



President's Message

Alice Leese

The North American Plains is a vast area of around three and a half million square miles! The American Plains Artists identify this area as extending for about 2,500 miles from Northern Canada into New Mexico and Texas, stretching eastward for about 400 miles from the Rocky Mountains to western Saskatchewan to eastern South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

A good book to read about the American Plains is Walter Prescott Webb's The Great Plains. According to Webb, the American Plains has three dominant characteristics: treelessness, levelness and semi-aridity. These characteristics shaped and continue to shape the people, wildlife, agriculture, literature and art of the Great Plains.

As American Plains Artists we are striving for some dominant characteristics. High standards of quality, craftsmanship, integrity and accuracy in a representational style depicting the plains in historical and modern times. We want to educate the public about the Plains region and history of the Plains. Every year we give a scholarship to a college or university from the APA.

We are 118 members from Alaska in the north to Texas in the South and from California in the West and Florida in the east. We are a few artists representing a vast area, sort of like the American farmer and rancher who are fewer than 3% of the American population, yet we feed the rest of the population.

We celebrated 25 years of the American Plains Artists Association last year and I am very excited about the coming years of this great organization! The founding and charter members of the APA have given us a good foundation to build on. We have in place positive, creative and energetic officers, committee chairs and committee members who are hard workers and are committed to growing this association with quality shows, membership and organization.

Notes from the Show Chairman

Judy McElroy- Chairman

The APA 26th Juried Exhibit & Sale will be Sept. 3- Nov. 28th at the Great Plains Art Museum in Lincoln, NE. We have had a lot of interest in the show this year from accomplished artists across the continent. Entries are due via email no later than June 12th. If you have not yet done so, download the APA prospectus from www.americanplainsartists.com.

The Opening Reception, Announcement of Awards, and Sale will be Oct. 1st from 5-7 PM. A supper-dinner will follow at Spaghetti Works. On Saturday, Oct. 2nd activities include a free seminar by the APA Awards Juror, Allan Duerr, Co-Publisher/CEO of *Art of the West* magazine. His seminar is titled "Art Doesn't Just Happen" ... a discussion of the obligations and responsibilities of those participating in the world of creating, selling or buying art. This will be followed by lunch at Runza (a Nebraska specialty) and then a drive to David City to tour the Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art, M. L. Moseman's private collection, his studio on the farm, and a visit to Makovicka Winery (wine tasting opportunity with cheese from the local Jisa Dairy – two great American success stories). This will be capped by a supper-dinner at the Seward Golf Club. More info will be available in early July.

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Signature Member Updates

We are in need of a Vice- President. We also need someone to chair the Historian Committee, this committee will gather, organize and preserve a record of the APA's growth and development through the use of written documentation, photographs, news coverage, etc.

We would like to know which committees signature members would like to serve on or which offices they would like to hold. Signatures members will be asked to pay \$100 toward the cost of the annual show if they are not holding an office or chairing a committee or working in some way for the APA.

Member News



A photo from Midland Palette Club Show and Sale, Midland, TX. The event was held April 16-17 and featured 30 West Texas Artists. Jammey Huggins, Kenneth Rowland and Fritzi Heron were asked to participate. Photo: left to right are - Fritzi Heron, Kenneth Rowland and Jammey Huggins.

Richela Chapman received the prestigious Ben Konis Award of Excellence in the fall of 2009 from the Lone Star Pastel Society. This award is given to the artist who most exemplifies the style of Konis, PSA, with whom she studied during the last years of his life. She was awarded both a first place in oil and first place in pastel at the Tri-State Art Association's fall exhibit, and recently received a third place in pastel and honorable mention in oil at the Amarillo Fine Arts Association's Spring Show. Richela has been a contributing member of the American Plains Artists since 2005.

Richela is an instructor at the Amarillo Art Institute where she offers weekly classes in oil and pastel painting for beginning and intermediate painters. For information, call the Art Institute at 806-354-8802.

M.S. Hollis recently had a painting selected for the 15th Annual Richard Schmid Fine Art Auction. It will be available at the 2010 Live Auction. Richard Schmid himself juried the painting into the event.

Wendy Hall is showing at the Great Plains Art Museum
Lincoln, NE.

Solo Exhibition-April 22-June 6.

The exhibition is called Pastoral Paintings:
Landscapes and Still Lifes.

She was also their artist-in-residence from April 27-May 2. This involved completing 2 paintings in the lobby of the museum which then became part of their permanent collection.

Member News continued



Young Warrior (left) by Sherry Blanchard Stewart will be in the Miniature Masterpieces show and sale at the Phippen Museum Friday, May 1 till the end of May. A sale-by-draw will be held at 11a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 at the Phippen Museum in Prescott, Arizona.

Mary Ross Buchholz participated in the Quick Draw at *Round Up* in Kerrville, Texas this past April 9-10th. Her piece sold in the live auction for \$1100 and all proceeds went to benefit The Museum of Western Art where the event was held. Other participants included Phil Bob Borman, Brian Grimm, T.W. Vanya and Roy Lee Ward.

Mary has also been juried into the Heart of The West Show at the National Cowgirl Museum & hall of Fame in Ft. Worth, TX. The show runs from Oct. 1-Dec. 5.



Member News continued

Past APA president, Fritzi Heron, was the featured artist at the Rodeo Studio Gallery in Fredericksburg, TX recently during their First Friday Art Walk. Fritzi's work will continue to show there through June 1.



A recent painting by Marla Smith (above) was chosen for the cover of the rodeo program for the Williams, AZ Cowpuncher's Reunion & Rodeo, this year to be held in July 29- August 1, 2010. This is the 2nd year her work has been selected for this event. Last year she had the honor of her work being chosen for the Advertising poster for this reunion & ride. *Bill Howell, The Real Deal*

This painting titled Cruets, by Eileen Nistler, received the Colored Pencil Society of America's Award of Exceptional Merit (and \$1,500) for their 2010 Explore This! competition. This painting is currently on the home page of the website www.cpsa.org.

Eileen's painting *Cactus Flower* received the Juror's Choice award for the 2009 Mini 50 Paint the Parks and then it received second place in the International Artist magazine contest (and \$1,500) and is featured on page 6 of the April/May 2010 issue.



Member News continued-



JaNeil Anderson is a new member of Western Artists of America. The group only takes 25 members and is by invitation only. " I am very honored to be included with these fine artists."

JaNeil's shows for the year so far:
The Russell, to benefit the Museum in Great Falls, Montana.
Paint America, a large and a miniature for the year long showing.
The Greeley Stampede in Greeley, CO. The show is at the end of June.

My painting "In Thought" (pictured above) received an Honorable Mention for Artistic Excellence at the Salon International show sponsored by the Greenhouse Gallery in San Antonio, TX. Awards judge was Everett Raymond Kinstler. The Salon International selected 392 paintings from 1288 entries representing 46 states and 18 additional countries. Names & Numbers (Telephone Book publishers) used one of her painting images on the Silver City, New Mexico and surrounding areas, as cover of the telephone book for the 4th year in a row.

Tamara Rymer has recently been accepted into the Heart of the West Invitational Art Show & Sale, Lander, Wyoming. To be held Oct. 16. For more information visit <http://www.landerchamber.org>.

To submit to the next APA Newsletter, please email information by Aug. 15, 2010 to:

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Please note: For pictures to be used, they must be 72 dpi, jpeg, and no larger than 5" either direction.

Limit one photo per person.