



Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter

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April Guest Artist, Matt Smith, Oil Sunday April 2 @ 2:00pm-4pm

Matt Smith was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1960. At an early age he moved to Arizona. He later moved to Europe where he lived two years in France and one in Switzerland. In subsequent years Smith painted in Germany, Austria and Italy. Smith has lived most of his life in Arizona, where he has a deep attachment and respect for the Sonoran Desert.

Smith graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting. After graduating he spent the majority of the next six years painting the landscape on location.

Most of the time, Smith can be found painting en plein air from southern Arizona to the Canadian Rockies.

"I appreciate traditional landscape painting and I am inspired by the pristine landscapes of the American West. I enjoy working in areas where one can travel for miles without seeing the influence of man. When I paint, I feel I've hit the mark when I've captured a balance between mood, look and feel. You know you've succeeded when viewers sense the desert heat or the chill of a mountain snowfall."

Smith currently lives in Arizona with his wife, Tracy, who is also a painter.

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2010 Merit Award - "Western Rendezvous of Art"
- 2009 Merit Award & Best of Show - "Western Rendezvous of Art"
- 2006 Merit Award - "Western Rendezvous of Art"
- 2005 Merit Award - "Western Rendezvous of Art"
- 2000 Robert Loughheed Award - "Prix de West"
- 2000 Merit Award & Best of Show - "Western Rendezvous of Art"
- 1999 Best of Show - "Tucson Plein Air Paint-Off"
- 1997 Red Smith Award - "Western Visions" - National Wildlife Art Museum
- 1997 Best of Show - "Emerging City" - San Jose, CA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 June - Southwest Art - "Catching the Light"
- 2010 January - Western Art Collector - "Southwest Light"
- 2009 December - Southwest Art - "Success Stories"
- 2009 July - Art of the West - "A Feeling of Time and Place"
- 2007 November - Art of the West - "Twenty One"
- 2002 January - American Artist - "Making the Landscape Your Own"
- 2001 April - International Artist - "Ask a Master"
- 2000 September - Art of the West - "My Passion is Nature"
- 1999 May - Arizona Corridors - "Arizona Artists"
- 1998 February - Southwest Art - "Desert Vistas"
- 1993 December - Art Talk - "Artists Worth Watching"
- 1992 March - Art of the West - "Pushing the Limits"

**MPAS 2016 -2017
Schedule**

Meeting Time: 2:00- 4:00 PM

April 2, 2017:

Guest: Matt Smith

Medium: Oil (workshop)

**Food: Michelle Lawler,
Linda Pepper, Shelby Jost,
Cristina Doyle**

May 7, 2017:

Guest: Chris Brandley

Medium: TBA

**Food: Louise Loggins, Sandy
Hinds**

NEWSFLASH

May Day is Pay Day

Don't forget your dues



***Backroom Artist:
Sueretta Todd***

Sueretta is a native of Texas. She has taken workshops and studied with some of the most prominent artist in the United States. Extensive travel throughout the U.S. and Europe has inspired her to share her perceptions of nature's beauty.

Sueretta's creations are expressions of childhood memories while growing up in East Texas. Her love for Dogwood, Magnolias, and nature scenes are reflected in her works. She has won many awards for her work in both watercolor and oil.

Her paintings can be found in private and corporate collections across the country. She has had numerous one-woman exhibits throughout the state.

Sueretta is a member of: Southwestern Watercolor Society, Richardson Civic Arts Society, and Mt Pleasant Art Society.

Her paintings are represented by Hilton Bella Harbor Gallery – Rockwall, TX.

March Demo Artist:

Beverly Boren
Thanks for a great demo.



Mt Pleasant Membership Show Winners

1st Place: Michele Greene

2nd Place: Judy Barry

3rd Place: Linda Pepper

Cypress Bank Award: Linda Hardy

Pilgrim Bank Award: LaVerne Arnett

First National Bank Mt Vernon Award: Donna Monroe

First Federal Community Bank Award: Carol Durrum

Guaranty Bond Bank Award: Dolores Wright

American Nat Bank Award: Sandy Hinds

Edward Jones Investments Frank Durrum: Louise Loggins

Honorable Mention: Hellon Cadlett,

Ann Glaess, Michelle Lawler,

Peggy Crosby and Steve Corbell

People's Choice was taken by Ann Glaess

Not all winners were present.

Visit the web site the next day
or so to see the show on line.

