



# **Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter**

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## **About January's Guest Artist Christy Kidwell**

Christy is a native Texan and a graduate of SMU. She has studied with such nationally recognized artists as Everett Raymond Kinstler, Dan Gerhartz, Matt Smith and many others. She is a current signature member of the Association of Creative Artists since 1994. She has won many awards in local and national competitions. For the past three years she has had paintings juried in the Salon International Competition at Greenhouse Gallery in San Antonio. She was twice a finalist in the Artist's Magazine Competition. Color, texture and light are the essence of her paintings, all defined with loose brushstrokes. Christy is represented by Felder Gallery in Rockport, Texas and Gabriel Gallery in Sante Fe, New Mexico.



## **NEWSFLASH**

**Our last Charter Member, Louie Garrett passed away Thursday, December 10. Louie had recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She was instrumental in starting the Mt. Pleasant Art Society and was very faithful to do her part and always came to the monthly meetings. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.**

## **Bulletin Board**

**Linda Hardy's piece, "It Don't Make Sense But It's So Much Fun", was the First Place and Grand Prize winner in the UArt 2015 Online Colored Pencil Competition. (December 2015)**

**Due to a conflict, the date of the reception for Our Annual Membership Show has been changed to Sunday, March 20, 2016. Please make a note of this on your calendars.**

**Email any news items, including recognition/awards, show, workshops etc, to [admin@mtpleasantartsociety.com](mailto:admin@mtpleasantartsociety.com) by not later than the 10th of the month for next month's newsletter.**

**MPAS 2015 -2016**

**Schedule**

January 3, 2016

Guest: Christy Kidwell

Medium: Oil

Food: Pat Cavender & Michele Greene

February 7, 2016

Guest: Colleen Brown

Medium: Pastel

Food: Karen Gatherer & Louise Loggins

March 6, 2016

Guest: Tina Bohlman

Medium: Oil

Food: Frankie Brown & Peggy Crosby

April 3, 2016

Guest: Phil Starke

Medium: Oil

Food: Patricia Crain, Barbara Caravella & Yvonne Hyatt

May 1, 2016

Guest: Suzanne Cromer

Medium: Sculpture

Food: Patty Pilgrim and LaVerne Arnett

**Painting Tips of the Month**

**Oil Painting**

Mix 'ideal' browns and grays that harmonize with a painting by creating them from complementary colors (red/green; yellow/purple; blue/orange) in the palette you've used in that painting, rather than colors you haven't used. Varying the proportions of each color will create quite a range.

**Watercolor**

Watercolor paint dries very fast, so test a color on a scrap of paper or on the edge of your painting before using it. That way you'll know whether it's the hue and/or tone you're after.

**December's Art Demo by Walt Davis**



At the December meeting Walt Davis explained, how he does a watercolor painting. He gradually applies paint in the right value and hue to cover areas around the focal point. He emphasized that applying the correct value is essential for creating a painting with depth and dimension. He works in stages until the intended image immerses in a beautiful painting.

**Backroom Featured Artist Patty Pilgrim**

My adventures in art started in 1982. Painting porcelain was a very satisfying, demanding and tiresome passion.

In 1993 I decided to try oil painting. My first teacher, the late Lucy Ellis, was a very big influence on me. I worked with her for six months before my health forced me to stop. After my health improved I continued to work with Lucy until her tragic death a year later.

My next teacher was Carol Durrum and I continue to work with her today. She has been a great mentor and teacher. Painting is the passion of my life. I paint several hours every day.

I am always looking for ways to improve my painting by taking classes, workshops and watching videos of various artists. Over the years I have studied with Kay Polk, Sherri McGraw, Bruce Peil, John Pototschnik, Kay Franklin, Beverly Boren and Jean Chambers

**Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser**

Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser is still going on. Your generous donations will replenish our much needed coffer funds. Contributions at the next meeting will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your continual support.

