



# PAA NEWS

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## Calendar

### Next Board Meetings

- ♦ **Wed., July 1**, at the gallery, 10 am. Members are welcome.
- ♦ **Wed., August 5**, same time & place

### Children's Art Classes

- ♦ **Monday through Friday, July 6-10**, 10 am to 12:30 pm at the gallery. Age 6-10
- ♦ **Monday through Friday, July 13-17**, 10 am to 12:30 pm at the gallery. Ages 11-16 years.

### Children's Art Show and Reception

- ♦ **Reception is on Sunday, July 26**, 3-5 pm, at the gallery.
- ♦ **Show runs July 29 to Sept. 15** (approx.)

### Next General Meeting and Regular Workshop

- ♦ **Friday, Sep. 25, 7pm & Saturday, Sep. 26**, 10 am to 3 pm, both at Santa Fe Depot.

## PAA Officers

**Carol Byker**  
President

**Joy Harvey**  
Vice President

**Judy Orth**  
Treasurer

**Mary Bennett**  
Secretary

**Vedra Mc Elfresh**  
Gallery Director

**Bill Tungate**  
Newsletter Editor  
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## From the President...

I hope you are all enjoying this summer as much as I have been. It's good that things have slowed down a bit with PAA. We did have a problem at the gallery, though. The last wind-storm we had caused some havoc there as six of the big ceiling tiles got soaked and fell down, luckily, causing only a little bit of damage. Judy Orth came in, found the mess, and cleaned it up all by herself before calling anyone to report it. Thanks, Judy.

Lawanda, Jan Harris, Nancy Quinn, and I all piled into Lawanda's car and went to the International Association of Pastel Societies convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the end of May. It was a wonderful experience for us all. We spent four days with 600 people who were all lovers of painting with pastels, and it was great. Not everything went smoothly, though. When we checked into our hotel, we found out that they had lost our reservation and had to scramble to find rooms for us. They finally gave us the Bridal Suite, and I won't say who got picked to sleep in the bridal bed!

We came home from the trip on overload—not only mentally, but physically, as well, what with all the new bags full of goodies we carried! And we got pictures, lots of pictures! I had never been to many of the places we visited on our side-trips, but my pictures will help me remember the colors, shapes and wonders we saw. Ask me about the Road Kill Café sometime, another fun experience!

I hope you are all finding time to paint. A new show is just around the corner. The show that is up now will come down the end of July. I will be expecting new and wonderful art from you all!

Carol

## It's Time to Pay Dues!

Just a friendly reminder, the new membership year began June 1, and it is time to pay dues for next year. And, if you can, try and recruit a new member or sponsor to join PAA. It would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of you.

## Next Show-Change Rescheduled

PAA's next change-of-show has been rescheduled for Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring your new paintings in during regular business hours and take home anything you had in the judged show. This will help us make room for the new entries. The standard rules for hanging work apply, but there is no three year limit as to the age of the pieces. This is not a judged show but the standard hanging fee of \$5 for the first entry, and \$2.50 for each of the next two will apply. All pieces must be securely and

safely framed using flat hangars (no eye-hooks or alligator hooks), and wire ends must be taped or wrapped so no sharp points are exposed.

The new show will be hung on Monday and Tuesday August 3 and 4, and if you'd like to help us, we will welcome the help. It's a big job trying to get all the new work up, and volunteers are appreciated. Contact Vedra at 784-8748 if you want to help.

We hope you have been busily painting for the last four months and have lots of new work to show. We'll see you there!

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## Member News/Shows/etc...

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

**Mason House Gallery**, 147 N. Gale Hill Ave. in Lindsay, is featuring a show of **George Stewart's** Western Art, which includes both oil paintings and bronze sculpture. A reception was held June 5 and was well-attended. The show runs through July 17. The gallery's hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Our own **Mary Bennett** will be featured at **Mason House**, beginning July 24, with a show of her oil paintings. The show will run through Sept. 4, and a reception is scheduled for Friday, July 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mary is also the subject of a nice article on page 3 of the **Lindsay City Arts** July newsletter.

**Manuel Abad** will be showing at the **Courthouse Gallery** in Exeter, in conjunction with Visalia watercolorist, muralist and teacher, **Varian Mace**. The two-person show, titled "The Nature of

Nature," will open July 4 and run through Sept. 27. A reception for the artists will be held Sunday, July 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the gallery.

Photographer **Virginia Wilson** has been invited to participate in a show at **Arts Visalia**, 214 E. Oak Street, called "Views of Yokohl Valley." The show includes paintings, photographs, and sculpture by various artists displaying their interpretations of Yokohl Valley, and runs July 1 through July 31. A reception is set for July 10, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Wed. through Sat., noon to 5:30 p.m.

"Congratulations to **Hilda Vandergriff**, a PAA member living in Clovis, whose Chinese Brush painting, titled "Horses," appears as the cover artwork in the July/August issue of *Audiophile Magazine*. It is the bi-monthly program guide for **Valley Public Radio, KVPR, Fm 89**, in Fresno. Way to go, Hilda!

### 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)

### *Friends in Our Thoughts*

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joy Harvey and her husband, Doug, who recently had a bout with pneumonia and then suffered a stroke. Please, keep them in your thoughts.*

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

Please use your **S.H.A.R.E.S.** cards whenever you shop at Save Mart. They are a valuable resource for PAA at a time when we need all the help we can get. Help us out and use those cards! If you need a card, they are available at the gallery. Thanks!

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Send newsletter submissions to me by the 15th of the month. Call me at 709-6178, or email me at: [btungate2002@yahoo.com](mailto:btungate2002@yahoo.com)

## Children's Art Classes Starting Up

Children's Art Classes will be starting up in just a couple weeks at the gallery. The first week's classes for the younger set, ages 6-11, is set for **Monday through Friday, July 6-10, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** This week's classes will be taught by **Merrily Davies**, who taught

children's classes last summer, as well.

The second week's classes will be **Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17, from 10-12:30**, and they will be taught by **Josie Figueroa**, of Visalia. They will be for ages 11-16.

Following the end of the two weeks of classes, we will have the art produced by the kids on display in the gallery. The kids' show begins **July 22** and we will have a **reception** in the gallery for the kids and their families **Sunday, July 26, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Don't miss it.

## Summer Library Events for Kids a Success!

By Carol Byker

Mary Miller and I assisted the Librarian on Tuesday, June 16 with a creative class for youngsters. The kids drew pictures of things under the ocean. Mary brought seashells from her recent trip to Scotland along with picture books depicting sea life of all kinds. The children's minds

then took off and beautiful and fanciful images were drawn and colored on white sheets of paper with watercolor painted on to represent the water. They loved it. Fifty kids attended that first day.

Thursday, June 18, we put on the same

class at the new Santa Fe School. Thirty-five kids attended that day. They also enjoyed the class and we had fun, too.

Mary will be helping with more classes (they run through the end of July). Call her at 534-2526 if you would like to help.