



## September Meeting!

Sept 15, 2011  
7:00pm

Demo with  
M. Diane Bonaparte

Jewish Community Center  
Heriage Room

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## September

## Meetings:

## October

M. Diane Bonaparte will give a demo on painting clouds. Diane is a member and teaches pastel, watercolor, oil and acrylic / Her teaching schedule is on page 3.

Meet Our Member will be Katrina West.

"I retain from nature a certain sequence and a certain correctness in placing the tones; I study nature, so as not to do foolish things, to remain reasonable. However, I don't mind so much whether my color corresponds exactly, as long as it looks beautiful on my canvas, as beautiful as it looks in nature."

(Letter to Theo van Gogh, October 1885)

Our program is our member painting competition. This year the theme is "What you did this summer". This can be a painting of what you did or where you went or just what you painted this summer. Everyone bring one painting with your signature covered (if possible) for a fun evening. Prizes for the first three places will be awarded.

At the May meeting we watched the first 2/3 of a DVD by Richard McKinley, titled the Three Stages for Successful Pastel Painting. McKinley presents excellent teaching by video. We will present that last 1/3 of the video at the October meeting.

We will also have a short presentation by members who attended the IAPS convention in June. All attendees had a great time!

## From the Executive Board!

I hope everyone had a great summer and spent some time painting!!!

The Membership Directory will be issued to each member at the September general meeting. We will use a generic cover this year but next year we will have a contest for the art to go on the cover, winner voted on by the membership at the May meeting. If you have changed your address, email address or anything vital to your receiving the newsletter or being listed correctly in the membership directory, please send updated information to Becky Neideffer at bneideffer@comcast.net. A membership card will also be handed out at the September meeting.

We are putting together the final information on our Charity Event in December. We should have an entry form by the next newsletter and general meeting. Remember that each participating member will donate a 5" X 7" image to the charity. These images will be sold for \$100 with all moneys going directly to the two charities. You will also be able to enter at least two paintings, images not greater

than 9" X 12" where, if sold, 20% commission will be split between the chairtes and the remaining to the artist. There will be an opening reception. The board voted to make this an Annual Charity Event. Chairties and venues may change but one charity event will be schedule each year. Please help make our first a great event. The two charities will be the Flowing Wells Family Servies and the Belssing of the Heart. Great charities that help our local children in need.

Becky Neideffer, President

"The painter makes real to others his innermost feelings about all that he cares for. A secret becomes known to everyone who views the picture through the intensity with which it is felt." -- Lucien Freud

"There are two things in the painter, the eye and the mind; each of them should aid the other." -- Cezanne

## On the Move!



Jennifer  
Katrina West



Along the River  
Dotti Wilke



Tea at Holly's  
Louise Sackett



Summer Rains Where Good  
Melody Sears

Katrina West has a new website - [www.katrinawest-artist.weebly.com](http://www.katrinawest-artist.weebly.com). She has also opened a studio, Labor Temple Studio, at 267 S. Stone across from the police station. Her studio will be part of the Tucson Pima Arts Council Open Studio Tour in November. Her work is also being shown at Grace Hawk Artisans at 16130 N. Oracle Rd. There will be an open studio tour in Catalina the first week of November. Katrina won an honorable mention in Trinidad, CO at the TALAS Show in April for her painting, Jennifer.

**Dotti Wilke** had her painting, *Along the River*, juried into the Olympia Art League Lakefair Juried Show, July 15-August 12, 2011, Olympia, WA.

**Louise Sackett** received a first and second place with the Black Range Painters for two pastels; 1st was last month in Las Cruces (painting sold) and 2nd was *Chinese Tea* this month in Deming. She also has a larger pastel "Afternoon at Holly's", and an oil still life in the annual Grant County Guild National Show at Pinos Altos' Hearst Church. She also received an Honorabel Mention in the Jerry's Artarama national pastel contest for her painting "Tea at Holly's"



Chinese Tea  
Louise Sackett

**Melody Sears** painting "Summer Rains Were Good" (14x18 pastel) will be exhibited at the American Plains Artists 27th Annual Juried Exhibit and Sale, "Art of the Plains," at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces NM, September 9 - October 30, 2011.



Sibley's Morning  
Melody Sears

"A Sibleys Morning" is included in the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico 2011 Members' Juried Exhibition, "Land and Light," opening September 17th at the Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos, NM.



