



Greetings, Fellow Artists!

As I write this message I am packing for a trip to Florence, Italy, one of my favorite places on earth. While in graduate school, I spent a year in Florence studying Renaissance Art History. This trip I'm taking two painting classes, something I haven't done in the past. I am looking forward to learning new techniques and ideas.

And, if Italy isn't enough, I will be in Taos, NM in early October for a retreat focusing on plein air painting. The instructor Michael Chesley Johnson is a great teacher and not shy about sharing everything he knows about painting in oil, pastel and gouache. Can't wait to share what I learn with you when I return.

At our September New Member Screening, five new members were juried into membership. We welcome our newest members: Michele Bezamin-Miki, Johanna Keogh, Barbara Lai Bennett, Nancy Lasater, and Agnes Lee. We welcome these excellent artists to PSA.

The PSA Exhibition Committee has embarked on a new and exciting venue idea for our members: the Pop-up Gallery in Highland Park. We have engaged this space for one weekend each month through the end of the year. I hope you will take advantage of showing and hopefully selling your art. Please contact [Art Carrillo](#) or [Larry Rodgers](#) if you have any questions.

While new things can sometimes difficult to adjust to, I have participated in this type of venue in the past. It can be a blast and I encourage you to try it.

Don't forget the Artist's Choice Exhibition at Whites Gallery in Montrose starting September 30 (reception October 1). Sadly, I will be out of town and will miss all the fun.

Finally, our next Membership Meeting will be at the Blinn House on October 8th from 10:00 am – noon. Don't forget that just by showing up you have a chance to win a \$100 mini grant to be used toward financing your art in any way you choose. If you win, all that is required is to share with us what the funds were used for. Vic Picou was our winner for September. Congratulations, Vic!

Kathleen to some, Kathy to others