



Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter

Guest Artist: Bob O'Brian

MPAS Demo Schedule

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

May 2, 2021

Artist: Bob O Brian Drawing
(Caricature)

Refreshments: Michelle
Lawler and Sandy Hinds
Sm Gallery: Carol Durrum

Dues are due !!!

Don't get left out of the fun!!

\$35.00

Mail check to MPAS, PO
Box 54 Mt Pleasant, TX
75456

Or pay at the May meeting.

Art has always been something I have been doing since early childhood. I went to the Universidad Nacional de Bellas Artes in Buenos Aires Argentina, and the Maryland Institute College of Art. I have been a working artist for the past thirty some odd years. Drawing portraits and caricatures of people has been my bread and butter as to making ends meet. However my free time has been dedicated over these last 10 years to painting landscapes in oil. I have taken workshops with John Buidicin, Matt Smith, Ken Backhaus, and a weeklong workshop with the Plein Air Painters of America.

My focus in art is to paint from life. I want my art work to reflect my vision of the world from direct observation. My approach right now is to work small and to complete as much of the painting on the spot. I enjoy a loose approach without too much emphasis on detail but rather my goal is to capture something of the light and character of the landscape.

Painting landscapes is also a way for me to lose myself in nature and find peace. I do not consider success in terms of money or fame, but the journey towards mastery of my craft is my current destination.

WELCOME!!!

We have 4 new members to welcome to Mt. Pleasant Art Society

Carol Hale Bybee - Paris TX
Ruth Francis - Grapevine TX
Kaye Jackson - Holly Lake Ranch TX
Leana McGuire – Scroggins TX

Don't Miss Out on the Workshops

CLINTON BROYLES Oil Workshop

Oct 4,5,6 2021

Fee: \$300 with \$100 deposit Limit of 15

(((Only 3 spaces left)))

Bruce Peil Oil Workshop

Emphasis on

HOW TO FINISH A PAINTING!!!

April 4,5,6 2022

Fee: \$475.00 with \$100 deposit

Min of 10 & Max 15 students

President's Letter

Greetings Artists!

Well, Cecy was delightful as always. You missed something special if you were not able to attend our monthly meeting. She was very informative and her trees in the snow took shape as she built the landscape and snow shadows. The trees took shape with their distinct markings and color change. Her workshop was also a success and was enjoyable and informative. Lots of laughter and fun! Who knew painting snow could be so interesting? I want to thank LaVerne Arnett for providing the refreshments and Steve Corbell for assisting her. Thumbs up for both of you for a job well done. The Covid 19 safety features were continued and made it easy for us to take a bag and just enjoy!

Also, I hope you got to see the Small Gallery display of paintings provided by Sueretta Todd and I especially loved her watercolor of the Iris. Seems like I'm on a roll with picking out iris images as my favorites. Sueretta also had a variety of subjects in oil and several of those were outstanding in my opinion! Thank you so much for sharing with us Sueretta and keep up the good work!

Our officers were formally elected during the short business meeting and we will recognize our officers and committee chairs during our next meeting. Our next program demo artist is Bob O'Brian who will show us the ins and outs of caricature drawing. It should be very interesting and I'm looking forward to learning something to have fun with. We could start doing a caricature of our demo artists or the person sitting next to us! Wouldn't that be fun!

This will be our last meeting for this spring and is the time to pay your dues for the next year. Our First Vice President is hard at work getting our program demos scheduled and we will have several workshops also planned for the next year. It is also time to volunteer for refreshments for next year and I hope all of you will select the month you would like to this. I will be asking for volunteers to display your work in the Small Gallery as well. If you have not displayed your work this past year, please consider signing up to display your work in the Gallery. I hope all of you that can, volunteer to do your part in making each meeting a success and a joy for all of us.

I am asking all officers and committee chairs to be present on our May 2nd meeting for a special presentation. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Happy painting! Shirley Clay



Backroom Artist: Carol Durrum

The Christmas before my 40th birthday my husband, Frank, gave me a beginner's oil painting set. I was trying various new things to find a hobby that would help me deal with a rapidly emptying nest. From the first time I opened a tube of oil paint I was hooked! After spending a few years learning on my own, and wanting quality instruction, I signed up for painting and drawing classes at our local college. I soon became involved with the Mount Pleasant Art Society (MPAS) which is a Jewel in East Texas with around 50 members from Dallas to Texarkana. Over the years I have participated in workshops taught by renowned artists such as David Leffel, Sherrie McGraw, Xiang Zhang, Matt Smith, Greg Kreutz and so many more. Eventually, I was asked to teach and demonstrate at art societies in our region.

The beauty of everyday life inspires me. I prefer to paint from life and do so whenever the subject matter allows. Still Life is my first love, and the process of setting up the composition is something I embrace. When everything comes together, the painting almost paints itself. I also love to paint Texas landscapes, animals and portraits. One thing about painting is that you are challenging yourself to make a more beautiful statement on canvas.

In addition to membership in MPAS, I am an associate member of the Oil Painters of America (OPA). Although I rarely enter shows anymore I was blessed to be accepted in the National OPA show several times and won an Award of Excellence. I have also been accepted and won many awards in other national, regional and local shows.

Becoming an Artist is a lifelong journey with many ups and down! I thank God for all the art friends. You are an inspiration in life and in art. To all who have purchased my art, it boosts my drive to be the best Artist I can. Thank you!!