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## President's Message by Lois Davis

*Dear APS members,*

This has been a great month for the pastel society.

First there was a fantastic week long workshop with Richard McKinley. The workshop was full and we had people from Louisiana, Oklahoma and Missouri who participated. The workshop was held at Garvan Gardens. We got lots of exercise as we trekked with all our equipment down the trails to the Singing Springs and the Koi Pond. As the week wore on, all of us downsized our equipment until we were carrying the bare minimum. On Friday, I think I just carried a drawing board and pastels. Everyone was exceedingly tired on Friday, but we all agreed that we'd go to another of his workshops any time. He is a wonderful teacher. If you'd like to get an idea of what you missed, read his blog at <http://pastelpointersblog.artistsnetwork.com>. The society is going to order his video to add to our library.

Next we have a great show in at the South Arkansas Arts Center. It opened on Saturday and our artists have already sold 6 paintings. We also have a show at Art Church in Hot Springs and one that will open at Garvan Gardens in June. There is still time to enter the show at Garvan Gardens (talk to Sheliah Halderman).

Last, but not least, we had a wonderful demo by Carole Katchen at our monthly meeting. We had about 25 members present and two visitors from Louisiana who drove up to see the demo. I think Carole enjoys painting more than anyone I've ever watched.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. You never know what you'll miss.



*Lois*

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# People, Places & Things!

## Members Only Shows

**Garvan Gardens** – Hot Springs – June

Paintings will be hung on May 29th at 1:00 p.m. and taken down on June 29th at 1:00 p.m.  
Commission is 20%.

## National Show

December 4th thru January 10th

This will be at the Terry Mansion. Digital photos should be submitted by September 15th. Doug Dawson will be the juror and judge. He will do a critique on the morning of December 4th. The reception will be that evening. Doug will also do a three day workshop December 5-7th. Fee \$375 with \$100 due with application. You can find the application on the website.

## Mary Ann Stafford

Drawn to Art is a newly formed group of women artists who like to draw. We are appearing at Starving Artist Cafe on May 16 from 11am – 4pm, demonstrating and selling our art. We will also be showing at the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center in NLR during the month of June. The group includes Emily Fox, Linda Martz, and Mary Ann Stafford.

Mary Ann also had a solo show at Christ Episcopal Church in April, and is included in a group show at the church in May.

## Sister Maria

She has had nine paintings purchased by St. Vincent Medical Center. A reception will be Tuesday, May 19th from 2 – 4 at the Terrace Room on the first floor of St. Vincent. She invites everyone to come.

## Virmarie Depoyster

Virmarie won an Honorable Mention at the 4th Annual Arts in the Air Professional Art Exhibit at Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain. The event runs from May 2 – 23, and the hours are: Th 5 – 8pm, Fri 5 – 8pm, and Sat 12 – 6pm. The event supports Envision U, their summer art program.

## Gallery 726

Four members of the APS have recently opened their own gallery in Hot Springs. Shirley Anderson, Barbara Seibel, Sue Shields and Caryl Joy Young held the Grand Opening of Gallery 726 located at 726 Central on Friday, May 1st. Also exhibiting at the Gallery are seven other artists including Virmarie Depoyster.

## Sandy Higgins Update

I love it here. The work here is so rewarding. My job is to train Afghan contractors our construction practices. I get to travel all over the country. April 21st I'm going to Greece for two weeks for a little vacation. I'm going with another girl from here. I'm so excited. I can't believe how much I don't miss all the little

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luxuries in life like tv, restaurants, cars, my own bathroom, etc. Anyway, I'll cut this short and please give the APS an update. Attached are a couple pictures of me so you know that I'm okay. Also, a picture of me with a local painter and a painting that I bought from him. I love it. I can't wait to frame it.

I have been in contact with the Aschiana School here in Afghanistan. They had a group of children come to our compound and perform and paint for us. They are coming back next month. It would be awesome to donate some art supplies to them. They don't have to be expensive. I have so many stories to tell you when I come home. The people here are so incredible and have endured so much hardship – especially the children. My heart pours out to them. I'm attaching a couple pictures and you can share with APS. If you all decide to do that, I will make sure it goes straight to the children and I'll get pictures. The website will tell you about the school. (<http://www.tdhafghanistan.org/aschiana.htm>)

If you would like to donate, contact Virmarie Depoyster at [vdepoyster@yahoo.com](mailto:vdepoyster@yahoo.com).



## Future Programs

June 2 will feature Pepper Pepper who will speak on "How to Market Yourself."

July 7 will be the annual Paint Around.

## Officers for 2009

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Our monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 (Sister Janis Campbell Conference Room) of St. Vincent's Doctors Hospital. Email newsletter information to Debbie Strobel at [sailstrobel@aristotle.net](mailto:sailstrobel@aristotle.net). Email web page information to Nancy Martin at [aps4website@yahoo.com](mailto:aps4website@yahoo.com).