



ISSUE #3 SEPT/OCT 2022

# OPAL NEWS

OHIO PASTEL ARTISTS LEAGUE

2022 EDITION

WELCOME TO THE AMAZING WORLD OF PASTELS. RIGHT HERE IN OHIO.





Moo'n and Groov'n in Va by Chris Hall Photo: Pam Hartford

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### “TRAVEL NOTES” - 2022 FALL MEMBERS EXHIBITION

18 OPAL artists, 47 wonderful paintings, and a lovely artist reception for members to enjoy. See the line-up of winning paintings and hear what judge, Rod Hayslip had to say.



Photo: Diane Ruck

## 04 WELCOME BACK!

Pam Hartford welcomes everyone back to a fall with a wonderful member exhibit, paint-alongs, potlucks and planning for 2023.



Photo: Nina Hawranick

## 08 HILITES FROM VICKI'S WORKSHOP

A lively event filled with sketches, supplies and plenty of humor.



## 09 EVENT: ART MATERIALS SWAP MEET

Check out the latest events, and be sure to check out the members' art materials swap meet.



Photo: from Jacob Aguiar, Patreon page

## 10 NOVEMBER ZOOM WORKSHOP/DEMO

Mark your calendars for Jacob Aguiar's discussion and demo 11/5/22. Don't miss it!



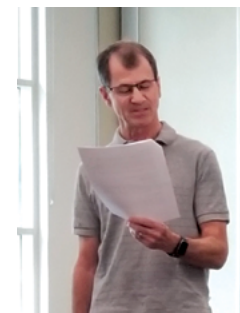


## Hello OPAL Members,

**Happy Fall!** I hope everyone is enjoying our Indian Summer. We have had a little hiatus with our Newsletter, but we are back!

### Fall Exhibition

On Sunday, September 11th, we had our Artists' Reception for our 2022 Fall Member Exhibition. It was very well attended and so nice to see everyone enjoying the wonderful 47 paintings by 18 OPAL artists! Rod Hayslip, our judge for the show, was able to join us and announced the awards for the show. In addition, we had those attending the reception vote for a fan favorite. Here are the results:



Judge, Rod Hayslip

- **1st Place:** "RandyLand/Pittsburgh" by Nina Hawranick
- **2nd Place:** "Moo'n and Groov'n in Va" by Chris Hall
- **3rd Place:** "A Stroll Along the Stream" by Angela Gage
- **Honorable Mention:**
  - "Left lane close I-76 #822" by Pertain Gillespie-Buckland
  - "Sunset on a Hometown" by Meredith Martin
  - "Pretty in Fuchsia" by Katherine Taylor-Green
- **Fan's Favorite:** "I Found My Path" by Diane Ruck



l: Pam Hartford;  
rt: Nina Hawranick



l: Chris Hall;  
rt: Pam Hartford



OPAL members enjoying the Fall 2022 Exhibition at the Westerville Recreation Center

Thank you to Nina Hawranick, Bob Sako, and many others for coordinating and hanging the show. Congratulations to all the winners and all the artists that have paintings in the show! It is a very strong show and received many favorable comments from the attendees of the reception. The show runs through September 29th at the Westerville Community Center. If you cannot see the show in person, you can see the show online at [www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org](http://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org). ([https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org/ex\\_2022\\_westerville.html](https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org/ex_2022_westerville.html))

### September Meeting

On Thursday, September 22nd, Carol Strock Wasson (<https://www.carolstrockwasson.com/>) demonstrated for us. Carol is a very accomplished pastel painter. We had a lot of fun watching Carol and picking up some great tips!

Carol Strock Wasson is a signature member of American Women Artists, Pastel Society of America and a Master Pastelist member of Chicago Pastel Painters. In 2019 she achieved Master Circle Status with International Pastel Societies. Here are some details about her background from <https://www.carolstrockwasson.com/about>:

She is focused on painting with spontaneity and freshness with primarily pastel medium and occasionally oil. Her dedication is evident in awards and entry into prestigious shows across the country. She has been a featured artist to many Plein Air events for several years. She received the Maggie Price Award at International Associations of Pastel Societies in 2017. Other shows include American Women Artists, Indiana Heritage Arts, Arts for Parks, Pastel Society of America, Chicago Pastel Society.

Carol's work encompasses the genre of the rural area she lives in, focusing on color, shape, and design in the plein air tradition as well as in the studio. Though she is known mainly for her work in the pastel medium, she also works in oil, monotype prints and watercolor."

