



**PALO  
VERDE**  
ARTISTS

# Reflections

October 2020 Pam Raisanen, Editor

**We welcome all our members to our  
1 pm, October 5th Gathering online via Zoom**

**Grab a cup of coffee, boot up your computer, tablet, iPad, or smartphone. Check to see that your webcam and audio are on and join us via Zoom for our coronavirus style monthly meeting. Check your email for the invitation with the link to connect to Zoom. Joining should be as simple as clicking on the link.**



## **From the President.....**



It has been a pleasure visiting with you over the past few weeks. I still have many more calls to make. I have been concentrating on those who have not been in communication over the past few months. So if I haven't called yet, I haven't forgotten you. Just remember that my phone number originates from El Paso. I say this because of all the spam and political calls it is almost enough to make you scream. However, I will leave a message.

I have also been busy assembling a slate of officers as well as filling vacancies in our leadership. I absolutely need a treasurer. If you are familiar with Excel you can help us fill the void. We will give you all the help you need. We also need a publicity person and someone to coordinate our monthly program at our Gatherings. I should add that while you may not be interested or ready to take on one of these rolls, we can always use assistants. Tasks become easier when broken down into smaller parts with someone leading the way.

We are scheduling more events using Zoom technology. We have a member who is proficient in this communication tool and is willing to produce instructions on how to join a meeting. Later in October we will have a training session on how to host. I realize that this is new and new is sometimes scary. But we are all in this together and because of that, we are all learning. Sometimes it is stressful, sometimes frustrating, sometimes downright hysterical. Just think of as an opportunity to learn how to communicate with our loved ones, no matter how near or far. So strap on your sense of humor and jump in...the water's fine!

For the most up to date information visit our website at <http://paloverdeartists.com>



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## Club Events on Zoom

Until the club opens, all events will be held on the internet via Zoom. Participants need to have a internet connected computer, iPad, tablet or a smartphone. A web camera and audio connection is needed to view and talk. Members will be sent a notice and it will be followed up with an invitation to the Zoom event. All events on Zoom are limited to 100 people.

### Monday

October 5, 1 pm  
Virtual Gathering on Zoom

&  
1 pm **THIRD MONDAY CRITIQUE**  
October 19

### Thursday

October 15  
1 pm Pumpkin Party

### Friday

October 23, 1 pm  
**ACRYLIC ABSTRACT IN FALL COLORS**  
with Kelly Abraham

### Newsletter

Newsletters will be emailed for members to read or print and posted on the website. A few copies will be available at the Gathering and in the Art Room for those without digital access. **The November newsletter deadline is October 16.** Send articles to [phraisanen@gmail.com](mailto:phraisanen@gmail.com)

For your notes.....





# 2021 Board Nominees

## **MARY STEWART NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT**

We moved to Sun City in July 2019 from



Canby, OR, to retire in the style we wanted. I have lived most of my life in Oregon, and have been dabbling in the arts since I was very young. I enjoyed many professions along the way, most of them in the sales world, dealing with

people, and solving problems. I was a Realtor beginning in the 1970s; A Manufacturers Sales Rep for office products; A sales rep for a National wholesaler of office products, and a massage therapist for 15 years. I had a great clientele, and running my own business was very successful.

I was on the Arts Committee for the Wilsonville Festival of the Arts and have individually enjoyed showing my art and having a booth in many shows of that nature. I have also been invited/juried in different art venues throughout the Portland and Salem, OR areas. I am still a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon, although living out of state, I cannot participate any longer.

I have an art website:

<https://artofmarystewart.com/> should you care to investigate.

## **DIANNE ELMER NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT & LIBRARIAN**

I was born and raised in Minnesota and



we are still spending our summers in Minnesota. I attended the University of Minnesota and Regions Hospital

school of nursing. I spent 20 years working for an eye surgeon in Minnesota. I am married with two daughters, both living in Minnesota. After retirement I became interested in art. I joined an art group back home with many talented artists. I worked as a secretary and instructor for school aged children there for several years. I have held the position of membership chair for PVA for 4 years and club librarian as well as hosting the gallery night this year. I love art especially working in acrylics and a new medium for me, watercolor pencils.



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### MARY JO PETERSON NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY



1971 BS degree in Interior Design and Studio Art, University of Minnesota

1981 MS degree in Visual Arts Education, Parsons School of Design and Bank Street College of Education, New York.

1977 -1982 & 1991-2011 Specialized in teaching drawing, rendering, design principles and design history in several schools of higher education in Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan.

1982-1984 Employed as an interior designer, Tucson Arizona

1984-1991 Worked full time as an artist, focusing on watercolor and handmade paper in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Traveled throughout the mid-west exhibiting in art fairs and galleries.

1991 -2011 Associate Professor of Interior design at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI; department coordinator

2001-2007 Exhibited in several local, regional and national gal-

leries and exhibits. Served on the board of directors of two arts organizations in Kalamazoo. Illustrated and helped publish a children's book; "Grandpa Thor's Stories" by Marianne Mueller.

2017, August, Moved to Sun City and began developing skills as a pastel artist.

Member of arts organizations.

1978-1991 "East bank Artists," and the "La Crosse Arts Council", La Crosse, WI,

1992 - 2017 "Kalamazoo Book Arts", "Handmade Paper Guild", "Kalamazoo Institute of arts" & "Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo", Kalamazoo, MI,".

2018 - present "Palo Verde Art Club", "Artists by the Lake"., Sun City, AZ

2018 - present, "WHAM", Surprise, AZ

2019 - present, West Valley Arts, Surprise, AZ

2020 - Associate Member, Pastel Society of America, New York's, NY

2020 - Arizona Pastel Artists Association, Phoenix, AZ

Participated in juried and non-juried exhibitions including:

1994 Allied Artists of America, 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, New York, NY

1996 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Nat'l Small Painting juried Exhibit, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque NM

1997 13th Annual National Juried Show, North Valley Art League, Redding, CA

1997 Competition of Works on Paper Juried Show, Glendale, CA

1999 Paper in Particular Juried Show, Columbia College, Columbia, OH

2017 & 2018 Surprise Invitational, West Valley Arts Council Gallery,

2018, 2019, 2020 Sun City Art Show, Sun City AZ

2018, 2019 Palo Verde Art Show, Sundial, Sun City, AZ,

2018 West Valley Invitational, Surprise, AZ

2019 & 2020 Annual Juried Fine Arts Competition, Glendale Arts Council, Glendale AZ

2019 WHAM Juried Exhibition, Surprise City Hall, West Valley Arts Council, Surprise, AZ

2020 West Valley Art Museum, Celebration of Artists, Peoria, AZ

2020 West Valley Arts Center Online Juried Exhibition, 2020 May 18 - June 18

2020 Spring Dakota Pastel Competition

2020 Bold Brush FASO Online Competition