Last Ditch Effort  
Melody Sears

Two paintings, "Riffles at Mid-day" and "Last Ditch Effort" will be exhibited at "The West and Beyond," the 26th Annual Purchase Prize Show presented by Silver City's Grant County Art Guild, opening September 20th in Pinos Altos NM. Four of her paintings were exhibited in Roswell NM in August at the 28th Annual International Juried Art Show at the Roswell Museum & Art

Center, including "Dappled Creek,"



Dappled Creek  
Melody Sears

**Fran Odum**, sold one of her paintings at the "Hummingbirds" art exhibits at the Tohono Chul Park galleries. She also sold some of her paintings at the Blackhawk Gallery in Wyoming. She will be resuming her art classes in September, pastel classes and water-soluble oils.

**Becky Neideffer** has four paintings (one pastel) exhibiting at the Attorney General's Office in Phoenix in a show sponsored by the Arizona Art Alliance. She also has paintings exhibiting in the Tucson International Airport Lower Gallery with the Tucson Colored Pencil Artist Association.

## Check It Out!

If you haven't read the August 2011 Pastel Journal from cover to cover (like some of us), check out the article on page 60 by Richard Halstead about Demystifying Pastels. It is a great article about all of the varied techniques, rules and assumptions about pastel. From the article:

"A technique that's best or wisest for one pastel artist shouldn't necessarily become a technical dictum for all pastel artists. The one essential requirement in using pastels is that the colored "dust" adheres to the surface, or the ground." Great reading regardless of your level of expertise!

Community Partnership Mental health Arts Show - Oct 4-6, 2011 from 11:00am - 7pm.  
Reception Oct 4 from 5-6:30 at the Plaza Arboleda, 2502 N. Dodge.

Check the following for their complete list of workshops and classes:

Tucson Art Academy - [www.tucsonartacademy.com](http://www.tucsonartacademy.com)

Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum Art Institute - [www.desertmuseum.org/arts](http://www.desertmuseum.org/arts)

The Drawing Studio - [www.thedrawingstudio.org](http://www.thedrawingstudio.org)

Oasis - [www.oasisnet.org/Cities/West/TucsonAZ/Classes.aspx](http://www.oasisnet.org/Cities/West/TucsonAZ/Classes.aspx)

Michaels - [www.michaels.com/classes](http://www.michaels.com/classes)

Southwestern Arizona Arts and Culture Alliance - [www.saaca.org](http://www.saaca.org)

Arizona Commission on the Arts - [www.azarts.gov](http://www.azarts.gov)

## Welcome! New Members and Guests

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### Guest:

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Tucson, AZ 85745  
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[ramiller@juno.com](mailto:ramiller@juno.com)

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### Fran Odum

On-going pastel classes, all levels - small classes. For more info, call Fran at 297-3515 or write to [franodumart01@comcast.net](mailto:franodumart01@comcast.net). Classes start again in the fall.

### Stephanie Birdsall

Classes are on Wednesdays from approximately 9:30 to 2:00. Students pay as they go or they pay the first time in a block of 4 lessons then I will give them the mini set of Holbeins I use for teaching the workshops, an Ampersand board and a sheet of Wallis paper. Any level is welcome. It is \$50.00 per session which is essentially 6 hours of studio time breaking down into 3 of "continuous instruction" and 3 of "as needed". . On June 11 and 12, she is teaching an "Intro to a limited palette and making plein air easier" in the studio from 9-3:30 on the 11th and 9-4 on the 12th. The cost is \$200.00 for the 2 days. It's going to be hands on/paint with her to get started, jam packed with how to get started before travelling this summer. One day of landscape and one of still life; all in the studio because of the heat. Her studio is located at: 3131 N. Deer Track Rd. You can contact her at [sbirdartist@comcast.net](mailto:sbirdartist@comcast.net), [www.stephaniebirdsall.com](http://www.stephaniebirdsall.com) or 239-571-8895. She is also teaching on Nov. 14-16 and January 16-18 at The Scottsdale Artist School

### Diane Bonaparte

Class on Tuesday from 1 to 4. The cost is \$20.00 for the three hours and she covers instruction in pastel, watercolor, acrylic and oils.