### October Meeting

This Thursday, October 6, 6:30-8:30pm at CoHatch-Worthington-The Hardware Store, 659 High St, Worthington, OH 43085 we will be having an Art Exchange for our program. This is a good chance to clean out your art room and provide a new home for those items you just never use! Used or new are fine. All areas of art are fine too since we never know how someone else may use something.

We will also be soliciting ideas for programs for January and February as well."

### Administrative Information

At our August meeting we voted to change our meeting calendar from March through December (January/February off) to August to May (June/July off). Our June/July meetings are not well-attended since there seem to be many summer conflicts and with the availability of a Zoom meeting for inclement weather, the change was approved.

It is a go! We will be having a **Workshop with Chris Ivers**, May 5-6, 2023 at the Broad St. Presbyterian Church. There are 20 spaces available. Details will for the workshop will be coming soon. We will also be able to have Chris give a demonstration to OPAL members on Thursday, May 4th. Thank you to Pertain Gillespie-Buckland for making this all happen.

Do not forget that if you are interested in contributing to the newsletter-classes you teach, exhibitions you are in, awards you have won, workshops you know about, or any other information that might benefit our members-please submit your information by the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter, emailing Mayme at [mayme@lehaus.com](mailto:mayme@lehaus.com).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting and Art Exchange!

Sincerely,  
**Pam Hartford**



# “TRAVEL NOTES”

with comments from our judge, Rod Hayslip

## “THIS PIECE CALLS THE VIEWER (IN) AND THAT’S JUST THE START...”



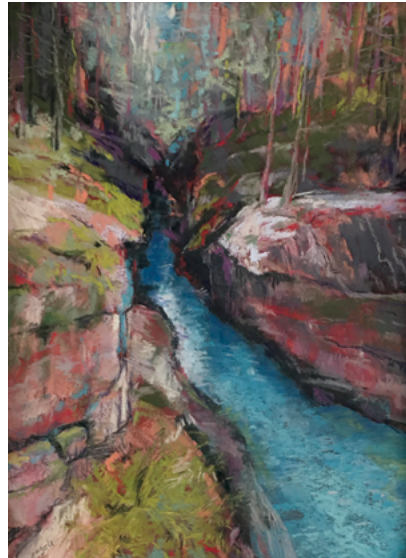
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Photos: Pam Hartford



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*Sunset on a Hometown* by Meredith Martin



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HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Photos: Pam Hartford

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THANK YOU TO OUR PRESENTER VICKI MOON-SPIEGAL.



Vicki gave us a lively presentation on sketchbook art. Vicki expressed the importance of sketching every day, showed us examples of her many, sometimes humorous, sketch books, and gave advice on supplies to use. Members were asked to sketch while she gave her presentation. It was an enjoyable evening. Vicki is an excellent, un-afraid, "outside the box" artist.



MEETINGS

October 6, 2022 (NEW!)  
**OPAL MEMBER MEETING**  
**ART MATERIALS SWAP MEET / PAINT-ALONG**  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
 Location:  
 CoHatch-Worthington-Hardware  
 659 High St.  
 Worthington, OH 43085



Saturday November 5, 2022 (NEW!)  
**JACOB AGUIAR VIA ZOOM**  
 (<https://www.patreon.com>)  
 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 Zoom video demonstration and discussion with Jacob Aguiar (<https://www.jacobaguiar.com/>)  
 Location: ONLINE via Zoom

December 1, 2022  
**OPAL MEMBER MEETING HOLIDAY**  
**POTLUCK/PAINTING SWAP**  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
 Location:  
 CoHatch-Worthington –  
 The Library  
 752 High St.  
 Worthington, OH 43085



EXHIBITS

**GOING ON NOW:**  
 August 5-Wed., September 21, 2022  
**Pastel Society of New Mexico's 30th National Pastel Painting Exhibition**

**GOING ON NOW:** September 2-29, 2022  
**Fall OPAL Member Show**  
**Theme: "TRAVEL NOTES"**  
 From City/country/mountains/oceans and everything in between. (Art pick-up is Friday morning Sept. 30. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m)  
 Westerville Community Center  
 Cleveland Ave.,  
 Westerville, OH 43081

**GOING ON NOW: Pure Color 2022 6th Annual ONLINE International Exhibition of Pastel Paintings**  
 Sept. 1-30, 2022.  
 Over \$3,000 in Cash Awards! Online Entries accepted June 1-August 1, 2022. Online Show runs: Sept. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2022. For more information: prospectus at [onlinejuriedshows.com](http://onlinejuriedshows.com)

