



# SPS NEWS LETTER

Bringing Brilliance to Art and Life

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

*May this find you all in good spirits and health as the New Year begins. 2006 was a very good year for the Sierra Pastel Society and wheels are in motion to make 2007 a year filled with activities and opportunities to grow as an artist.*

*To help us line up a calendar for 2007, at our Holiday Luncheon (don't miss the pictures in this newsletter) we solicited ideas, suggestions, and assistance from members in the form of a raffle ticket/survey. We learned that there is a lot of interest in sponsoring art shows and providing group opportunities to paint together, indoors and outdoors; there is also high interest in having critiques, demonstrations and, to a lesser extent, workshops and trips to art museums. Some members offered interesting twists on these activities, like painting from a model (and everyone chipping in \$5 to pay the model) or paint-in tea parties.*

*With respect to SPS goals for 2007, suggestions included increasing the number of members; having three membership shows instead of two (with one as a show for miniature paintings—perhaps a “show and sell” before the holidays); hosting the Pastels on High (POH) International Exhibition; and increasing participation in shows and events. I really liked the suggestion to make us all better painters! We are definitely planning on that!*

*These suggestions sound like fun and we are going to work them into the calendar to the extent we can. See the Calendar of Events in this newsletter and please check the website at [SierraPastelSociety.net](http://SierraPastelSociety.net) for updates.*

*One challenge we face is finding a new venue for POH. Just a few days ago, the Chablis Gallery closed its doors on Main Street in Placerville and moved to the virtual world. We really appreciate owner Joyce Amlick and her support of POH over the years. You can visit the Chablis Gallery on-line at [www.chablisgallery.com](http://www.chablisgallery.com). If anyone has suggestions for a new POH venue, please contact a board member!*

*As a reminder, membership dues are due. Being a procrastinator I know how easy it is to put this off, but it really helps to get it all squared away. Please send in your dues today, if you haven't already done so, and contribute to another successful year.*

*Best wishes and joy,*

*Kathy Frevert Levenson*  
President, Sierra Pastel Society

# Artists Opportunities

## WORKSHOPS

## EXHIBITIONS / COMPETITIONS

### Margot Schulzke Pastel & Oil Workshops 2007

#### Colonial San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, February 11-17, 2007

Based at historic, expansive Hacienda las Trancas, lots of paintable subject matter on site, plus riding stable. 30,000 feet under roof. American owned and managed. Fly into Leon Airport, shuttle available. We'll paint in San Miguel, considered the best preserved colonial city in Mexico. Bus and cabs available into town. Side trips to Guanajuato and/or Delores Hidalgo, pottery capital of Mexico. Affordable. 5 days

Contact: Linda Roemisch: [artandsoul@hughes.net](mailto:artandsoul@hughes.net) or call 530-265-9213.

#### NEW! Hope Valley, CA, September 30-October 5, 2007

Pristine pocket of the Sierras, a high mountain valley with alpine meadows and groves of aspens in fall color -- all on the spectacular eastern slope of the Sierras. Old barns, ranches, small creeks. The West Carson River meanders through the valley along the old emigrant trail. A range of accommodations is available, from plush to nice but economical. All levels; oil and pastel instruction, with design emphasis - watercolorists are welcome. Indoors and plein air. 5 days, \$375 tuition.

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#### Terry Ford, PSA,PSWC-DP

California Bay Area, June 2007

For further details: email: [tford@terrifordart.com](mailto:tford@terrifordart.com) or call 408-286-3801.

#### Colleen K. Howe, PSA, AWA

East side of the Sierras, "In the Footsteps of Edgar Payne" July 16-20, 2007. For information contact:435-232-4633 or email: [mail@colleenhowe.com](mailto:mail@colleenhowe.com).

#### Richard McDaniel, PSA

February 19-23, 2007 Santa Rosa, CA, Hibernation Special. June 11-15, 2007 Santa Rosa CA., Wine Country Plein Air. October 9-13, Santa Rosa, CA, Wine Country Plein Air. For phone numbers, web site links and more information, please visit [www.RichardMcDaniel.com](http://www.RichardMcDaniel.com).

### Digital Images due January 12, 2007

The Austin Pastel Society's 7th Annual Juried Membership Exhibition, March 4-May 6, 2007. Juror: Richard McKinley, PSA, PSWC-DP. More that \$3,000 in cash and merchandise awards. \$25/3 digital images. Prospectus and membership information online at [austinpastelsociety.org](http://austinpastelsociety.org), or send e-mail to [exhibitionns@austinpastelsociety.org](mailto:exhibitionns@austinpastelsociety.org)

### Slides due January 31, 2007

Northern Colorado Art Association 16th Annual National Juried Competition. More than \$5,000 in awards. Juror: Lorenzo Chavez. Show April 7-May 11. SASE: NCAA, P.O. Box 1039, Fort collins CO 80522. Members: \$30, non-members \$35, up to three slides. [ncaa/Bensongallery.com](http://ncaa/Bensongallery.com).

