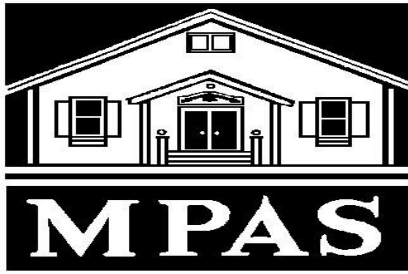


Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter
Feb 2023



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

March 5, 2023

Guest Artist: Soon Warren
Watercolor

Refreshments: Pat Browning
& Denise Westerberg

Small Gallery: Paula Hodge

April 2, 2023

Guest Artist: Clinton Broyles

Refreshments: Carol Durrum
& Ludie Pilgrim

Small Gallery: Linda Hardy

May 7, 2023

Guest Artist: Mollie Jones
Watercolor

Refreshments: Diana
Williams & Dust Goodman

Small Gallery: LaVerne
Arnett

Guest Artists: Bev Boren

Bev Boren was born and raised in Texas and now resides in Trophy Club, Texas with her husband Ben. She is a signature member of the Outdoor Painters Society and the Southwestern Watercolor Society. She is also a member of the Oil Painters of America, American Impressionist Society, and American Watercolor Society.

Her work is primarily the result of her need to paint. Inspiration can come at any time and in any place. She is not confined to one subject area. She loves to paint a variety of subject matter as well as working in various mediums. Bev's paintings are created with things that capture her eye whether it's a still life, landscape, or capturing a person's personality. Painting is her way of connecting with the world and the people around her and sharing those experiences along the way.

In her words "Trying to describe or explain my efforts at painting or drawing seems like a futile effort. After all, I want my work to express itself without the necessity of words. My best hope is that my work will stand simply on its own, and find a connection with viewers where words fail".

President's Letter

Fellow Artists,

This Month's Presidents letter is a bit lengthy. Due to time constraints during our regular meeting time I have chosen to keep you informed of normal business and news through my part of the Newsletter.

February is knocking at the door and we are planning exciting events and activities. Velda is preparing for a Paint with Friends on Feb. 7 at the Mount Pleasant Art Society from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants will be painting a beautiful long stem rose just in time for Valentine's Day. The cost for this event is \$45.00. If you would like to attend this fun event please sign up. No experience is needed. Velda will show the participants how to paint this beautiful rose. Encourage your friends to spend the afternoon creating a painting they will get to take home. All supplies will be provided. Funds after expenses will go in the building fund.

The Beginners Drawing and Painting class has begun and has 15 participants. This week will be week 3. Denise has done a great job of providing basic drawing concepts as well as lots of fun practice. Paula Hodge is gearing up for her portion of the class which is the basic painting. We are so grateful for those very talented individuals to provide leadership to the class. Velda, Shirley and I have been providing assistance as needed. The profits are going to the building fund.

President's Letter cont.

Last meeting, I talked about the 5X7 paintings that each member is requested to donate to our fundraising efforts for the building. Dolores has purchased 5X7 canvasses which can be picked up at the meeting or whenever it is convenient for you. Please make 2 small paintings or more. Each painting will be offered as a gift to anyone who donates \$30 or more dollars. They will be offered over our Facebook page and can be paid for with PayPal. The chosen painting will be slipped in a padded envelope and mailed to the donor. You are welcome to use your own canvas as long as they are 5X7. If you choose not to paint 2 two paintings it is suggested that you make a donation greater than the minimum amount. In other words, we really want the paintings. We hope you have fun painting them and the subject is up to you. Thank you for supporting MPAS. The Facebook page will begin featuring them as soon as we have a nice amount to select from. Thanks to those members who have already painted theirs.

The Basic Class and Velda's Paint with Friends needs to borrow your table top painting easel. The last class for the Basic painting is March 7. If you have an extra one please bring it to the Feb. meeting.

The roof has been looked at and it was decided that our first priority is the foundation. We need \$5700.00 for the foundation work. I had asked him to put us on the schedule for July or August.

Don't forget the membership show. March 9 is when the entries are taken in. Please check your yearbook for rules for the Membership Show. This is a great way to show your recent art. Immediately after the Membership show at the Whatley Center is another opportunity to display your art. An Evening of Art at the Library happens Saturday April 1, 2023 from 6-8p.m. located at the Mount Pleasant Library.