**2023**  
**2023 SPRING SHOW**  
 May/June 2023  
 (More details will follow)  
 Gallery 22  
 Delaware, OH

EVENTS *Please submit any events*

CLASSES

May 4, 2023  
**2023 CHRIS IVERS WORKSHOP**  
 Demo for OPAL members.  
 May 5 & 6 workshop for paid attendees.  
 Location: East Broad Presbyterian Church

CONGRATULATIONS

OPAL member, **Mary Bauer**, received an *Award of Excellence* at the Ohio Plein Air Society's Annual Competition for her pastel, *Sunrise at the Carrousel Museum*.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NEW DATE

JACOB AGUIAR

## DEMO AND VIDEO DEMONSTRATION

### DON'T MISS THIS OPAL ZOOM DEMO...

November 5, 2022

**OPAL MEMBER  
MEETING - DEMO &  
DISCUSSION featuring:  
JACOB AGUIAR**

9:00 - 11:00 am

Location: *ONLINE via Zoom*



### ABOUT JACOB AGUIAR:

My pastel journey began in 2011. Burned out in naturopathic medical school and ready for a change of scenery, I left Seattle and moved to the town of Sebastopol in the San Francisco Bay area. Throughout my life art was a constant companion, whether I was actively drawing and painting, or just thinking about art, and all the amazing artwork I would create “when I finally had enough time.” In 2011, at age 27, that art was to become a priority in my life and not just a fantasy, or a dream I would eventually pursue. That year I traveled throughout the west and southwest attending workshops with some of my favorite pastel artists. Pastel painting became an obsession, and I’d spend 10-12 hours per day thinking about painting, watching videos, reading books, and ultimately attempting my hand at painting. Many of those first pieces, probably the first 75-100, were utter failures. They were cringe-worthy, but I had caught the painting bug, and the subtle improvements I saw in my work were motivation to keep with it. I heard the words of more experienced artists emphasizing that time at the easel was the way to become a better artist. After that year of total immersion, I finished my degree and picked painting back up in 2014. Though life has become very full over the last several years (wife and kids, dog, house, medical career...the dream), I have always made painting a priority.

**One thing I always wished I had when learning to paint in pastels was a mentor**, an instructor, somebody I could turn to when I felt stuck or needed support. In-person workshops are not always feasible, often fill up fast, and can be expensive when you add up travel, hotel, food, and workshop fees. Further, my focus is shifting from teaching in-person workshops to this virtual teaching format. It’s no longer sustainable for me to teach 10-12 workshops per year, help raise two young kids, and continue my medical practice. So something had to give! (Fast-forward...I now offer workshops via Patreon.)

### Visit my PATREON page ([www.patreon.com](http://www.patreon.com)):

(<https://www.patreon.com/user?u=18127540>) My number one goal as a painting instructor has always been and will continue to be helping you achieve your painting goals. Whether your goal is to be an internationally known pastelist, or an artist who paints for the sheer pleasure of producing something with your hands, I want you to feel as fulfilled by your art as I have been over these past 9 years. The graduated tiers I am offering (via Patron) run the gamut from video demonstrations to personal one-on-one mentoring.

*- from Jacob's Patreon page, edited by Mayme Hausman. Please join us on 11/5/2011 for OPAL's Demo and Discussion with Jacob.*

## HAVE A QUESTION? [ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org](mailto:ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org)

### OPAL BOARD:

**President** – Pam Hartford  
**Treasurer** – Mary Bauer  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Nina Hawranick  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Chris Hall  
**Corresponding Secretary** – Mayme Hausman  
**Recording Secretary** – Lynn Carty

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

**New Member** – Nina Hawranick  
**Meeting Programming** – Diane Ruck  
**Workshops** – Pertain Gillespie-Buckland  
**Show/Exhibition** – Bob Sako  
**Refreshment** – Cathy Stoessner  
**Web** – Pam Hartford

### NEWSLETTER:

Please submit your photos, articles, exhibitions, classes and events to [mayme@lehaus.com](mailto:mayme@lehaus.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following

IT'S EASY  
TO GET YOUR  
ARTWORK  
ONLINE

Take advantage of the **free member's portfolio on our website**. Send up to five images and a short bio to be listed.  
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[ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org](mailto:ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org)