



Next Meeting: August 18, 2010 – Cottonwood Art Academy, 427 E Colorado Ave.
July/August 2010

The Pikes Peak Watercolor Society: founded to promote, educate, and encourage artistic excellence in watercolor painting among members and within the community.

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Meeting Times

Social: 6:00 pm-6:30 pm

Meeting: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Program: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

Next meeting: August 18

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August Program



**Karen
Standridge
& Potluck!**

President's Message

It's Summer – Go Outside!

We're having some great weather this summer in Colorado Springs – I hope we are not spending all day cooped up in our studios. I'm going to make this newsletter short, because I don't plan on spending an inordinate amount of time composing at my computer screen.

I know some of you are getting out. I believe Liz Huffman is part of a business that helps people with their landscaping. Laurel Bahe is probably out somewhere right now riding her bike – off-road, of course. But, you can get out and not leave your art behind. Last I heard, Myra Patin and Mary Gorman among others were getting together to paint en plein air. Tom Owen conducted a plein air painting workshop at Carol Naylor's that Margaret Pasolli, Mary Cohagen and I attended, along with several other nice folks, some of whom are now becoming new or reborn PPWS members.

Summer might also be a great time to go outside of your comfort zone. I've started watching a reality TV Series on Bravo called Work of Art. It airs Wednesdays at 9:00 pm. It's like Top Chef, Project Runway or Top Design, or some of those others where people compete and one is eliminated each week, until one person wins the big prize. As you might guess from the title, this show involves artists.

Each week, the artists are given an elimination challenge in which they have to produce a work of art in about a day. One week they did portraits of each other. Another week, they built sculpture out of discarded appliances. Last week, they designed book covers. The person who was eliminated in the book cover challenge, Judith Braun, kept saying, "I'm a fine artist – I'm not a commercial artist!" She lost because she felt she was too good for the challenge.

The whole show reminds me in a way of Pandora's Box. The artists are given some parameters, but then are free to produce works of art that are wildly different from each other. So, PPWS was way ahead of Bravo on this one. Except, of course, we do it without eliminating anyone.

I have been having fun watching the show and thinking about what I would do for the challenge. I try to come up with an idea of what I would produce and then visualize it. So far, I am just thinking through the challenges in my head, but I think it might be kind of fun to actually try to produce something to see how it would come out.

If you get a chance, watch the show. If you want, try to think out how you would do the challenge. If you are feeling adventurous, after the show go out

President's msg continued

and actually produce your solution to the challenge. If any of you do some of this, I would be interested in hearing from you and/or having you bring your works to the August meeting. You may not love what you produce, but I trust you will have fun doing it. Then after that, get out of the house!

Loren

Call For Entries

New York American Artists Professional League

Deadline: August 14, 2010

Jurors: Gary Erbe, Max Ginsburg, Nelson Shanks

www.

americanartistsprofessionalleague.org

Just for fun

Glen Eyrie Paint-Out

August 21, 2010

Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs

Contact Gary Bradley

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Minutes



Pikes Peak
Watercolor
Society General
Meeting
Minutes

June 16, 2010

President, Loren Yukawa, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He began by passing around a card for Frank Davey, and asking everyone to write a short note to let him know that we're thinking about him. He then thanked our chefs, Karen Standridge and Kang Lee Sheppard, for this evenings meal, and our Hosts, Lynne Graham and Kris Storey for setting up. Our guest tonight, was Linda Curell, an art instructor from PPCC.

Additionally, the Crowing and Bragging basket, and the box for our end-of-year drawing was passed around.

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Margaret reported that our checking account balance is \$3,708.95 and our money market account balance is \$7,982.54, giving us a total of \$11,691.00. We made \$569.35 on the El Pueblo Show.

Committee Reports:

Marketing: No report. However, Larry did express his disappointment that the press release he submitted to the Gazette for our Summer Show at High Vista Gallery, did not

appear in the paper.

Membership: Membership renewals are due in August!!!! Loren brought up that several PPWS members were participating in a Tom Owen workshop at Carol Naylor's house earlier today; and there were several attendees who expressed interest in PPWS. Hopefully, we'll see some new faces at our August meeting.

Programs: No program has been scheduled for our August meeting, but Reveille has someone in mind. Stay tuned!

Member's Show

Karen Standridge reported that everything is on track for our Signature Member's Show. **Jurying of the associate members will take place at the August meeting and a \$10.00 juror's fee is due at that time, with the remaining entry fee(s) for accepted paintings to be paid at intake.** She will be sending out an "Intent to Participate" to the signature members, in hope that their response will help the Juror decide how many Associate pieces can be accommodated. She also needs images of Signature's work for the postcards and asked for a volunteer and a laptop to help with the labels at intake. Both Di Vulcan and Lori Watry volunteered to assist.

International Watermedia:

Loren announced that we received the draft contract from the Salminen's. During the April and May meetings, we had passed a list for those interested in the Juror's workshop to sign

up. We now have 30 people signed up, which means several would have to be wait-listed, as the juror limits his workshops to 20 participants. Due to the interest, an inquiry was made to see if John Salminen would be willing to do a 2nd workshop, and he is agreeable. The first workshop is tentatively set for July 6, 7, and 8, 2011 (Wed, Thurs, Fri); and the second one for July 11, 12, and 13, 2011 (Mon, Tues, Wed). Additionally, the workshop fees are estimated to fall somewhere between \$300.00 and \$325.00. Loren indicated that he would like to try and offer a workshop discount to PPWS members, however no firm fees for the workshop have been set yet!

