

OPAL Meeting Minutes, October 5th, 2023
COhatch Westerville, 240 S. State St. Westerville, OH 43081



Next Meeting: November, 2nd (Day of the Dead)

Worthington Northwest Library 2280 Hard Rd. Columbus, 43235

Speaker is Robie Benue – “My Art Journey”

Board members present: Nina Hawranick 1st V.P. – Chris Hall 2nd V.P.

Diane Ruck Programs Chair/Past President – Lynn Carty Recording Secretary

Members present: 11 There was no business meeting this evening.

reminder: Pan Pastel half day workshop with Dawn Emerson is Saturday November 4th 11am-3pm at the old Worthington Library 820 High St. Worthington, OH 43085. Check with Pertain on openings for this workshop. Only 14 participants will be permitted.

Speaker tonight was Todd Low. Todd introduced himself to us and gave us some history about his art journey. Todd’s mentor was Hank Keeling. In his presentation it was obvious that they had a close relationship and Hank was very influential in shaping Todd’s art history. Todd said he would call his style of pastel over watercolor painting, impressionism or post impressionism. He paints from photos in his studio but uses the photo as a suggestion rather than going for photo realism. He likes to go outside in early morning or late afternoon and just study the colors of nature, (sky, trees, plants, grass, etc.). He reviewed the rule of thirds with us and added another one. Consider a triangle in the middle of your painting and use the same color or a shade of that color at the three points of your triangle. Also vary the size of the three colors in your triangle. It only needs to be a touch of color and it will bring the painting together. He uses cold press watercolor paper and Canson mixed media paper and watercolor under pastel. Todd then proceeded to give his critique on 10 paintings brought to the meeting by members. He was very complimentary and gave great suggestions for changes he thought could be made. He was especially enthusiastic about Chris Hall’s branch! And there were several paintings he thought were ready to sign! We appreciated his comments.

Thanks to Cathy Stoessner for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Carty, Recording Secretary 10/24/23