

October, 2021

New Orleans, Louisiana

Degas Pastel Society

Twenty Second Membership Exhibition

October 15, 2021 – January 15, 2022

We were fortunate to have Bethany Fields, an American contemporary artist, working in pastel as our judge. Bethany sent these comments. "Thank you so much to the Degas Pastel Society for giving me the honor of jurying and judging this year's membership exhibit. It was such a pleasure to immerse myself in the beautiful pastels entered! The breadth of the work was wonderful and it took much deliberation to select the pieces you see. The award winners were equally difficult to choose but in the end, Deana Goldsmith's and Isabella Lim's masterful touch won my heart. Kudos to everyone who entered! Keep painting!

With the Covid epidemic once again ramping up, the Membership Exhibition went online this year at www.degaspastelsociety.org. The winners and pictures of the winning entries are at the end of this newsletter. Don't miss them!

Demonstration with Bethany Fields

We are excited that Bethany Fields, the judge/juror for our Twenty Second Membership Exhibition, will be doing a **free online demo** Saturday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. This will be approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours long. Don't miss this opportunity to learn some of her exciting techniques.

Welcome New Members

Thanks to the excitement created about entering our recent online membership exhibition a number of applications were submitted. We are happy to welcome the following new members. Congratulations and welcome to the following new members!

Signature Members

Alejandra Gos, Bothell, WA, Jane Shank, Wayland, IA, Nancy Lilly, Round Rock, TX, Cynthia Brewster, Mentor, OH, Fang Sullivan, NY, NY, Anna Kalugina, Moscow, Russia, Michele Ashby, Suffolk, UK, B.F. Reed, Jacksonville, NC, Jacqueline Meyerson, Macungie, PA, and Monica Wood, Baton Rouge, LA, Andrea Pejeau, Hilton Head Island, S.C., Irina Gromova, Dallas, TX, Nori Thorne, Sedona, AZ.

Associate Members

Yael Maimon, Israel, Yingying Chen, Austin, TX.

Degas Pastel Society 19th Biennial Exhibition Scheduled for 2022

The 2022 Biennial Exhibition has been scheduled at a beautiful new venue for us, the Northwest Florida State College. Liz Haywood-Sullivan has agreed to jury and judge the exhibition. The exhibition will open Tuesday, November 7, 2022. The Reception & Awards Ceremony will be Friday, Nov. 11, 2022. The exhibition will close on December 16, 2022. Plan now to attend the workshop with Liz Haywood-Sullivan on Nov. 8-10, 2022.

News of Our Members

Shoshanna Ahart reports that there was a tremendous response in *Eichstaett to the STADT-LAND-KUNST Autumn Cultural Festival!* The city came alive with tons of visitors and 19 art exhibition venues throughout the inner city. We couldn't have asked for better weather - three beautiful, sunny, crisp autumn days. In our gallery alone we had close to 200 guests over the three day festival. Most of the visitors to our gallery were new to us and not familiar with our work. We had folks from Munich, Ingolstadt, Nuremberg and Augsburg, as well as, local visitors. It was great to meet and connect with people - to talk about our work, our techniques, our motivations and our gallery itself.

Brenda Delle's work will be featured in the Lagniappe Area of Ariodante Gallery, 535 Julia Street, in the New Orleans Arts District during December 2021. The opening will be December 4 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Marcia Holmes won Best in Show at the Connecticut Pastel Society 28th Annual National Renaissance in Pastel 2021 Juried Exhibition which opened October 8, 2021 at the Slater Memorial Museum in Norwich, Connecticut for her painting "Rose and Eucalyptus Bouquet". She is juried into the IAPS 7th Master Circle Juried Webshow opening online on Nov. 1, 2021.

Once again the Pastel Society of France is hosting **Nancie King Mertz**, as GUEST of HONOR in Giverny, France, May 2022! This long-awaited honor started as an invitation for May 2020--we all know what happened that year. Then it was moved to 2021--again, no travel. We are counting on 2022 as The Year! I'll paint all winter for an exhibition and teach a 2-day workshop while there. Friends and painters from the US are joining us in Giverny. Email Nancie for details!

William A. Schneider's pastel painting, "Reckless Abandon" was awarded Honorable Mention in "*Local Colors - The 2021 Members Only Competition*" sponsored by the MidAmerica Pastel Society (MAPS). The juror of awards was Master Pastelist, Lorenzo Chavez. William originally painted this piece as a step-by-step demonstration featured in the October 2017 issue of the *Pastel Journal*. The show can be viewed by going to the MAPS website <https://www.midamericapastel.com/page/6063/shows-and-competitions>.

