



BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

Website: www.midatlanticpastelsociety.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Member Meeting

Virtual Zoom meeting
Friday, Sept. 11, 2020
12:15 pm - 3:30 pm
(Livelihood demo with Marla Baggetta, 1:00 pm))

MAPS Board Meeting

TBD

Exhibits

Uptown Gallery
4th Annual Judged Exhibit
Oct 1– Nov 28, 2020
Rita Kirkman, Judge

Workshops

Rita Kirkman
Nov 6 – 8, 2020
Workshop will be on Zoom
platform

**Stay
Safe!**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is my final President's Corner letter to you. It has been my honor to serve as your MidAtlantic Pastel Society President these last five years since its inception. It has been truly humbling to meet so many talented pastel artists, to learn and laugh with you, and to represent MAPS at IAPS. I've also been very lucky to have had a strong group of board members throughout my tenure who have worked so hard to make our society a success. For those with whom I've served, I offer a heartfelt thank-you!

I am very pleased that our wonderful Workshop Chair, Joan Dreicer, will be taking over as your new President on September 1, 2020. She will also continue as Workshop Chair where she's shown what strong planning and organizational skills she has. She will have a talented board with whom to work including Vice President and Program Chair, Elizabeth Hood, who will also continue as Technology Chair, Sheila Chandler who will continue as Treasurer, and new to the officers, Judy Leasure as Secretary.

Other board members will be Shavon Peacock, who is continuing as Membership Chair, Vickie Knick, who is continuing as Newsletter Chair, Regina Tune, who will continue as Hospitality Chair when in person meetings resume, and I'm taking on the job of Exhibit Chair.

Best wishes and happy painting to all of you! I hope to see you all soon.

Stay Well,
Carol Cullinan, President

MAPS Programs are Off to a Great Start!

MAPS' 2020-21 programs are getting started with a bang! For our first program on Sept. 11th, Marla Baggetta will do an exclusive virtual demo for our members from 1-3 PM. Those of us who attended the MAPS workshop in Spring 2019 with Marla know first-hand what a dynamic pastel painter and teacher she is. Marla has embraced virtual online teaching and will be doing an interactive livelink



video demo via YouTube, just for us. She will be answering your written questions during the demo and MAPS will have exclusive access to the recorded link for 2 months. To get the link for this wonderful demo, you must have renewed your membership for this year, so be sure to send your dues check to Shavon Peacock, our Membership Chair, right away. To learn more about Marla, check out her [Facebook page](#) or [website](#). Details about how to view the video will be sent later along with the image she will be using allowing you to paint along with her if you want, and we will be working on how to hold a Zoom business meeting beforehand.

On Saturday, October 24th, we've planned an informal paint-out at [Pony Pasture Park](#) on the James River in Richmond, from 9-12. Come when you want and leave when you want, enjoying the fall scenery and views of river rapids with other MAPS members, albeit properly socially distanced. The park has parking, bathrooms and walking trails, and can get busy on Saturdays, so masks would be appropriate if spectators are present. More details will be available closer to the paint-out date, and we'll do an optional online signup for anyone who wants to be contacted if there are any changes. Rain date for the paint-out will be Saturday, Oct. 31.

Our programs will be virtual via Zoom or other appropriate method at least through January and possibly through the end of the year depending on the situation with COVID-19. This will give ALL of our members, no matter your location, an opportunity to view and be part of our programs. Being virtual makes it possible to look for artists and speakers anywhere in the country for demos or other interesting pastel and art-related topics. So, we're going to make a little MAPS lemonade this year out of lemons. Stay tuned for more information!

Sharon Beaver as the lucky recipient of a drawing for \$200 credit to apply to a MAPS - sponsored workshop with registration in the upcoming year, between August 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021. Congratulations Sharon!



Susan Singer

I wanted to share that, starting in January, I began doing a Pastel a Day with the intention of continuing for the rest of 2020. It has proven to be a surprisingly wonderful structure to help me during COVID as it gives me something to do each day and a way to share it (I send out a mailchimp newsletter each day to a group of interested folks (anyone is welcome to sign up at <http://eepurl.com/clfkXz> if they're curious). I also sell the pieces on eBay so it's even given me some income during this crazy time.

