

Tucson Pastel Society
2447 N. Los Altos Blvd., Tucson, AZ
General Meeting November 20, 2024

Total members present: 29

New Members: Kim Duffer, Sharon Knies, Carolyn Maxey Schuetze

Guests: 2 guests

Becky greeted everyone and got the voting started for Artist of the Month.

New Board Members:

Program Chair - Penny Mazer, Show Committee Chair - Rita Anderson

Thank you for volunteering. Volunteering is the lifeblood of our society and it will not succeed without your generosity. Food for thought: A recent study shows that volunteering makes us happier and improves our mental health.

Executive Board Elections

Every two years we vote on the Executive board which consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership. This year, we will be voting online. You will be sent an email with the instructions on Dec. 1st. You have all month to vote with the board taking office Jan. 1, 2025. There is a write-in space for each position, so feel free to fill that space.

Upcoming Shows:

Amerind Museum

Art pick up will be from the TPS building on Wednesday, December 4th from 11 am to 1 pm. If you sold a painting and it was not picked up at the Amerind, it will be brought back to the TPS building with the unsold art. You will need to pick it up and make arrangements with the buyer.

Four Corners Gallery:

Meeting for final details next week so check your newsletter and the web under "shows" for details.

International Online Show:

The show went live online at ShowSubmit.com on the 15th of November. This will hopefully be an annual show. You can download or read the prospectus at ShowSubmit.com. Please participate and make this show successful the very first year. Entry is \$45 for 3 paintings for members. You can add 2 more paintings at \$10 each. The acceptance juror is Nanci King-Mertz and the juror of awards is Liz Haywood-Sullivan.

Charity Show:

The show committee has decided to not have the charity show this year because of all the other shows that are active.

Plein Air

Plein-Air will resume January 22, 2025 at the Pima County Cooperative, 4210 N. Campbell Ave, Extension from 10am - 1pm

Open Studio

Next open studio is December 11th from 10 am - 1 pm. You can work on your own project or take advantage of a still life setup provided by your hosts.

Workshop

The Nancy Nowak workshop was fantastic and very educational. The next workshop will be with Tony Allain on March 19 - 21, 2025. This workshop will sell out quickly. Because there is a lot of interest outside of our society, the workshop will be posted with a password for members only from Nov. 23 - 30th. On December 1st, the registration pages will be live for everyone. If you are interested in signing up as a member in the November window, please email Becky for the password. The workshop is a 3-day event with a fee of \$400 for members, \$450 for non-members. It will be an educational and fun workshop. Tony will also be the juror of awards on March 22nd for the Four Corners Gallery show.

New Contest

Don't forget the art challenge of Expressing What You Would Like to Say to the Younger Generation in your art. Paintings will be displayed and voted on at the Holiday Potluck on December 18th. The handout has some suggestions.

Holiday Potluck:

Cheryl Bullard is our host for the Holiday Pot Luck dinner. It will be held next month on Wednesday the 18th.

Millions For Tucson Raffle

Tickets are available at the back table for the Millions for Tucson Raffle. No one needs to be present for the final drawing, so tickets can be sold anywhere. 100% of monies collected goes to improving our building and lot. You can purchase tickets either here at our meetings or online on our website. The drawing is Thursday, December 12th.

50/50 Raffle

We took in \$39, half of which was won by Penny Mazer who donated it back to TPS.

Artist of the Month

Jeanne Conant Kramer

Program: Christy Olsen - Pan Pastels

Christy is an award-winning artist and fine art instructor. She is our Vice-President and Co-Owner of the Art Verve Academy. The Academy provides great art classes. She is also systems engineer at Raytheon and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Art History and Anthropology and a Bachelor's Degree in Science. Today, Christy taught us about Pan Pastels. She brought multiple sets of pan pastels and discussed how they are applied. She showed us many different tools for application, demonstrated their use, and then let the group practice and play with pastels and paper that she provided. The talk was informative and eye-opening to many of us who have never tried pan pastels. She also demonstrated how well they work with stencils.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Conant Kramer, Secretary

