

Presidents Message



July 2021

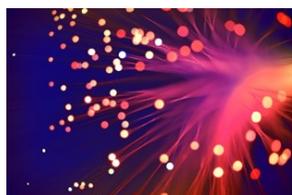


Happy July 2021 and Happy 4th of July to all of you. A time to take pleasure and appreciate the fact that we live in a great country and Sun City, where we have many choices of events, classes, music, and sporting events to attend. I understand that many people have flown away for a while, escaping the heat. While we miss them, there are many things that those who have stayed here can indulge in over the next few months until October, when our club welcomes the snowbirds back into our fold.

Currently, we have classes in the club room, and we also have zoom for those not here. We have workshops coming up, like Marlene Bonneville's **Pen and Ink Workshop** on the 7th of July and the **Card Workshops** on the second Monday of each month through November. Bruce Cody's Oil class, the portrait group, and Ruth Little's Basic Drawing classes are going strong. We are also working on putting together more workshops highlighting watercolor textures for beginning artists or anyone in watercolor or other media— fun learning for everyone and a chance to get to know other members.

Don't forget **Tuesday Mornings Open Studio** for all members to bring what they are currently working on or just beginning to create. The friendships and all of the help from other artists are more than valuable for all of us. Please join us on Tuesday mornings each week.

We hope you will **also consider volunteering** for an office like Treasurer or committees that might pique your interest and help our club. Remember, we have three shows coming up, the **Arts and Craft Show in the Fall** and our own **Palo Verde Art Show in March**. **Artists By the Lake** also has a show in February that you can participate in with a \$10 membership fee, so planning ahead is a good idea.



July 2021 Palo Verde Artist of the Month Mary Stewart



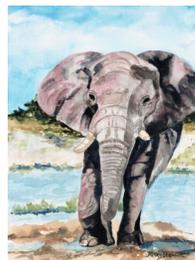
I am a watercolor artist who has a desire to paint whatever comes my way and intrigues me. I have drawn with pencil, colored pencil, painted in oils at Willamette University art classes, and began pursuing other mediums after raising my family, concentrating on Floral, Wildlife, Domestic animals, Landscape, and People.

I have been in many juried shows and art festivals in Oregon, where I am originally from, throughout the years and belong to the Watercolor Society of Oregon. I have displayed artwork at various venues, such as cafes in Lake Oswego, OR; I have had many commissions, some paintings ending up in other states. I belong to the Palo Verde Artists at the Sundial Recreation Center, Sun City, and am the current President. I also belong to the Artists by the Lake in the Lakeview Center and the Clay Club at the Mariette Recreation Center.

I have explored painting watercolor on canvas with much success; it is another avenue for watercolors, which I thoroughly enjoy. The final products look like refined oil or acrylic with brilliant colors.

I have taken many classes with great artists, such as watercolorist Arleta Pech. I also had the opportunity to study with an outstanding acrylic and watercolor artist, one on one, in Portland, OR, Patricia Geisheker, originally from New Zealand. I have also learned a lot from studying books and techniques tried on my own. It has been gratifying. To me, a successful watercolor painting invites the viewer in and captures their attention by giving them a sense of wanting to see more. Some images are soft and watery, peaceful, and others erupt with color that excites the senses.

I paint a myriad of subjects and am deeply involved with them all. When working on an animal or person, you have the painting if you capture the unique look of the eyes (the subject's soul). If you cannot find that look, something is lost, and it does not work. It is that way with all of my work, regardless of the subject matter. I always hope that my art incites the feeling of magic for the viewer, and they take that away with them. Art has always been a meaningful part of my life, and sharing any part of it is one of my dreams. So, as a way of sharing my work, I have a website, www.artofmarystewart.com.



May 2021 Club Events on Zoom

All events will be held in the PVA Art Room or on the internet via Zoom. (Zoom participants need to have a internet connected computer, iPad, tablet, or a smartphone with both video and audio connections needed to view and talk. Online Zoom classes are limited to 100 members. Participants are notified with an email that includes the Zoom link.)

Monday

July 12 - Card Workshop, Florals - 1:00 pm (\$20), a monthly event.

