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# PAA NEWS

## Calendar

### Next Board Meeting

- ♦ **Wed., Feb. 4,** 10 am, at the gallery. All members welcome.

### Next General Meeting

- ♦ **Friday, Feb. 27,** 7pm at Santa Fe Depot. Colored Pencil demo by Richard Norbeck.

### Next Workshop

- ♦ **Saturday, Feb. 28,** 10 am to 3 pm at the Santa Fe Depot. Richard Norbeck, Colored Pencil.

### Video Wrkshp: 2/10, 1 pm

### Next Show-Change

- ♦ **Annual Judged Show, Friday & Saturday, Apr. 3 & 4,** from 10 am to 4 pm at the gallery.

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## From the President...

Here we are in the new year and it is already coming on strong. The new show is up and it is quite remarkable. It was quite a shock to realize we'd have only one day's rest after New Years before our first show-change. On Monday, January 5th, eight of us worked together to hang the art and clean the gallery. Many thanks to Richard, Shirley, Berniece, Vedra, Bill, Judy, and Lawanda, our faithful hanging crew. Hanging the show is not as easy as it sounds. It takes many tries and much discussion about what fits best where. Our window-dressers were Vedra, who did a western theme, and Berniece, who did a more feminine take on the mid 1800's. The windows complement each other very nicely, and again, many thanks. Also, there are a few of you who didn't get in to pick up your paintings. Please do so.

I went to the Exerter Courthouse Gallery reception

January 11th, along with Lawanda and Pearledna. The reception was for Ernie Weerasinghe, a PAA member from Visalia, and Glen Hill, also of Visalia. The show was very interesting. Ernie had several paintings of Sri Lanka, his former home, which showed the beautiful colors and people of this land. Try to get over to see the show if you can. Glen Hill's work is always beautiful and interesting. We met other members and friends there also.

Don't forget about our first meeting/demonstration at the Santa Fe Depot on Jan. 23rd. You will all enjoy Deanna Sue Bristow, a watercolorist from the Fresno area. Her workshop will be the next day.

Please use your S.H.A.R.E.S. cards at Save Mart. If you haven't got one, we will have them at the meeting along with the new directories. See you all there.

Carol

## January Meeting and Workshop at Santa Fe Depot

We made it through the holiday season, the new year is here, and it's time for our first general meeting of 2009. The January meeting will be Friday, January 23 at the Santa Fe Depot at 7 p.m. Hopefully, this newsletter will arrive in the mail early enough for you to plan to attend.

Our scheduled guest artist is Deanna Sue Bristow, a Fresno area watercolorist, who is a signature member of the Alliance of California Artists (ACA) and has been a signature member with Society of Western Artists (SWA). Her work is well known all over this

part of California and it is a treat for us to have her here to demonstrate for us.

As usual, the meeting will start at 7 p.m. and we will take care of any necessary business before beginning the demonstration.

Ms. Bristow will conduct a workshop for us on Saturday, January 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at the Santa Fe Depot. Sign-ups for the workshop will be taken at the meeting. We'll see you there and hope to see you at the workshop as well.

## Group Planning Painting/Drawing Sessions from Life

Are you interested in painting or drawing from life, either indoors or outdoors? If so, you might like to know that some of us are trying to put together just such a group. The idea is to get together on a regular basis and hire a model (we'd split the fee) to sit for portrait or clothed figure work, essentially, one extended pose each session. If interested, call Bill Tungate (709-6178) or Lawanda Wollenman (562-3144).

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## Member News

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

The **Courthouse Gallery** in Exeter is currently featuring the work of two oil painters, **Ernie Weerasinghe**, a PAA member from Visalia whom many of you may not know, and **Glen Hill**, also from Visalia. Ernie is originally from Sri Lanka and much of his work features Sri Lankan subjects.

The other featured artist, Glen Hill, who was, for many years, with the Disney organization, has been associated with the Rocks Gallery on Main St., Visalia. He taught a workshop for PAA several years ago.

**George Tanimoto** is scheduled to show with his sister, watercolorist **Joyce Tuck**, at the Downtown Club, a private luncheon club on Kern Street in Fresno, in May. A reception is planned as part of Art Hop's First Thursday events, May 7, from 5-8 p.m. More info later.

## Attention Gallery-Sitters

When you volunteer to sit the gallery, there are some things you need to be aware of and certain procedures that need to be followed.

When you start your shift, check the "To Do" list for sitters. Everything you need to do will be listed there and you should check it each time you sit. It should be on the big table, so look for it.

Please give the cards with the names and phone numbers of those artists who are teaching classes, to people asking about these classes. They are kept on top of the jewelry case along the storage room wall. If people want to sign up for children's art classes, they can put their

names on the clipboard list that hangs on the wall at the left side of the office desk. Other pertinent information regarding PAA or its members and their activities, can be found on the bulletin board on the back side of the hutch in the office alcove.

If you close the gallery, empty the waste baskets before you leave. You can either dispose of the bags in the dumpster in the alley or at home. New bags are kept on the shelf in the closet room.

Please, do not store any personal items in the gallery closet. It is meant for items pertaining to the gallery and the space is limited.

## February Meeting

**Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m.** is the scheduled date for the second meeting of 2009 at Santa Fe Depot. Our guest artist and demonstrator for the evening will be Richard Norbeck, who will demonstrate his techniques in Colored Pencil for us.

Richard will conduct a **workshop** in Colored Pencil for us on **Saturday, February 28**, also at **Santa Fe Depot**, from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Come see how it's done. See you there!

## PAA MEMBERSHIPS

**Membership Year: June-May**

**Adults: \$30/ yr.**

**Family: \$40/yr.**

**Students: \$15/yr.** (25 yrs. or younger and enrolled in school)

Before leaving, set the heater at the proper temperature for the season, bring in the two signs and the mat from outside, flip the open/closed sign on the door, turn off the lights and lock the door. Be sure to return the key to Subway so the next person to open up knows where to find it. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to help.

## ...Odds and Ends...

**George Tanimoto's** donated painting for our silent bid auction in the gallery will be available for bid through January. The next item is a picture donated by Richard Norbeck that will be up for bid through February.

**Don Hensley** has written two articles for the *Porterville Recorder's* proposed "Art Talk" column. Neither article has appeared yet. Bill Tungate and Joy Harvey are also scheduled to contribute articles for the column. Watch for them in the coming weeks.

## Best Wishes to Our Friends

*Our sincerest Best Wishes go out to Sue Marcotte, Vedra Mc Elfresh and Nancy Quinn in this time of great personal concern for them. We want them to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them and that if they need anything at all, they have only to ask.*

*All Our Love,  
Your friends at PAA*

## JUDGED SHOW DATES

The receiving dates for our annual Judged Show have been moved up this year. Receiving will be **Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4** so the show will be up during the Iris Festival.

## SPECIAL NOTE

Judy Sinyard has a stray Border Collie mix that needs a home. It is small, dark red medium coat, about 1 yr. old, female, and is house broken. It is quiet and loving, and was found near the State Hospital. Call Judy at 784-4230 if you can help.