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PAL NEWSLETTER

March 2014

Welcome New and Renewing PAL Members

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Maggie Shane
Natalie Webb

PAL MEMBERSHIP:

Who We Are - Placer Artists League (PAL) promotes professional camaraderie, artistic support and exhibit opportunities in partnership with PlacerArts. PAL is a group of active visual artists who meet regularly for camaraderie, artist presentations and demonstrations on a variety of media and art related topics from award winning professionals.

Meetings - Held the first Tuesday of every month at 10 AM (except July) in The Arts Building at 808 Lincoln Way in Auburn.

Existing Members - If you change your phone number, home address or email address, please contact Charlie Iveson Email or call her at (530) 863-0698.

Membership - If you are new or renewing your PAL participation, make sure to select your tax deductible PlacerArts membership level as well as the supplementary participation fee - \$20 - Placer Artists League. Both boxes need to be selected.

Dear PAL members --

We're two months into this new creative year, so it's time to check in with each other on how we're progressing with our new year's resolutions with regard to making art!

Our March meeting is one of our popular "Show and Tell" meetings, so go through your studios and/or workspace and pull out a piece of art you'd like to share with your fellow PAL members. Show and Tell meetings are always one of our most well-attended get-togethers, so don't miss this chance to strut your stuff!

Terri Goodman contacted me with a need for art docents at Rock Creek Elementary School in Auburn. We all know how important art is to children, and this volunteer activity would only take two hours per month. Materials and lesson plans are all waiting for the right people. Interested? Call Terri for details 530-820-3644.

Best regards,

Pat Lucas

Newsletter Editor

March 4th "Show & Tell" Meeting Features Gentle Critique by Kit Night

Don't miss our March 4th PAL meeting at 10:00 AM at The Arts Building, where we each get to bring one piece of art to share with fellow PAL members. Lake Tahoe artist, Kit Night, who demonstrated her oil techniques for us last April, will be on hand to give gentle critique. Kit is very engaging and user friendly. The critique session will be supportive and informative.

Check out her website at www.kitnight.com. "If my suggestions work for the painter, great! If not, they can just keep them in mind or disregard them, as they see fit," says Kit. "There is no one right way to approach a painting."



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Please bring only one piece of artwork to share -- either a finished piece or one that is still in progress and needs some ideas to make it great.

Meet Our Member-of-the-Month:
Pam Cushman

This month's PAL Member-of-the-Month is 29-year PAL member Pam Cushman (pictured in the article above). A superb watercolor artist with a California-wide reputation, Pam has been competing in art shows since 1981. She has won 15 Best-in-Show awards as well as first place awards for her watercolor work. She is particularly proud of the Award of Excellence received in the State Fair's 1993 California Works art show as well as the State Fair's Golden Bear Best of Show award in 1995.

Because of her interest in sewing and knitting as well as embroidery, Pam began producing needle art and mixed media pieces in the 1990s, for which she also began winning awards. You never know what will turn up in one of Pam's mixed media pieces!

Until 2012, Pam was the PAL membership chair and voice on the telephone every month, calling us all to remind us of the upcoming meetings. Pam's husband Dick assisted PAL in myriad ways over the years, from climbing ladders to computer work and more. Although Dick is no longer with us, we enjoy the fact that Pam continues to attend meetings and encourage us to "Keep making art!"

Plans For the PAL Open Juried Show Are Set

PAL chair, Diane Friedberg, reports that plans are set for our big yearly fund-raiser: *The PAL Open Juried Show* at the Art Center of Lincoln, 580 Sixth Street in Lincoln, CA. A big "thank you" for our sister arts organization for the use of their venue!

Exhibit dates are July 2 through August 2. Art includes Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Pastels, Photography, Mixed Media and 3 D Sculpture. Artists' Reception on Wednesday, July 9 from 6 - 7:30 PM.

This is our most visible activity and biggest source of income for the whole year. We are divvying up activities for this big event into little pieces, so each of us will be able to be involved in one or several ways. We still need people to

- 1) work the registration desk on June 28 & 30
- 2) Call unaccepted artists on June 30
- 3) Place labels on artwork after hanging on June 30
- 4) work artwork pickup on August 4.

Please bring your calendars to the March 4th meeting, so you can sign up for one of these fun jobs that is still available.

Diane will be giving us more details at our upcoming PAL meetings and you'll also see more in future newsletters. The show is open to the general public as well as PAL members, so start creating!