The best thing about doing this project, I'm finding, is that my work is improving. I am learning how to approach different kinds of images and ever more complicated ones. I draw anything that comes to mind: color studies, fruit, vegetables, household objects, tools, landscapes, abstracts, etc. I draw from life and from photos. I gave myself permission to draw whatever I chose to without restriction and without thinking "Oh, will this sell? Maybe I shouldn't do it if it might now!" It's given me a lot of pleasure to explore and try new things. The pieces range from 6" x 9" to 9" x 9" with an occasional larger piece.



ZOOM TRAINING

Zoom Training for MAPS members August 29, 2020 at 10am

If you have never used Zoom (or not that much) and would like to try it out, join Sheila Chandler on August 29th at 10am (via Zoom) to learn more about how Zoom will be used for the MAPS member meetings.

Ways to join Zoom Training for MAPS members on Aug 29, 2020 at 10am:

1. Go to this link in your web browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82093413542?pwd=QldMSXR1VThXOC83RDhzRzd6TkFCZz09>

OR

2. Go to <http://zoom.us> in your web browser, click on “Join a Meeting”, enter Meeting ID: 820 9341 3542, Click “Join” and enter Passcode: MAPS.

OR

3. Open ZOOM app, click on “Join a Meeting,” enter Meeting ID: 820 9341 3542, and enter Passcode: MAPS.

If you have questions about “Zoom Training for MAPS members” please email Sheila Chandler at scjorlinz@gmail.com.

2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual MAPS membership dues are due September 1 for the 2020/21 year.
Please send a dues check for \$25 made out to MAPS to:

Shavon Peacock
7669 Rockfalls Dr.
Richmond, VA 23225

If you know other pastel painters who are not already a member of MAPS and may be interested in our virtual programs wherever they live in the world, please encourage them to join at the link below.

<https://www.midatlanticpastelsociety.com/membership.html>

Thank you and happy painting!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Victoria (Vicky) Lewkow



FOURTH ANNUAL JUDGED EXHIBIT – UPTOWN GALLERY

Uptown Gallery
1305 West Main St
Richmond, VA 23220

Registration is now open for our fourth annual judged exhibit for MAPS members, which will be held in the ELM Loft at Uptown Gallery, 1305 W. Main St., Richmond, VA. This exhibit will run from Oct. 1 through Nov. 28 and will be judged by Rita Kirkman. Due to the Coronavirus, judging will be virtual, so photos of your finished paintings must be submitted in order to be included in the judging. More information will follow regarding the dates by which the photos must be submitted, how to prepare them for judging, and where to send them.

Uptown Gallery is Richmond's premier artist cooperative. It opened in September 1989 to showcase the local vibrant artist community. Since the gallery was opened on Main Street, other galleries have come to the area, creating the Main Art Corridor.

An entry fee of \$15 must be submitted and each artist may submit only one painting. On-line registration is open through August 23, 2020 unless maximum capacity is reached sooner. The entry fee check should be made payable to MidAtlantic Pastel Society and mailed to Carol Cullinan, 3202 Klaus Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Further details about this exhibit, the prospectus, and the online registration form may be found at:
<https://www.midatlanticpastelsociety.com/exhibitions.html>

Uptown Gallery is excited to host this exhibit for us. The ELM Loft can showcase up to 50 paintings, so I encourage you to submit your entry and your best work! Cash prizes will be awarded and sales may result so hurry and register for this annual event!

July 14: Begin online registration
Aug. 23: Close registration
Sept. 24-26: Deliver art to Uptown
 11 am-4 pm
Oct. 1: Exhibit Opens 11 am
TBD: Awards announcement (online)
Nov. 28: Exhibit closes
Nov. 30: Pick up art from Uptown,
 11 am-1 pm

RITA KIRKMAN WORKSHOP

Rita Kirkman Workshop
(via Zoom platform)
November 6, 7 and 8



**Registration for Members opening
8/17/20!**

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, this workshop will be virtual using the Zoom platform.

Rita's workshop will focus on working **small, quickly**, and in a **series**. Rita will also demonstrate underpainting with **accurate values** using warm-toned primers helping to capture light (and texture). There will be individual critiques each day. In these critiques Rita will include an emphasis on improvements in compositions. We will be limiting the workshop to ensure that Rita has enough time to give each student sufficient feedback just as we do for an in-person workshop.

