



PAA NEWS

Calendar

Next PAA Board Meeting

- ♦ **Wed., Oct. 1st,** 10 am, at the gallery

Sept. General Meeting and Workshop

- ♦ **Fri., Sept. 26th,** 7pm meeting at Santa Fe Depot. **Demo:** Suzie Stach, Pastelist
- ♦ **Sat., Sept. 27th,** 10-3 pm **workshop,** Santa Fe Depot, Suzie Stach, Pastel

Oct. General Meeting and Workshop

- ♦ **Fri., Oct. 24th,** 7 pm meeting at Santa Fe Depot. Dean Dallin oil demo.
- ♦ **Sat., Oct. 25th,** 10-3 pm at the Depot, Oil workshop with Dean Dallin.

OTHER EVENTS

Annual Sponsor Gala

- ♦ **Tuesday, Oct. 21st,** Fall Sponsor Party and Fundraiser at the gallery. Theme will be "Carnival"

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From the President:

Greetings, Members!

The new show is up and is beautiful. You must come in and see it. We have some new artist-members showing their work and our regular members have brought in some marvelous pieces to display. You all just keep getting better and better. The gallery looks beautiful. We had another crew of the faithful help hang the show and it went up like magic. I won't try to name them all. I might forget someone and I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but we thank you all so very much.

We are now planning our October 21st fundraiser/thank-you party for our wonderful sponsors, those who generously give to PAA and help us pay the bills throughout the year. We are planning on a circus theme. If you have anything you think we might be able to use for decorations, please call Vedra at 784-8748 or me (Carol) at 784-6678. Tell us what you have and we will see if it will work. The gallery will take on a festive and fun atmosphere with balloons, clowns, fun music and several surprises.

Fall Sponsors Gala

On October 21, a circus carnival is coming to the Art Center Gallery. Our annual Sponsor Gala, our way of thanking our sponsors for all their help with financial support throughout the year, is back. There will be clowns (well, one at least) and jugglers (at least one, I'm sure) adding to the entertainment, which will include merry music being performed, great finger foods, raffles, auctions, games of chance, and red noses galore!

It sounds like great fun and we hope we have a huge turnout to help us celebrate. But, all this fun will require a lot of work in preparation. Without people to help with preparations like decorating, donations of things that can be raffled or given as door prizes,

Gina, of Bella Donna restaurant fame, will be preparing the food, so you know it will be wonderful.

This is also a time when we need your support and participation as members. I hope each of you can sell some tickets besides just buying your own. The tickets will be \$25 and will be available at the door. Some people who attended our Mardi Gras Sponsor party last October said it was the best party of the year in Porterville.

On a slightly different note, we would like to send our best wishes to Clio Bovetti, who has just returned home from Southern California after spending six weeks in the hospital with a blood infection. Welcome home, Clio!

Carol

September Meeting

September meeting: **Friday night, Sept. 26, at 7 pm** at the **Santa Fe Depot**. Fresno pastelist **Suzie Stach** will demonstrate and will conduct a **workshop Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm**. See the article on page 2 for additional information.

and artwork and other creations donated to be auctioned, we may not be very successful at raising the additional funds we need to help us with day-to-day operations at the gallery and with the payment of bills. This is where the discussion turns more serious.

America's current financial crises have sent ripples throughout the country, and those ripples have affected all of us in some way, including our sponsors. They have experienced the same rise in their costs as the rest of us. Consequently, the help we have received from them, though greatly appreciated, has been reduced to about half of normal. If we are to avoid falling into financial (Cont'd. pg. 2, Col. 3)

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Member News

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

Watercolorist and long-time PAA member, **Therese Fowler-Bailey**, is being featured at the **Tulare Historical Museum** in a show that will run through November 9. A reception was held Thursday, September 18 and was well-attended. The museum is located at 444 W. Tulare Avenue in Tulare. Please call 686-2074 for more information.

September Meeting Business & Demo

The first general meeting for PAA this fall is **Friday, September 26, at 7 p.m. at the Santa Fe Depot**. It is our first general meeting since April, and we will have some business to conduct and information to give you before we get on to the fun part, the demonstration by our guest artist, **Fresno area pastelist, Suzie Stach, ACA (Alliance of California Artists)**.

If you received a newsletter last month, you saw the included sheet of corrections and edits we proposed to make to PAA's bylaws. We made no changes in the substance of the bylaws, but, as required, members attending a general

Josie Figueroa, a Visalia artist who is well known around the valley, and who recently became a PAA member, is currently showing at **Mason House Gallery in Lindsay**. The show, which features drawings and paintings in various media, opened with a reception on September 5 and will run through October 17. The gallery is located at 147 N. Gale Hill Ave. in Lindsay. Hours are from 1-4 pm, Tuesday through Friday.

Come into PAA's gallery to see some examples of her work. It's beautiful.

meeting must vote on acceptance of these corrections, and you will have that opportunity Friday night.

Following the short meeting, Suzie Stach will demonstrate her techniques in pastel. She has recently done a series of demonstrations and workshops throughout the valley, and will conduct a **pastel workshop on Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Friday, October 24, our meeting will feature **oil painter, Dean Dallin, SWA (Society of Western Artists)**. Dean's workshop will be **Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m to 3 p.m.**, at the **S. F. Depot**.

...Odds and Ends...

Carol Byker has become the first to donate a piece to a new silent auction going on in the gallery. Judy Orth, our Treasurer, suggested at the September Board meeting (and the board approved it) that a display could be set up featuring a donated object or small picture made by a member that visitors to the gallery could bid on throughout the month. At the next monthly meeting, bidding would be opened to those in

attendance, and the object would be awarded to the winner. Carol donated one of her decorated watches, and it will be awarded at the October meeting.

Vedra McElfresh is now offering classes in watercolor for those who are beginners in that medium. So far, she has had a good response from those attending. If you are interested, call her at 784-8748.

Sponsors Gala (Cont. from pg. 1)

difficulties, we will need your help in picking up the slack. Our problems are the same befalling many member supported and nonprofit organizations, and small businesses everywhere. There is just not enough money to go around.

We ask you, our members, to help us out by selling gala tickets to your friends and neighbors. If each of you could sell at least one ticket in addition to those purchased for yourself and family, it would be a big help. We also ask our members to buy at least one ticket, even if you cannot attend. Help us continue to provide our members a place to display their art. See you at the gala!

PAA MEMBERSHIPS

Membership Year: **June-May**

Adults: \$30/yr.

Family: \$40/yr.

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

Video Workshop

Our October Video Workshop will be Tuesday, October 14, at 1 p.m., at the gallery. We're not sure what the video selection will be, but join us. It's fun, and we always learn something new.

Our 2008-2010 Member Directory is still being edited, but will hopefully be available before the end of October. Sorry for the delay.

If you would be interested in taking part in a paint-out in October, perhaps in Bartlett Park, contact Carol Byker or Bill Tungate. We always have a good time. Call Carol at 784-6678; contact Bill at 709-6178.