We are sad to report the passing of Marjorie Johnson on August 20, 2021. Marjorie was a founding member and president of the Degas Pastel Society from 1995 to 1998. She was also a two-term president of the New Orleans Art Association. Marjorie won many awards for her portraits and still life paintings in juried exhibitions. Marjorie was born in Washington, North Carolina in 1925, but moved to New Orleans in 1952 and always considered New Orleans her home. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Memorial Tribute to Bill Creevy

The New Orleans Drawing Group will present a **Memorial Tribute to Bill Creevy** (1942-2020) on Thursday, December 9. Proceeds from this drawing session will go to the Degas Pastel Society newly created "Bill Creevy Memorial Award for a Developing Pastel Artist". Artists, friends, and family can offer their tributes and memories after the drawing session concludes in the dedicated time immediately afterward.

Bill, pastelist extraordinaire, a Pastel Society of America Hall of Fame honoree and author of *The Pastel Book* and *The Oil Painting Book*, was a revered teacher and fearless experimenter with materials and techniques in all media.

To join the Drawing Session (4:45-7:45pm (C)) and Tribute (8-9pm (C)), \$15 Sandra Burshell via Venmo: "@Sandra-Burshell" or Paypal: sandraburshell@gmail.com. For those who do not participate on that date can contribute directly to the

fund via Paypal: DegasPastelSociety@gmail.com or by snail mail: Glinda Schafer, 813 Heritage Ave. Terrytown, LA 70056 with Bill Creevy Award in the memo line.

More information: sandraburshell@gmail.com or New Orleans Drawing Group on Facebook.

Workshops

Alan Flattmann

12/2/2021 Sketching Portraits at the Abbey Art Works. Basic guidelines for sketching portraits with pastels. Basics of drawing and constructing the head. How to shade and color. Emphasis on well-drawn portrait and creating an interesting sketch with limited color palette. Photos will be provided or work from your own. Contact Alan at 985 809-6332 or email art@alanflattmann.com.

Jeri Greenberg

Starting September 2021 Wednesdays (ongoing). All levels can enjoy weekly VIRTUAL individual instruction and live demonstrations. TOPICS COVERED: Fundamentals of pastels, drawing, underpainting, light and shadow, composition, color theory, basic perspective, figure proportions. LEARN FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME. Get creative with master pastelists Jeri Greenberg from anywhere in the world! Receive personal instruction, critique and endless inspiration. Save your spot today. Spaces are filling quickly. Contact: Jeri Greenberg jerig622@gmail.com.

Marcia Holmes will be teaching an abstract pastel workshop for the New Orleans Art Association November 16-17, 2021 in New Orleans. Please contact Darlene Johnson for information at 504 392-0215 or darlenejohnson@yahoo.com

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And the Winners Are!



Title: Samsara 39

Artist: Isabelle Lim

Award: DPS Awards of Exceptional Merit



Title: Paper Moon

Artist: Deana Goldsmith

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Title: The Two Chefs

Artist: Alan Flattman

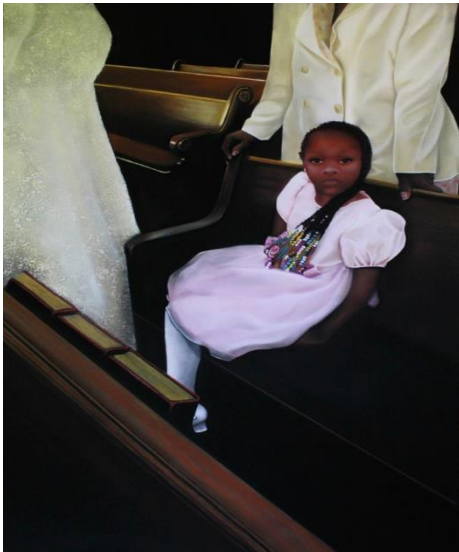
Award: DPS Awards of Excellence



Title: Redfish

Artist: Yael Maimon

Award: DPS Awards of Excellence



Title: Until We Meet Again

Artist: Barbara Mason

Award: DPS Award of Excellence



Title: Living in History

Artist: Nancy King Mertz

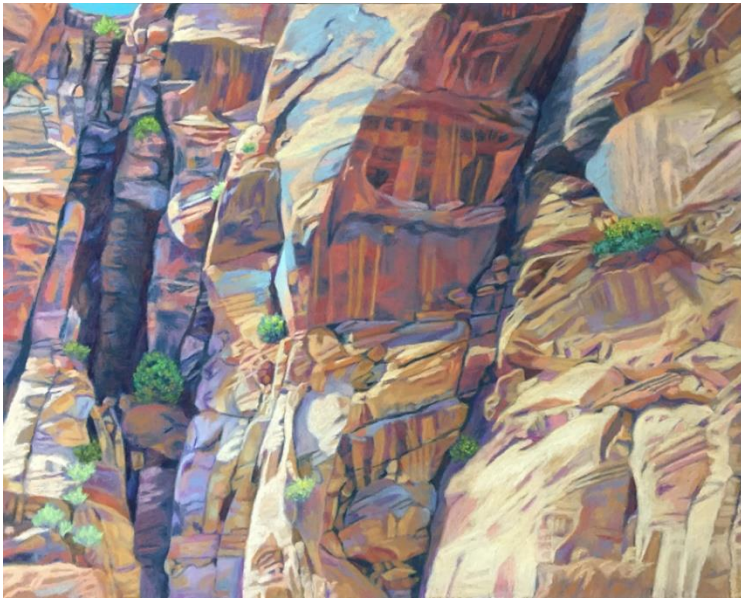
Award: New Orleans Art Assoc. Award of Merit



