



Mt Pleasant Art Society

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Guest Artist: Mary Jean Davis

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Meetings: 1st Sunday each
month, 2:00PM

May 2024

Artist: Mary Jean Davis

Media: Pastel

Refreshments: Diana
Williams and Carol Durrum

Small Gallery: Denise
Westerberg

“It’s in my blood, I can’t help it! I have always wanted to re-create the beauty around me, even if it was something as simple as a feather in a parking lot or a mountain in the Grand Tetons. I know, there is no creator like God but acknowledging the gifts I have been given is essential to me. After retiring from the Texas Public School System, I have discovered my opportunity to create again. Finding joy in the expression of an old soul, A young child or the way the light bounces off glass and items I’ve collected from the past, I am constantly vigilant of emotions provoked by my surroundings. Being able to express these glimpses of life has been a desire and a goal.”

Mary Jean (Jeannie) Davis has over thirty years teaching experience in the public schools and has taught private lessons in her home, at Longview Museum of Fine Arts and the Marshall Visual Arts Center. She also gives workshops in drawing skills and pastels. Working primarily in soft pastels, she has had her work accepted in National and International shows from Cape Cod, MA., New York City, Sedona, AZ., Texas, to Santa Fe, New Mexico. She even has collectors as far away as India.

She grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana and earned her BFA in Art Education with Cum Laude honors at Louisiana Tech University. Retired from public school teaching, she currently lives in Texas, but loves to travel and is constantly learning. Carrie Ellen Montgomery, her great grandmother, studied under Grant Wood while she attended the Stone City Art Colony in Chicago, Ill. Mary Jean’s ‘gifts’ as an artist have often been attributed to her.

Dues are Due

Active/Associate \$35
Family \$45

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V.P. Newsletter

As many of you know our president, Marty Graves, has been hospitalized this week. She is on the mend and should be returning home soon. We wish her a speedy recovery. Last month we discovered a recurrent leak in the roof which must be repaired before we can proceed with floor repairs and painting. The officers met and have selected a color and materials have been purchased. Work will begin soon. Hopefully this will be our last major repair for a while! We held the gift basket raffle last month and our most deserving winner was Blanca Mills. She is just getting started, so I'm sure everything will be put to good use. Quick reminder to get started on you patriotic themed work for the Founders Award. First place is \$200. Winner will be decided at the August recognition social.

Happy painting everyone.

Tammy

Small Gallery: Denise Westerberg

Denise Cavallo Westerberg was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts many moons ago. She currently resides in Mount Pleasant, with her husband Neil, two dogs and two cats. Denise predominantly works in graphite, but dabbles in water color, colored pencil, oils and sometime sews.

Denise started her art education the moment she learned to hold a crayon. She thinks of herself more as a creator than an artist but she is happy to be called one. Her studies at the Art Institute of Colorado included Photography and Design. She has taken classes/workshops at Nova University, Wilamantic State College and the University of Central Florida.

Denise enjoys capturing the beauty in all things around us by not recording a literal moment in time but the emotion or experience in the moment.

Upcoming Oil Workshop

Kathy Tate
(Landscape Structural)

Nov 4,5,6 2024

\$375.00
\$100 Deposit at sign up
(non-refundable or transferable)

Welcome New Members

Christina Doyle
And
Bobbie Ashley