**Jerry Becker** will be teaching a Watercolor class on Desert Landscapes at Saddlebrooke : 4 weeks starting Sept 8 thru Sept 29. Hrs: 9am to noon. Fee is \$90.00 . Contact Debra at: [debress@att.net](mailto:debress@att.net)

## Classes and Workshops!

# Plein Air

## Season Schedule

Checklist for Plein Air Essentials from About.com:  
Your art supplies!!!

- take some sunscreen and a sunhat.
- Dress in layers that you can easily take off as you get hot (and put on when it gets colder).
- If it's cold, take a windproof jacket as you won't be moving around much.
- A pair of fingerless gloves helps keep your fingers warm while still giving good motion.
- Something to sit on, such as a small cushion or an extra jumper.
- Some water to drink (don't rinse your brushes in it!) or a flask with coffee or tea.
- Wear neutral colored clothing rather than white which can reflect too much light
- Insect repellent.
- A bag to put rubbish in, such as dirty pieces of paper towel.
- A large plastic bag can be useful as an emergency rainshield.
- A camera is for recording the scene

Oct 14-16	Fri-Sun	Sonoran Desert Musuem	8:30am - 5:00pm	Festival of Flight. RSVP to Becky by Sept 30 on days you plan to paint
Oct 22/23	Sat-Sun	St. Phillip's Art Festival	All day - 2 days -	St. Phillip's Festival
Nov 10	Thur	Madera Canyon	All day - 9-4	Car pool - Contact Becky - Bring lunch
Nov 19	Sat	Aqua Caliente Park	9am - 11:30am	Thanksgiving weekend
Dec 8	Thur	White Stallion Ranch	9am - 11:30am	Silverbell past Rattlesnake pass
Dec 17	Sat	Sahurao West - Interpretive Trail	9am - 11:30am	Kinney Road
Jan 12	Thur	De Grazia	9am - 11:30am	Swan Road
Jan 21	Sat	Catalina State Park	9am - 11:30am	
Feb 9	Thur	Sweetwater Trail	9am - 11:30am	Silverbell to Camino del Cerro. West on Camino del Cerro to Tortolita Rd. Left on Tortolita Road to preserve. No rest-rooms or water. Gravel parking lot.
Feb 18	Sat	Tonoho Chul Park	9am - 11:30am	
Mar 8	Thur	Sabino Canyon	9am - 11:30am	
Mar 17	Sat	Feliz Paseo Park	9am - 11:30am	
Apr 12	Thur	Old Fort Lowell Park	9am - 11:30am	
Apr 21	Sat	Christopher Columbus Park	9am - 11:30am	Silverbell
May 10	Thur	San Xavier del Bac	9am - 11:30am	
May 19	Sat	Catalina State Park	9am - 11:30am	\$7 per car admission fee

## NEWS!

### ~New Plein Air Magazine~

The Plein Air magazine is back in print. Check it out at [www.pleinairmagazine.com](http://www.pleinairmagazine.com).



### Sarnoff's Artist Materials

2504 N. Campbell, Tucson  
520-795-1229  
[www.sarnoffart.com](http://www.sarnoffart.com)  
artist\_supplies\_tucson



**The Poster Warehouse**  
3601 E. Broadway, Tucson  
520-795-1963

**Framed to Perfection**  
7645 N. Oracle, Oro Valley  
520-571-1963

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**Bill and Karen Bowes**  
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**AF white mats (approx 10 x 13) 50 mats for \$5.**  
**Wood length moulding \$1 to \$4 per foot.**

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20% discount to members on all regular priced items. Custom framing & gallery art. Huge selection of stock frames 20% - 40% off. 4523 E. Speedway - 520-323-7711

### ~~~~ Plein Air Gear - Parts for Easels ~~~~~

Check out this great web site for all plein air easels, supplies, clothing and parts.  
[www.judsonart.com](http://www.judsonart.com).

### Gabor Svagrik "New" Instructional Pastel DVD

Now available. Summer Rain - Price \$55 Free Shipping in the USA. Info on the ordering/shipping are available at [www.svagrikfineart.com](http://www.svagrikfineart.com).

**Thank you Arizona Art Supply  
for your generosity.**

### Festivals in Arizona

<http://www.southernazfestivals.org/artistregistry.html>

<http://arizonaguide.com/events-calendar>

### The Tucson Art Academy Workshop Schedule

Nov 7 - Jeanne Mackenzie - Studio to Plein Air - oil and other mediums welcome.

