



Mt Pleasant Art Society

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Guest Artist: Arthur Sekula

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Meetings: 1st Sunday each month, 2:00PM

March 2024

Artist: Arthur Sekula

Media: Watercolor

Refreshments: Pat Browning and Denise Westerberg

Small Gallery: Shirley Clay-Art on silk scarves.

April 2024

Artist: Clinton Broyles

Media: Oil

Refreshments: Doloris Wright and Michele Green

Small Gallery: Carol Durrum

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

Kathy Tate
Oil Workshop
Nov 4, 5, 6 2024
\$375.00

Membership Show!!!!

Don't Forget

If you need your painting transported to the show, bring them ready to hang with ID tags attached and entry fee. They will be picked up the day of hanging and taken to the college.

Entry information must be submitted to Dusty Goodman by March 6th, 2024 or they will not be accepted into the show.

You can send via text (903-495-3724) or email (dustygoodman@gmail.com).

"As far back as I can remember, I've been interested in art," Sekula said. "I always made stuff. During grade school, my interests were drawing, painting and sculpture."

Today, Sekula draws inspiration from his East Texas surroundings, from fence lines and hay fields to unusual doorways and windows.

"My creativity is inspired from just about anything," Sekula said. "But architecture and the East Texas surroundings are my main subjects."

Growing up in San Antonio, supportive teachers at St. Gerard Catholic School and family members encouraged him to pursue his dream of becoming a working artist. After graduating from high school, his interest in art as a profession became apparent.

Sekula attended San Antonio College where he studied advertising design. Soon, Sekula enrolled at SFA, working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts. He recalls his SFA art teachers with fond memories and credits them with giving good and practical advice that still serves him well.

"Some of the art faculty members were and still are my heroes and mentors," Sekula said. "The late Dr. Diane Ford guided me to become an art teacher, and Piero Fenci, through his love of art and words of encouragement, lifted me to become the artist I am today."

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Joe Anna Arnett

Some of you may remember/know Joe Anna Arnett. A number of years ago she did several workshops at MPAS. After a long battle with cancer, she passed away on Feb 3. Services were held in Santa Fe NM and in Jacksonville TX where she was laid to rest.

President's Letter

I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather we are having.

The membership art show is just around the corner. Reminder: Entry form card information **MUST BE SENT** to Dusty Goodman **PRIOR** to drop off day. Her contact information is on page 5 of the Membership Book. This is a wonderful time to show your best pieces of art. Please consider attending the Reception on Saturday to support all of the Artists who entered the Membership Art Show. Art is already arriving for the show and there are some very nice pieces.

Last month David Stinson was the Small Gallery artist. One of the pieces he exhibited was a poster drawn in pen and ink that advertises the 2024 Membership Art Show. He so generously left it to promote the show. I have spent some time looking at it and it is amazing the detail he has in this piece. You might want to give it a closer look. His art is very detailed and beautiful. Thank you for sharing your delightful work.

Velda and Marty furnished the refreshments and much to their chagrin the little cheesecakes remained at home. So sorry the refreshments were a little light. I will confess that was my mistake not Velda's. We always look forward to hosting for February which brings up the next item. There will be a sign-up sheet for next year's refreshments. Please pick a month and a buddy. The second sheet will list the months for the small gallery. I know that I am not alone when I say this is one of the special ways, we get to enjoy our members art and encourage them. Please take this opportunity to share your talent.

Building update: The Electric breaker box in the kitchen has been replaced and updated. This should fix our breaker problem. A big thanks goes out to the Electrician who donated his time and to the generosity of one of our newest members Terri and Jerry McCain for covering the cost of the electrician's helper and the new breaker box, breakers and wiring. Jerry also worked the entire day with the Electrician. Thank you so very much.

Steve donated a newer refrigerator for the kitchen. It is a nice addition which will enhance the update to the appliances. Thank you, Steve.

Doloris has donated a new iPhone that was used 2 weeks. It is unlocked and can be activated with any carrier. If you need a new phone or know someone who does please see Denise to make an offer.

A large gift basket full of items that any artist could use is going to be raffled off please support this raffle because the money will be used to fund the \$200.00 Founders Award for the best piece of art with a Patriotic theme to be awarded at the Recognition Celebration the First Sunday in August. Rules are on the back table. Tickets will be sold for the next 2 months with the drawing after the April Meeting.

We will be voting on the color for the large classroom area. The colors have been carefully selected after much research. The color that wins the vote will be the choice.

Tammy has asked me to tell you that if you have requests for Demo Artists for 2024-2025 to please give her the contact information so she can check their availability. She will need this in written form. It should also list the medium desired since some artists are known for more than one.

Go put the finishing touches on those pieces of art you intend to enter in the Membership Show and get the paperwork done then kickback and enjoy the beautiful weather. See you at the meeting

Marty

*Backroom Artist:
Shirley Clay will display her hand painted silk scarves*