You must be a MAPS member to register during our early registration period beginning Aug. 17 through Sept. 17, 2020. On Sept 18 nonmembers may begin registration.

Pastels That Glow

Rita's classic pastel workshop focuses on painting small and often to rapidly improve your skills and expand your knowledge. Learn to capture light and loosen up with Rita's innovative under-painting technique. Receive helpful hints and tips from Rita's 40 years of experience with pastel. Instruction emphasizes composition and techniques for a small format, value and temperature control, how to creatively interpret your photos and how to stay productive with your art within a busy lifestyle. Grow your grasp of values, temperature, color and composition in a relaxed and fun atmosphere! Frequent "Daily Painting" practices are emphasized. For beginner to advanced.

About Rita Kirkman

Rita Kirkman has been using pastel since she was 11 years old and had her first paid portrait commission at 17. She began her working career sketching quick portraits at amusement parks and then began a commission business drawing detailed pencil portraits from client photos. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1988.

Kirkman has improved her own style and technique with pastel through independent study and workshops with renowned artists each year. This effort has been consistently rewarded with major awards in national and international competitions. Her work has been featured in the Pastel Journal and the Pratique des Arts Spécial Pastel and published in many others. She is a Signature member of the Pastel Society of America and an Eminent Pastelist with the International Association of Pastel Societies. Her portraits and paintings are in private collections all over the world, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan, Africa and Australia.

Rita has published two books of 100 miniature pastel animal portraits, "Cows, etc." Volume 1 and Volume 2, and was recently featured in the Pastel Society of the West Coast's Spring 2020 magazine.

See more about Rita at her website: <https://www.ritakirkman.com>.



CLASSES AVAILABLE

Linda Wolitz would like to share her 90-minute Utube video created for her class on PanPastels. If you would like the link please email Linda @ llwolitz@gmail.com.

Emily Cristoff is offering Zoom classes on **Drawing with Pastels**. The focus of these classes will be on materials, techniques, design, subject matter and personal expression using pastels. You can take one or all 8 of these classes since each is unique. She is also offering **Freestyle Mentoring**. Call Emily @ [757-856-3855](tel:757-856-3855) if interested.

MEMBER NEWS

Emily Christoff's drawing (can't show yet) was chosen as one of 207 works from 1,715 applicants for a prestigious international show with PSA. The show opens online on September 8.

Elizabeth Hood's acrylic painting, "Sun Worshipper" received Best in Show/1st Place at James River Art League's judged exhibit at Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen.



Linda Wolitz's pastel painting of a killdeer won 2nd place in the James River Art League exhibit at Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen.



CLASSES AVAILABLE

Painting Animals in the Landscape with Maria Reardon

Saturday - Sunday October 10-11, 2020

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Studio School

For registration contact the VMFA:

<https://www.vmfa.museum/studio-school/>

For this workshop, students will be painting various animals within a landscape/background in the studio. From cows and horses in pastures, waterfowl in coastal settings or a favorite pet in a backyard or park, this workshop will study the special challenges of capturing the likeness and personality of animals in a landscape setting.



Judy Leasure is offering live pastel classes on request over the internet using Skype. Prerequisites are a Computer with webcam, high-speed internet and a Skype account. Payment via Paypal. Contact Judy @ leasure.judy@gmail.com

MEMBER NEWS

We are saddened to report that our member, Kathleen Neale Willingham from Fredericksburg passed away on July 28th. She was a member of MAPS since we formed in 2015 and a co-chair at our Fredericksburg exhibit a few years ago. She was a wonderful person and a fabulous artist who frequently exhibited with us. She will be missed.

2020/21 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President: Joan Driecer
VP/Program Chair: Elizabeth Hood
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership: Shavon Peacock
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ART RESOURCES LINK ON WEBSITE

Check out the page on our website with links to art resources of interest to MAPS members: <https://www.midatlanticpastelsociety.com/art-resources.html>.

MEMBER NEWS

Have something artfully newsworthy you wish to share, please email Vickie Knick @ vknick30@gmail.com, or see link on our website, www.midatlanticpastelsociety.com