one of the many featured **Kaweah Artisans** at the annual Three Rivers Post-Thanksgiving boutique, "**The Perfect Gift,**" at **Three Rivers Art Center**, Friday and Saturday, **November 27 and 28**, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Beautiful hand-made items ranging from jewelry, gourds, and sculpture to photography, paintings, and carvings will be on display and available for purchase.

PAA's annual **Christmas Boutique** will be held **Friday and Saturday, December 11 & 12**, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the gallery. Several members will display their creations; door prizes will be awarded and raffle tickets for the mini show and 32" HDTV will be sold. Bid items will be awarded at the board meeting, December 16.

**YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!**  
If you still have artwork at the gallery from previous shows you have been asked to pick up, be advised. Pick it up or it will be raffled off to make room. We can't store your artwork.

## Video Workshop

**T**uesday, **December 15** at **1 p.m.**, we will be showing the video, "Landscape Painting in Oils," by E. John Robinson. Come on down and enjoy it with us. There is no cost and we always have a good time.

Our video workshops are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the gallery at 1 p.m. See you there.

## PAA MEMBERSHIPS

**Membership Year: June-May**  
**Adults: \$35/yr. Family: \$45/yr.**  
**Students: \$20/yr.** (25 yrs. of age or younger, currently enrolled in school)

## PAA Open Show

**P**AA's first annual **Open Show** is set to run from February 17 through April 2. **Receiving** for the show will be Friday and Saturday, **February 12 & 13, 2010**, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Have your best work ready for entry in this one.

The show will be judged by Arts Visalia director, **Kevin Bowman**, watercolorist, **Varian Mace**, and **Ellen Gorelick**, of Tulare (please, do not contact the judges regarding this show). A reception and awards presentation will be held on **Sunday, February 28**, from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

## PAA Spring Members' Show

**I**mmediately following PAA's first annual Open Show, which ends Friday, April 2, 2010, we will begin receiving entries for our Spring Members' Show. This one is our traditional spring judged show and has always been our best show.

Receiving will be Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be sure to have pictures ready for entry.

## S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards Pay Dividends

Your **S.H.A.R.E.S.** cards have paid PAA nearly \$1000 in dividends in the past three fiscal quarters. Keep using this valuable resource for PAA whenever you shop at Save Mart. Thanks!

## Upcoming Guest Artist Schedule

**F**riday, **January 22**, **Glenn Hill** will demonstrate in **Oil**. There will be **no workshop** on Saturday, January 23.

**Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27**, **Joan Brumley** will demonstrate and conduct a workshop in **Watercolor**.

**Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27**, **Rebecca Haigh** will demonstrate and conduct a workshop in **Collage Technique**.

**Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24**, **Sue Marcotte** will demonstrate and conduct a workshop in **Silk Painting**.

**Friday meetings/demos are free; workshops are \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members.**

## Children's Art Classes

**B**eginning **Saturday, January 2**, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Merrily Davies** will conduct a class for children ages 6 to 9 on the first Saturday of each month. Beginning **January 16**, **Josie Figueroa** will conduct class for children ages 10 to 16 on the third Saturday of each month. For further information, call Merrily at 781-6396 or Josie at 786-9996.

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