Other PAL News & Events

March 11 PAL Membership Show at Umpqua Bank- Get your artwork framed and ready to hang for the first PAL membership show of the year at Umpqua Bank. Bring 2 or 3 two-dimensional works of art to Umpqua Bank, 571 5th Street, Lincoln, between 10:00 and 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 11th, and stay around for a while to help venue manager Pat Aragon with the actual hanging process. Take-down: April 18. Download entry forms [here](#). There is a \$3.00 per piece hanging fee. Questions? Call Pat at 530-503-5779.

John Long and Pat Lucas were both award-winners at Rocklin Fine Arts' "Snowflake Show," which took place Feb. 8-9. John won first place and Pat won second place in the show's watercolor division.

PAL member Charlie Iveson will be the featured artist at the Artists' Collaborative Gallery for Feb 3-March 1 in Sacramento. Address: 129 K St. Second Saurday Artist's Reception from 4:00 to 9:00 on Feb. 8.

Umpqua Bank Venue Manager - A big "Thanks!" goes out to Amy Newson, who has stepped up to be the Venue Manager for Umpqua Bank Gallery shows, ably assisted by Danette Roberts. Pat Aragon, is acting as Venue Manager for the two PAL shows that happen every year. Amy and Danette will manage the other groups who are showing there. THANKS LADIES!

PAL Artists' Flea Market/Art Exchange - We have scheduled another of these "trade/give away art supplies" tables for our April PAL meeting. Start collecting no-longer-wanted art supplies and books to share with other PAL artists.

The Auburn/Colfax Art Walk Committee is looking for a few good men/women to join their ranks. It's a fun job to work with artists and a retail venue to make the Art Walks happen! Contact Terri Goodman for more details: (530) 820-3644.

Paint-Out Day at Maple Rock Gardens in Penryn - Put April 17th on your calendar if you'd like to have a fun plein air paint-out day with your fellow PAL members. [Maple Rock Gardens](#) is a Sunset Magazine test garden that should be blooming in its glory at this time of year. Sign up at the March 4th meeting, or email [Debra Hosler](#) to put your name on the list. There will be a buffet lunch for \$15.00 available that day. (Must be paid in advance.) Deadline for signups is April 1st.

Shows to Enter/Display Opportunities

Orientation Meeting for Auburn and Colfax Art Walks - If you missed the Feb. 11th Auburn/Colfax Art Walk Orientation Meeting, there will be information packets available at our March meeting. Don't miss this great opportunity to have your artwork seen by regional art patrons . . . and all your friends!

March Workshops at ARTSpace - Linda Greene has a list of fabulous classes and events to sign up for this month, from figure drawing and watercolor classes to a beginning photography class and fabulous spring break activities for kids and grandkids. [Click here](#) to see all the details.

Meadow Vista Library - Meadow Vista Library will show your paintings or photos free of charge, but they want only Applegate or Meadow Vista resident artists to apply. For more information call library manager Sue Siefert at 530-878-2647.

Art League of Lincoln announces its Open Photography Show. Art delivery: March 8th, Go to the Call to Artists at www.all4art.net, or bring in your application and check to the Lincoln Art Center, 580 6th St., Lincoln, with your photographs on a flash drive.

Blue Line Gallery announces its annual Lottery for the Arts. Donate art to keep the Blue Line strong. Juror: Diana L.

Daniels, Curator of Contemporary Art at the Crocker Art Museum. Deadline: March 17. [Click here](#) for details.

52 artists on 52 acres - Oakwilde Ranch 7th Annual Spring Sculpture Show in Valley Springs, CA. Event April 5 to May 3; \$40 up to 5 pieces; deadline March 1, 2014. Go to: http://www.oakwilderanchsculpture.com/2014_Call_to_Artists.html for more information and to enter.

"Art You Can Feel" - Blue Line Gallery's touchy-feeley exhibit is looking for art that people can touch. Deadline: May 5. [Click here](#) for more information and to enter.

FOR ADDITIONAL CALL-TO-ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES, GO TO: www.placerarts.org/arts-calendar/call-to-artists/.

Shows to See/Art Opportunities/Classes

Sacramento Fine Arts Center - "Painting Where the Wild Things Are" a juried art show to benefit the Effie Yew Nature Center, May 13-30. Entries April 25 & 26. Entry form: http://www.sacfinearts.org/pdf/WildProspectus_2014.pdf

Pastel Society of the West Coast Membership Show - Feb 27-April 5 at Blue Line Gallery, 405 Vernon St. Suite 100, Roseville.