Title: My Wild Irish

Artist: William Schneider

Award: Louisiana Watercolor Society Award of Merit



Title: Canyon Patterns

Artist: Toni Lindahl

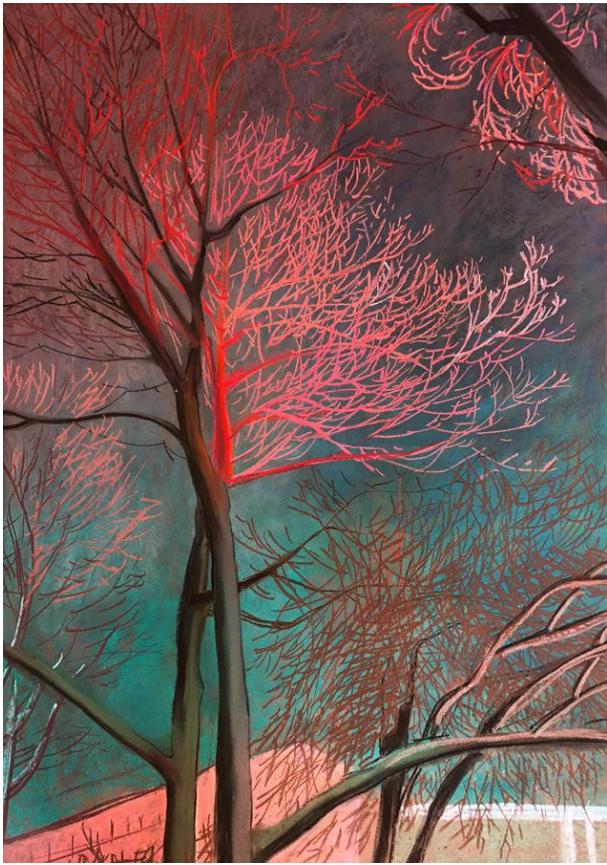
Award: Pastel Society of North Carolina Award of Merit



Title: Cherry Blossoms

Artist: Shoshanna Ahart

Award: Chicago Pastel Painters Award of Merit



Title: Boulevard

Artist: Anna Kalugina

Award: Pastel Society of Cape Cod Award of Merit



Title: Gulf Sunrise

Artist: Glinda Schafer

Award: Honorable Mentions

Title: Doorway 2

Artist: Sydney Kopekin

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Title: Hole 9 Pinehurst No. 4

Artist: Jane Hixson

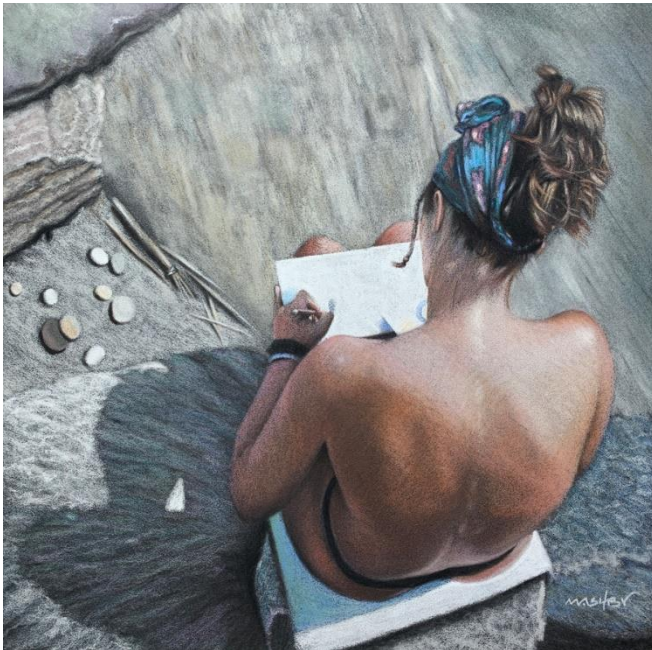
Award: Honorable Mentions



Title: Wallflowers

Artist: Karen Tighe

Award: Honorable Mentions



Title: Remember Back When

Artist: Michele Ashby

Award: Honorable Mentions

If you have any news, the newsletter is published quarterly. The dates may vary depending on events that Degas Pastel Society plans. We would love to include your news. Please email and date it to bdelle@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.