



Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter

Guest Artist: Bruce Peil Oil

Bruce was born and raised in Oklahoma and now resides in Athens, Texas. He is a signature member of the Oil Painters of America, the co-founder of the Outdoor Painters Society, a member of the Oklahoma Society of Impressionists and the American Impressionists Society. His paintings are widely collected and he is primarily known for his landscape paintings. "No matter what the subject matter is, it's that fleeting moment in time and the feeling of the light and air, that I strive most to capture in my paintings. I want the viewer to feel as though they are experiencing that moment in time. My goal is to capture the truth about the subject without over embellishment of color or too many unimportant details that can distract the eye from the main idea, "the feeling of the light and air."

"There are many artists who have influenced me and whose work I admire. Besides the obvious Sargent, Zorn, and Sorolla, there were living artists like Wilson Hurley, Robert Loughheed, John Clymer, Clyde Aspevig, James Reynolds, John Encinias, and so many more whose work had a big influence on me at the beginning of my art career. I discovered these great artists paintings at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City when I was first beginning to paint. As a new artist, having access to paintings of this quality, and the artists who created them, confirmed the direction I wanted my work to take and gave me a goal that I will always be striving to achieve. But as much as I admire these great painters works, my goal has always been to let my own style evolve naturally and to make my own statement."

MPAS Demo Schedule

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

April 3, 2022

Artist: Bruce Peil, Oil

Refreshments: Linda Hardy and Sueretta Todd

Small Gallery: Pat Browning

May 1, 2022

Artist: Judy Gelfort

Refreshments: Dusty Goodman and Michele Greene

Small Gallery: Leane McGuire

BEAT THE RUSH!!

The time is sneaking up on us!

It will be time to pay
2022-2023 dues in May.

Not too late to sign up for Bruce's Workshop

April 4, 5, 6 2022

Fee: \$475.00 with \$100 deposit

Min of 10 & Max 15 students

2022 Show Winners Congratulations to all!!!

1st Place: Linda Hardy

2nd Place: Rachel Greene

3rd Place: Carol Hale Bybee

Pilgrim's Bank Award: Kay Thomas

Goodman Insurance Inc. Award: Michele Green

Cypress Bank Award: Ann Glaess

Vera Bank Award: Linda Larey

First Federal Award: Shirley Clay

Edward Jones Investments Award: Denise Westerberg

First National Bank Award: Paula Hodge

Honorable Mention: Mary Hodges

People's Choice: David Stinson

President's Letter

Greetings Everyone!

Spring has sprung! Our Membership Show was a great success thanks to **Michelle Greene and Dusty Goodman**. I hope all of you got a chance to view the showing. There were several different mediums represented this year and some really interesting work. Thank you to all of you who entered and congratulations to all the winners. Some very impressive work!

Our demo artist last month was also very informative and painted a portrait of a woman that was not your usual portrait. Mary Hortman brought in a portrait almost finished and began the demo by showing us exactly how she starts and completes a portrait. She varies her strokes which she called rhythm of application and creates some hard edges to give the painting more interest. She also said that the hardest thing is to know when to stop so you do not overwork your painting. I think she has it figured out! Mary is very good at what she does with oil! There was not a dull moment.

Our Small Gallery Artist was **Carol Bybee** and she exhibited a variety of work including pastel, oil and watercolor. She had a portrait of her late husband that was outstanding. I really enjoyed her First Snow and the composition of Yesteryear was interesting. The jar of marbles was great to see too! Carol provided us with a variety of subjects for her paintings and is very talented. Thank you so much for sharing your work with us.

Our refreshments were provided by **LaVerne Arnett and Linda Larey**. Their theme was St. Patrick's Day and we all got the pot of gold! Thank you for doing some extra special homemade treats for us. Very green and festive ladies and the food was great.

In our business meeting this April, it is time to elect our officers and your attendance is important. We have a slate of officers for most positions that were presented last meeting. Nominations from the floor for positions are also accepted. We will need some committee members and chairs so be willing to volunteer and help our art society continue to grow and meet the needs of the artist community.

We will need **volunteers for our next year for refreshments and Small Gallery** so be willing to pick your month. You are appreciated! Thank you for your support and continued interest in art. We will continue to support our community with our art.

May is payday but your renewal for next year can be made in April. Our officers are working hard on our up coming events which are looking good for the next two years! Thank you all for doing an outstanding job!

Happy painting!
Shirley Clay