



Heritage Newsletter May 2023



May 10, 2023, Meeting Information

We will be meeting at **Littleton United Methodist Church** located at 5894 S Datura St. Littleton, CO 80120 Entry to our room, called the Parlor, is off of Shepperd Ave. which is on the south side of the church. Parking is on the street or in the parking lot located on the east side of the church, a sidewalk will lead you to the south side door.

The church is located just one block north of Bemis Library.

Monthly membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm and are open to the public. The Board meeting begins at 6 pm and members are welcome to attend.

Please note we will continue to meet at First Presbyterian Church for our workshops.

Demo

Beatrice Drury will conduct a "Show and Tell Critique."

Rather than a critique with its negative "criticism" association--and me doing all the talking, let's have this be more like a "Guided Show & Tell". My idea is to have everyone talk about their piece(s), what inspired them to paint it, /them, what they thought were their successes and their struggles. And then I, together with whomever in the group wants to participate, can discuss what we thought worked well and what could be added/changed to make it even better!

- People can bring whatever paintings they like-
- -I'd say up to three pieces max.? --and depending on how many we get; we can do one or more per person...



**President's Message
May 2023**

Finally, spring has arrived and with it all the things that come with this time of year. And all the busyness that that entails; spring cleaning, yard clean up, putting away the snow shovels, planning your summer, planting a garden, planting flowers, and yes, working on your paintings. It's time to get ready for some new Art Shows which are coming up quickly.

We had our first monthly meeting in April at our new location, Littleton United Methodist Church. Everyone enjoyed the large space, the sunny windows and the easy access to the room. We all hope our membership and guests will join us there this month.

Last month I talked about play and how we all need to be more playful and enjoy our lives. That theme continues this month and I hope everyone can find joy in their daily lives, in their family, with their friends, in their work and in their community. I know that I for one get caught up in the busyness of life and the things that come with springtime. However, I will strive to find the time to find joy and the time to play.

My mantra for May. Keep painting!

Lynn Hegstrom

April Highlights

Jane Shoenfeld
"Abstracting from Nature in Pastel"



Here's a very valuable lesson I learned from the workshop with Jane Shoenfeld-- which only proves that there is ALWAYS something to learn!

Towards the end of the class, Jane had us do a writing exercise. Here's how it went:

Step 1: take a look at the subject or photo reference you have decided to paint and decide why/how it speaks to you emotionally/subjectively. What does it invoke in you...love, hate, and why? Write down whatever comes to mind--any kind of associations are fine.

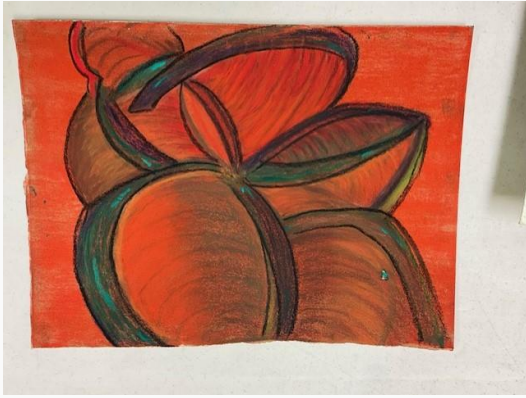
Step 2: take a look at at your subject again, but this time from an objective standpoint. What do you like about it? What speaks to you? What exactly made it inspiring to the point where you wanted to paint it? Colors, contrast, composition, flow, etc.?

When we did this in class, I used a photo from which I had started painting and quickly realized I had managed to transfer absolutely NOTHING of what I had liked in the photograph to my painting, but at least I had an idea now of what needed to be fixed!

In order to get some distance from your painting--enough to reach any real conclusions--I think it really matters that you don't just do this in your head but actually write it down. And ultimately, if those discrepancies between what you imagined and what you actually realized get fixed, the painting will come back around to resonating with you on both an objective and an emotional level, and you'll actually like it enough to enter it in a show!

Thank you, Beatrice, for your write up on Jane's workshop and Jennifer for the photos.





Workshops

Paul Jackson

"Dramatic Light and Luminosity in Watercolor"

Friday and Saturday May 19 & 20, 2023 -- 9am - 3pm each day

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton 1609 W. Littleton Blvd.

Littleton, CO 80120



Register at www.heritage-guild.com

Upcoming Shows



Spring Summer Challenge

All Guild Members - We just wanted to remind you that we will have 2 Colossal Art Exhibits this fall, so be sure that you continue making great work during the spring and summer! Be ready to enter your work in these shows.

Important Dates:

This is Colorado -

Submission Deadline is July 17 – 28, 2023

The show at Arapahoe Community College - August 28 - September 22, 2023

Healing Arts Show (Members Only) (Prime for Holiday Sales!)

Submission Deadline is September 3, 2023

The exhibit at Littleton Adventist Hospital - October-December 2023

Call for Entry for each event coming soon!



Paint Day Thursdays

Paint Day, open to both members and non-members, is held every Thursday at Ascension Lutheran Church, lower level, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Parking is available on the north side of the church. A donation of \$1 per session is requested to help cover costs. Contact Kathy Reitz at kmr68@q.com for more information.



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