



## *Mt Pleasant Art Society Newsletter*

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### *January Guest Artist, Rusty Jones, Oil Sunday Jan 8. 2:00pm-4pm*

Texas based artist, Rusty Jones, traces his earliest influence to his grandmother who was the first to place a paintbrush in his hands and encourage his interest in art. He vividly remembers her studio on the second floor of a historic home that once served as a stagecoach stop just outside of San Antonio. She would set up still lifes for him to draw or take him outside where she would set up her French easel and paint landscapes. "She had a crusty, difficult personality and could be as mean as a barnyard billy-goat, but when she began to paint you could see the joy in her face as she glided her brush across the canvas."

Rusty graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Communications and the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas with a Masters of Science Degree in Medical Illustration. He is a Certified Medical Illustrator and a Fellow of the Association of Medical Illustrators. For over three decades Rusty provided highly technical medical art for major pharmaceutical companies, medical product companies, medical journals, surgical atlases and ad agencies

Rusty's love of sports led him into sporting art which landed him illustration assignments with such notable magazines as Golf Illustrated, Golf Magazine, the Golf Journal, the Masters Journal and American Way Magazine. He also provided sports art for the Coca-Cola Foods Division for the Summer Olympics, the Dallas Cowboys NFL team and the Dallas Mavericks NBA team.

Now Rusty focuses his artistic skills painting the Western American landscape. Following in the tradition of John Singer Sargent, Julian Onderdonk, Portofino Salinas, Edgar Payne and many other great American painters Rusty travels throughout the country painting the landscapes before him. "Painting outdoors takes passion. Without it the wind, heat, snow and bugs will drive you indoors. I enjoy my time in the studio, but it doesn't make my heart race like it does when I am outside."

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**Welcome Our New Member**

**Jan Switzer of Mt Vernon**

**MPAS 2016 -2017  
Schedule**

**Meeting Time: 2:00- 4:00 PM**

**Jan 8, 2017:**

**Guest Artist: Rusty Jones**

**Medium: Oil**

**Food: LaVerne Arnett and  
Karen Gatherer**

**February 5, 2017:**

**Guest: Nancy Boren**

**Medium: Oil**

**Food: Deborah Carr,  
Dolores Wright**

**March 5, 2017:**

**Guest: Beverly Boren**

**Medium: Watercolor**

**Food: Juanita Henegar,  
Donna Monroe**

**April 2, 2017:**

**Guest: Matt Smith**

**Medium: Oil (workshop)**

**Food: Carmen Ferrer,  
Michele Lawler**

**May 7, 2017:**

**Guest: Chris Brandley**

**Medium: TBA**

**Food: Louise Loggins, Sandy  
Hinds**



*Backroom Artist:  
Sandy Hinds*

I have always been interested in art. My father was very artistic (carved stone, wood working & jewelry making) and I sketched a lot as I child. Unfortunately with children & work I never felt I could take the time to "indulge". Once I retired in December 2011, I knew I wanted to paint but didn't know where to start. Luckily my sister, Michele Lawler, was painting with the Mt. Pleasant Tuesday class under Carol Durram. Carol was the perfect teacher for me - patient but firm & with a sense of humor- I learned so much from her! I also learned so much from the other wonderful ladies in our Tuesday class. I've taken workshops from Bruce Peil, Qiang Huang, Jean Chambers, Cecy Turner and Phil Stark. I still have so much to learn and am in Andrew Wages class in Richardson on Thursdays.

**December's Demo Artist  
Soon Warren**

We want to thank Soon Warren for a wonderful demo last month. She gave so much info on her technique of painting and her thought process. She had several pieces that she showed how she obtained the effect she gets. Thank you Soon.

**NEWSFLASH**

**It's time for our annual  
fundraiser  
THE "BAKELESS"  
BAKE SALE  
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