



## *Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter*

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***May Guest Artist, Ron Bigony watercolor  
Sunday Sept 3, 2017 @ 2:00pm-4pm***

Ron, has been painting in one way or the other since age eight when he started drawing and tracing cartoon characters from the Funny Paper. He is 2015-2016 past President of Southwest Watercolor Society, past President of East Texas Fine Arts Association and past President for The Mt. Pleasant Art Society in East Texas. A Native Texas, he graduated from Texas A&M Commerce, Texas with a major in Business and minor in Art. His career has been in the area of insurance and construction. His painting education has been aided by many workshops and DVD's. Major influences have been the water colors of Andrew Wyeth, Joseph Zbukvic, and John Yardley. Ron loves to paint land and cityscapes and tries to capture dramatic lights and darks. He believes that high contrast of light and shadow invokes an air of mystery to everyday objects. He is represented by Frame Up Gallery, Mt. Vernon Texas.

#### **Professional Affiliations:**

American Watercolor Society, Signature Member of Southwest Watercolor Society, Signature Member Of National Watercolor Society, Signature Member of Western Federation of Watercolor Society, Mt. Pleasant Art Society, Cofounder of East Texas Watercolor Society 2016

#### **Awards and Exhibitions:**

American Watercolor Society 145th International Exhibition 2012-High Winds Medal Award 2012 & Traveling Exhibition 2012  
Houston 40<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition Watercolor Art Society 2017 – Merit Cash Award  
Louisiana Watercolor Society 47<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition 2017  
Western Federation of Watercolor Society 37<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> & 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Membership Show  
Western Federation of Watercolor 2016 Merchandise Award  
National Watercolor 2013 Annual Member Show & 2013 Annual Exhibition & Signature Member 2013  
Southwest Watercolor Society 48<sup>th</sup> Annual 2011 & 49<sup>th</sup> 2012 Annual Membership Show  
Southwest Watercolor Jack Richardson & Co. 2012 Award  
Southwest Watercolor Society 50<sup>th</sup> Annual 2013 Membership Show  
Southwest Watercolor Tom Johnson Memorial Award 2013  
Southwest Watercolor Society 51<sup>st</sup> Annual 2014 Membership Show – awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Southwest Watercolor Society 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual 2015 Membership Show – Dixon Ticonderoga Co. award  
Southwest Watercolor Society 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual 2016 Membership Show – Honorable Mention  
Texas & Neighbors 32<sup>nd</sup> Regional Art Exhibition 2017 – Honorable Mention  
Texas Watercolor Society 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition – Honorable Mention  
Texas Watercolor Society 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition – The Ampersand Art Supply Award  
Mt. Pleasant Art Society Show – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Franklin County Arts Alliance Show June 2012  
2013 East Texas Regional Artist – Longview Museum of Fine Arts  
2016 Resident Artist for Longview Arboretum  
Featured Artist in Texas Watercolor Artist June 2012, American Artist Watercolor Fall 2012 and Watercolor Artist December 2012, Finalist Artist Magazine Dec. 2012, Best Overall Watercolor Award in December 2014 & January 2015 or Plein Air Salon Competition with painting featured in May 2015 edition of Plein Air Magazine.  
Permanent Collection: Omni Hotel West End Room Dallas, Texas  
Ronbigony.com

**MPAS 2016 -2017  
Schedule**

**Meeting Time: 2:00- 4:00 PM**

**Sept 3, 2017:**

**Guest:** Ron Bigony  
**Medium:** Watercolor  
**Food:** Donna Monroe, Steve Corbell

**Oct 1, 2017:**

**Guest:** Jeff Legg  
**Medium:** Oil  
**Food:** Barbara Caravella, Jeanne Hambleton, Sandy Hinds

**Nov 5, 2017:**

**Guest:** Bryce Weigand  
**Medium:** Watercolor  
**Food:** Louise Loggins and Laverne Arnette

**Workshops**

**Not too late to sign up!!**

There are only a few spots left in **Jeff Legg's** workshop in Oct  
This is your one time opportunity to take from him at MPAS

and

**Phil Starke** is coming in the April 2018, also with spaces. Great teacher!!

If you are interested call Linda Pepper at 903-588-2370 or LaVerne Arnett at 903-537-4018

*Back Room Artist  
Teresa Garrett*

Since early childhood I have enjoyed visual art, especially colorful impressionist paintings. Although I like visual art, I didn't know how to draw or paint, nor did the elementary and high school I attended in New York City offered any art classes. In 1999 I took a one-day watercolor painting class. Although I enjoyed it, I found watercolor paint difficult to control and change once applied on paper. Later I attempted painting with acrylics. I found the acrylic media easier to manipulate, but it dried too quickly. Since my drawing and painting skills were very limited, I still had difficulty with this media too. I was reluctant to try oil painting because I thought it was too messy to work with. Despite my reservations, in 2005, I attended a one-day beginner oil in Missouri where I lived. I loved it because I finally found a medium that was easy to control and work with. I wanted to learn more so I continued taking one-day weekend classes which is all I had time for since I was in the U.S Air Force. In 2006 I moved to Pittsburg Texas, after 22 years in the Air Force and I was eager to find a place that offered painting classes. I joined the Mount Pleasant Art Society (MPAS) in January 2008 after watching Carol Durrum do an oil painting demo at the Mt Pleasant Fair in Sept 2007. Since then I have taken several painting workshops, watched many how-to-paint/draw DVDs, and took a college drawing course. I paint mostly on Tuesdays at the art society building with other MPAS members. I enjoy painting very much painting class offered by a local artist at the art center and although I have come a long way in my painting/drawing abilities, I still have a lot to learn. I'm still working on achieving an impressionist loose style. Along with painting I also enjoy doing quilt art which is like painting with colorful fabrics.

**New Slate of Officers 2017-2018**

President-----Steve Corbell  
1st Vice President-----Louise Loggins  
2nd Vice President-----Shirley Clay  
Secretary-----Deborah Carr  
Treasurer-----Michele Lawler  
Assistant Treasurer-----Linda Pepper  
Corresponding Secretary----Hellon Catlett  
Web-Master-----Donna Monroe

**NEWSFLASH**

- **Membership Books are out. Be sure to pick one up on the back table.**
- **Make a note the membership show for 2018 will be about 2 weeks earlier in March. That means less time to get ready for it.**



### *Members In The News*

Linda Lucas Hardy was awarded the 2017 IAC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition for “It Don’t Make Sense But It’s So Much Fun”.



“The Joy of Finding is Often in the Looking” was juried into the National Oil & Acrylic Painters of America Best of America Exhibition which will be Oct 16 to Nov 11<sup>th</sup>.



Linda is the, *Arts & Culture*, featured artist in the 2017-18 edition of “YOUR CONNECTION”. A publication of the Mt Pleasant-Titus County Chamber of Commerce. Available through the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Refreshments and Back Room Display**

We still need two volunteers to supply refreshments in April.  
Let Steve Corbell or Donna Monroe know if you are willing.  
Steve: catch him at the meeting or email, [scorbell@suddenlink.net](mailto:scorbell@suddenlink.net)  
Donna: 214-914-7411 or [donna.monroe12@yahoo.com](mailto:donna.monroe12@yahoo.com)

If you are interested in displaying in the back room let Steve know.  
Paintings do not have to be framed.

### *Condolences*

We have had several members or spouses of members pass away.

We want to pray that the family will find peace in all the memories that were shared.

Donna Hodge    Phillis Hasse    Bo Pilgrim (Patty)    Jo Taylor

Jim Monroe (Donna) thanks again for all the prayers