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The Newsletter of the Palm City Art Associates

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The April 12th Meeting and demo by local artist Mike Nolan.

Coming soon:

Introduction of our 2017 Scholarship Recipients on May 10th from 1-3pm.

Meetings:

Join us the second Wednesday each month from 1-3pm in the Donahue Room of Palm City's Cummings Library. Be our guest just once and then join up!

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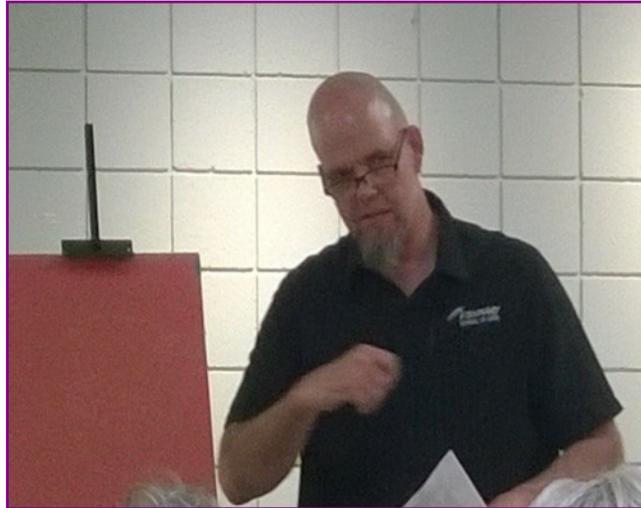
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A Pastel Demonstration by Artist Mike Nolan

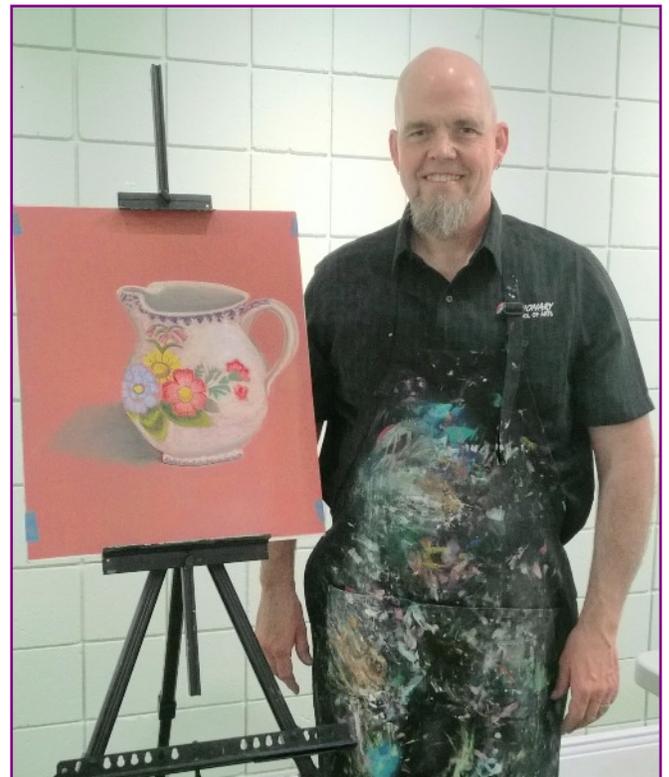


Mike Nolan

Mike described the use of hard and soft pastels, how he held each for a desired effect and how to frame pastels so they do not collect pastel dust on the inside rim. Mike shared with us that he does not use sprays or fixatives as he feels they dull the brightness of the completed work. He told us all his secrets and he made the demo a lot of fun for everyone too.



The April 12th PCAA meeting experienced a last minute substitution by Mike Nolan, who did not disappoint. Mike, an accomplished painter and pastel artist jumped right in to illustrate the art of pastels. He worked from a live model of a small painted pitcher and made it immediately pop to life on the canvas.



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Mike, who teaches at **the Visual School of The Arts in Stuart**, demonstrated how he works from light to dark in pastels, the opposite of how he paints. He illustrated how he works the colors with a very light touch, versus pushing them into the texture of the canvas so he can add the highlights at the end. He graciously answered all our pastel questions as he continued to work and he left us amazed with his finished piece, although not quite complete.

Visit Mike's Website: [MikeInCold Blood](http://MikeInColdBlood.com) to see his fascinating work with animals and reptiles (thus the website name).

Membership Meets the Second Wednesday of Every Month

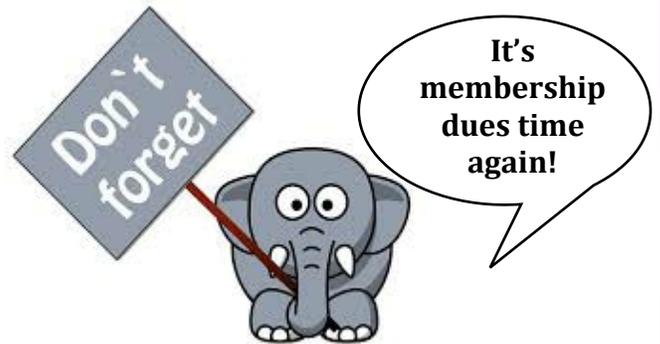
The next monthly meeting of the PCAA membership is planned for Wednesday, May 10 from 1-3 PM in the Donahue Room of the Cummings Library. The May meeting is when we introduce our very talented PCAA scholarship recipients for the year.

Come and meet the 2017 winners and be there to support our local, young artists. They are amazingly talented. You will not want to miss this exciting presentation.

May's Quote

"The things we are most passionate about cannot be controlled by thoughts. These are our calling and must be free to grow."

- *Bob Dylan*



PCAA membership dues help us to bring you the most wonderful programs every month. Pay your 2017 -2018 dues by June 15 to be included in the new directory. Please bring your check to the next meeting on May 10th or send it to: Alice Shann, PCAA Membership Chairman, 2636 SW Westlake Circle, Palm City, FL 34990.

Thank you!



NOTE: Pat Jayne and Ellie Lafer, our 2017 holiday party committee co-chairs, have begun the pre-planning for a fun and festive holiday party in December!! Stay tuned for more details soon. Thanks Pat and Ellie!



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