Dec 2-4 Albert Handell - In studio 3-day workshop. - pastel, oil, beginners and advanced artist welcome

Check out the web for more workshops and classes at [www.TucsonArtAcademy.com](http://www.TucsonArtAcademy.com) or email to: [info@tucsonartacademy.com](mailto:info@tucsonartacademy.com).

### Great Web sites and Blogs!

Pastel blog on blogspot - <http://pastelsblog.blogspot.com>

Pastel News - <http://pastelnews.com/>

Artists in Pastel - <http://www.artistsinpastel.com>

Sedonia Plein Air Festival - <http://www.sedonapleinairfestival.com/>

Maggie Price - [www.maggiepriceart.com/artblog.html](http://www.maggiepriceart.com/artblog.html)

Richard McKinley - Weekly blog for Pastel Journal - <http://pastelpointersblog.artistsnetwork.com/>

Phil Starke - <http://www.betweenpaletteandbrush.com/>

How To - <http://www.how-to-draw-and-paint.com/pastel-paper.html>

Art Show - <http://www.artshow.com/resources/pastels.html>

Artist Network - <http://www.artistsnetwork.com/pastel>

Arizona Art Alliance - <http://www.azartalliance.com>

A Singular Creation - <http://www.as>

Van Gogh on Facing a Blank Canvas: "Just slap anything on when you see a blank canvas staring you in the face like some imbecile. You don't know how paralyzing that is, that stare of a blank canvas is, which says to the painter, 'You can't do a thing'. The canvas has an idiotic stare and mesmerizes some painters so much that they turn into idiots themselves. Many painters are afraid in front of the blank canvas, but the blank canvas is afraid of the real, passionate painter who dares and who has broken the spell of 'you can't' once and for all."

(Letter to Theo van Gogh, October 1884)

# Calendar!

Sept 8	9am - 11:30am	Plein Air Thursday - Windy Point, Mt. Lemmon, Catalina Highway.
Sept 15	7:00 - 9:00pm	Meeting at the Jewish Community Center, Heritage Room, 3800 East River Road.
Oct 7	1:00pm	Board Meeting - Home of Becky Neideffer, 5226 W. Nighthawk Way.
Oct 14-16	8:30am - 5:00pm	Plein Air Painting at Festival of Flight at the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum. Must RSVP to Becky Neideffer by Sept 30 if you plan to paint. You may paint on one or all three days.
Oct 20	7:00 - 9:00pm	Meeting at the Jewish Community Center, Heritage Room, 3800 East River Road. Membership Competition - "What I did this Summer".
Oct 22-23		Plein Air Painting at St. Phillip's Outdoor Art Festival. TPS will be setting up in the courtyard by the fountain in front of the church both days.
Nov 10	9:00am - 4:00pm	Plein Air paintout at Maderia Canyon. Contact Becky Neideffer to arrange for a car pool. Pack your lunch for a beautiful day. Restrooms available.
Nov 17	7:00 - 9:00pm	Meeting at the Jewish Community Center, Heritage Room, 3800 East River Road. Critique your art with Francheskaa. Please bring one painting to share with the group.

# Call to Artists!

**Deadline - Oct 15, 2011** - The 19th juried exhibition of the International Association of Pastel Societies will be hosted on the IAPS website, [www.pastelinternational.com](http://www.pastelinternational.com). Prizes will be awarded: First Place, \$1,000 merchandise certificate from Jack Richeson & Co.; Second Place: \$500 merchandise certificate from Jack Richeson & Co. (merchandise certificates redeemable for pastel or pastel-related products; shipment within lower 48 states included); Third, Fourth, Fifth Place and Honorable Mentions to be determined. Prospectus at <http://www.pastelinternational.com>

# Treasurer's Report

Submitted by  
*Cheryl Bullard,*  
Treasurer

	Credits	Debits	Balance
Beginning Balance - 3/21/2011			\$1700.42
Dues, Donations, Raffle	\$190.00		
Commission, Jury Fees, Entry Fees			
Workshop			
Scholarship Fund			
Rent		\$100.00	
Printing, Advertising, Web			
Supplies, Exhibit, Miscellaneous		\$170.00	
Programs		\$150.00	
Bank Charges			
Ending Balance - 8/19/2011			\$1470.42

"Kindness begets kindness."~ Sophocles (496?-406 B.C.)



# *Tucson Pastel Society*

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## **The Tucson Pastelist**

5226 W. Nighthawk Way  
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