



### MPAS Demo Schedule

Meeting Time: 2:00- 4:00 PM  
(first Sun of each month)

**Sept 6, 2020:**

**Artist:** Marian Hirsch, Oil  
**Refreshments:** LaVerne Arnett, Louise Loggins  
**Sm Gallery:** Dolores Wright

**Oct 4, 2020:**

**Artist:** Beverly Boren, oil  
**Refreshments:** Dolores Wright, Carol Durrum  
**Sm Gallery:** LaVerne Arnett

**Nov 1, 2020:**

**Artist:** Bill Dell, w/c, pen & ink  
**Refreshments:** Donna Monroe, Deborah Carr  
**Sm Gallery:** Steve Corbell

**Dec 3, 2020**

**Artist:** Kaye Franklin, oil  
**Refreshments:** Shirley Clay, Steve Corbell  
**Sm Gallery:** Kay Thomas

**Jan 3, 2021**

**Artist:** Melinda Morrison, oil figure  
**Refreshments:** Ann Glaess, Jan Switzer  
**Sm Gallery:** Velda Williams

Marian Hirsch is a full time professional artist. She is an accomplished artist moving seamlessly between multiple mediums – oil, pastel, watercolor and gouache. Her plein air studies provide the foundation for her color rich pastel landscapes, which are composed and created in her studio. Oil is her medium of choice for plein air work as it offers a more flexible approach. The field sketches allow her to come home with a record of a specific time and place and to capture the nuances of color that photos do not. Rich, juicy paint, quality over passages of transparent underpainting are characteristics of her work. Through the plein air works are small; she often works in considerable larger sizes. A recent commission was 4 by 6 feet.

Her artwork is included in numerous corporate collections such as Ford Motor Company, AT&T, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Merrill Lynch, Lucent Technologies, Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, Dallas Business Journal and Verizon Wireless. Articles about her paintings have been published in Artist's Magazine, American Artist, International Artist Magazine and the Pastel Journal. She is included in the book 200 Great Painting Ideas for Artist by North Light Books. She is a signature member of Pastel Society of America, Pastel Society of the Southwest, Southwestern Watercolor Society, Texas & Neighbors and Associated Creative Artists.

For more of her art visit her website – [www.MARIANHIRSCH.com](http://www.MARIANHIRSCH.com) or on her professional page on Facebook – Marian Hirsch, Artist



Ridge Spring



Fields All Golden



Fishing Weather

## *President's Letter*

Greetings!

Things will never be the same! The COVID 19 virus has influenced all our lives and tested our ability to adapt and modify our lives! It's a new year for us and another beginning and reminds me of the excitement I always have when we start a new school year! I have visions of painting that little virus and I may disguise it in my future paintings as something shapely and red!

Some of us are learning very quickly how much Linda Pepper, Trustee, has contributed to the previous success of the Mt. Pleasant Art Society. If something needed to be done, she generally just took care of it. She acted like a good nurturing mom showing her love for the society. She is a hard act to follow! It's going to take all of us working together to fill her shoes! We have great committee chairs and I hope you will be quick to say yes to assist when you are asked by any of the chairpersons. We also hope you will provide your ideas for our continued growth and successes.

We have a great slate of officers this year and I know we have some tough decisions ahead of us but we have hit the ground running. We have already been working for you this summer and you will notice a difference in the membership book (thanks to our Second Vice-President, Mary Hodges). Also, we will have our front entry repaired during the month of September after our first meeting. We all have the mission of the society at heart which is to further the interests of artists creating visual arts through programs, workshops, and exhibitions. We also want to develop fellowship among artists and promote art in our communities! If you have some ideas that will help achieve our mission, please be sure to share them with us. This is your art society and I also want it to grow and continue to be the best it can be!

One of the changes we will see this year (and yes, it is blamed on THE VIRUS) is the cancellation of the Titus County Fair and the art show for the communities in our area. It just means we will come back next year stronger and better than ever! I know lots of people are disappointed in this temporary loss. It is a good opportunity for community members to display their work and creativity. Our local membership show is currently still undecided, and we are closely working with NTCC administration. We do still have our local display of artwork in our Small Gallery and our first artist is Delores Wright. I know you will be excited to see her latest work.

If I or any of your officers can be of any assistance, please let us know your concerns and your ideas for our society. Be safe and I'm looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting this year, September 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Our refreshments will be provided by LaVerne Arnett and Louise Loggins. We will abide by our governor's request for the wearing of masks and as much as possible our social distancing. Feel free to get creative with your masks!

Thank you for your membership and commitment to the Mt. Pleasant Art Society! Bring a friend to our meetings!

Sincerely, Shirley Clay

## *Backroom Artist: Dolores Wright*

I live in the east Texas town of Quitman where I have a small studio.

I began seriously painting after retiring from banking in 2011. I paint every day and it has taken over my life! I just love it...I try to put joy in each painting and hope the viewer feels it also.

Back in the 1990's I took lessons from Kay Walton in Stephenville, Texas. Kay is a prolific bluebonnet artist that instilled the joy of the Texas landscape in me.

I have taken many classes and workshops that have helped me progress in my art. I'm so thankful to all the art teachers and artist friends for their support.

I am a member of Winnsboro Women's Art Force and Mt Pleasant Art Society.

Happy Painting  
Dolores Wright

## *Condolences*

The last few weeks have been hard for a couple of our members. Louise Loggins lost her brother and Steve Corbell's mother passed away. Let's keep both families in our thoughts and prayers.

## *Thank You*

A big thanks to our friend, Bev Boren, for stepping in to do our Oct demo. Due to John Cook's wife having been ill for several months he felt he needed to cancel the demo and workshop. Prayer for his family.



Just want to say thanks to the Titus County Historical Commission for the recognition and plaque that now hangs outside our front door. Check it out as you come inside.