### Slides due February 1, 2007

Massachusetts, Springfield Academic Artists Assn. 57th National Exhibition. April 8-May 18, 2007. More than \$4,500 in awards. Paintings, Pastels, Graphics, Sculpture. Juried by slide. Fee: \$25 non-members. Prospectus, SASE: B. Gillete, 18 Bobolink Lane, Enfield CT 06082.

### Slides due March 1, 2007

Pastel Painters of Maine 8th International Juried Exhibition for "Pastels Only," June 2007, Kennebunk, ME. Exact dates and location TBA. More than \$2,500 in cash and merchandise prizes. Judge: Richard McKinley. Members \$30/ Non-members \$35 for up to 3 slides. Porspectus: Send #10 SASE to: Caren Michel, 149 Mechanic St., Westbrook ME 04092 or e-mail: [cmichel@maine.rr.com](mailto:cmichel@maine.rr.com).

### Slides due April 1, 2007

MidAmerica Pastel Society of Greater Kansas City National Open Pastel Exhibition June 15- September 9 at the Albrecht-Kemper Art Museum, St. Joseph, Miss. Entry Juror: Anita Louise West, awards Judge: Albert Handell. More than \$8,000 in awards. Send #10 SASE to P.O. Box 40369, 8010 Conser, Overland Park KS 66204 or download prospectus at [midamericapastel.org](http://midamericapastel.org).

### Slides due March 3, 2007

Pastel Society of the West Coast, Pastels USA, 21st Annual International Open Exhibition. May 8 - June 2. 2007. Jury of selection: Dolores D'Pharr, Gary Pruner, Anita Wolff. Juror of Awards: Doug Dawson. More than \$11,000 in awards. For information contact: Maria Sylvester at P.O.Box 923, Auburn, CA 95604 or [sylvester2666@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sylvester2666@sbcglobal.net)

**DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!**

## It's time to renew your membership!

We are excited about the opportunities for growing as artists and advancing the pastel medium in the coming year. Every member helps make the Sierra Pastel Society a special organization. Please take a minute, complete your membership form, and send it in today.

Members who have been accepted in Pastels On High (POH) for several years, may not realize they have *earned* signature membership. If you have been accepted in three different POH International Exhibitions in the past five years, you automatically qualify and you may send in your membership form as a signature member. Signature Members may use the initials "SPS" after their signature on their art or in publication as long as they remain a member in good standing.

### **SIERRA PASTEL SOCIETY**

January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007

**Associate Artist \$25- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Artist \$35- \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate (non-artist) \$20**

(available through juried acceptance)

**\_\_\_\_\_New \_\_\_\_\_Renewal**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in assisting in these areas: \_\_\_\_\_ exhibitions \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_ publicity \_\_\_\_\_ receptions

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ special programs

**Mail application and check to: Sierra Pastel Society, P.O. Box 1936, Placerville CA 95667**



## ***Drawing for complimentary one year subscription to International Artist magazine***

Congratulations to Jane Welles of Nevada City, CA She is the winner of a free one-year subscription to International Artist magazine.

Keep those forms for the drawings coming. You too can be the recipient of a free one-year subscription to "International Artist" magazine. Please send the form in this edition of the newsletter to Roberta Hendry, 1272 Rosier Street, Placerville, CA 95667, by February 16, 2007. What a nice way to start the new year !

Yes, please enter my name in the drawing for The International Artist magazine 1 year Subscription Prize Drawing:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Member News

## Holiday Luncheon — Good Food, Friends and a Dash of Inspiration

Thanks goes to Sherrie Toti Johnson for arranging our Holiday Luncheon at the Courtyard Café off Main Street in Placerville. If you haven't been to the Courtyard Cafe, we can all attest to the good food. Everything had a fresh home-made taste. We were treated to delicious soup, salad, sandwiches, and assorted baked treats. The setting was cozy and the long tables gave it a family-style feeling.

At the luncheon, Kathy Frevert Levenson, President of the Sierra Pastel Society, thanked the SPS Board of Directors and Show Chairs for 2006 and gave each artist a couple of iridescence pastels, and a rose to our Affiliate Representative, as a token of thanks. A successful year depends on the team effort of many! Kathy then announced five new Signature Status Members: Evelyn Delgado from San Jose; Lee McVey from Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Gloria Vernon from Placerville were awarded Signature Status by our judge Margot Schultze. For this process, applicants submitted three slides to be judged. Additionally, Sherrie Toti Johnson from Shingle Springs and Kathy Frevert Levenson from Rescue received Signature Status by having had a painting accepted into three separate POH International Exhibitions in the past five years.

Urania Christy Tarbet then spoke and showed us her International Association of Pastel Societies Master Circle Award. It is a large gold medal from the International Association of Pastel Societies. Congratulations to Urania and thank you for the inspiration!

We ended the luncheon with a raffle/survey, as noted in first page of this newsletter, and many members shared their ideas and suggestions for the upcoming year. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Many of the members of the Sierra Pastel Society enjoyed comradship and wonderful food at our Year end, Holiday Luncheon at the Court Yard Cafe in downtown Placerville in December....A Fun way to finish out the year and get to know each other better. Sherrie Toti Johnson arranged this great day for us.

