

**Tucson Pastel Society 2447 Los Altos Blvd. Tucson, AZ
General Meeting - February, 2025**

Total Members Present: 30

Guests: (3) Donna Lam, Katy Houk, Beth Havlat

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There were three paintings. Ellen Cholski is the winner for February.

50/50 Raffle: \$51 was taken in - the winner donated back for TPS building fund.

Last call for dues

Non-paid members will be removed from the database, etc. on March 1, 2025.

Programs for 2025-2026 Penny Mazer

Penny noted that we already have 2 or 3 confirmed presenters. She asked the group what they would like to see/learn in programs at our meetings and if anyone would like to teach. Penny supplied a suggestion box to collect ideas from members and noted there is a stipend for teaching.

Online International Show - Power of Pastel

The show was a great success for our first online show. You may view the show at ShowSubmit.com. You also have links to the show and the awards presentation in the newsletter.

Four Corners Gallery Show

The accepted paintings from the juror, Jennifer Evenhus, have been received for the Four Corners Gallery show. Acceptance notices will be sent by the first of the week, giving you a little more time to frame. The judge of awards will be Tony Allain. Thank you to everyone who participated in this show. We had 22 artists with 91 paintings entered.

Becky noted that it is getting harder to find venues for our shows and that we are looking for a venue for an all-member non-juried show. If you have any ideas, please contact Rita Anderson. When we get a show, it is very important to enter.

Plein-Air

Plein Air is February 26, 2025 at the San Xavier del bac Mission from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Open Studio

Our next open studio is March 5th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. You can work on

your own project or take advantage of a still life setup provided by your hosts. The event is one week earlier than usual due to our Tony Allain workshop. Also, our next general meeting will be a week earlier than usual.

Tony Allain Workshop

The workshop is March 19-21 and is sold out with a waiting list.

New Contest

Trading cards were available at the meeting to take home for one month to paint. Return them for voting at the March meeting. Instructions were also available with card size in case you want to make your own from your own paper. This year, they are to be done in portrait orientation.

Paint Around

The paint around was great fun. The paintings are available on the bulletin board for \$50. Proceeds go to the renovation fund.

Program: Brian Freeman - Creating Skin Tones

Brian gave an informative and thought-provoking presentation on various types of portraits. He discussed color, color temperature, value, value contrast and much more. He highlighted the importance of thinking about your subject (person, animal, tree, etc) and the mood you want to project in your painting. Will it be high key, low key, energetic or something else? He also stressed the importance of choosing your color palette and that the color of the ground is also a part of your color palette. Lighting is critical and very important to consider when painting a portrait. After his discussion, he painted a beautiful portrait of his daughter, Libby.

Thank you Brian for such a great presentation.