

**March, 2023**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

***Degas Pastel Society  
Spring Paint Out & Demo  
with Melissa Ladner  
Friday, March 31, 2023  
Destrehan Plantation***

13034 River Road, Destrehan, LA  
70047

9 am – Meet & Greet

Melissa's Plein Air Demo starts at  
10 am

**Free Admission**

***Refreshments will be served at the Meet & Greet. A shelter is available in case of bad weather. After the demo, participants can paint and picnic on the beautiful grounds of Destrehan Plantation. Bring a packed lunch with you.***

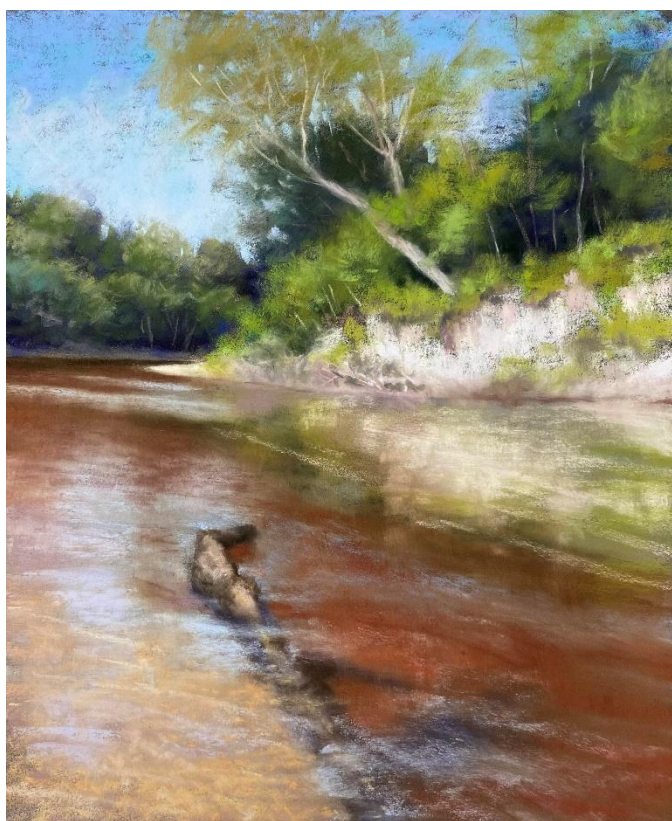
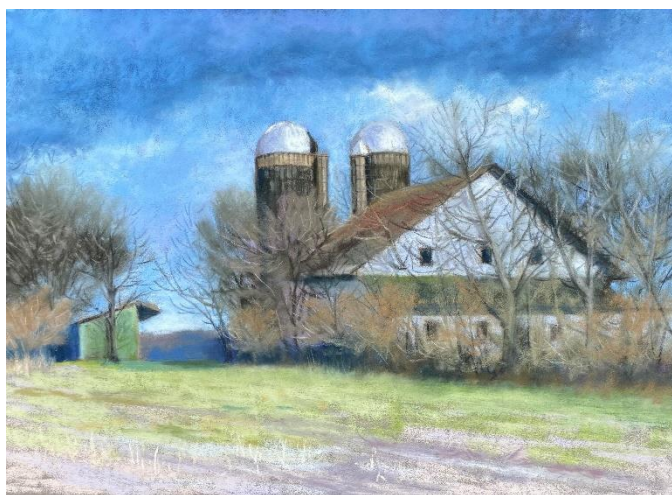


***Melissa Ladner***

A native Mississippian, Melissa Ladner is probably best known for her pastel paintings of Red Creek. This aptly named creek of brilliant reddish-orange, and yellow ochre-tinted water, flows through an area of the piney woods region her family has called home for six generations. It is the deep woods, creeks, hidden lakes, and dirt roads she has explored since youth, that offer the recurring subjects in the representational landscape paintings she produces in soft pastel. When painting these remote places, whether on location

or in the studio, she strives to take the viewer on explorations with her—to destinations most people will never get to see for themselves.

Although she began drawing at a very young age, Melissa did not discover pastel as a medium until she began her studies at Ole Miss. She received a BFA from the University of Mississippi in 1994 and is a member of the Degas Pastel Society and the Pastel Society of America. Melissa also works part-time as a graphic designer for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Archives. These are two of her recent paintings.



