



Greetings, Fellow Artists!

I hope all of you are doing well and happily making art. As mentioned in the October newsletter, I recently spent time in Florence, Italy and then in Taos, NM. Both were amazing art experiences. I was enrolled in two half-day painting classes while in Italy. Both were very rewarding. I also spent some time on my own painting in Fiesole, a hilltop town just outside of Florence. It was originally inhabited by the Etruscans, then by the Romans. It is known for its Roman ruins, which include an amphitheater still in use today for live performances. While in Taos, I attended a five-day painting retreat which focused on plein air painting. Although primarily a studio artist, I felt it important to push myself to make art outside of my comfort zone. How will we grow as artists if we don't try something new? It can be frustrating but also rewarding. Michael Chesley Johnson, our mentor, was great during our daily excursions to various venues in Taos and during our daily critiques. Michael conducts a variety of workshops and retreats in Maine and New Mexico. Look him up if you are interested in learning more about him. I highly recommend taking a workshop or two with him.

The New Member Screening held in September brought us five new members: Michele Bezamin-Miki, Johanna Keogh, Barbara Lai Bennett, Nancy Lasater and Agnes Lee. They will be presenting their artwork at the November member meeting on Saturday, November 12 at the Blinn House from 10:00 am – noon. Please welcome them by coming to the meeting.

And don't forget that just by showing up at the member meeting, you have a chance to win a \$100 mini-grant. The funds are to be used to further your art. Tamara Tolkin was the winner in October. Congratulations, Tamara!

The Artist's Choice Exhibit has been a huge success. Congratulations to all of you who are participating and to those fortunate enough to sell a piece of art. The exhibition will be up until October 29. If you haven't been by Whites Gallery to see it, please try to do so before then.

As we move into the holiday season, many of you will be participating in art fairs and festivals or open studios. Please keep us posted through Member News, which is published every Monday. You can add your event to Member News through the PSA website. Our Facebook and Instagram accounts are becoming more robust and are also great venues for promoting your events.

All the best, see you in November,  
Kathleen to some, Kathy to others