

## IMPRESSIONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARKANSAS LEAGUE OF ARTISTS

### April Demo Artist, Marjorie Williams-Smith

Marjorie Williams-Smith has worked with silverpoint for over 30 years. She explained that artists drew with metal point prior to the discovery of graphite. Her specialty, silverpoint, is a drawing technique in which the artist draws on a prepared surface, using an adapted pen holding a silver wire tip to draw. The metal strokes across the surface leave faint metallic residue that contrasts enough with the background to begin to build up an image and also reflect their characteristic metallic shimmer with changing angles of light.

She also demonstrated other forms of various metals used to draw with such as aluminum and copper. We also learned that silverpoint will tarnish and get darker, as any silver over time.

ALA is very fortunate to have this very gifted artist come and speak about this beautiful, unique and ancient art form.

You may see more of Ms. Smith's art at:  
<https://marjoriwilliams-smith.com/home.html>.



### MAY DEMO ARTIST - Holly Tilley

We look forward to having Holly Tilley from the Art Group Gallery as our demo artist next month.  
<https://artgrouparkansas.com/collections/67055>.

**Don't Forget !!!!**

***ALA Members' Show***  
**Deadline - May 24**

## Artists of the Month



### 2019 April Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Patrick Edwards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Miller Eddie Smith, Jr
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Millicent Phillips
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Stroble
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Barry Snow

## *Art Sales & Recognition*

**Vonda Rainey** sold 3 paintings and has 2 commissions to complete.

**Debbie Strobel** sold 2 paintings.

**Eddie Smith** sold 3 commissioned paintings.

**Holly Tilley** sold 3 paintings at her solo show at the South Arkansas Art Center.

**Diana Shearon** was juried into the Memphis Germantown Art League Spring Exhibition. Her painting, "Mountain Meadow", will be on display at the Memphis Botanical Gardens, 750 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN, May 1-30.

**Robin Miller-Bookout** has 4 paintings on exhibit through May 31, at the Fenix Gallery in Fayetteville, AR, as part of the "Openings Exhibit, a celebration of renewal, awakening and Mother Earth".

**Mary Ann Stafford:** received an award from the Arkansas Young Artists Association for being one of the founders of the group of art teachers and their students. She was also recognized as Kenneth Cole's high school art teacher who influenced his art career at the Delta awards ceremony on March 2nd. (What an honor!) Cole was the juror of the 61st Delta exhibit this year.

# 2019 ALA Members' Show

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. **Dues must be up to date.**

We are pleased to have **Barry Thomas** as our judge this year.

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



Congratulations to **Mary Ann Stafford** for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Arkansas Young Artist Association.

Our April demo artist, **Marjorie Williams-Smith**, explains the different metal points she has used, specifically her preferred silverpoint.

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