



## Mt Pleasant Art Society

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### MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month, 2:00PM

#### Feb 2024

**Artist:** Suzann Cromer

**Media:** Clay Sculpture

**Refreshments:** Velda Williams, Marty Graves

**Small Gallery:** David Stinson

#### March 2024

**Artist:** Arthur Sekula

**Media:** Watercolor

**Refreshments:** Pat Browning and Denise Westerberg

**Small Gallery:** Tuesday and Friday Painters

#### April 2024

**Artist:** Clinton Broyles

**Media:** Oil

**Refreshments:** Doloris Wright and Michele Green

**Small Gallery:** Blanca Mills

### Guest Artist: Suzann Cromer doing a clay sculpture

Suzann began painting at an early age and has continued to study various forms of art through apprenticeship and atelier programs and private instruction after having some formal art education at North Texas State in Denton, Texas. Her interest is now sculpting in clay with a primary focus on portraits and figures. Having served as Artist in Residence at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, Longview, Texas, judging art shows, giving demos for art societies and conducting portrait workshops in various cities she also does commission portrait busts. Suzann strives for simplicity of form in her sculpture encouraging the viewer to contemplate their own interpretation and meaning. The human face and body are her primary sources of inspiration as they are her muse. Suzann is currently a member of the National Sculpture Society of New York, The Texas Sculpture Association, Dallas, Texas, The Portrait Society of America, Tallahassee, Florida, The Texas Society of Sculptors, Austin, Texas and The Sculptors of Life, Texas.

### Welcome New Members

Wendy Koehrsen---Terry McCain---Kathryn Conrad  
and Alyce Spence Leard



Finished  
Jan demo  
by Terri  
Denatale

Clinton Broyles Oil Workshop  
April 8, 9, 10 2024  
\$350.00

Kathy Tate Oil Workshop \$375  
Nov 4, 5, 6 2024  
(landscape/structures)

## *President's Letter*

What a month we just had! We welcome February with open arms hoping for nicer weather.

Work continues on the building. I just can't say thank you enough to the Members and spouses who generously give of their time and talents to make the Art Society more welcoming and functional. I am hearing the next step is to begin in the kitchen area. I believe the plan at the moment is to clean and paint the walls after filling the gaps with caulk. We are looking for a flooring product for the small gallery and restroom. The classroom is continuously being cleaned and rearranged. If you donated the old TV, or the slide projectors, VCRs or tapes please let Denise know what you would like for their removal. If she doesn't hear from anyone they will be sent to God's Closet in Pittsburg. It is a place that sells items and also gives away lots of items to those less fortunate. I know that some of the homeless in Mount Pleasant have benefited from their generosity. Please let Denise know of your wishes.

January meeting was the first time to use the new camera and TV. Oh my! How wonderful it was to sit anywhere and see what the Artist was demonstrating. Every seat was a great one. Terri Denatale provided us with a new look at cold wax use in creating beautiful art with great texture and depth. She encouraged the members and guests to come up and try their hand at painting with the wax mixture. She also had surprise door prizes that was a lot of fun. Those of you who haven't been at the meetings recently we miss you and hope you will schedule the first Sunday Meeting in on your calendar. You have missed some wonderful programs with more to come. Looking forward to seeing you in February.

Don't forget to be working on your entries for the Membership Art Show March 9-29. You have a little over a month to get your art finished and framed. Please look at the Membership Art Show rules on page 5 -6 of your yearbook. The Art Show committee works all year to make this a great event please look at the rules so your art can be entered as smoothly as possible. MARCH 7 IS WHEN ENTRIES ARE TAKEN IN AT THE WATLEY 12 UNTIL 2;00 P.M.

Linda Hardey and Shirley Clay provided a colorful and tasty array of foods to select from at the break. The chicken salad was a big hit as well as the prosciutto wrapped cheeses. Of course, chocolate cake is always a hit. Thank you both for volunteering.

There will be some surprise announcements at the February meeting. I hope you will be there. Remember in all ways be kind. You never know what the other person is dealing with. Paint something beautiful and have a peaceful day. Marty

### *Small Gallery Artist: David Stinson*

Twenty-five years ago, I was living in San Antonio and laboring at a very challenging job in a Psychiatric Hospital as a Psych RN. A friend suggested that I take up art to relieve some of my stress. Why not, I figured, so I signed up for a drawing class at the prestigious Southwest School of Art and Crafts as it was known back then. (Today it's called UTSA Southwest after being accredited by University of Texas San Antonio in 2021). To my surprise, I was hooked after my first class, and I've been drawing ever since. Eighteen years ago, I retired from nursing and moved back to my hometown, Mt. Vernon. Now as a retiree I lead a relatively stress-free life, reading a lot, writing occasionally, and, of course, drawing. My latest project is urban sketching and I recently joined Urban Sketchers East Texas in Longview. So far, it's been lots of fun. We'll see how it goes.