Blue Line Gallery Professional Artist Series Classes - First in the six-month series is "Crafting Your Artist Statement and Biography" on Feb. 22. To register: <http://bluelinearts.org/education/adult-workshop-series.html>.

Gallery 48 at Natoma in Folsom presents "Abstracts in Fibre andd Paint" running through March. Artists: Joan Dyer and Joe Strickland.
http://www.folsom.ca.us/depts/parks_n_recreation/gallery_at_48/gallery_at_48_Natoma/default.asp

Crocker Art Museum Fall Studio Art Classes - From quilt and jewelry making to photography and animation, the Crocker's studio art classes offer unique learning experiences for everyone. For more information, go to: <https://crockerartmuseum.org/learn-do/programs/classes-camps-parties>

The Art League of Lincoln is proud to present internationally acclaimed watercolor artist and author Lian Quan Zhen as a featured instructor at the Art Center of Lincoln on August 13 and 14, 2014. Combining traditional western watercolor techniques with Chinese brush painting, Mr. Zhen has written four instructional books and teaches his techniques at sites throughout the world. Cost \$200 for two-day class. To register: http://www.all4art.net/workshop.html?utm_source=Lian+Quan+Zhen+Watercolor+Class&utm_campaign=Workshop&utm_medium=email.

America's Clay Fest at the Blue Line Gallery, April 18 through May 31.

FOR ADDITIONAL SHOWS & CLASSES, GO TO: www.placerarts.org.

PAL Steering Committee

Here's a list of the 2014 PAL Steering Committee members, and their respective positions. We welcome PAL members to attend our meetings for their input. Please note that we're still looking for people to fill a few remaining positions:

- Diane Friedberg - Steering Committee Chair, (530) 268-1383, [email](#)
- Charlie Iveson - Membership Co-Chair, (530) 863-0698, [email](#)
- Sandra Rea - Membership Co-Chair, (530) 878-7561, [email](#)
- Diane Friedberg - PAL Open Juried Show Chair, ((530) 268-1383, [email](#)
- Pat Lucas - Newsletter Editor, (530) 888-1440, [email](#)
- Amy Newson - Umpqua Bank Venue Manager, (916) 663-9687, [email](#)
- Danette Roberts - Umpqua Bank Venue Asst. Manager (530) 512-5089

Pat Stoddard Aragon -- Umpqua Bank Venue Manager (for PAL exhibits) [email](#)
Open - Program Chair
Pat Lucas - Publicity Chair [email](#)
Matt Konar - Setup/Cleanup Coordinator

PAL Activity Calendar

- Mar 4 PAL Meeting - 10:00 AM, Member "Show & Tell" with critique by Kit Night
- Mar 10 PAL Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM Newcastle Packing Shed
- Mar 11 Hang PAL membership show at Umpqua Bank in Lincoln, 10-11 AM
- Apr 1 PAL Meeting - 10:00 AM, Photographer's Session - Foster, Johnson and Michanie
- Apr 14 PAL Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM Newcastle Packing Shed
- Apr 17 Paint-out at Maple Rock
- Apr 29 Artist workshop with Tip Toeland, The Arts Gallery, FREE, 10 AM
- May 6 PAL Meeting - 10:00 AM, Laurie Barrows, book illustrator
- May 12 PAL Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM Newcastle Packing Shed
- June 3 PAL Meeting - 10:00 AM, Pieces of the Puzzle group activity
- June 9 Worker orientation for PAL Open Juried Show, 2 PM Newcastle Packing Shed
- July 1 NO PAL MEETING THIS MONTH
- July 2 PAL Open Juried Show opens
- July 14 PAL Committee Meeting, 2 PM Newcastle Packing Shed
- Jul 9 PAL Open Juried Show Artists' Reception, 6-7:30 PM.
- Aug 2 PAL Open Juried Show closes
- Aug 5 PAL Meeting - 10:00 AM - Pat Bergander, Painting Porcelain Art
- Aug 11 PAL Committee Meeting, 2 PM Newcastle Packing Shed
- Sep 2 PAL Meeting - 10:00 AM - Program TBD
- Sep 11 PAL Committee Meeting, 2 PM Newcastle Packing Shed
- Oct 7 PAL Meeting - 10:00 AM - Member "Show and Tell"
- Oct 13 PAL Committee Meeting, 2 PM Newcastle Packing Shed

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