A look back at last meeting- Our Featured Artist was Christy Kidwell. She painted a seascape with a figure sitting on the rocks. The woman was looking out to sea which immediately caught our attention. Christy's use of color and loose style gives her paintings a feeling of intimacy drawing the viewer in. Velda William's was our small gallery artist. Her paintings reflect her love for animals and old buildings. Her flowers are so beautiful a person can almost catch a whiff of their delicate scent.

Candy Berner and Wendy Castle were our visitors.

Thanks to Dolores Wright and Michelle Hobbs. They treated us to a beautiful selection of very tasty cookies, a giant cheese ball and a charcuterie board plus an assortment of crackers.

Tawnya Cagle helped us understand how to help our Facebook page reach more people. One of the hints she gave was to love it not just like it. Also, in the comment section say at least 4 words. This seems to help generate more posts. Thanks to each of you who have been helping in this way. The comments are really encouraging. Please take the time to check out the Facebook page. Tawnya has been posting updates.

Carla Myane's email address is incorrect in the membership book. You might want to make a note of the correct one, bc1944@gmail.com. Please look at your information and let Denise know of any additions or corrections.

Please let me know if you are interested in serving on the officer search committee. We only have 3 more meetings after February until the summer break.

Be thinking of ways you can help MPAS continue to be a strong vibrant organization. Each and every one of you are an important part of this organization and your time and talents are needed to in ensure our success.

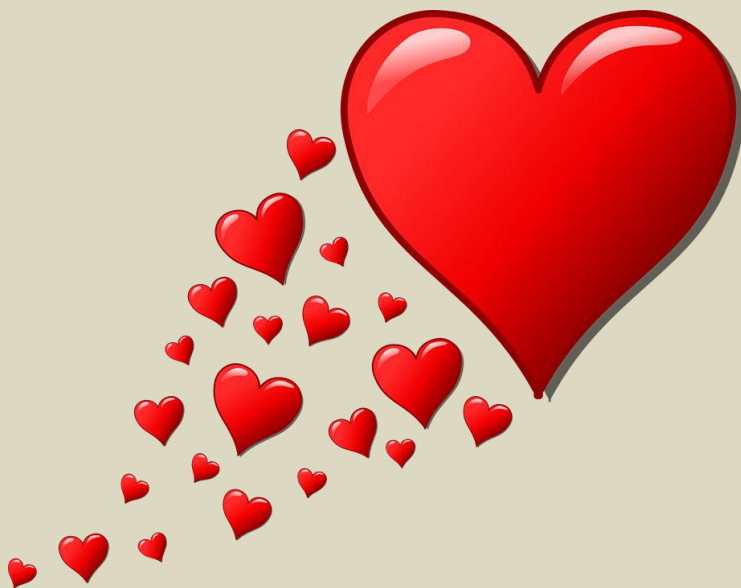
May your February be filled with joy and beautiful painting. Your Pres, Marty

Workshops

Clinton Broyles: April 3,4,5 2023--\$350-- Palette Knife Techniques in Oil

Guest Artists: Diana Williams

Diana grew up in Grand Prairie and she graduated with a B.A. from Stephen F. Austin St. University. She had been a teacher for a few years but was actually an Administrative Assistant most of her working life. She retired with JCPenney Financial Services, and she and her husband, Bobby, of 50 years have lived near Greenville for the last 15 years in the country on 20 acres. They have 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grands. While she worked, she was a member of Bonham Creative Art Center, Oil Painters of America, and Richardson Art Society. Currently she is a member of Greenville Art League and MPAS. Diana has studied with Bruce Peil, Becky Parks, Cecy Turner, John Pototschnik, Alan Ward and Judy Gelfert. She has won awards with Mineola League of the Arts and Greenville Art League and has sold paintings through Bonham Art Center and was also asked to display paintings at the hospital there. Diana said, "I am a realistic landscape oil painter and I love old barns, cottages and birds. I started painting on my own in the 70s with acrylics, then tried oils later. I began taking art lessons in the 90s when my husband gave me a Christmas gift of art lessons with a beautiful artist in Plano, Evelyn Hunter, who later became a dear friend. While my style has always been tight, I have struggled in the last few years to paint looser. When I first began painting it took me a few months to complete one. Today I usually complete one in 1-2 weeks. I think I've become more impatient as I've gotten older. I am so thankful that the Lord restored my desire to paint again after the death of our youngest daughter, and I love painting with the members at MPAS! Even though I've sold paintings and had commissions, I much prefer to gift a painting to a friend or relative as a surprise."



*Happy
Valentine's Day*