



PAA NEWS

PORTERVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

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From the President...

I feel like Spring is right around the corner. There is a buzz in the air. Things are happening within PAA. First, I must tell you a bit about the teapot workshop directed by Marn Reich. It was a fun day for 8 of us from PAA and two of Marn's student's from Visalia. We had a ball. Each of our teapot's turned out to have it's own individual personality and charm. If they survive their firing — a big **IF** — we will display our fun projects at the gallery. This was a good time, even if we did struggle some. We would like to do this again in a year or two. Thanks, Marn.

We keep getting new members and more people are interested in the Porterville Art Association and that's a good thing. Our trial boutiques have been a great success and we will continue with them. The Mother's Day Boutique on the 4th and 5th of May will be the next one. That gives us all some time to make some magic with those brushes, paints, pastels, cameras, jewelry and whatever. Make some joy.

Nancy Merrick is Guest Artist

The guest artist for our March meeting and workshop will be Nancy Merrick, from Bakersfield. She will be coming into town to tantalize us with another wild and crazy workshop subject as usual. Her workshops are always fun. It's great when you get to forget about trying to make a masterpiece and just get to have fun.

Nancy says her demonstration and workshop will be a real challenge this time. She will be working with watercolor and acrylic on canvas. She says she loves coming up here to do workshops for PAA because we're such good sports and are all so willing to go along and have some fun.

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There are lots of events happening with our organization and it's members, so read the newsletter carefully, circle the items in red that most interest you, and mark them on your calendar, because you won't want to miss a thing.

Nancy Merrick, a wonderful friend and artist, will again be our demonstrating artist for the meeting and workshop this month. Come to the meeting and show your support. You might even be the winner of the 50/50 drawing and take home some extra cash.

The new judged show and the hanging dates are just around the corner, as is Spring, and that makes me smile.

Carol

ANNUAL JUDGED MEMBERSHIP SHOW

On Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st, during regular business hours, bring your latest masterpieces down to the gallery and enter our Annual Membership Show. This is our judged show and the entry cost will be \$5 for the first entry and \$2.50 each for a second and third entry, up to a maximum of \$10 total. All entries must adhere to our current rules for hanging (see rules in December 2006 newsletter or get a copy at the Art Center).

The show will be put up Monday, April 2nd and will be judged sometime in May. Volunteers to help with hanging the show will be appreciated. The judge for the show has yet to be named. A reception for the show will also be scheduled in May. We will have more information in the next newsletter.

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The meeting will be Friday, March 23rd at the Santa Fe Depot, from 7pm to 9pm. The workshop will be the following day, Saturday, March 24th, at the Depot, from 10am to 3pm. Nancy would like those interested in participating in the workshop to bring a stretched canvas, 16" x 20" minimum size along with watercolor paints and watercolor brushes, some acrylic paints, a spray bottle, rags, paper towels, and "their unbounded enthusiasm." See you there.

Thank You's!!

Thanks to Flo Chapman for thinking of us as Long's old store was being stripped. She acquired a wonderful glass jewelry/small items case for us that fits just perfectly in the back room on the long wall.

By the time you see this, the gallery carpets will have been cleaned by the Tyrrell Property Management cleaning crew and the expense has been donated by David and Valerie Tyrrell. A big "Thank You" to them for their tremendous generosity. Valerie is still walking pretty slowly after her horse accident, but is improving as time passes. Thanks again to you both.

VIDEO WORKSHOPS

The video committee has purchased a TV and VCR/DVD player for the gallery, as the membership voted to allocate the expense at the last meeting. At this writing, these items have not yet been installed, but, on March 13th, we will be showing a video workshop in the gallery at noon. This first video will be "**Professional Realism 5**," by **Quinten Gregory**, and will include demonstrations of techniques in both watercolor and oil painting. Bring your lunch, watch the video, and have some fun. And, who knows? You might even learn some valuable painting tips in the process.

We would like to establish a regular schedule of dates for the showing of these videos so people

could come in and watch them on days when the gallery is not open. Join us for the first one on March 13th at noon.

Featured Artist, Noi Thomas

Noi Thomas will be our Featured Artist beginning March 13th. Her show will run through the end of April and her reception is scheduled for March 18th, from 3pm to 5pm.

Member Classes/Workshops being offered

Chinese Brush Painting

Joy Harvey, instructor.

Porterville: Thursdays, Citi Bank Community Room, from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Visalia: Thursdays, Arts Visalia, 214 E. Oak St., 6 - 8 pm.
Call Joy at **539-6123** for info.

Oils

Edie Babb, instructor.

Please contact Edie at home at **781-4753** for more information.

Pastels

Lawanda Wollenman and

Bill Tungate, instructors.

Thursday, March 15, Saturday, April 14, Thursday, May 15 at the Gallery, from 10 am - 3 pm.
Call Lawanda at **562-3144** or Bill at **568-0102** or **790-6178**.

Watercolor

Theresa Crowley, instructor.

Please contact Theresa at **733-0696** for additional info.

Clay Sculpture

Marn Reich, instructor.

Please contact Marn Reich at **561-6276** for more information.

Basic / Adv. Drawing

Bill Tungate, instructor.

The first and third Saturdays of each month, from 1 pm - 4 pm at the Gallery. Call Bill at **568-0102** or **709-6178**.

Upcoming Show

Our own **George Tanimoto** and **Therese Fowler Bailey**, former Porterville resident and PAA member, will be

featured at the **Courthouse Gallery** in **Exeter** from April 7th to July 1st, 2007. A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, April 15th,

from 2 pm to 4 pm. The gallery is located at 125 S. B St. in Exeter and is open weekends, 10am - 4pm. Call **592-9695** for information.