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# PAA NEWS

## Calendar

### Children's Art Classes

- ◆ Beginning **Saturday, Sept. 19, 10am to 12:30pm**, twice-monthly kids classes, for both age groups.

### Next Board Meeting

- ◆ **Wed., Oct. 7, 10 am** at the gallery. Members are welcome.

### Next General Meetings and Regular Workshop

- ◆ **Meeting Fri, Sep. 25, 7pm, Santa Fe Depot.** Demo in pastel by **Suzie Stach.**
- ◆ **Meeting Fri, Oct. 23, 7 pm at S.F. Depot.** No guest artist.
- ◆ **Workshop** in pastel with **Suzie Stach, Sat., Sep. 26, 10 - 3 pm, Santa Fe Depot.**

**Miniature Show** (donated works for silent auction), Oct. 14 to Dec. 12. Receiving, Fri/Sat, Oct. 9 & 10

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## From the President...

**F**all is coming, or so I am told, and your Porterville Art Association is moving forward at full steam. Our miniature painting raffle show is moving toward the hanging date of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please donate a miniature piece of artwork to this fund raising cause. This is a new, different and fun way to generate money for PAA, and only you can make it work. We are asking that you try to bring in your work by the end of September, or at least by that time let us know that you are donating something so we can be prepared for the number of entries we will be receiving. We have a new member who is making and donating the mini shelves to hang on the display screens under the paintings. Small boxes will sit on these shelves. Raffle ticket purchasers will put their tickets into the boxes under their favorite paintings. They could win a miniature painting for \$5.00, the cost of one ticket. Tulare tried this and did very well with it.

Another ongoing raffle is for the 32" HDTV flat screen with DVD player that Wal-Mart Distribution donated to us. These tickets are on sale for \$5 each or three for \$10. This raffle will end on December 16 at the PAA Board Meeting.

Lawanda's donated pastel painting, "Onions," is still up for silent bid in the gallery. It will be awarded at

the PAA Board Meeting October 7th.

Our gala/fund raising party is now in the final planning stages. The gala will be on October 20th at the gallery and will start at 5:30 p.m. It's always a great party and we have some wonderful entertainment lined up this year. We would like each member to buy a ticket, sell some tickets to friends, and attend this great party.

PAA will hold its fourth Christmas Boutique on Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th. We hope more of you will take part in this fun affair. Call me (784-6678) if you would like to join us.

Your PAA Board is planning its first Open Show, to run from February 15th to April 2nd, 2010. This show will be open to both members and non-members, will be judged, and will have cash awards.

Suzie Stach, a wonderful pastelist, will be our artist for this month's meeting and workshop, Friday and Saturday, September 25th and 26th. Suzie was with us last year and we all enjoyed working with her very much. Hope to see all your smiling faces at the meeting.

Carol

## September and October Meetings and Workshop

**O**ur first meeting of the season will be held on Friday, September 25, at the Santa Fe Depot. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and our Guest Artist and demonstrator will be Suzie Stach, well-known pastelist from Fresno. Many of her pastels are of wildfire scenes and they have garnered her much attention. She was a popular demonstrator for us last fall and we are looking forward to both her demonstration and workshop. The workshop is Saturday,

September 26, at 10 a.m. at the depot. The demo is free and the workshop fee will be \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Hope to see you there.

October's meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 23 at 7 p.m. at the Depot. There is no currently scheduled Guest Artist demonstration or workshop for October, but we will come up with something to make it worth your while to attend the meeting.

# PAA NEWS

## 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!

**E**xeter's Courthouse Gallery's two-person show featuring PAA's **Manuel Abad**, Tulare oil painter, and Visalia watercolorist, muralist and teacher, **Varian Mace**, runs through Sept. 27. Contact the gallery for additional information. Call 592-3882.

**George Tanimoto, Jan Harris, Virginia Wilson, Steven Ball, and Hilda Vandergriff**, along with other artists, are featured in a group showing at Design by Arenas Fine Art Gallery in

Montgomery Square in Visalia. This show will run until November.

The **Porterville College Gallery** is featuring a two-person show during the month of September that is aptly titled, "**George Paints, Dennis Turns.**" PAA's **George Tanimoto** is "George" and woodcrafter, **Dennis Ibans** is the "Dennis." The show opened Sept. 9 and runs through Sept. 24. A reception for the artists is set for Sept. 17, from 5 - 7 p.m. The gallery's hours are Monday through Thursday from 12-2 pm and from 5-7 pm.

## Video Workshop

**T**here was an error in September's Video Workshop article. The wrong date was shown for the workshop. My apologies for any inconveniences. The **video workshops always fall on the second Tuesday of the month.** The correct date was **Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m.**, and the video shown was Albert Handell's pastel video, "Spring Trees."

October's video will be a **Charles Reid Watercolor** video, **Tuesday, October 13, 1 p.m. at the gallery.** Again, my apologies.

Editor.

## New Children's Art Classes

**B**eginning **September 19**, PAA will be offering children's classes at the gallery on the **first and third Saturdays of each month**, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Merrily Davies and Josie Figueroa will conduct classes for both age-groups simultaneously. This schedule will continue through the end of the year. In January, the schedule will change and Merrily will hold class on the first Saturday of the month while Josie will teach on the third Saturday, both classes still being in the morning.

This has been a long-awaited event for us and we hope the

## October Sponsor Gala

**T**he Sponsor Gala, PAA's annual toast to its group of sponsoring individuals and businesses, as well as the art association's major fund raiser, has been set for October 20th at the gallery. The Tuesday evening party will begin at 5:30 p.m. and there will be lots of interesting things going on. The party is still in the planning stages, but there will be raffles and door prizes and lots of good food and refreshment.

Make it a point to attend. Tickets will be \$25 and will be available in advance or at the door.

## Miniature Show Receiving Dates Set

**A** special show of miniature works will be featured in the gallery and be up for silent auction from **October 14 through December 16.** We would like those of you who can donate one miniature work to the cause, a painting, drawing, sculpture, or piece of jewelry, so that we can display them for silent auction.

**Receiving** for the mini artworks is **October 9 & 10, Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The maximum size is 10" x 12" including frame. Each piece

will have its own display and the plan is to award them at the board meeting on Wednesday, December 16.

## Christmas Boutique

**O**ur annual **Christmas Boutique** is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is time to start getting things ready for this holiday event. There will be a Marilyn Meredith book signing, too. If you are interested in participating, contact **Carol Byker** at **784-6678.**

***It's Time to Pay Your Dues for 2009-2010! Check it out.***

### 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)

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