Sherrie has served five years as the Special Events coordinator for the Sierra Pastel Society, she has done an outstanding job in arranging general meetings, paint-outs, paint-ins, refreshments for our membership show receptions and many other venues. Sherrie has decided that it is time for her to step down and give another member the opportunity to serve as our Events coordinator. We truly appreciate all that Sherrie has done and will miss her at the board meetings, however we will expect to see great things coming from her easel in the future with extra time to spend in her studio. Thank you Sherrie for a job well done....now, go paint!

If you are interested in becoming active in the Pastel Society as Events coordinator or know someone who would like to take this position, please contact one of the board members.

# Calendar of Events, 2007

Visit: [www.sierrapastelsociety.net](http://www.sierrapastelsociety.net) for updates

**We are going to have a fun year!  
The calendar isn't completely final  
yet, but many dates and events are  
noted below with details to follow.**

**February 3, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Paint-in at Sherry Huntting's Studio.** What better thing to do on a cool winter day than paint in the comfort of indoors. Sherry once again opens her studio! Bring your painting gear, something to paint, lunch and your enthusiasm.

If you would like to join us, please contact:  
Sherry Huntting [classicart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:classicart@sbcglobal.net), or phone  
530-6776-1282.

**February 24-10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**General Membership Meeting** with Demonstration by Anita Wolff, accomplished artist and teacher.

We will start with a short general meeting at 10:30 am  
At 11:00 am Anita will demonstrate either a landscape or a still life painting. Anita is a very exceptional artist and person; you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn!

**Location:** The Clubhouse at Greenstone Estates.  
4700 Old French Town Road, Shingle Springs.

**March 10, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

(March 24, backup snow date)

**Potluck and Critique.** Bring a few of your paintings to have them critiqued in a friendly learning environment by other artists. The spring Membership Show is the next month so you will have time to add final touches to your paintings!

As part of this day of sharing, bring something to contribute to a potluck lunch. All experience levels are welcome!

**Location:** Connie Randmaa's studio in Pollock Pines.  
RSVP to Connie at: 530-644-8664, by March 6 for directions.

**March-Tentative Paint-in with Live Model,** details later

**April 2-6**

**Spring Membership Show.**

El Dorado County, Government Building B,  
360 Fair Lane, Placerville  
Spring Show Chair: Mary Ann Broddrick  
[mawreath1@sbchlobal.net](mailto:mawreath1@sbchlobal.net), 530-622-2477.

**May -tentative Paint out** at David Beauchamp's

**July - Art Museum visit,** details later

**August - Paint-in** (escape the heat) details later.

**September 17-24,**

**Fall Membership show**

El Dorado County, Government Building B,  
360 Fair Lane, Placerville  
Fall Show Chair: Susan Levitsky  
[slevitsky@sbchlobal.net](mailto:slevitsky@sbchlobal.net), 530-676-0781

**Last weekend in September**

**Studio Tours.** This is an event sponsored by the Placerville Arts Association and you won't want to miss it. Several SPS members will be participating!

**September or October**

**Paint, Show, and Sell** - It is your choice. Show your paintings, sell them, or spend the day painting in the festive environment of a release party at Chevalier Winery.

**Location:** Chevalier Winery  
5720 French Creek Road, Shingle Springs.  
RSVP: Sherrie Toti Johnson. [sherrietj@comcast.net](mailto:sherrietj@comcast.net),  
530-677-4936.

**October 1**

(October 20, back-up rain date)

**Paint and Picnic** - fall color extravaganza.  
Spend the day in the glorious colors of fall. Bring your picnic and gear. Details will follow.

**October - November**

**"Pastels on High International Exhibition"**  
(pending a new show venue)

**October - November**

**General Membership Meeting** with critique/  
demo and paint-in. The weather starts getting nippy so it's time to move indoors.



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## *CLASSES & WORKSHOPS*

**Tuesday Morning Group** at Placerville Senior Center, all mediums, 9:00 am-noon. Call Valerie Bye at (530) 622-4111.

**Anita Wolff**, Oils/Pastel/Watercolor. Classes are held on Thursday and Friday by appointment. Classes are semi-private: (530) 644-6814.

**Chris Rex**, workshops in CREATIVITY, finding the inner spark, based on a process called Focusing. (916) 944-2003.

**Blanche Kawahara**, Pastels: (530) 622-8026.

**Sherry Huntting Studio**, Oils & Pastel. Two year apprentice program in Classical Realism, specializing in portraiture. (530) 677-1282, website: [www.SherryHuntingStudio.com](http://www.SherryHuntingStudio.com)

**Barry Jamison**, Pastel and Drawing for adults and children: (916) 608-8740 or (530) 672-6686

**Irene Lester**, Pastel School of Light and Color (916) 966-7517

**Marriel Taylor**, Pastels: (209) 245-3610