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PAA NEWS

Calendar

Children's Art Show

- ◆ Show runs through Sept. 15 (approx.)

Next Board Meetings

- ◆ Wed., Sep. 2, 10 am at the gallery. Members are welcome.
- ◆ Wed., Oct. 7, same time & place.

Next General Meeting and Regular Workshop

- ◆ Meeting on Friday, Sep. 25, 7pm at the Santa Fe Depot, with demo in pastel by Susie Stach, of Fresno.
- ◆ Workshop in pastel with Susie Stach, Saturday, Sep. 26, from 10 am to 3 pm, Santa Fe Depot.

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From the President...

The gallery is looking quite spiffy because the new show is up and the room has had a good cleaning. Your artwork just keeps getting better and better. So many thanks to the wonderful crew who showed up to help hang the paintings, even if I did have to break up a political discussion. A new record of two hours is all it took as the crew worked wonderfully together. We even got the cleaning done that same afternoon. This is usually a two-day job. Again, thanks to all of you who helped.

PAA received another check from Save Mart for using the S.H.A.R.E.S. cards. Another \$300 has been deposited into our account this year (for a total of \$600) because of your use of those cards. What an easy way to bring money into our organization! Keep up the good work. There are more cards available if you have friends or neighbors who will use them for us.

We are asking you all to paint and donate one or more miniature paintings for our new money-making raffle project. The maximum size will be 10 inches by 12 inches, including the frame. We will begin receiving them at the end of September. That gives you some time to finish and frame them. Tickets will be sold at the gallery and the Gala for \$5 each, or three for \$10. The purchaser will put his tickets into the box beside or under their favorite painting. These pictures will be awarded to the winners on Dec. 16 at our board meeting, the week after the Christmas Boutique. Please call Vedra or myself to let us know you will participate in this new fund raising event for PAA. Again, we need your support to make this project work for PAA.

Carol

September Meeting and Guest Artist

As this is being written, August is heading toward September, school has started (or is about to start), and, hopefully, the 100 degree days yet to come will be fewer in number than they have been.

One thing is for sure, though, our first meeting of the season will be held on Friday, September 25th, at the Santa Fe Depot. The meeting will start as usual, at 7 p.m. and we will catch up with each other and with

business in general. Following that, our Guest Artist, Susie Stach, of Fresno, will do a demonstration for us in pastel. She was a popular demonstrator for us last fall, and we have brought her back by popular demand. Susie will conduct a workshop on Saturday, September 26th, 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.

Sponsor Gala Date Set in October

The 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 end around 7:30 p.m. and there will be lots of

interesting things going on. The party is still in the planning stage, 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.

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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 has closed. The City of Lindsay has terminated its Arts funding because of budget problems. We are sorry to see the loss of this resource, even if only for a short time.

The **Courthouse Gallery** in Exeter's two-person show featuring PAA's **Manuel Abad**, oil painter from Tulare, and watercolorist, muralist and teacher, **Varian Mace** of Visalia will run through Sept. 27.

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.

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

Keep using your S.H.A.R.E.S. cards whenever you shop at Save Mart. They are a valuable resource for PAA. If you need a card, they are available at the gallery. Thanks!

Gallery Bid Item

Lawanda Wollenman's small pastel, "Onions," is our current donated silent bid item on display in the gallery. The bidding is already active. **Pauline Hayes'** picture was awarded August 5, for a winning bid of \$50, to **Darlene Sprague**.

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)

Children's Art Classes May be Offered on Saturdays

The parents of the kids in this summer's art classes expressed the strong wish to see continuing Children's classes offered at the gallery. This has been a long-standing wish on the part of parents and we have wanted to see it happen, too. We discussed the idea with Merrily Davies and Josie Figueroa, our two summer art teachers, and they both expressed interest.

It appears that the Children's classes could be offered on a couple

Saturday mornings each month. The first and third Saturday mornings currently have nothing scheduled, and there is also the occasional 5th Saturday that could be utilized.

We are not sure yet in what form or just how soon we might be able to begin offering the classes, but as soon as we get the details and logistics worked out, we will let you know what the schedule will be. Stay tuned for further developments.

Editor's Corner...and...Odds & Ends...

We will be seeing some changes in our normal meeting demonstrations and workshops this season. Because of the expense of bringing artists to Porterville to conduct workshops for us, we will be cutting back on the number of demos and workshops being offered. The problem is that we rarely have enough people attending the workshops to offset the cost

Instead of six guest artists, each doing a demo and a workshop, we will drop the number to three, and will offer the opportunity to get together to paint on the remaining workshop Saturdays, without an instructor, and in any media you wish.

Our annual **Christmas Boutique** has been scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (and possibly, a bit later—not sure yet). It's time to start getting things ready for that if you are interested. Contact **Carol Byker** at **784-6678** for additional information.

Nancy Merrick had a recent surgery and we hope she is doing well and recovering nicely at home.

We understand that **Sue Marcotte** has had some recent encouraging medical news and we hope that she is doing better as well. We have been keeping both ladies in our thoughts and wish them both the best.

Thanks to **Joy Harvey** for donating the framing of Marty Weekly's oil painting. It is beautiful! And our best to **Doug**, who is having some serious medical problems. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Video Workshop

September's video workshop will be **Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m.** at the gallery, and is being provided by Jan Harris. We hear it will be on pastel, but are not sure of the artist's name. Come watch it with us for fun!

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