Library: Myra announced that she was running an End-of-Year special on the magazine sale – 2 for a buck! She also had several returned DVD's that were available for check out. Since we do not meet in July, items checked out this evening are due at the August meeting, or if you want to check out something over the summer, call or email Myra to make arrangements. Overall, the library is doing well, and she's really pleased that it's being used.

Newsletter: Just a reminder that since we don't meet in July, there will be no August newsletter.

Group Orders: Nard is still taking requests for group orders. As of tonight, he doesn't have enough for free shipping; so any orders will not be placed until fall when he returns from his summer travels.

Hosts and Chefs: Suzanne's

back!!!! and while we are in good shape for our upcoming meetings this fall, she extended a huge "thank you" to everyone who stepped up and helped with hosting and cheffing this year.

Old Business:

Loren mentioned in his opening comments that tonight was the last night of our "Tip Jar" experiment. PPWS generated some pretty good tips during the experiment, and along with income from our recent auction and the Summer show entry fees, we've made up our deficit and he does not anticipate the need to continue with the tip jars come August. It was stressed that we do need a good entry turnout for the Member's show and next year's Watermedia to maintain income.

The PPWS Summer Show at High Vista Galley opened on Friday, June 11th. It was expressed that while the venue is very nice, and there was a nice turn out for the reception; it was not heavily attended. Take down will be Saturday, August 7th and members are responsible to picking up their paintings, or making arrangements to have them picked up.

It was asked how the Bylaws Committee was coming along. Loren indicated that we needed one more volunteer to chair the committee. Committee members are Margaret Pasolli, Kathleen Murray and Judy Swanson. Johanna Cellucci volunteered to chair the committee and

they will be working over the summer to review and discuss possible revisions to the PPWS bylaws.

New Business:

Another of Loren's opening comments concerned establishing the Nominating committee for 2010/2011 slate of officers to be elected in August. Reveille Kennedy volunteered to chair the committee. Loren indicated that he would be willing to serve another term as president; however, we will need a new candidate for secretary, as Becky Plack has returned to school full-time and will be unable to do a second term.

Kang Lee Sheppard recommended that we consider First Presbyterian's new gallery as a possible venue for future PPWS shows. They recently opened their Church Member's show and the opening reception was very successful. The church is open daily, hosts several events and there is considerable walk-through traffic. There are no commissions unless you choose to donate to the church.

Additionally, we had several announcements:

- Judy Swanson is selling a covered palette; it's in new/unused condition.

- Myra Patin is selling her Guerilla Painter's box along with accessories.

Contact Judy or Myra if you're interested.

- Sally Ann Wilson announced that a new co-op gallery recently opened in Woodland Park. The Mountain Arts Gallery is joining several other galleries in Teller County. If you're in the mountains, stop in and take a look!

- Sharon Conner announced that the Main Street Movement Galley in Canon City is looking for 10 to 15 new artists. This is also a co-op and has 2 levels of membership. If interested, contact Sharon at 719-313-2671 for more information.

Just prior to ending our meeting, Loren decided to hold our "End of Year" Drawing. He asked Nancy Parker Boyson to do the honors, and Judy Swanson was the lucky winner of a \$50.00 gift card to Meininger's! Congratulations Judy!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Becky Plack, Secretary*

June Program

Program: Our program this evening was presented by Nancy Boyson, of Career Counseling for Artists. With 27 years experience in art galleries of Scottsdale, Sedona, Jackson and Denver, she brought a wealth of good advice and information on how to showcase art at a fair or gallery show. She offers workshops and private consultations and invited PPWS members to email her with any other questions. Her email is nancyboyson@me.com and her website is www.careercounselingforartists.com Thank you Nancy for a wonderfully informative program!

Crowing & Bragging

Johanna Cellucci had one painting accepted into SCWS Aquarius



National

Dottie Lirette

had one painting juried into SCWS

Sharon Conner

had 3 paintings accepted into "Anything Goes"; one painting accepted into SCWS Aquarius show and 1 commission

Liz Huffman had 4 painting juried into the High Vista Show in Pueblo and 1 painting juried into SCWS National Show

Larry Haught's painting at Watercolor USA was a purchase award

Karen Standridge writes:

"Incredible as it may seem, I've sold 8 paintings off my website!"

Pat Nolan is now represented at Frame Works Gallery and sold 8 small pieces and has regular showings at Spanish Peaks Arts Council Gallery in La Veta, CO

Eloise Schmidt has 4 paintings in the Volunteer Show at the Pueblo Art Guild; and 2 paintings in PPWS

Nard Claar sold 2 paintings this month

Judy Swanson sold one painting at the Gallery in the Woodland Park Hospital; won second place at the Sunny Vista Show; and also has a 10

piece show at the Fireside Gallery at Woodmen Valley Chapel. She also wrote, illustrated and published a wonderful story book for her grandchildren.

Kami Caldiron finished and sold a commissioned painting

Nina Cravens Fry has one piece going into AWA in Phoenix and 2 pieces in Aquarius

Ellen Brown is part of a show at Art Hardware's Gallery - she has 6 pieces.

Kang Lee Sheppard sold 1 painting and has 1 commission

Sally Ann Wilson had 2 designs accepted into the 2010 "Butterflies & Friends" project to raise money for arts education in the schools. She'll be painting 2 larger aluminum butterflies which will go on display around Colorado Springs on July 20th.

Myra Patin completed, delivered and installed a 14 window stained glass commission

Loren Yukawa is now part of Lasko Gallery; had 1 painting juried into Aquarius and got People's Choice at the PPWS Summer Show.

Meeting Photos



High Vista Gallery Show Opening

