



## *Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter*

*Judy Gelfert*

Judy Gelfert's paintings reflect her ever-enthusiastic attention to design and light in everyday surroundings, be it the landscape, urban scene, interior, or figure. Painting in her preferred medium of oils, Judy aims to capture the essence and feel of a scene, leaving detail to the viewer's imagination.

Currently a resident of Arlington, Texas, Judy grew up on her family's ranch in Bowie, Texas, where she discovered her joy of drawing and painting at a young age. Her interest in art led her to earn two years of studio art credits at the University of Texas at Austin while majoring in history and German. After graduation, she became a flight attendant, which gave her the opportunity to spend countless hours in the world's

finest art museums sketching and studying paintings by the masters and experimenting in oils on her days off. In 2002, she began showing her work, which was quickly recognized with honors such as 1st Place in the National Society of Artists' 22nd National Juried Competition, and acceptances in the 2005, 2006, and 2016 Oil Painters of America National Juried Competitions.

Now a busy mother of 2 children, Judy still paints every chance she gets, and finds endless inspiration in the rugged landscapes of Texas, her native state. She's currently represented by Marta Stafford Fine Art in Marble Falls, Texas, and The Good Art Company in Fredericksburg, Texas.

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

**May 1, 2022**  
**Guest Artist: Judy Gelfert**  
**Oil**

**Refreshments: Dusty**  
**Goodman and Michele**  
**Greene**

**Small Gallery Artist:**  
**Leana McGuire**

### **MAY DAY/PAY DAY**

Just a friendly reminder that membership dues are due.

Pay at the May meeting or mail a check to MPAS, PO Box 54, Mt Pleasant TX 75456.

\$35.00 guarantees another year of informative demos and great fellowship.

## *President's Letter*

Greetings!

Summer is almost here! We have a new slate of officers elected and we have been working to get the next year organized and ready for some exciting events and demos. We will kick off the new year with one of our best community services events which is the art show for the Titus County Fair Association. I am currently working on approval for our art society membership to show their work as professional in the fair. Not all details are worked out but I am working on the art fair book changes now. This will be a new category of participation for us. I am also working on a couple of workshop ideas but nothing in stone yet. Our last demo artist was **Bruce Peil** and he painted a scene with evening sun shining on clouds from a photo he took from his back yard. It was a very peaceful view with excitement in the clouds. He gave the secret for getting that strange orangey/pinkish color! He didn't finish the work and left it as a teaser for his workshop in which he discussed "How to finish a painting". As he painted, he discussed the four most important aspects of painting which are hue, intensity, value, and temperature. He makes painting look fun and easy. He brought several snow scenes and other landscapes for display. He talked about the last 2 minutes glow in a sunset and started with his darkest dark and the lightest light. He works toward adjusting the in between values appropriately to get that evening glow perfectly.

Our refreshments were artistically provided by **Linda Hardy and Sueretta Todd** and their fruit centerpiece was tastefully delightful. The strawberry shortcake was a hit with along with the salt and sweet additions. Thank you so much for your eye catching and great tasting goodies. Great job ladies! As a reminder, it will be time to sign up for providing refreshments and displaying artwork in the gallery. A sign-up sheet will be available for you to choose the month you wish to serve refreshments. In addition, we also want to give you a chance to display some of your work in the Small Gallery. There will be a signup sheet for that as well. Time flies and this is the last meeting for this membership year. We do not meet in the months of June, July, or August as a group so I will miss seeing you regularly.

I hope you had a chance to see **Pat Browning's** work displayed in the Small Gallery in April. She exhibited a variety of her work and it was hard to pick a favorite but I remember the one called **Beverly's Roses** and know she had a lot of fun painting that one (so did Beverly). I was impressed with Pat's interpretation of them. The **Tuscan Tourist** looks like someone I know! Very good work Pat and I really appreciate you sharing your work with us and I hope you keep painting what you love and what inspires you. I like the variety and I know you aren't bored with your artwork! Don't miss the graphite work of **Leana McGuire** in our May meeting!

We had **3 visitors** that were excited and impressed with what we are doing and I know 2 of them will join us in May which is our annual dues payday month. Don't forget to **bring your check for dues** and your willingness to **sign up for refreshments or small gallery display**. Your participation in these events are really appreciated.

Our May meeting will be **Judy Gelfort** doing an oil painting and our refreshments will be provided by the **dynamic duo** (from the membership show fame): **Dusty Goodman and Michele Greene**.

Remember we have a **summer workshop** for watercolor scheduled for **July 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> with Walt Davis**. There is a sign up sheet at the table at the back and you will need to sign your name and phone number and **pay your deposit by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. We have a **limit of 15** for his workshop. Cost for 2 day workshop is \$165 for members. This is **open to the public** as well as members.

Shirley Clay

*Backroom Artist: Leana McGuire*

Leana McGuire is not new to loving art, but she is new to making it. Furloughed during the early months of 2020 due to the pandemic, she decided to take an online drawing class based on the 1970's groundbreaking book, *Drawing on The Right Side of The Brain*, by Betty Edwards. That class opened her mind to endless possibilities. She has worked in graphite and dabbled in acrylics but colored pencil and oils keep calling her name. She can't wait to retire and explore those mediums and so much more. A critical care nurse for many years, Leana's day job now is teaching Leadership Development for a national home health organization. She also loves writing, speaking, and podcasting, all of which you can learn more about at [www.LeanaDelle.com](http://www.LeanaDelle.com). Her interview with Betty Edwards is her favorite interview to date - one she describes personally as "life changing."



Bruce sent this so everyone could see the final touches on the Sunday demo he did. Titled *The Last Five Minutes*  
*11x14 oil*

*CONDOLENCES*

Sandy Hinds and family need our prayers. Her husband of 33 years passed away Good Friday.

**Oct 2022 Oil Workshop**

Howard Friedland

Oct 3, 4, 5, 6

\$425

\$100 deposit to hold your place