

## **Central Pennsylvania Pastel Society**

### **February 10, 2019 Quarterly Meeting**

Attendance: Jennifer Shuey, Connie Van Ogtrop, Alice Kelsey, Brooke Peters, Peg Klinger, Marianne Fyda, Grace Bergin, Pat McDannel, Milt Trask, Anne Kenyon, Leslie Dyer, Virginia Belser, Candace Smith, Susan Nicholas Gephart

Our pre-meeting activity at 1:30 pm was a swap and sell of art supplies we no longer needed.

Susan sent around a card for everyone to sign for Jill Foster. She hurt her hand pretty badly and had surgery on it earlier this week.

To open the meeting at 2 pm, everyone introduced themselves to the group.

The **minutes** of the November meeting were distributed in the December enewsletter. Motion by Peg to accept, seconded by Leslie, motion passed.

Connie distributed copies of the **Treasurer's Report** for the period of November 11, 2018 – February 10, 2019. The current balance is \$4,997.30. There are 8 members who have not sent in their dues to renew their memberships. Marianne donated 8 notecards that we all signed to let those members know we miss them and hope they will join us again this year. In addition, we discussed everyone bringing two or three of their notecards to the next meeting for the President or other officers to use for official correspondence such as this.

#### **Old Business**

**Meeting location** – all quarterly meetings in 2019 will be the Best Western Plus University Park Inn & Suites. Susan negotiated lower rates than we had before if we committed to a contract for the whole year. The address for your GPS is 115 Premiere Dr, State College, PA 16801.

**eNewsletter** – Jill Foster is doing a wonderful job with the eNewsletter. She encourages everyone to add their voices to the eNewsletter. The deadline for submissions is always the last Saturday of the month. Thanks to Anna Crane, too.

The **January Challenge** was a great activity for all who chose to participate. The group conversation was all done by email. For the February Challenge, we are introducing the “Forum” on the website as the portal for sharing and discussion. Check the eNewsletters for instructions on setting up your profile in the Forum. There was a suggestion that photographs of the artists be added to the profiles in the Forum so we can better match names and faces of our fellow artists.

**National Workshop 2019** – Marla Baggetta. Demo on Tuesday, August 13. Demo open to the public for free. Workshop on August 14 – 16. Location will be the Harris Township Lions Club Community Center. 130 S Academy St, Boalsburg, PA 16827. Demo location still TBD. There are currently 15 people signed up. The max will be 16. A waiting list will be started once we reach 16. The mix of participants is about half us and half from elsewhere. If anyone has a guest room and would be willing to host someone from out of town, please let Virginia know. Leslie, Brooke, and Roxy offered to help Virginia with this workshop. A suggestion was made to open up the Dinner to all CPPS members, not just the ones attending the workshop.

**National Workshop 2020** – Virginia is looking for another volunteer to work with her on the planning of the 2020 workshop. Jennifer Shuey volunteered.

### **New Business**

#### **Recap of Winter Paint In with CPPS and Farmland Preservation Artists**

Attendees: Susan Nicholas Gephart, Peggy Klinger, Virginia Belser, Jen Shuey, Leslie Dryer, Brooke Peters, Anne Kenyon, Martha Taylor, Milt Trask, Denise Wagner, Brienne Brown, Jeff Mathison, Lena Thynell, Kathleen Muffie-Witt. Artists were working in pastel, acrylic, and watercolor. Everyone agreed to do this again, but maybe later in February next year.

**Education Committee** – Goal is to simplify. It was noted that everyone can post in our Facebook group. It is an open group. So if you have anything pertinent to CPPS, pastels, or artists in the CPPS, please post and share!

We are seeking a volunteer to serve as our Publicity Chair. This person would contact the local media outlets when we have news to share, such as exhibitions and openings or special projects.

Hopper of Program ideas:

- From Jill – set up try it stations before a quarterly meeting with samples of surfaces, different brands of pastels, etc. We might be able to purchase “taste test” packets from Mike at Rochester Art Supply for this purpose.
- From Jen – invite Will Snyder or someone else who knows how to create time-lapse videos to demonstrate
- From Virginia – someone to teach how to take good photos on your phone (good enough for entering shows)
- Have a mentor day and invite high school students to a spring or summer paint out as the vehicle for connecting
- Do pastel demos for the Foxdale art club or other retirement communities. Foxdale’s art club meets every Tuesday. If anybody is looking to get their feet wet with teaching demos, this would be a good audience to try it.

- Might there be paint out opportunities at events such as First Fridays in Downtown State College, the Arts Festival, the People's Choice Festival, etc?
- Have a materials swap
- Have an art swap with each other
- Have an annual potluck meal together; everyone bring a painting that someone else would go home with (idea seen at Huntingdon Arts Council)
- How to frame your art more inexpensively

Susan will start exploring options for a spring and/or summer paint out at Rhoneymeade (<http://www.rhoneymeade.org>) and/or at Chicory Lane Farm (<http://www.chicorylane.com>).

**Exhibit Committee** – Susan is the only member of this committee right now, and she needs some help. Brooke, Leslie, and Milt indicated a willingness to volunteer. (Peg and Daryl also volunteered at the November meeting.)

“All CPPS Members Show” is scheduled for September 27, 28, and 29 at the Art Alliance of Central PA in Lemont. Candace and Peggy offered to be art drop off points ahead of the exhibition hanging. Volunteer tasks: Publicity, Reception, Demos?, Show Sitters. Start thinking about how you can help.

**Member-led Workshops** – Jill suggested these as a good opportunity to see the skills and quality of our members. They are also a lower price point than attending the national workshops. If you have ideas or are interested in teaching, please let Susan know.

It was noted that Alice Kelsey is teaching pastel classes at the Art Alliance, both intro and intermediate level. The intermediate level class is a half day workshop on Saturday, April 6 from 12:30 – 4:30. More info at <http://artallianceofcentralpa.org/classes-new.html#workshops>.

#### **Other items of interest:**

- Apply for the Images 2019 juried exhibition at the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts by May 3. Details here - <https://arts-festival.com/images-juried-exhibition>. There will once again be a \$200 award for Best Pastel sponsored by the CPPS.
- Volunteer Opportunity – the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts is also seeking an understudy for Holly Foy, coordinator of the Street Painting at the Festival. Holly wants to “retire” in a few years, so now is a good time to shadow her to learn what she does to organize this important element of the Arts Festival. The street painting will also move to a new location in the heart of the Festival this year on Foster Ave between Sidney Friedman Park and Allen Street. If interested in learning more, contact Jennifer Shuey, [jshuey@arts-festival.com](mailto:jshuey@arts-festival.com).

**2019 Upcoming Meeting Dates:** May 26 – Marianne offered to do an activity with Art Trading Cards as the pre-meeting activity; August 11; November 10