## **CALL FOR ENTRIES**

The Pastel Society of Colorado's 2023 Mile High International Pastel Exhibition is now accepting entries through March 15, 2023. The show will be held May 12 - July 1, 2023 at the Curtis Center for the Arts in Greenwood Village, CO. Juror and awards judge Aaron Schuerr will also teach a three-day workshop in the same location May 10 - 12, 2023. See workshop details and download the full prospectus at <https://pastelsocietyofcolorado.org/shows.php>

## **News of Our Members**

**Carol Peebles** now has a special **Jack Richeson "Peebles Pastel Portrait Set"** that David Art Supply has on sale for \$50 as opposed to buying it online for \$81. The sale will go on indefinitely. David Art Supply is located at 3020 N. Arnoult Road, Metairie, LA.



## **Welcome to New Members**

**Signature Member:** Sheila Fletcher, Picayune, MS  
**Associate Members:** Kevin Quattlebaum, Garland, TX  
Regina Babin, Houma, LA

## **Workshops**

**Sandra Burshell** is the organizer of the New Orleans Drawing Group Via Zoom. This is a figure studio every Thursday from 4:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. CST. The sessions have clothed 1 minute poses and 5 minute poses for 1/2 hour followed by one long clothed pose for the remainder of the 3 hour session. Scheduled monthly Q&A Guest Artists and monthly Open Discussion from 8-9pm CST. The fee is \$15 payable to Sandra Burshell via VENMO@Sandra-Burshell or PAYPAL [sandraborshell@gmail.com](mailto:sandraborshell@gmail.com). For further information contact Sandra at [sandraborshell@gmail.com](mailto:sandraborshell@gmail.com) or 504 914-5341

**Margaret Dyer** has video demonstrations on Patreon Video both in pastel and oil. The charge for membership is \$5 per month and you have access to previous demonstrations also. To join go to [www.patreon.com/margaretdyer](http://www.patreon.com/margaretdyer)

### **Alan Flattmann**

**Creative Landscape and Cityscape. Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Abbey Art Works, 75376 River Road, Covington, LA. \$180 month for 4 classes. 14 student maximum. Register at [www.alanflattmann.com](http://www.alanflattmann.com) or call 985 809-6332 or email [art@alanflattmann.com](mailto:art@alanflattmann.com).**

**Plein Air Painting and Sketching in Athens and Crete. May 1-12, 2023.** The workshop is designed to help beginners and advanced artists conquer the challenges of plein air painting and sketching. Daily demonstrations in watercolor and pastel will include drawing techniques. Daily critiques are included. Accommodations are in first class hotels in Athens and Crete. Time for exploring and touring are included. Early Bird sign up by November 30, 2022 for a \$200 discount. Full details at [alanflattmann.com](http://alanflattmann.com) or call Alan for details at 985 809-6332 or email [art@alanflattmann.com](mailto:art@alanflattmann.com). The workshop is filled. A wait list is available.

**Jeri Greenberg** "Correcting Your Values and Color Theory". January 10-31, 2023 on Tuesday 1 to 4 p.m. at the Museum School of Cameron Art Museum. Contact: [www.jerigreenbergart.com/workshops](http://www.jerigreenbergart.com/workshops)

### **Albert Handell**

**WORKSHOPS 2023** Central Texas Pastel Society – March 4-Day studio Pastel Workshop. Contact: Lynda Hughes [lyhughesstudios@gmail.com](mailto:lyhughesstudios@gmail.com) 832-755-7063

**Marcia Holmes** Ocean Springs Art Assoc. is hosting a 3 Day "Pastel Workshop with Marcia Holmes", Friday, June 23 to Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9 am to 4 pm, at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, Ocean Springs, MS. Registration Fee for Members \$300, Non-Members \$335. To Register contact Vicki Lueb at [vlueb1@gmail.com](mailto:vlueb1@gmail.com) (Limited to 12 artists)

### **Nancie King Mertz**

Mar 16-26--FL Forgotten Coast Plein Air Invitational  
Mar 28-31--Tallapoosa School of Art Plein Air Workshop  
April 13-15--ArtDeTriumph Pastel Immersion Workshop, Rockford  
April 21-22--Party with ArtDeTriumph at ArtScene, Rockford, IL  
May 21-25--Plein Air Convention Faculty, Denver, CO  
June 8-10--Cedarburg Plein Air Jury, Cedarburg, WI  
July 7-9--ArtDeTriumph Pastel Immersion Workshop,

Rockford, IL

July 15-16--Plein Air Demo & Jury, Evanston, IL

### **Glinda Schafer**

**March 22, 23, 2023 "Painting with Pans and Soft Pastels" 9:30 am. to 4:30 p.m. sponsored by the New Orleans Art Association at the Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 5914 Canal Blvd., New Orleans, LA.** Tuition is \$200 for NOAA members and \$225 for non-members. Contact Darlene Johnson to register at 504 392-0215 or [darlenejohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:darlenejohnson@yahoo.com).

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