July 26 - New! Brusho Workshop with Eileen Moore, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. (\$12)

Tuesday

EVERY TUESDAY! Open Studio, No Instructor, 9:00 am to Noon. (No Fee) Enjoy a cool and quiet space to paint or draw; learn tips and share ideas and time with friends.

July 6 - Oil Painting with Bruce Cody, 2:00 - 5:00 pm - July 6 & 8th continuing from June.

Wednesday

July 7 - Pen and Ink Workshop with

Marlene Bonneville, 12:30 pm. (\$15)

Thursday

July 1 - Portraits Drawing and Discussion, No Instructor, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29th (\$3, usually)

July 8 - Zoom - Exploring Color with the Color Wheel with Ruth Little, 1:00 pm, July 8, 15, 22 & 29th (\$48)

Friday

July 9 - Exploring Color with the Color Wheel with Ruth Little, 1:00 pm, July 9, 16, 23 & 30th (\$48)

Please Note! All events, dates and times are subject to change. Please visit our website at <http://paloverdeartists.com> for current information.



Join Us On Facebook

We've changed the ability to search and request to join our Facebook Group. This should make it much easier to join as the way we were doing didn't work well for several members. Open your Facebook account and in the search box, type in Groups Palo Verde Artists of Sun City. Click on Join Group. Give us a few days to accept your request as we don't check Facebook every day. Please, we'd love to hear how you are and see your art but refrain from political or religious related posts.

PVA Newsletter Reflections

Summer 2021 PVA newsletter Reflections deadlines are these Mondays: July 19th for the August issue; and August 16th for the September issue. Please send newsletter items to James E. Crossman, Reflections Editor at jimontherim@yahoo.com.

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



Look What's Been Happening In Palo Verde's Classes!



Many Members have been enjoying **Open Studio on Tuesday's** from 9:00 am to Noon. Come and enjoy a cool, quiet space to work and opportunities to share ideas and tips with fellow artists while working on your drawings or paintings!

Marlene Bonneville is offering a **Pen and Ink Workshop** on July 7th. **Bruce Cody's June Oil Painting Class**, which has been meeting Tuesday's from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, will have two more meetings July 6th and 13th. **Portraits Drawing and Discussion** continues to meet Thursday's, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Ruth Little's Exploring Color With the Color Wheel class, part of a four-part series of classes that began with **Beginning Drawing**, meets as a **Zoom class on Thursdays**, and as an **in-person class on Fridays**, beginning **Thursday, July 8th and Friday, July 9th**. On **July 12th**, the **Card Workshop** series meets from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, with a focus this month on **Florals**. An **Introduction to Brusho Workshop** with **Eileen Moore** is meeting in the **Art Room July 26th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. **Eileen Moore's Zoom Alcohol Ink Party** meets again online on **July 30th, 1:00 pm**.

Please Note: All scheduled classes, workshops and activities may be subject to change. Please consult the PVA website for updates before registering to check what ones are still available.

After **logging in**, go to the **Calendar Page**. **Select the calendar month you need to see**. By placing the cursor over a class or workshop you will see a description of it which includes any fee. Then select the class you want by clicking on it. Follow the directions given to pay for the workshop or class through **PayPal** or by personal check. Our online club address is: <http://paloverdeartists.com>.

MEMBERSHIP
Membership in Palo Verde Artists is \$10 per year and is open to **RCSC cardholders only**. **Join or Renew your membership on our website at <http://paloverdeartists.com>**. Just click on the **Membership Link** on the top right side of the web page. Follow 3 easy steps to renew using **PayPal**, or your credit or debit card.

Directions for paying by mail? CHECKS ONLY, NO CASH! Dues for 2021 are \$10.00. Mail checks to : **Palo Verde Artists, 14801 N. 103rd Ave, Sun City, AZ 85372**. Your new membership cards are available on the desk in the art room

The Artist of the Month is showcased at the Sundial Center, 14801 N 103rd Ave. The club room is currently open. In addition, Zoom classes and events are also offered for members. Additional editions of our newsletter Reflections are available online at: Palo Verde Artists at <http://paloverdeartists.com>. – Artist of the Month Program and Display Case Chair, Jim Crossman

James E. Crossman, Editor
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