

The Pastel Society of South Carolina

Newsletter

March 2023

MARCH 11, 2023 GENERAL MEETING

The Pastel Society of South Carolina, General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 10:00 am at The Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, S.C. The meeting will be available on ZOOM for those members who are unable to attend in person. The guest speaker will be Tommy Esposito, Sales Manager for UART Sanded Pastel Paper. PSSC member Tammy Papa will assist Tommy and demonstrate underpainting techniques and different grits of Uart Sanded Paper. Members who attend the meeting (in person only) will receive a sample packet of the various types of sanded pastel papers offered by UART. Also, this may be a great time to renew your Gibbes Museum membership.

Note: It is important that members RSVP by March 5th to Joan Dromey if you plan to attend the meeting. Tommy wants to be sure he has prepared enough packets for everyone. If you do not RSVP by the deadline, do not expect a sample packet.

RSVP by March 5th to Joan Dromey at jfdromey@gmail.com if you plan to attend in person.

The Gibbes Museum of Art is located at 135 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401. Parking is available in the parking decks on Cumberland Street and Queen Street for a fee. There is also limited metered street parking. The meeting will be held in one of the classrooms on the first floor.

ZOOM TUTORIAL

Join us on Wednesday, March 8th for a short tutorial on attending meetings via Zoom! PSSC is committed to continuing to offer our members a variety of events and educational programming through the use of Zoom. We want to ensure that all members are comfortable with this tool. The tutorial meeting hosted by Joan Dromey and Leigh Royer will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 5:30 pm. There will be time for Q & A. **Look for the email with the Zoom invitation!**

MEMBERSHIP

Reminder to all members that if you plan to attend the March 11th meeting, you must have paid 2023 dues of \$40.00. Payment can be made on the PSSC website using the "Buy Now" tab on the Members page or using a PayPal account with payment to The Pastel Society of South Carolina or by mailing a check to Susan Hodge, 2710 Old Oak Walk, John's Island, SC 29455.

PUBLICITY

As part of our outreach program to other areas of South Carolina, Sarah Kuhnell, Publicity Chair, is requesting that PSSC members, especially those who live outside the Charleston area, please send her contact information for your local news media outlet. Please send this information to Sarah at seak44.art@icloud.com

NEW MEMBERS

PSSC is pleased to welcome new members:

Cherin Harris-Tuck of Myrtle Beach, SC
Christine Swann, PSA, IAPS/MC of Greenville, SC
Vicky Tuten of Isle of Palms, SC
Ellen Williams of Pawleys Island, SC
Robert Wortmann of Hilton Head, SC

PLEIN AIR PAINT-OUT



Save the date! PSSC is planning a Plein Air Paint-Out for the afternoon of Saturday, **April 15th**. We plan to meet at 1:30 pm at Melton Peter Demetre Park, on James Island. Bring your own easel, paper, board, pastels, chair, etc. Also, remember to bring your hat, sunscreen, bug spray and water. There is an onsite restroom and parking. There are a few benches if you prefer to sit. The rain date will be Sunday, April 16.

Let's paint outdoors!

Reminder: This event constitutes a meeting towards fulfilling the attendance requirements of two meetings for the 2023 General Members Judged Exhibition.

RSVP to Leigh Royer at leighroyer@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past two years our membership has started to grow, and we believe much of that has to do with Zoom. It allows us the opportunity to learn from master pastelists and to reach out to more artists around the state. As we move forward, we feel the need to increase our publicity and visibility is an important one. Therefore, Sarah Kuhnell has agreed to take on our publicity chair position which includes our Facebook page, and advertising in *Carolina Arts* and local outreach.

After many years of guiding and supporting PSSC as president and director, Renee Bruce has decided to reclaim her personal life and let go of her PSSC reins. Renee has been an enormous help in getting us up to speed with Zoom and is always there where needed. Therefore, the board voted unanimously to purchase a camera and a Zoom account for all PSSC meetings. As we move forward, we will continue to hold in-person meetings at The Gibbes Museum of Art. Meetings at the Gibbes affords us the opportunity to get out of our studios, to collaborate with fellow artists and to have local demonstrations. Not to mention the never-ending amount of inspiration offered in the Museum.

Please be advised that the board voted to make our Facebook page a “private page.” We would like this to be used more by our members to share your art, awards, and announcements. Once this change is made, we will send information out on how you can join in.

In addition, we are also working with Dan Kraus, our website manager, to update our current web page. You may have noticed some changes already but please bear with us while it is under development. A photographer is much needed to improve our webpage. If you are interested in taking photos at our meetings and events, please contact a board member. If you are attending a meeting and willing to take photos at that time, please grab a board member and let us know. Otherwise, we will be asking a member to help us. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Debbie Poynter
PSSC President

Photos from the January demo by Adrian Giuliani



Demo Step One



Final Painting on Black UART Paper



A Study for Floral