



Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter

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April Guest Artist:

Phil Starke

Oil

**Sunday April 8, 2018 @
2:00pm-4pm**

MPAS Schedule

April, May 2018

Meeting Time: 2:00- 4:00 PM

April 8, 2018

Guest: Phil Starke

Medium: Oil

**Food: Sandy Hinds and
Michelle Lawler**

May 6, 2018

Guest: Tina Bohlman

Medium: Watercolor

**Food: Shirley Clay and Linda
Pepper**

Workshop

Rusty Jones: Nov 2018

**If you are interested call
Linda Pepper at 903-588-
2370 or LaVerne Arnett at
903-537-4018 ASAP**

Phil Starke

Phil Starke began to show an interest in art from the time he lived in Germany as a young boy while his father was in the military. He studied at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. Inspired by the instructors at the Academy, Starke changed course from his aim at the advertising world and developed a passion for oil painting. It was upon graduation from the American Academy of Art that he decided to plunge into the profession of fine art.

From the Midwest, West and Southwest, Phil has continued to be inspired. Each season and each region has its own color palette and unique landscape. From landscape to figures, and plein-air to studio painting Phil continues to find inspiration in his work.

Phil Starke has been painting professionally since his graduation from the American Academy of Art in Chicago, IL. He has prestigious gallery representation and has been teaching classes and workshops around the country for over 20 years. He participates in numerous exhibitions and gallery shows annually. He has also published 2 books: "Small Works – Landscapes", and "The Plein Air Tip Guide".

Phil has won many awards, been in many selected exhibitions and publications. He is represented in Settlers West Galleries, Big Horn Galleries and the Grapevine Gallery.

Time is getting close to pay our dues. Get them in early so you don't forget to pay and miss out on all the activities (or this great newsletter, ha ha).

\$35 per member or \$45/couple. Make check payable to MPAS and mail to MPAS, PO Box 54, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456

Membership Show Winners

1st Place: Carol Durrum

2nd Place: Linda Lucas Hardy

3rd Place: Michele Green

People's Choice: Dusty Goodman

Pilgrim Bank: Hellon Catlett

Cypress Bank: Sandy Hinds

1st National Bank of Mt. Vernon: Donna Monroe

1st Federal Community Bank: Jeanne Hambleton

Guaranty Bank & Trust: Linda Larey

Am. National Bank: Cheryl Schneider-Trujillo

Edward Jones Investments (Frank Durrum): Yvonne Hyatt

Honorable Mention: Charles Ellingberg

MPAS Memorial Award in memory of Donna Hodge, Jo Taylor, Sandy Spann, Phyliss Haase



Not all winners are pictured



*Backroom Artist
Carol Durrum*

One might say I am a late bloomer in the world of art. Facing the “empty nest”, and having already tried piano, at the age of 40 I decided to try my hand at painting. From the first brushstroke I was hooked! I began slowly and took a few lessons locally. I eventually studied with David Leffel, Sherrie McGraw, Xian Zhang, Bruce Peil, Phil Starke, Matt Smith and several other artists.

As I grew as an artist, so did the time I devoted to my art. I relish every aspect of painting from the beginning concept to mixing color and applying the paint to canvas. It is truly a passion. My preference is to paint from life because the finished product can't help but transmit the artist's emotional view of the subject to the canvas. The beauty of everyday life inspires me. The process of setting up a still life is something I embrace, and the more pleasing the composition is to me, the more enthused I am to begin painting. My goal is to push myself to be the best artist I can be and to create art that makes the viewer take notice of my work.

I am a member of the Oil Painters of America and the Mt. Pleasant Art Society, which boasts a membership of approximately 70 artists from Dallas to Texarkana. Having taught for many years, I am taking time off to concentrate on my work. I still demonstrate for many of the art societies in the area, am available for small groups in my studio, and teach an occasional workshop.

My work has been accepted in regional and national shows to include the national Oil Painters of America show several times winning an award of excellence in 2006, the American Women Artist national show, regional juried shows and several best of show and other top awards in the MPAS annual membership show.

I currently sell my work through the Southwest Gallery and at my studio in Mount Pleasant, TX



Special Thanks to Clinton Boyles for the March demo. A beautiful sunset scene was done using only a palette knife.

Check out the web site, www.mtpleasantartsociety.com to see the membership show. It is under the ‘Gallery’ tab.