

March Demo, Susan Hurst

Susan Hurst gave a wonderful demonstration, using an adorable picture of her granddaughter, Isabella. She explained how she approaches her pastel portraits.

She first began by studying the picture to choose her palette, observing shadows and reflections, and chose only 9 colors. Susan said, "Because using photos can be tricky, you must train your eyes to see the lights, darks, and mediums, and be consistent with your shadows".

She began with the darks and kept it loose while she was "finding her colors". She moved around her painting to bring it all together and paid particular attention to the planes of the anatomy. She inspired us by ending with a wonderful likeness of Isabella.

Susan suggested two books for portraits, *Painting Vibrant Children's Portraits* by Roberta Carter Clark, and *Drawing the Head and Hands* by Andrew Loomis.

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April Meeting Demo Artist

Don't miss Marjorie Williams-Smith next month!
<https://marjoriwilliams-smith.com/home.html>

Artists of the Month



**March 2019
Winners:**

- 1st - Debbie Strobel
- 2nd - Millicent Phillips
- 3rd - Anne Parat
- 4th - Caleb LeFevre
- 5th - Don Green

Sales, Awards, & Recognition

Holly Tilley sold two paintings, "Red Sea" and "Love The Little Red".

Vonda Rainey sold 4 paintings and completed one commission.

Greg Lahti sold 3 paintings and has 2 commissions.

Sharon Franke sold 3 paintings.

Jenni Duncan had a fundraiser for her mission trip and sold 10 paintings and 2 mixed media.

Diana Shearon's painting, "Winter Memories" was juried into the Memphis Germantown Art League 42 Star Artist Exhibition at the Shainberg Gallery in Memphis. She also had two paintings, "McCauley Place" and "Cotton Field Road", juried into the Southwest Artist National Small Works Exhibition at Mena Art Gallery.

Holly Tilley and **Laura Welshans** have been selected to be in the 61 Delta Show.

Laura Welshans will have a solo exhibit at Community Bakery May-June.

Glenn Beasley's painting, "Hide & Seek", was juried into the international Guild of Realism's Winter Salon. This event and all selected works are featured in the current edition of *American Art Collector Magazine* and at the Guild site <http://www.realismguild.com>. He also just completed a new commission for St James United Methodist Church in Little Rock for their pastor, Carness Vaughn. The unveiling will be April 7th in honor of their 50th anniversary of the founding of St James UMC on Pleasant Valley Drive.

Robin Miller had works selected for the Southwest Artists Small Works National Competition, April 30 - June 4.

2019 ALA Members' Show

We hope all members will enter!

We are looking forward to having the 2019 Members' Show at The Bookstore at Library Square Gallery (formerly Cox Creative Center), 120 River Market Ave, Little Rock. The ALA Members' Show is a judged competition open to all current members of the Arkansas League of Artists to enter one piece of their artwork. The entry fee is \$25. There is a 40% commission on artwork that sells during the exhibit. All artwork must be for sale.

The categories for this show are: Abstract/Modern; Cityscape/Landscape; Animal/Wildlife; Portrait/Figure; Floral/Still Life. All works on paper must be matted, framed and behind glass or Plexiglas. Gallery wrapped canvases must have finished edges and all other canvases must be framed with wire hangers attached. No sawtooth hangers. There are no size restrictions on artwork at this venue. Entry must be the artist's original work in concept and execution.

The awards for the Members' Show are: ALA Best of Show Gold Award, \$500; Pastel Society Silver Award, \$300; Mid-Southern Watercolorists Bronze Award, \$250; First Place Winner of each category, \$100 each; Second Place Winner of each category, \$75 each; and Third Place Winner of each category, \$50 each.

May 24

Entry Deadline

June 7-8

Art Drop Off at The Bookstore at Library Square 9 am – 4:30

June 14

Opening Reception/Awards Ceremony, Friday, 6 - 8 pm, Art Walk Night

June 14 - July 4

Exhibit dates

July 5-6

Art Pick Up, July 5 (Fri) 8:00 - 4:30: July 6 (Sat) 9:00 - 4:30



Incoming President, Patrick Edwards
 Outgoing President, Sharon Franke

A Thank You From Sharon

Thank you all for giving me the honor to serve as president of ALA. I joined several years ago....and it seems I've been serving on the board, in some capacity, pretty much the whole time! With the help and hard work of many special people, we have grown in size, and with that growth, we have attracted some of the most talented and gifted artists in Arkansas.

Thank you.

Paula Steele Receives Award



The River Valley Arts Center inducted the 2018 performing and visual artists and patron of the arts into the Beaux Arts Academy during an awards banquet and presentation on March 2 at the Lake Point Conference Center in Russellville, AR. Paula was one of five honored and received a Visual Arts Award.

The annual awards are presented to encourage excellence in art and recognize and honor all the many enormously talented area artists and supporters. Recipients may be selected for a body of work or years of continuous service or for an individual extraordinary accomplishment.

Many ALA members have enjoyed attending Paula's painting retreats in the past.

Congratulations, Paula!

Holly Tilley Solo Show



HOLLY TILLEY
rooted
SOLO EXHIBITION

April 1 - April 29
Opening Reception
April 6, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
South Arkansas Arts Center
310 E 5th St. El Dorado, AR

ART
group
gallery

Plein Air Painting in May
May 20-22, 2019

presents
an oil painting workshop
led by
Bill Garrison

*9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon-Wed
*Painting location to be
determined - Little Rock area
*\$300 - includes lunch each
day.

Call Holly Tilley at 501-690-2193 or email at hollytilley@sbcglobal.net to register.



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