



February, 2025

New Orleans, Louisiana

Degas Annual Plein Air Paint-Out
Thursday, April 3, 2025
Lafreniere Park in Metairie

Biennial Degas Pastel Society
Member Exhibition

It's time for our annual "paint out". Members and non-members are welcome. Beginning at 9 a.m. there will be a meet and greet in the Foundation Building, Lafreniere Park, 3000 Downs Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70003.

At 10 a.m. there will be a demonstration by Mandy Ellard. **You need to bring your chair for the demo.** Mandy studied at Delta State University and the University of Mississippi. She is a signature member of PSA and DPS and was awarded Master Circle status at IAPS. (In the event of rain the demo will be indoors.)

Following the demo enjoy your lunch which you may bring or purchase from a nearby establishment.

From 1-4 p.m. everyone is invited to paint using the medium of their choice. The park offers a wide array of subjects including marsh grasses, water ways with bridges and birds, a carousel, large oak trees and flowers.

Directions: Enter the park from Veterans Memorial Boulevard or West Napoleon Avenue. Follow the loop to the Foundation Building/Community Event Center. This is across the street from the children's playground. There is a large parking area.

The Biennial Degas Pastel Society members only exhibition will be held at the Hammond Arts Center, 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA August 1-16, 2025. The juror and judge will be New Orleans renowned artist, Phil Sandusky. The approximate deadline date is June 23. Delivery will be July 28 and the reception will be Friday August 1, 5-8 PM. Submission will be through ShowSubmit. The prospectus will be sent to paid members soon. ***(If you haven't paid your 2024-25 dues you are not eligible).***

News of Our Members

Betty Efferson will have work in the "This is Our Garden" art exhibition and art social Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at 5800 One Perkins Place, Suite 5D, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

Marcia Holmes - SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, May 3, 2025 - "Sojourn" - Solo Exhibition Opening at Degas Gallery, 3909 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA

Dawn Koetting's painting "Pensive" was included in a Martin Luther King Commemorative Exhibition sponsored by the National Conference of Artists. The Exhibit is at the Ashe Cultural Arts Center through February 28, 2025.

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: sandraburshell@gmail.com.
Info: <https://www.sandraburshell.com/page/29308/new-orleans-drawing-group-via-zoom>
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Sandra Burshell will be giving a 3-day Pastel Society of America Studio Workshop "Thoughts of Subject: Mood through Color Choice in Interiors", October 10-12, 2025, National Arts Club, NY.
Info: psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org

Mandy Ellard will be teaching a 'Learning Soft Pastels' workshop April 26th-28th in Ocean Springs, Ms. The workshop is sponsored by Ethotera. To register or find out more information, go to Ethotera.com. The cost is \$300.

Albert Handell will be teaching his only east coast workshop April 8-11, 2025 in Raleigh, NC. This is a 4 day workshop for pastel and oil. Only 4 openings left. There will be morning demos alternating between pastel and oil. Individual instruction in the afternoons. The workshop is hosted by ARTSPACE, 201 East Davie Street Raleigh, N.C.27601 To enroll in this Workshop Program, please contact fellow artist Jim Hallenbeck
Email: jimhallenbeckjr@gmail.com
Phone: 919-917-3394

Vicki Lueb will be giving a 2-day workshop "Landscapes in Pastel" sponsored by **The Pastel Society of Mississippi** August 28-29 in Flowood, Ms. The cost is \$200 for PSM members and \$250 for non-members. A \$50 deposit is required. For information on how to register, contact Sue Grubbs at grubbsdf@aol.com.

Carol Peebles drawing Atelier, located in Uptown New Orleans, BlueEaselClub.com, teaches Portrait and Figure Drawing Weekly classes. Come learn how to draw portraits from life in the Classical Realist Tradition with Carol Peebles in her Uptown New Orleans Studio.

Portrait Class, both Monday Night 6pm-8:30pm and Tuesday Morning 9:30am-12:30. \$275 per 5 week session, start anytime. Details at BlueEaselClub.com
Gift Certificates are available.
Blue Easel Club one day workshops will be posted online at www.blueeaselclub.com.

If you have news that you would like to share, please contact the newsletter editor, Brenda Delle at bdelle@gmail.com.